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March

State Grange Bowling

Sunday, March 17, 2019

12 noon

Lakeside Lanes

2171 Candia Road

Manchester, NH 03109

Cost = \$14.00

\$10.00 for Juniors

(3 strings & shoes)

Make checks to:

NH State Grange Lecturer

Registrations due to the State Lecturer by March 10th.

The winning Grange team and the High Triple for male and female will receive free bowling for next year.



Grange Month / Spring Fling Saturday, April 13, 2019

State Grange Building, Hooksett, NH

We are combining Spring Fling and Grange Month events, so come and join your fellow Grangers for a day of fun and fellowship. The schedule for the day is as follows:

9:30 am Registration/arrival

10:00 – 11:00 Mixed Media Art

11:00 – 12:00 Chair Yoga

12:00 – 1:00 Speaker Geoanna Boldec
“Essential Oils for a Better Life”

1:00 Grange Month Banquet
Ham, Rice Pilaf, Cole Slaw, Green Beans, rolls or bread, dessert, drink.
A vegetarian option will be available.

Cost \$15.00 14 & up

\$7.00 13 & under

2:00 Talent Contest

Best of Show will be eligible to attend
National Grange Night of
Excellence in Bloomington, Minnesota
in November.

Following Talent: Penny Sale (bring
your new/usable items by 1:00 p.m.)

Tickets will be on sale all day.

Reservations for the banquet are
requested by April 8th to
State Lecturer, Jane Trombi
603-762-2922 or
trombi.jane@gmail.com

Kathy Yardley, State Lady Assistant Steward, crafting at our January craft weekend.

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

We have 11 sites with Water and electric, and more for those who do not require individual hookups (limited utility sharing is permitted).

Campground Amenities

Gunstock is a full service campground, with an outdoor in-ground pool. The pool is open during the summer months and is handicap accessible. The campground has two bath houses with free hot showers and coin-operated laundry facilities. Campers can play in two playgrounds, hike through the wetlands boardwalk and fish in the pond. Kayaks, paddle boats and mountain bikes are available for Gunstock guests to rent. In addition, there is a Zipline, Segway Tours, Treetop Adventure, & Mountain Coaster located near the lodge. Miles of hiking and biking trails start right at your doorstep. Athletic equipment such as horseshoes and volleyballs are available for use.

Complete resort information (including rates) is available online at:
<https://www.gunstock.com/>

CRAFTING WEEKEND

May 3-5, 2019

State Grange Building,
Hooksett, NH

All crafters are welcome! You can come anytime after 6 p.m. on Friday and stay until 3 p.m. on Sunday or come for any part of it. It's a lot of fun and a chance to get those projects done that have been lying around. You can make cards, scrapbook, quilt, crochet, bead, embroider, paint...whatever you bring for crafts is fine.

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, May 4th from 1-4 p.m. we will open the Grange hall to the public and invite them in to make a greeting card. There will be no charge for this event. Grangers are welcome, too!



**NORTHEAST LECTURER'S
CONFERENCE
AUGUST 5-7, 2019
DEVANS, MASSACHUSETTS
THEME: DOWN ON THE FARM**



*From my pad
to your pad*

**Christopher Heath
NH State Grange Master**

I hope that everyone is doing well this winter and keeping warm. The weather has been very strange this year, and Mother Nature can't decide if she wants to be cold or warm. Hopefully you have been working on your Grange projects and trying to hold your meetings as much as possible.

By now everyone should have received the information packets and Terra bags for the RALI coalition. These are to be made available to the people in your community. Remember that if you need more supplies, please let me know and we will make sure that you get them.

I hope that you all have been working on membership. This is what we so desperately need right now in our Granges. Without people to carry on the Grange work, how do we expect to survive as an organization? Everyone needs to contribute their share in carrying out the great work that the Grange performs in many communities around our state. Each one of us needs to do our best to grow the Grange.

The State Grange Membership and Agriculture Departments did a wonderful job with our booth at the Farm and Forest this year. There were many volunteers who manned the booth and told attendees about the many things that the Grange has done throughout the years and the things that we still continue to do. Visitors to the booth had the opportunity to learn about raising chickens and pigs. A big thank you to everyone who helped out with the booth in any way.

The Youth and Junior Departments had successful rallies in February with many coming out to attend the day/night activities. Many juniors were able to paint rocks, create cards, help open and close the junior Grange and have a great meal. There were many new faces at this event, and it is great to see that the younger Grangers' numbers are growing. The youth had a great day of programs

which included escape boxes, Grange Knowledge tests, and Grange baseball. It was a wonderful day.

I travelled to Wichita, Kansas, to attend the Master's Conference at the end of February. This is an opportunity for the leaders from around the country to gather and receive some training from National Grange leadership. We also worked on revamping the National Grange mission statement. We were provided details on the Lecturer's programs, the Communications Director's plans for the coming year as well as workshops provided by National Grange staff. A big thank you to the Kansas and Oklahoma State Granges for hosting us for a great weekend of learning and fellowship.

The Northeast Region will be holding a Leaders Conference at the end of March. Information has been sent out via the grapevine. This is open for all members to attend but especially those who are in leadership positions. There will be break-out meetings for some departments as well as workshops for all to learn. They have shortened the weekend so that there is nothing happening Sunday morning, so please plan to attend for Friday and Saturday.

I know that insurance for the Grange Halls has been a hot topic for a while, and I have tried to provide information and contacts for Granges to find insurance. I know that this can be expensive and some Insurance companies will not cover our older buildings that are not necessarily up to code for many towns. I know that we do not have a lot of money to perform the updates required by many insurance companies and what I suggest that your Grange does is seek donations to a building fund. Make sure that you work with the NH Grange Foundation

THE GRANITE STATE GRANGER

This is a free* publication to keep Grange members informed of past and up-coming events.

***(However, donations are accepted.)**

This paper is printed quarterly.

Postmaster or anyone else:

**Please send all related correspondence to
Hannah West
3 Depot Road
Chichester, NH 03258**

for these tax deductible donations. Monies sent to the Foundation in the name of your Grange can be used to perform repairs and upgrades to your building. Many companies will make donations as long as they are tax deductible. The foundation is 501c3 and can receive donations for your Grange.

It has been decided by the New England Grange Building Trustees that each state will be required to host the Building during the fair this coming year. What this means is that we are going to need volunteers to help run the store, man the table for the raffle, and others to help replenish stock. For the past several years, the new Hampshire Grangers have not contributed much help with this endeavour. This year I am starting early with my pleas for help. There is a room available, for those who work an early shift, to go down the night before you have to work and the Trustees will be working on making better accommodations for those who come down to work. Please, Please, Please consider providing some time to help out with this building.

In closing I want to wish all the Grangers a healthy and prosperous new year and let's build our great organization. Only we, as members, can share the Grange story with non-members. Make it a point to share all the great things that people can gain from being a member. You are the one who can make a difference. Persevere in your hard work and the rewards of service will come back to you 10 fold. Remember that someone asked you to join the Grange. Now it is your turn to do the same.



In Memoriam

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| Barry Montgomery | Arlington |
| Patricia Pelletier | Concord |
| Jane Cooper Fall | Crown Point |
| Ruth Pelton | Hampton Falls |
| Franklin Beck | Hampton Falls |
| Walter Peak | Hampton Falls |
| Raymond Garland | Henry Wilson |
| Patricia Webb | Mount Hope |
| Robert Schoff | Pine Grove |
| Martha McBride | Rochester |
| Gladys (Happy) Pelton | Rochester |
| E. Forrest Decatur, Jr. | Wingold |



**Agriculture
Department
Norman Brandt, Director**

I hear from people all the time that the State Grange doesn't do things. It seems to me there may be a reason for that. Last year after doing the great program on fruit and grape (I know same thing) pruning, and only having Agriculture Committee members there, we decided let's do one on bees. After not hearing from anyone wanting to come, we canceled it rather than having just two or three Grange members present, and having a speaker give up their day to do it.

I wish I could have attended the Lecturer's 3 day program in January but with the animals and things going on I had to disappoint myself by not attending. I still have a tie and bow tie to make. I did make it to Youth and Junior Rally Day in February, and I remember the hall being packed with not just youth but also adults there for a good time, yet it wasn't quite as full as it could have been.

I understand we are all very busy and some say, "I have something better to do with my time." But, if you won't go to programs that the State Grange puts on, why say they don't do anything?

On to other things. I missed you at Farm and Forrest this year. For those people I didn't miss, thank you for coming and helping and also for bringing some Juniors to talk to people that day. For those people that were watching chan-



Crystal Seward, Norman Brandt, Gloria Davis, Adam Terrell, Isabell Brandt, Lawrence Brandt



nel 9 News (WMUR) Saturday noon or 6 o'clock you may have heard them talk about Farm and Forrest and in the background show a baby pig. That was in our booth! I would like to thank all the people that came and helped set up and those who helped take down. That poor little pig really wanted to have a pig scramble that day, but my niece ended up getting her to settle down and sleep on the floor while we were loading the truck.

I would also like to thank those people that sent me their Grange's program with such short notice. It was great getting it. When people asked, "What do Granges do?" I would ask, "What town are you near?" Then either find someone close by working at the booth to tell them what a local Grange does or pull down a program and show them what you do and invite them to go to any of your meetings. I'll be curious to see how that method works.

Someone had asked me if we would like to do a maple day (tapping trees, etc.) this year. I have always thought it would be a great fun thing for Grange members and non-Grange members to do, but I hesitate - wondering how many people may attend if we go through all the work of planning the event. If you have seen or saw that we scheduled it, hopefully it is well attended.

Don't forget to send me your Agri-

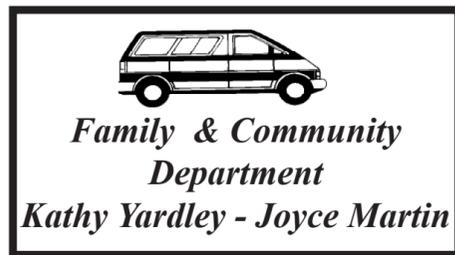
Bowen Brandt with a baby chick
culture Norminations for this year, hopefully before July!

I know it really isn't fully my department, but I would like everyone to look up o SB77 - Costs of care for animals seized in cruelty cases and prohibiting the future ownership of animals in certain animal cruelty cases; SB161 - Definition of pet vendor; and HB688 - Transfer and inspection of animals. It sounds like they want \$2,000 per animal per day until you are found guilty or not guilty. Even if you are found not guilty you would have to pay for the care.

I really do not like typing negatively and would hate to be positive that if we don't work together more often and create fun memories I can't see us continuing over the decades coming.



Norman Brandt, Les and Theresa Avery



We hope this issue finds you in good health. Wintertime is a good opportunity for you to share your good health by offering health tips during your report at your Grange or by asking a health care worker to come and talk about diseases affecting our society.

The snowy days and cold nights are also a great time to work on needlework projects. Remember that if you plan to enter your handiwork for judging this year the due date is **August 1st, 2019**. Something to keep in mind, the items you make for a few of these contests could be used in other areas of your Grange work – i.e. your afghan and/or stuffed toy could be used in the Nighty Night Hugs bags.

We hope that you are participating in the Nighty Night Hugs project. There are many children in need who benefit from these sacks filled with a blanket, book, and toy. You can use a pillowcase or a hand-made sack or purchase sacks from places such as Oriental Trading for about \$1.00 per sack. Fill the sacks and then give them to a shelter near you or contact a member of our committee to deliver them for you.

Mountain of Mittens

It's not too early to be working on this project. Please bring mittens (hand-made or purchased) to State Session in October, where we will "build a mountain" of mittens which will then be distributed to needy children around the state.

Eastern States

To help support the New England Grange Building at the Eastern States Exposition in September, we are asking for handmade items to be sold there: baby articles, nylon scrubbers, stuffed animals, pot holders, knitted or crocheted dish cloths, afghans, mittens, scarves, hats, crafts, etc. Please mark your items that are for the Big E and get them to a Family & Community committee member by **September 1st**.

Santa Remembers Teens

If your Grange would like to raise funds for Santa Remembers Teens, a possible way to do that might be to have a jar to collect loose change at your meetings. You can then buy a gift card for a teen or send your donation to us and we can purchase and distribute them for you. Please send or bring the cards to state session or send them to us by November 30th, 2019, and we will distribute them to teens in your area.

Baking Contest

This year's Baking Contest will be brownies (from scratch, NOT a box mix). Start practicing early, as this could be a popular contest! Who doesn't love a brownie, right?

Community Service Awards

Awards season is coming up as spring approaches. We hope you are planning to recognize some hard-working men and women who serve your community as police officers, firefighters, teachers, etc. If you would like to have your recipients considered for a state award, be sure to submit all nominees by sending the forms to us by **August 31, 2019**.

We love hearing of all the great community service your Granges are providing all over our state! If you have a special project that your Grange does in your community, we want to hear about it. Be sure and include it with your booklet or report form at the end of the year.

Glenciff Project

In December our committee filled 120 goodie bags for the residents of the Glenciff Home for the Elderly. We would like to thank everyone who helped us with this project and a special shout out to Ida Hutchins who delivered them for us – we certainly filled up her car!

Here's looking forward to spring!

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**An ounce of mother is worth
 a pound of clergy.
 ~Spanish Proverb**

Harmony Grange 135th Anniversary

On December 4th, 2018, friends old and new gathered at Harmony Grange #99 in Sanbornton to celebrate their 135th anniversary. The evening began with a shared pot-luck dinner with lively conversations reminiscing on memories past.

A brief business meeting included the introduction of NH State Master, Christopher E. Heath who brought greetings from the National Grange Master, Betsey Huber, and a citation presented to Virginia Blackmer, Master of Harmony Grange. Additional comments of honor were given by Beth Merrill, past NH State Master; Omer Ahern, Master of Lower Intervale Grange #321 in Plymouth; Ida Hutchins, Master of Baker's River Grange #290 in Rumney; and Tricia Taylor Master of Blazing Star Grange #71 in Danbury and the present Pink Sash Deputy to Harmony #99.

The history of Harmony Grange #99 compiled by past Masters Elizabeth Cotsibas and her brother, Richard Currier was read by Master Blackmer and Philip Bodwell. An extensive display of Harmony Grange historical memorabilia was provided by Richard Currier, past Master of Harmony. Chuck and Vicki Hussman, also a past Master from Harmony, displayed their blue ribbon entry for the 2018 Hopkinton State Fair in honor of Harmony's 135th celebration.

Of note was an unexpected recitation by visiting fellow Granger, Neil MacDonald of Plymouth, which drew the whole room into silence. All agreed his ability to commit such recitations to memory is amazing! The evening closed with a lively and fun filled Yankee gift swap organized by Priscilla Bodwell.



Christopher Heath, Virginia Blackmer



Thank you all for your help in supporting the Grange booth at Farm and Forest this year. I was unable to attend but my Co-Director Gloria Davis was in attendance and said that the Grange received a good response to our booth. A special Thank-you goes out to Norman Brandt and the members of his committee for doing all the hard work to come up with a booth that matched the theme this year.

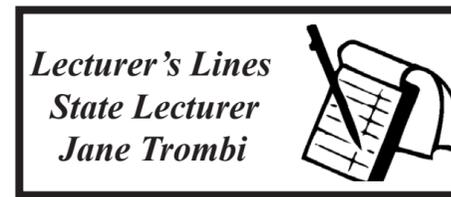
Are you promoting your Grange in the Community? With Town meetings happening all over the state are you taking the opportunity to have a Grange "goodie" table? The Grange is well known for our great food. Citizens that are exercising their rights to affect local appropriations sometimes get hungry doing it! Don't forget to make sure you put out a sign so the community knows that the Grange is providing food.

I want to thank you all for participating in the survey we recently mailed. It's always exciting to come in and find out how many came in the mail that day.

Thank you all for all you do to promote the Grange.



These completed Membership Surveys have arrived in the mail and are ready for tabulating. Is yours among them?



Dates and details about Bowling, Spring Fling, and a May Craft Workshop can be found on page 1. I hope to see many of you at these events.

As we look forward to spring, I hope your Grange has been working on some projects for the Lecturer's contest. All the information is in the packet given to the Lecturer of your Grange as well as on the State Grange website. What type of programs have you had? I am always interested in knowing what programs your members have enjoyed. Remember to write them on the end of year report and send that to me by October 1st.

There will be a Northeast Lecturer's Conferencer this year. It will be held on August 5-7 at a conference center in central Massachusetts. Surveys from previous conferences have shown a desire to have more convenient accommodations and less walking than colleges can offer.

In addition to the type of facility, the program for the 2 1/2 day conference has undergone major revisions. For example, instead of seven state programs the State Lecturers are preparing ten-minute segments which will combine into one program on the theme of "Down on the Farm." That change will give more time for workshops on areas pertinent to planning and presenting programs in your Grange as well as a few other "surprise activities" that are in the process of being arranged. The program and registration materials will be mailed to each Grange in the spring.

The pattern for the National Lecturer's Quilt Block Contest this year is "Pride of Quailisacut." It is based on the Disappearing Nine Patch, also call Split Nne Patch. Directions and the entry form have been mailed to the Lecturer of your Grange. Entries should be sent directly to National Lecturer Christine Hamp.

Grangers are also invited to participate in the Quilts of Valor program. Learn more about the Quilts of Valor Foundation at www.qovf.org.



Watatic Grange #36

Following a long-time tradition, members of Watatic Grange hosted a party for Juniors and teens on December 1st at the Twiss home. In attendance were Lily and Caden Lynch, Alayna, Ava and Gen Twiss and Jake and Connor Scanzani. The children made Christmas cards for the residents at Pilsbury House in Milford.

Sherry Bokousky again guided the group in decorating gingerbread houses with a holiday theme. The construction was a success and the children carried their creations home along with a bag full of small gifts, after enjoying a hot dog dinner.

One of the highlights of the day was when three new youth members joined the Subordinate Grange. Rachel Scanzani, newly appointed Youth Director, accompanied by Watatic Master, George Standley administered the obligation and welcomed Ava Twiss, Isabella Blood and Lily Lynch into the Grange family.

Watatic Grange had a display set up in the bank in Milford for the month of January. Cam Twiss and Sherrill Bokousky received some questions about what Grange is from the manager, and from there Watatic Grange was invited to put up a display. Happy to say we are a little bit more visible in the community.





GRANGE YOUTH NEWS

Rachel Scanzani

Winter Youth Rally was held on Saturday, February 10th, with a crowd of Grangers of all ages gathered for the day. The weather was perfect, the food was tasty, and the company was wonderful.

Youth activities kicked off with Escape Room games that kept everyone challenged. The excitement of the challenge was a great way to start the day. There will definitely be more activities like this in the future so keep an eye out!

The afternoon continued with brainstorming sessions for fair booth exhibits and the annual Grange Knowledge Test. A particularly challenging test was created this year thanks to Arthur Merrill. The Grange Knowledge test will also be available at the June Youth Rally if you missed it this time around.

The evening was topped off with a competitive game of Grange Baseball. Even though the game ended in a tie after an amazing come-back in the final inning, everyone enjoyed themselves and left the building with a smile.

Coming up, we have glow bowling on April 27th. Please email Rachel (rscanzani@nhgrange.org) to RSVP by April 15th to make sure that we have enough lanes booked. More details will be sent out in March.



Concord Grange #322

Concord Grange #322 will be celebrating their 105th anniversary this year with several special events. The Grange will be holding their Community and Grange Recognition Awards Night on Monday, May 13, at 6:30 p.m. This is open to the public with refreshments served prior to the meeting. The Grange meets at the IBEW Hall, 48 Airport Road, across from the Concord Airport/National Guard Armory.

We are doing the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20, at 11 a.m. Last year we had over 500 kids and we expect more this year. Volunteers are needed to help us. Please call Master Richard Patten at 496-2917,

Deadline

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

Visit the State Grange website at www.nhgrange.org

Grange Bulletin Board



Kendall Hope Gotauco was born on September 16, 2018 to Laura and Tom Gotauco of the Rhode Island State Grange. She is the granddaughter of Joann Brandt, NH State Grange Youth Director, and the niece of Norman Brandt, NH State Agriculture Director.

Aurora Grange #235

Aurora Grange #235 in Pittsburg met for a delicious pot luck dinner to welcome in the New Year in January. We discussed ways we might try to attract new members and planned for a game night. Unfortunately, we have had some illnesses among members and some folks travel in the winter, so we were unable to meet in February. We're all looking forward to warmer weather and praying for our lecturer, Chip Evarts, who will be having surgery in March.

Support the Granite State Granger with your donation.



Wingold Grange
Ham and Bean Suppers
4th Saturday in April, May and June
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

"To enjoy good health, to bring true happiness to one's family, to bring peace to all, one must first discipline and control one's own mind."
Buddha, 563-483 BCE

Escape from the Grange Hall
February Youth Rally



Who seeks a faultless friend remains friendless. - Turkish proverb

Claremont Grange #9

Claremont Grange #9 held their 4th annual free community Christmas meal on December 22, 2018, at the Claremont Masonic Hall. We partnered with other local associations. Nearly 200 meals were enjoyed by area residents. Many were delivered to senior housing and local residents. Others came into the Masonic Hall to enjoy a sit-down dinner with our many volunteers. Donations from various area businesses and organizations helped defray the cost.

We donated hats and mittens to Claremont soup kitchen and Turning Points. Fleece blankets were donated to children of an area family who lost their home to a fire.

Claremont Grange meets at 7:30 pm on the 3rd Friday of the month. All are welcomed.

Calendar of Events (A Work in Progress)

- March 7 - Kitchen Cleaning
State Grange Building, Hooksett
- March 10 - Bowling Registrations due to State Lecturer with payment
- March 17 - Bowling 12 noon
Lakeside Lanes, Manchester
- March 23-24 - NH Maple Weekend
- March 29-30 - North-East Leaders' Conference, Norwich, CT
- April 8 - Registration & Payment due for Spring Fling to State Lecturer
- April 13 - Spring Fling & Grange Month Banquet, State Grange Building, Hooksett
- April 15 - RSVP for Glow Bowling to Rachel Scanzani
- April 20 - Concord Easter Egg Hunt
- April 27 - Youth Glow Bowling
- April 27 - Wingold Grange Public Supper
- May 3-5 - Crafting Weekend, State Grange Building, Hooksett
- May 4 - Public Card Making Event
State Grange Building, Hooksett
- May 8 - Articles for June GSG due to Hannah West
- May 13 - Concord Grange Awards Night
- May 25 - Wingold Grange Public Supper
- June 22 - Wingold Grange Public Supper
- 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. 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
- Nov. 5-9 - National Grange Convention
Minneapolis, MN

A Hearty Grange Welcome to New Members
Judith Jones Rockingham
Ava Twiss Watatic (Jr. Graduate)
Lily Lynch Watatic (Jr. Graduate)
Isabella Blood Watatic

May you have warmth in your igloo, oil in your lamp, and peace in your heart.
Eskimo Proverb



**State Grange Historian
Richard Patten**

I am not sure about you, but I have been thinking about Spring. Many Granges have been taking the winter off and are now making plans for Grange projects that will be held during the Spring. In the past, Granges have held Youth Nights, Grange Week Observances, Grange Beautification projects, and many others.

I have been reading some of the Grange histories that were written during their special times over the years. It is amazing what these Granges have accomplished in some of the most difficult times of our country. The same applies to our New Hampshire State Grange. In a few years, we will be celebrating our 150th anniversary. The 100th anniversary was held in Exeter, home of the first Subordinate Grange recognized as Gilman Grange # 1 in NH. The celebration took place during the annual session which was extended by one day to hold all the activities scheduled. There was a gala parade through the town of Exeter with floats, marching bands, marching units, and government and past State Masters riding in the parade.

During my term as State Master, I asked Jerry Leclerc if he would help me with the 125th anniversary planning. We worked several ideas, which included raising funds for a granite bench at the State Library in Concord. Jerry did a great job in organizing the events that day, which included the unveiling of the bench with the State Librarian in attendance followed by remarks and a tour of the State Library. The State Grange Executive Committee held many meetings over the years at the State Library. At the State Session in Merrimack, representatives of the US Postal Service recognized the Grange's involvement in getting RFD service in the State in the area of Chichester and Pittsfield with canceled stamps and envelopes, honoring two postal employees for their longtime employment with the US Postal Service. We also made

presentations to the Agricultural Library at the University of NH of a table with a name plate indicating the dedication and donation of the NH State Grange. Jerry LeClerc also presented sets of NH State Grange Journals to the UNH Agricultural Library.

We are now looking at the 150th celebration that will be held in 2023, so I will be looking for volunteers to talk about ideas that we can do celebrate this milestone.

I know Concord Grange will be celebrating their 105th anniversary this year with a variety of events being planned. In this time period, it is a major achievement for an organization to be active for over 100 years. Grange History is very important. It is amazing the comments I receive from people who are surprised to learn that the Grange did this or did that in their community.

I have been busy working on locating people for the NH State Grange History 4. This book that I am writing is different from the earlier excellent versions by John L. Saturley, Past Historian. This version is titled "NH State Grange History, My 52 Years of Memories, People I Knew, Where are They today, and More." The third chapter of my book is "Where Are the Princes and Princesses of Yesteryears." I have located Richard Seaver, Laurence Corey, Norman Hall, and Ernie Jones, who served in the mid 1960's to 1970's. I am still working on locating Sally Seaver, Don Shattuck, and several more. I was pleased to have spoken to past State Family Activities Director Alice Heath when I was in Jacksonville recently. She told me she is doing well and keeping busy. I was sorry to see the passing of former State Membership Director Patricia Valliere recently. She was very active in earlier years. I am looking for Past Youth Committee members Elaine Nichols, Kenneth Moore, Michael Chartier, and Clark & Clyde Roberts who played guitars in the Claremont area. Please contact me at dickpatten7@gmail.com.

**When we seek to discover the best in others, we somehow bring out the best in ourselves.
William Arthur Ward, 1921-1994**

Some Wisdom to Share

As editor of our State Grange newspaper, I receive publications from other state Granges. In October, 2014, the State Master's column in the Connecticut State Granger made an impression on me. I asked Jody Cameron if I could share it with my readers and received his permission. Five years (and two State Masters) later, I finally have room to print it and I feel it still has a message for us all.

Some Thoughts on Respect

By Jody A. Cameron
Past Master of the
Connecticut State Grange

"I want to touch on respect: Respect for each other and for the Grange. As State Master I field a lot of calls and emails from upset members who feel they have been disrespected by another. This is far too common. Many times it is a simple misunderstanding, but other times it does seem deliberate. I understand we will not always see eye to eye on every issue, and that is OK. Differences of opinion are healthy and productive during deliberations and debate but should never be used as a platform for personal attacks or belittling.

"I must remind every member of our oath(s) we take when becoming a member or an officer of the Grange, and when all else fails let's rely on the most basic thing we learned as children: Play nice! Embrace each other's input. If you know details that will not allow the discussion or event to proceed, address those issues with tact and fact and not with, 'I've been here a long time and I know everything.'

"When it comes to new or newer members not knowing the 'Grange way,' or questioning why things are done the way they are, serve as a mentor and make the information available to them so they too can be as knowledgeable as you, the seasoned member.

"I work with someone that says something that drives me nuts, 'You don't know what you don't know.' Did you know what you know when you started anything new? No, respect where each other is coming from, and when those differences arise, and they will, remember we are all in this together!"

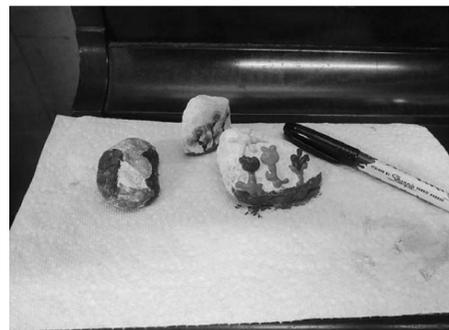


We are just finishing the 100th day of this school year, according to a sign in front of a school I went by. This might be a good time for the Juniors to write something about their time since school started and enter it for the writing contest.

Farm and Forest had some Junior Grangers assisting this year with the booth to show the theme of "By culturing our heritage we strive for a promising future". We are learning how the children are listening and teaching what they have learned. We had baby chicks for anyone to hold and questions were being asked of them. If they had trouble answering, they would ask an adult to help. Isabell's Pig, Rebecca, gave birth to seven piglets on January 2, and Norman brought "Pepper Corn" on Friday and "Princess" on Saturday. If you watched the news about Farm and Forest on Saturday night, Princess was on for about three seconds. She was a little white pig with a black spot on her back and had black and brown spots between her ears looking like a crown.



Painting Rocks at Junior Rally



Lois Enman helps Juniors make Valentine cards at Junior Rally in February.



Winter Youth and Junior Rally was held on February 9 at the State Grange Building in Hooksett. Having the Youth Director, Rachel Scanzani, share the Escape the Grange Hall was a new and exciting activity. Everyone enjoyed working together on the three she brought.

Gloria Davis' granddaughter, Page, taught us how to paint rocks and had many books for ideas. The thirteen children in attendance spent lots of time painting and letting the rocks dry before putting a design on the rocks. I hope you will have your Grange bring them to State Grange in October.

Thanks to Kevin Belval and Norman Brandt for putting together the lunch for us all. We had three young boys willing to mix brownies and bake them for dessert. We were unable to fit in the Sign a Song during the day and hope to have it in the future.

I was happy to have our State Master with us during the ritual time with all offices held by Juniors. We had two boys not belonging to Junior Grange who filled an office and asked questions with the rest. Thank you to all adults there for helping with the Junior Day.

Next to come will be the Bowling on March 17 with our adults sponsored by the State Lecturer. It is great when everyone wears their red t-shirts and makes us stand out. Check with your Lecturer to be signed up and come have a great day.

I attended National Grange to sit in on the Junior Directors and National Director, Samantha Wilkins. This year they started at National Grange with having capes. It was thought that we could wear a cape when doing community service work to draw attention to the Grange. Check out the National website from the National Grange Convention where the officers all came in with capes on.

The Northeast Junior Directors decided to have a craft called "Heroes in Training" to bring to our State Granges and the first and second in each age group will go Springfield to the Big E for competition.

Requirements for the Big E contest are: Craft: Create your own 3D (super) hero (2D if you'd like to include in description). Using any medium including: legos, clay, fabric, found objects, etc. Maximum size 6"x6"x6". Include a 3"x5" index card with a description of its super power.

We are working on a June or July activity in the Portsmouth area. I hope you will watch for it and share with your families our outing to come.

July also will be the Family Camp Weekend at Gunstock. Please watch for more information.

It is great to have all of our Juniors to work and grow with Grange. It is important to keep them interested to help us when they are old enough to become Subordinate members.

If you have any questions and ideas, please feel free to contact me.



Londonderry Grange #44

We accepted a generous offer of labor from a local roofing company to roof the main building of our Grange Hall at cost of materials. His crew managed to remove and take away all old shingles, have the entire main building clad in plywood, lay nine feet of water barrier, shingle, and add a ridge vent. The chimney received new flashing as well. They also surprised us and replaced fascia board (milled to original specs) which was rotted. The entire job was completed from start to finish within three days. This was done in the month of December, 2018. It was freezing temperatures with rain and wind. The roof no longer leaks and looks beautiful.

This gift gave us a renewed sense of hope that we can and will rehabilitate our historic Hall. On February 9th we presented a citizens petition and were granted a warrant article to be placed on our voting ballot in March for 30 thousand dollars! The monies will come from our town unassigned fund; therefore having \$0 impact on our tax bills. We trust the voters will vote yes for this. This effort was spearheaded by our member Mary Soares.

If the warrant article passes, we plan to use these funds to complete the roofing of the front portico and the back kitchen, repair and point the original rock foundation, repair the exterior clay pipe to the septic tank, tree work, window repair, repair plastered ceiling and add a coat of fresh paint to the vaulted ceiling and walls. (etc.) as the money lasts.

Simultaneously, our Grange Master Bill Perry and our Secretary Joe Adams had been working with another group, being Fish and Game. At our February monthly meeting, Mr. Bouche presented plans to make a five thousand dollar donation for upgrading our entire electrical system to 200 amps! Their plan is to complete this project themselves within the month of April 2019!



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Dictionary Project

Although the Dictionary Project does not originate with the Grange, many Granges nationwide are active participants. New Hampshire Granges are a major player when it comes to providing dictionaries for third graders in this state. By this time of year, most Granges have already ordered and presented their dictionaries. If you haven't ordered yet, please do so soon. The school year is more than half over.

The Dictionary Project website www.dictionaryproject.org lists all the schools in every state and color codes them: green for currently sponsored; yellow for sponsored last year but not yet this year; and red for not sponsored recently or never sponsored. Here is a list of schools in New Hampshire that are on the red list. Occasionally a school will not wish to participate in the Dictionary Project, and the site is not always up to date with schools that have closed or consolidated due to low enrollment. It is also possible that a school has received dictionaries, but the donor forgot to list it when ordering the books. If you see a school on the list that you or your Grange might want to sponsor, please check with the school to be sure that they wish to participate in the project and have not already received dictionaries this year.

Belknap County

Alton, Belmont, Gilford, Sanbornton
Carroll County

All schools are sponsored,
mostly by the Rotary Club.

Cheshire County

West Swanzey, Dublin, Gilsom, Hinsdale
Coos County

This county used to have all its schools sponsored by Granges. The closing of Winthrop Grange has left Gorham, Errol, Berlin, and Milan schools unsponsored.

Grafton County

Hanover, Enfield, Lincoln, Lyme, West Lebanon, Plymouth, Thornton

Hillsborough County

Nashua, Manchester, Weare, Frances-town, Merrimack, Greenfield, Litchfield, Hancock, Milford, Hudson, Hillsborough, Goffstown, Bedford, Peterborough, Brookline.

Merrimack County

Boscawen, Canterbury, Henniker, Bradford, West Franklin, Salisbury, Warner, Northfield, Sutton Mills, Webster

Rockingham County

Auburn, Chester, Deerfield, Derry, Greenland, Portsmouth, Londonderry, New Castle, North Hampton, Rye, Sandown

Strafford County

Middleton, New Durham

Sullivan County

Claremont, Charlestown, Croydon, Grantham, Lempster, Meriden, Newport, Sunapee, Washington.

Mary French, who administers The Dictionary Project nationally, grew up in Grafton, NH. She would like to see dictionaries in all the third grades in New Hampshire. Unfortunately, it is the bigger communities like Londonderry, Derry, and Bedford who have never had dictionaries presented in their schools. The Telephone Pioneers used to sponsor Manchester, but they have not done so lately.

If you have any influence in those larger communities, even one school would be a start. Sponsors do not have to be connected with the Grange. The Rotary Club sponsors many schools in the state, and the Lions Club is becoming increasingly involved as well. Businesses and individuals also can sponsor schools.

The Dictionary Project offers several types of dictionaries. The one that most Granges present is called A Students Dictionary. It has a dictionary in the front and a gazetteer in the back. That gazetteer has short biographies of every president from George Washington to Donald Trump. It has the multiplication tables, the periodic table of the elements, the alphabet in sign language and Braille, information on the 50 states, a list of foreign countries, the US Constitution, and other information to help with school subjects. There is even a page with the longest word in the English language, a biological term with 1,909 letters. Third graders are very impressed with a word that looks more like a paragraph!

Even in this age of technology, a third grader is still pleased to receive his/her personal dictionary. The book is the property of the student and not of the school.

*Home Grown Politics
Across New Hampshire Farmland
to Concord and Washington
Bob Haefner
Legislative Director*

For this column I am going to focus on just two bills, one in Concord and the other in Washington. Before the discussion of the two bills, I will mention a couple of other things quickly. I sat in on the NH Farm Bureau Government Affairs committee, where I represent the NH State Grange. The committee reviewed, in early January, most of the bills in the NH Legislature. They found the legislation that would affect farmers and took a position on each. Those positions varied from support as is, amend and support, oppose or take no position but monitor the progress. I think the Farm Bureau position on each, would not be argued by the State Grange. Some of those we already have a policy on and many others we do not and would not as a Grange take a position. Therefore, again, I supported the Farm Bureau policy position.

The other thing I will note is that we are moving ahead with a spring Grange Day at the State House, which is looking like an early May event. Senator and Sister Sharon Carson will host us this year. We are also moving ahead with the National Grange Legislative Fly-In here in NH for the First in the Nation Primary.

Lastly, before we talk about the two bills, I should note that Sister Tara and I, in our role as the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Policy Advisors to the Council of State Governments, are putting on a Policy Summit in Wilmington, Delaware, in April. The topic is Rural Broadband, or the lack thereof and what can states do to get broadband out into rural areas, including the last mile. This is fitting because broadband is a major initiative of the National Grange. On to a discussion on our two bills.

NH HB 476

This is a bill sponsored by Representative John O'Connor at the request of the Department of Agriculture Markets and Food (DAMF). This program is championed by Commissioner Jasper to give NH consumers the option of buying

NH labeled fluid milk, at a premium price with the proceeds going to support our NH dairy farms. Many states have programs to support their dairy industries including Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

The idea is to bottle some NH milk, as NH Milk, label it as such and charge the going rate plus 50 cents per gallon. A small amount of that half dollar would go to advertising the program and the remainder, most of it, would be returned to our dairy farmers who have been suffering from low milk prices for years. The bill has had its hearing already, and is in sub-committee, while the Governor is negotiating with processors to help implement the program.

While there are complaints about the details of the program by some producers, almost everyone I have talked to agrees in concept. This costs the Dairy farmers zero and will have a payback to them once implemented. Even if the return is less than anticipated, it is money the farmer can use to pay his/her bills. The NH State Grange is supporting this initiative and will write a letter in support of the legislation. I am willing to pay \$.50 a gallon or \$.25 for a half gallon extra to help the farmers keep their cows. I hope Grangers will do the same, once this program is up and running.

Hemp Legalization in the 2018 Farm Bill

Senator Mitch McConnell was successful in putting the legalization of Hemp into the 2018 Farm Bill, which has been signed into law. So now can we legally grow hemp in NH? Not so fast. We have several regulatory hurdles to overcome. A quick story. I had a couple of different farmers in NH ask to get the NH Legislature to pass what it needs to so that we can grow hemp in NH. Those farmers sited all of the money the Vermont hemp farmers are making already. A few days latter while talking to some Vermont farmers they were surprised that they were making any money, let alone a lot of money on the crop.

Before we can grow hemp legally in NH for commercial purposes, we must legalize it here and write the regulations that will control it, but more important-ly we need two federal agencies to draft

their rules and regulations. Sister Tara just spoke with the woman at the USDA that will draft the rules for the USDA to regulate the growing of the crop. She is accepting rules that states like Kentucky have already written and they are most likely going to be approved to grow and process until the USDA finishes its rules. She indicated that it is a year away, with drafting, comment periods, amending and further comment and finally a release of the rules.

The bigger obstacle will be the FDA. The most marketable product from hemp is the CBD oil. Processors and marketers of the oil often make claims of its health benefits. The FDA will regulate the labeling and marketing for truth in advertising and truth in labeling. Any of the oil that is to be ingested is going to have their product treated as a drug by the FDA. The product will require testing and approval. The regulations still must be written, and hearings held, and comment periods posted and re-writes. It is a lengthy process. Remember that the FSMA rules by the FDA took three years. We will keep you posted as the Hemp authorization progresses.



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Linda Phelps, Director

Hi everyone! Here I am again! Winter is waning, and spring is just around the corner. I have always loved spring as it's a new beginning. Flowers are coming up. Trees are budding. So let's get going.

Grange members, send in those donations for the State Grange Educational Loan Fund to Pat Lawlor so we can help our students.

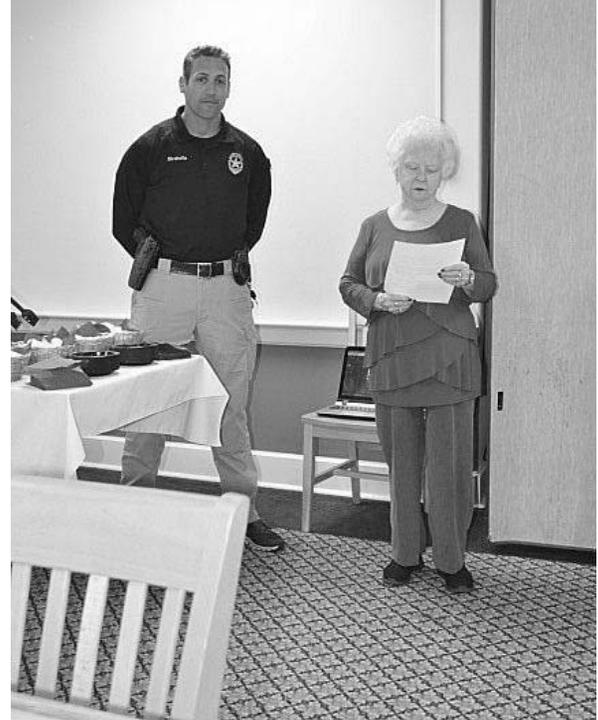
Scholarship Applicants, start getting your application form with the rest of the forms together. The criteria is on the State Grange website.

Grange Service officers, please keep your members informed of all the many benefits offered from National Grange.

So, let's get going! We as Grange members can make a difference.

**Presentation to Police Officer of the Year
at 'Holiday Social' for Alvirne High School
Checkers Restaurant
December 19, 2018**

Members of Hudson Grange had a very enjoyable afternoon with Officer John Mirabella, his superiors, and the staff of Alvirne High School in the audience at their 'Holiday Social.'



Claire Gagnon reading nominations



Bob Haefner making presentation



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