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Special Session Called Delegates to Gather on August 22 to Discuss Dues Increase

There will be a Special Session of the NH State Grange on Saturday, August 22, 2009, at Daniel Webster Grange Hall in Webster, starting at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and vote on a resolution calling for an increase in dues for both Pomona and Subordinate Granges. There will also be a vote on the proposed 2010 fiscal year budget. The usual delegate fee will be waived for this special session.

Daniel Webster Grange will be serving a light lunch for \$5.00 per person at the conclusion of the Special Session. Dot Haskins would appreciate having reservations made by August 17.

Please understand that your State Grange Executive Committee is proposing this increase as just one component in a plan to address the current fiscal crisis that we are facing. The entire leadership team (officers and directors) was involved in the budget review process that resulted in the difficult, but necessary, decision to present this proposal that we know will be especially unwelcome due to the economic challenges we all are currently experiencing.

If your Grange requires more information in order to thoroughly instruct your delegates, please call or email your State Treasurer, State Secretary, or any member of the Executive Committee. Your opinions on this subject are not appropriate until the meeting. However, any legitimate request for detailed information will be promptly answered to the best of our abilities.

People underestimate their capacity for change. There is never a right time to do a difficult thing. A leader's job is to help people have vision of their potential. John Porter

NH State Grange Special Session Resolution

Submitted by NH State Grange
Executive Committee

Subject: Dues Increase

WHEREAS, the NH State Grange has been operating with a deficit budget for many years; and WHEREAS, yearly withdrawals of principal to balance the budget combined with the present economic crisis have caused the Market Value of our Operating Account Invested Fund to drop by 50% in the last five years; and WHEREAS, this drop in Market Value has caused our income to decrease; therefore be it RESOLVED, that the following NH State Grange Bylaws changes take effect with the quarter ending March 31, 2010:

1. Article XIV Subordinate Granges, Section 1, Division 2, Line 3, page 11 be changed to read, "They should remit dues to the State Grange as follows: \$7.25 for each member at the close of the previous quarter, including all who have taken one or more degrees, and \$1.00 for each person initiated during the quarter and \$1.00 for each person affiliated during the quarter."

2. Article XIII Pomona Granges, Section 5, Division 2, Line 1, page 10 be changed to read, "Pomona Granges shall pay \$1.00 per quarter to the State Grange for each member."

Ways to Cut Expenses

Some ways to cut expenses suggested at a recent meeting for State Grange officers and directors included but were not limited to:

Eliminate Department Funds

Eliminate money for expenses incurred by the State Master, State Secretary, and State Treasurer in the course of their duties

Put all publications, except the roster, on line and sell printed copies to those who request them.

Drastically change the Annual State Session as we know it (no national reps, no 6th degree, one-day business meeting only)

Sell the State Grange Building

Some of these could be done immediately. Others would take time and would not affect the 2010 budget.

Why Increase Dues Now?

The NH State Grange is a victim of the economy just as individuals are. Since the last dues increase in 2001, costs have been rising and membership has been declining. We are coming closer, but New Hampshire has not yet seen a net gain in membership. It costs more to run the State Grange, and less money is coming in. State Grange must pay more to the National Grange.

Many Granges are less active. They are erratic in their paperwork. Quarterly payments are not made on time, but the State Grange must make its payments to National Grange on time. Fewer donations are made to support the **Granite State Granger**, the State Grange Building, the Educational Loan Fund, the various Youth Funds, and the other Grange Departments. Expenses have increased, but many Granges still give "the same as last year." Three dollars was a generous donation when stamps cost three cents each, but it only buys six stamps today.

Costs are rising. Have you been to Staples lately? The cost of paper, ink, toner, and copying is frightening. Postage has gone up. Gasoline costs are beginning to rise again. Heat, electricity, and repairs at the State Grange Building cost more than they did in 2001.

Investments are worth less than they were when we set them up. Accounts earn lower interest. Cashing out investments to gain ready money takes a larger bite out of the principal than it did a year ago. For years we have been dipping into our savings, first a little, then a lot. At the current rate of withdrawal the State Grange will have no savings at the end of five years.

Why increase dues now? Because desperate times call for desperate measures!

**You'll never plow a field by turning it over in your mind.
Irish Proverb**



I'm happy to begin this column with the good news that Tyson has withdrawn its motion to use the Grange name for commercial purposes. I hope you are all as proud of this development as I am. Through our combined efforts, we rose to the occasion and worked with the staff at the National Grange to defeat this giant corporation. Please send your legal defense donations, if you haven't already. From the last report I heard, approximately \$50,000 was raised to offset the \$180,000 bill, so we still have a long way to go!

This was the first year in several that I attended and participated in the Bowling Tournament, sponsored by the Lecturer's department. Consequently, this was the first time I've bowled in about five years, and my body reminded me of that fact every time I moved over the course of the next couple of days! Thanks to our State Lecturer for keeping the tradition alive for the many Grangers who look forward to this event every spring.

Arthur and I were pleased, on behalf of the Youth department, to host the Moon Stomp in March. This was a great social event and we thoroughly enjoyed the company of everyone who attended. There was still a lot of snow on the ground, so I commend the entire group for their fortitude and determination to complete the strenuous "stomp" through the woods.

I want to acknowledge and thank East Rockingham Pomona Grange for their kind invitation and subsequent hospitality when they invited me to present a program on hemp. I appreciated this opportunity to educate their members on this subject that is one of my "pet projects".

In observance of Grange Month, the State Grange presented its second annual Spring Fling at the Belmont Middle School. Fifty-one members and eleven guest speakers were in attendance and enjoyed the variety of workshops presented throughout the day. A highlight was the information given us by Commissioner Lorraine Merrill

of the NH Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food. She outlined NH's strong agricultural showing in a recent survey which indicated a significant growth within several segments of the industry. Agriculture is not just dairy farming anymore! I want to thank the Directors of the various State Grange departments for the efforts they made to provide unique and interesting workshop speakers for our benefit. Another big thanks goes to your State Grange officers who, with the great coordination efforts of Jane Trombi, provided lunch to all the attendees. Based on the favorable reports found in the evaluation sheets turned in at the end of the day, you can expect to see this event continued again next year.

The deadline for this article preceded the National Grange's Legislative Fly-In, which was attended by Jim Tetreault, Arthur and I. See the Legislative column on page 4 for a full report.

I will be out of town for a family event during the Youth Rally and Spotlight NH. I'll be sorry to miss these events, but look forward to seeing many of you at Family Weekend, where I hope to bring a horse or two for a demonstration of Parelli leadership and communication skills, and maybe we can even give the kids a few pony rides. Also, the Special State Session called by the Executive Committee for August 22nd is shaping up to be an important date for us all, and I hope to see a delegate from your Grange at the meeting.

So far, I've had very little feedback from the letter that was sent out to the Pomona Granges asking for their assistance in collecting the National Grange Session Assessment fee of \$1 per member. Please let me know your thoughts. As for hosting National Grange in 2013, some activity has begun in the process of locating and

securing a convention site. We will keep you posted with further developments.

One last little piece of advice – when Brothers and Sisters of the Order forget their obligation taken in the First Degree, it's hurtful to our fellow members and destructive for the entire organization. Practice the Law of Attraction in your Grange. When you put positive thoughts and energy into the universe, they **will** return to you. The same goes for negative energy. Which do you think will help your Grange to grow and prosper? Let's plant and sow our trust and beliefs, and cultivate loving relationships with each other.

2009 Masters' Conference

In February I attended the 2009 Masters' Conference in Fayetteville, Arkansas. National Grange Master Ed Luttrell and Rusty Hunt, National Grange Membership/Leadership Director, intend to re-establish a State Grange in Arkansas. On Saturday I attended an actual meeting at the nearby Zion Oak Grange #826, currently chartered with the Oklahoma State Grange. All of us helped lay the foundation of reorganizing the Arkansas State Grange in the near future and garnered valuable training to use in growing the Grange in our own states.

On Sunday National Grange staff members presented valuable information. Jen Dugent can assist us with business cards, banners, and brochures at the local and state levels. She also explained how Googledocs and Facebook can help us promote our Grange activities. Leroy Watson, National Grange Legislative Director, was ranked #6 of the 27,000 registered lobbyists in D.C. in a recent issue of Capitol File magazine. His legislative department will be working on introducing a bill in Congress that would give the Grange the same sort of name protection currently enjoyed by such groups as the U.S. Olympic Committee, 4-H, DAR, and Boy Scouts.

A final workshop by Master Luttrell on Monday morning listed and reviewed the nineteen suggestions he received from the delegates at the 2007 convention on how the National Grange should address the concerns and needs of the state and local Granges. Ed has done a remarkable job of covering almost the entire list, at least in a small part.

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All About Youth
Chris Heath

Hello fellow Grangers. We are now over half way through this Grange year. The Youth Team has been very busy, and we have many events still to come. Coming up on the 12th of this month we will have our Annual Summer Rally. This is being held at the Bear Hill 4-H camp in Allenstown, NH. This is a weekend event this year, and by now you or your Grange should have received the information and registration form. If you have not and would like to attend, please make your way to the camp on Friday night and we will try to accommodate you. The Sign-A-Song and Public Speaking contests will be held in conjunction with Spot Light NH on Saturday June 13th. It costs nothing to attend this event and you will be able to enjoy all that talent that New Hampshire Grangers possess.

In July the Youth from New Hampshire will be travelling to the great State of New York to attend the North East regional Youth Conference. This year it will be held in Schenectady, NY, at Union College. Hopefully you have received the information for this conference by now, and, if you are interested in attending, you have sent in your paperwork. If you have not received information, please contact any member of the Youth Team for your copy.

In August the team is hoping to hold our second annual Harvest moon stomp. Last year we had a nice group of people who came and attended for the weekend. This year we hope that many more people will plan to attend. Information for this event should arrive to Granges before they break for the summer.

In September youth reports will be due. Please try to get the one done for your Grange this year. Even if you don't have any youth in your Grange, you should fill out a report so that the team can see what you have done for the past year. Increased participation in the Photo Scavenger Hunt,

and Collage and Memory Book Page Contests would also be appreciated. These contests are open to all members of every Grange regardless of age. The deadline for them is September 10.

Please remember that your donations can be made at anytime. The donations coming in from the Granges around the state have been few and far between this year. In August the delegates at a special State session of the New Hampshire State Grange will decide whether or not to eliminate department budgets. If the delegates do decide to do this then the youth program and activities will be hurt without the continued support of the Subordinate and Pomona Granges. Please consider all the youth from around the state that will be hurt if the department budget is abolished. The youth are the Grange of today and without them we might not have a future. Please consider this when deciding to send in your donations. Also please remember that we are collecting money to donate to the New Hampshire Food Bank. The Grange Youth of New Hampshire have been supporting this charitable organization for the past few years and many people have benefitted from the donations.

The Youth Team hopes that you enjoy your summer, and we look forward to seeing you around the state at many Youth and State Grange events. The Youth in New Hampshire look forward to opening State Session again this year. If you have young people in your Grange that have never been to State Session, encourage them to attend this year. The Youth will be opening State Session on Saturday morning and always perform a wonderful opening drill and 4th degree opening. If you have never seen this, please plan on attending this year. Thank you everyone for your continued support and please support the Youth and promote the Grange everywhere you go.

Costs for Summer Rally

June 13-15

Food and lodging for the weekend:\$40.00

Saturday all day food ticket:\$10.00

Saturday lunch:\$5.00

**Saturday dinner early registration:
\$8.00**

Saturday dinner: \$10.00

**Amaze your friends,
be the first to tell them:
At five minutes and six seconds
after 4 a.m. on July 8th this year
the time and date will be
04:05:06 07/08/09.
This will never happen again.**

Summer Rally 2009

Schedule for Weekend

June 13-15

**Bear Hill 4-H camp
Bear Brook State Park**

Friday June 13

Registration begins: 3:00pm – 7:00pm

**If arriving late please let
Chris or Rhonda know**

Dinner 6:00pm : homemade pizza

Getting Acquainted Games

7:00pm – 11:00pm

Vespers 11:30

Lodge Closes 12:00am

Saturday June 14

Breakfast 7:30am

**pancakes, bacon, sausage,
juice, cereal, fruit**

**Community Service 9:00am – 11:00am
wear old clothes and sneakers or boots
no sandals!!!!**

Free Time 11:00am- 12:00pm

Lunch 12:00pm- 1:00pm

**hamburgers, hot dogs,
chips, and drinks**

Preparation for Spotlight NH

1:00pm – 2:00pm

Spotlight NH 2:00pm – 5:00pm

Barbecue Dinner 6:00pm – 7:00pm

ALL ARE INVITED!

Chicken, corn, coleslaw, rolls, salads

Dessert brownie sundae

Youth Meeting 7:00pm – 8:15pm

Movie 8:30pm

Games in lodge until 12:00am

Sunday June 15

Breakfast 8:00am

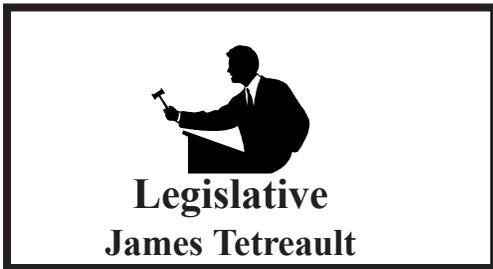
continental breakfast

Inspirational Service 9:00am – 9:30am

Weekend Wrap up 9:30am – 10:00am

Clean up and Check out

10:00am – 12:00pm



As I write this column I am sitting across from the White House with my laptop, having just completed a very successful Legislative Fly-In, in Washington, DC. Since the last writing of this column the Legislative Department has had a busy season.

One of the major initiatives we have worked on this spring is helping to save the NH Department of Agriculture. The governor proposed combining the department with several others. The Grange and the Farm Bureau worked together on this. I want to thank all of you that contacted NH House members to spread the Grange's opposition to this important issue. With your help we were able to play a part in attracting over 200 people to attend the hearing, and we believe that it will be deemed ITL (inexpedient to legislate).

We have also been focusing on dairy issues, on which I have written to members of Congress as well as the Secretary of Agriculture, Tom Vilsac. We are greatly concerned with the conditions of dairy farms in the state of New Hampshire.

I was pleased to have had the opportunity to host Connecticut State Grange Legislative Director, Gordon Gibson, at the Spring Fling, where he conducted an informative workshop on working in coalition with other organizations. Thank you, Brother Gordon for your assistance.

The Worthy State Master, the State Assistant Steward, and I attended the 2009 Legislative Fly-In held at the National Grange headquarters in Washington, DC. What an extraordinary conference it was this year! Our schedule was very busy. We started on Sunday with a tour of the Seawall/Belmont House and Suffragist Movement Museum. It was an interesting tour about a part of history that I was not fully informed on. Our evening ended with a speaker Megan Keneally, a student at Georgetown University, who recently wrote a paper on

“How Successful was the Early Grange in Meeting its Founders’ Objectives?”

Monday we were presented with a series of issues-oriented workshops. Issue #1 was Developing a National Broadband Strategy that includes Rural America presented by Bruce Mehlman, Co-Chair of the Internet Innovation Alliance. Issue #2 concerned Retirement Security Challenges Facing Family Farmers and Rural Americans in an Uncertain Economic Environment presented by Al Coors, Director of Government Affairs for Retire Safe.org. Issue #3 was titled: Expanding of Wireless, “Lifeline Telephone Service” for Low Income Rural Americans presented by Maureen Thompson – Senior partner of the Hastings Group. Issue #4 was a Digital Television Update: “Less than 30 days to go, are we ready?” presented by Mike Diserio director of Public Affairs for DTV Transistion.

Issue #5 was Health Care reform: “Bridging the Health Care Gap in Farming and Rural Communities presented by Jeff Oldham Deputy Vice President of Pharma. Issue #6 covered the Impact of the Financial Crisis on Financing for Family Farms and Rural Homeowners presented by Tom D. Stenson, Executive Vice President of Agriculture Finance. Issue #7 was Renewable Energy and Climate Change presented by Tom Buis, President of Growth Energy.

As you can see, we had to take in a lot of information in one day. All of the workshops were excellent and very worthwhile.

The “big day” of the Legislative Fly-In is always Tuesday, the day we spend on Capitol Hill. We were fortunate to have the opportunity to meet someone from every congressional office that represents the citizens from NH. I truly believe that everyone is working very hard on our behalf. Our day ended with a nice dinner with lots of conversation about what happened during the day. We also had the opportunity to have our picture taken with Rep. Carol Shea-Porter, who knew that NH Grangers were in the area and actually tracked us down to say ‘hi’ and pose for a quick picture.

The Legislative Department needs your help!! I am asking you to send to me,

either by e-mail or letter, your experiences with Medicare part D, (prescription drug benefit). These letters and e-mails will be sent to our Congressional Reps as they begin the process of crafting healthcare reform legislation. Please include your name and address and especially your zip code on any communication you send me. I will be sending out a Legislative Alert to further explain this program.

I know many Granges will be taking a summer break, but don’t forget to be working on resolutions for State Grange coming up in October. The deadline to the State Secretary is September 1st, but if you can get them in earlier that would be helpful. We are also asking you to include your source material with each resolution you submit, so when they are reviewed we may see how you arrived at your resolve.

I hope everyone has a great summer. Don’t forget to take the opportunity to visit some of the Granges that are meeting this summer.



In the early 1990’s the New Hampshire State Grange participated for several years in the Kiwanis Trade Fair at the Everett Arena in Concord. Visitors at the Grange Booth were given fir tree seedlings to plant.

The tree pictured above was one of those seedlings planted by Richard Currier at the southeast corner of the Sanbornton Congregational Church, meeting place of Harmony Grange #99. Known as the “Grange Tree,” it proudly stands at a little over twelve feet tall.



**Membership Development
Coordinator: Stephen Tracy**

Spring has sprung on us early and gardens are quickly consuming our time. Lawn mowing and spring cleaning make you wonder if there will be an end so we can sit back and enjoy the fruits of our labors. Spring is the time for sprucing up the Grange also. A clean cheery meeting place looks more inviting to nonmembers and makes a happy atmosphere for all. Bringing in new members makes for a happy cheerful Grange also.

For Spring Fling Mark Collins and I shared what we have learned through workshops taught by Rusty Hunt. We hope that you will use what you learned, and we will gladly work with you.

I am sorry to state that there will not be a Degree Day this year. Trying to find an open weekend in the Grange calendar proved fruitless. If there is a Grange or several Granges in an area with candidates we can work with that.

On June 20 Aurora Grange is in need of our assistance for the Degrees. They have several candidates but with the loss of their Master and Secretary they are a bit disorganized now and could use our Fraternal help. They will serve lunch. Please let me know if you would be able to help.

Grange Month has come and gone, and I have not heard from any Granges as to what they did. I hope to see other reports on this in this GSG. I did see a display at the Meriden Library. Also Park and Blow-Me-Down Granges were going to have an Open House but a week before had to cancel due to no one available to work it. This will be tried again later.

Neither WMUR nor NHPTV returned my inquiries for a Grange based show, so I have had to let that idea drop.

Blow-Me-Down, Park and Meriden Granges have pooled their efforts to promote the Grange in the area. With the closing of Cornish Grange as momentum the three Granges met with the same goal in mind. They are holding monthly public meetings promoting local agriculture with different speakers on different subjects rotating in the three Grange halls. At the first program ten people were expected but fifty showed! From this there is growing interest in the Grange and people asking about membership.

Summer is the time of fairs and I hope that each Pomona and Subordinate will have some kind of an exhibit at these fairs promoting Grange. Farmer's Markets are good options for Grange promotion, also. Fourth of July Parades are a good place to promote Grange as well. So as we work in our gardens promoting new life, either physical food or flowers for the spirit, let us work on getting the Grange blooming also.



**Grange Services
Connie Carr**

Just a reminder to all of my committee: Our next meeting will be July 25 at 10:00 a.m. at Rodney and Shelley Huntoon's Home at 8 Pine Acres Rd., Suite 808, Concord, N.H.

Scholarship applications need to be in to Lois Enman, 9 Blake Street, Rochester, NH 03867, by July 1 2009.

Financial Assistance is also available. Benefits available to Grange members are credit cards (contact Bank of America) and discount cards for hearing aids, travel, and prescriptions (contact anyone on the Grange Services Committee).

**Everyone is the age of their heart.
Guatemalan Proverb**

A Hearty Grange Welcome to the Following New Members

Aurora Grange, Pittsburgh

**Dean Brimacomb
Henrietta Brimacomb
Holly Gray
Jamie Gray
Seth Gray**

Amber Peterson Hudson Grange

**Brendan Bliss
Michael Buxton
Kate Ciarletta
Katie Clancy
John Collishaw
Jessica Edwards
Rachel Erving
Felicia Rich
Diane Wells
Molly Wilson**

Jeremiah Smith Grange, Lee

**Elizabeth Rollins
Brianna Galuska**

Pineconia Grange, Concord Heights

**Brian Varney
Duane Cowan
Glen Mytera
Mitch Mytera
Jonathan Dean
Paul Dean
Glen Powell
Zachery Powell
Michael Harris
Derick Cowan**

Walpole Grange

**Virginia Carter
Susan Hocking
Minna Good
Delores Street**

Ten Lines to Make You Smile

I used to have a handle on life,
but it broke.

Don't take life too seriously;
No one gets out alive.

I'm not a complete idiot —
Some parts are just missing.

Out of my mind. Back in five minutes.
The gene pool could use a little chlorine.

Consciousness: That annoying time
between naps.

Ever stop to think, and forget
to start again?

Being "over the hill" is much better
than being under it!

Wrinkled was not one of the things
I wanted to be when I grew up.

Youth Night

Rochester Grange

21 Charles Street

June 20, 2009

Refreshments - 6:30 p.m.

Program - 7:30 p.m.

Pineconia Grange

Pineconia Grange on Concord Heights began its 95th anniversary year with the annual Community and Grange Awards Night. The event was held at Dame School with a capacity crowd, over 100 in attendance. This is the 31st year in which Pineconia Grange has recognized individuals in different areas of the community. A surprise guest was Governor John Lynch who pleased the crowd with his remarks. He assisted in presenting the Citizen of the Year, Legislator of the Year, and Civic Award before having to leave for another function on his schedule. The Mayor of Concord read a Grange Week Proclamation and assisted in presenting the Outstanding Police Officer and Firefighter Awards. The Educator of the Year award was renamed the John H. West Educator Award and given to Nancy Siff. John was a teacher in the Concord School District for many years. In addition to other awards, Dick presented Past State Chaplain Hugh Clark and Past State Officer Marion Jones with awards for their assistance through the years with Awards Night. For many years both of them have been asked to assist in the ceremony. Hugh sang "Old New Hampshire" which was Dick's theme song when he was State Lecturer.

Pineconia Grange will be celebrating their 95th anniversary with additional events this year. The Grange has received several new members from their sponsorship of the Boy Scouts and expects more to join.

Thank You

Please accept my humble thanks for the many cards sent following my recent surgery. Your kind words, thoughts, and prayers have helped to make my recovery easier.

Thank you all.

**Elizabeth Cotsibas
Harmony Grange #99**

**Join Wingold Grange # 308
for their
100th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, June 27, 2009
Time: 1 - 4 PM
East Kingston Town Hall
Main Street, East Kingston
RSVP to Master Norman Brandt
FISHBRA955@aol.com**

The Agate

The April meeting of the Agate Past Masters' Association was hosted by Daniel Webster Grange in Webster with Christine Woods being in charge of the program. Since it was election of officers, it was voted that the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer stay in office for another year. Ida Hutchins and Paul Davis are the one year directors, and Ralph Ford and Steve Hewes are the newly-elected two year directors. The next Agate meeting will be at Baker's River Grange in Rumney on August 1 at 6:00 pm for supper (possibly a picnic) with program following presented by Neil and Dale MacDonald.

**Eastern NH Pomona #2
will visit Henry Wilson Grange
11 Mechanic Street, Farmington
June 10, 2009, at 7 p.m.**

Family Memberships Available

Did you know that the NH State Grange offers a family membership within its dues structure? A single parent and at least two dependents, or two parents and at least one dependent may join the Grange as a family unit. There is no limit on how many members may belong to a family unit, but there must be a minimum of three members in each family unit to qualify for this dues rate. As there has been some confusion, Subordinate Secretaries reporting family memberships on their Grange's quarterly report forms are encouraged to contact the State Secretary to determine if they, indeed, are reporting the number of family units, the number of members within the family units, and the amount of dues payable correctly.

**Support the Granite State Granger
with your donation.**

Grange Bu

Hooked Rugs Sought

When you set up your Grange Hall do you place a hand-hooked rug in front of the altar? Mildred Cole Pelandeu of Readfield, Maine, is looking for New Hampshire Granges that might still possess a hooked rug made by a local lady of the Grange. She does not want to buy, borrow, or otherwise own it. She just would like to photograph the rug and give proper credit to that particular Grange in a book she is writing on the history of hooked rugs. She may be reached by mail at 58 Thorp Shores, Readfield, ME 04355, by phone at 207-685-4537 or by e-mail at MPELANDEAU@roadrunner.com.

Aurora Grange

On Wednesday, May 6, 2009, members of Pittsburg School's Key Club visited Aurora Grange #235 in Pittsburg for Youth Night. After explaining some of the projects that they've sponsored this year and talking about their recent visit to Key Club Convention, the group unveiled a desk that has been refinished for the Grange Hall. The project was started in late December and took more than 120 hours to complete; most of the work was done by two young men in the Key Club. Seen here are some of the members of the Key Club with the finished desk. Aurora Grange members were very impressed with the finished product and thankful to get the desk back in such beautiful shape.



**Visit the State Grange Website at
www.nhgrange.org.**

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Sunapee Lake Grange #112

April, Grange month, is the time to honor our members of long standing. This year honors are in order at Sunapee Lake Grange in Newbury for 3 members. Pamela Szacik, a Past Master, receives her 40 year certificate. Alice Gove, our present Master, is honored for 65 years of Grange membership. Past Master and Past Pomona Master and present Secretary of both Subordinate and Pomona, Edythe Craig receives her 70 year seal..

Granite Grange

Granite Grange in Milford continues to hold its Open Mike nights which have been successful. Upcoming dates are June 13, August 8, and October 10. All Open Mikes begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 10:00 p.m. with a jam session to follow. Two of our Grangers participate in the event - Pomona Master Bob Hafner and his grandson, Matt Hafner, and Sandy LeFlue perform on their dulcimers. Way to go Bob, Matt and Sandy!

Granite held its first Irish Festival on March 14th. It was a very successful event with over 100 citizens of the community and surrounding towns attending. All present enjoyed a corn beef and cabbage dinner with assorted Irish desserts. The Rakes of Milford provided fantastic Irish music. Three Irish step dancers put the crowd in awe. The Rakes are a group of musicians who play at Foodee's Restaurant in Milford on the first and third Wednesdays. Many of the participants in the group also perform at Granite's Open Mike. The Irish Festival will be a yearly event as it was so successful. Members of Granite will be very busy in the next few months refurbishing the hall from the proceeds of the Festival. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make it a success.

Granite members are planning a trip to the Wright Museum in Wolfboro, New Hampshire. The museum is a recognition of those who fought, died, or came home in World War II. For more information, you can log onto wrightmuseum.org.

Antrim Grange Artists' Exhibit

Antrim Community Grange proudly presents its Seventh Annual Artists' Exhibit at the Antrim Grange Hall, Rt. 31 North, from June 18-21, 2009. Bennington and Antrim amateur and professional artists' work will be on display and for sale. Complimentary refreshments will be served during all viewing hours.

Viewing hours are:

June 18 Thursday 4-8 p.m.

**June 19 Friday - Evening Gala,
live music 7-9 p.m.**

June 20 Saturday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

June 21 Sunday noon - 4 p.m.

Contest Awards at 3:30 p.m.

All visitors will have a chance to vote for their favorite exhibit to select the People's Choice Award. For more details call Shelley at 588-2916 or log on to <http://antrim.nhgrange.org>.



Please plan to attend New England Grange Go-to-Church Service at Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, NH, on Sunday, June 28, at 3 p.m. This year New Hampshire is doing the Memorial Service. It is also the first big event for our new Grange Chaplain, Matthew Clark.

This famous location suffered extreme damage in the December, 2008, ice storm. Many trees were lost, benches were broken, and the sound system was ruined. Fortunately the altar was spared. Clean-up, tree planting, and replacement of the benches and sound system began as soon as possible. This would be a good year to come, so you can say that "you saw it when." You might want to bring along some extra cash in case your heart is moved to donate toward the restoration work.

Deadline

Send copy for the September issue of the Granite State Granger to Hannah West by August 12, 2009. All announcements about State Grange Session should be submitted, as well as Grange and personal news.

Tyson Legal Defense Fund Update

These Granges were listed in Master's Column in March 2009 issue: **Park, Eastern NH Pomona, Rochester, Moultonborough, Peterborough, Rockingham, East Rockingham Pomona, Oceanside, Hooksett, Jaffrey, Pemi Valley Pomona, and Halestown.**

To be added to this issue are: **Harmony, Jeremiah Smith, Hampton Falls, Blackwater, Antrim, Meriden, and Walpole.**

Please contact the State Master if your Grange has donated, but is not listed.

A Useful Thought

from Deb Stone of Park Grange

I know older members are going into nursing homes, or elderly housing and often can very seldom make meetings. I also know that there is usually a community room for use in those buildings. I have suggested that a meeting or two could be held in the community room so Grange members living there can attend a meeting. It was also suggested to have more of these types of meetings in the winter time, when halls are apt to be closed due to the heating season. This is something, I am going to check into for Park Grange in Cornish and thought it might be something other Granges would like to try.

Granite Grange Public Suppers

23 Webster Street

Milford, NH

5 to 6:30 p.m.

Adults - \$8.00

Children under 6 - \$4.00

June 13

Macaroni & Cheese

Hot Dogs

Ice Cream & Strawberries.

Open Mike at 6:30 p.m.

July 11

Barbequed Chicken

Potato Salad

Watermelon

August 8

Lasagna

Brownies & Ice Cream

Open Mike at 6:30 p.m.

September 12

Pork Loin

Baked Potato

Apple Crisp



Spring Fling happened on April 4th with your two Directors and Department members Joann Brandt, Joan Garland, Ann Leger, and Norma Neary present. Thanks to those who helped with cutting of material into 5" squares for our participants to use.

The morning started off with a presentation by Michelle Oakes, the Director of Activities for Glenclyff Home. Her son Jesse helped by putting on a slide presentation that he had developed and also shared his experiences working at the facility. She explained some of the guidelines that are used to accept individuals into the home and explained the multitude of activities that are put on there throughout the year. A new program that was just started was an invitation to the local high school to come in and do a Prom Night. This turned out to be a huge success. She showed us pictures of the young kids all dressed up in their prom attire and dancing with the residents late into the night. She says normally the seniors are ready for bed at 9PM, but they stayed up much later to dance and socialize.

After the presentation, we started the Make and Take workshop. With approximately 11 sewing machines set up and 8 individuals in attendance to participate, our instructor started the demonstration on how to make a bow tie quilt square. It started with a single square laid flat, then a folded square on top of the first square, and lastly, another square on top of the first two. Once everyone had their squares all lined up, they were instructed to sew on the left side of the squares. The next step was to fold the cloth on the stitched edge so that the two whole pieces were on the right and the half piece was on the left. Next they had to lay another whole piece under the half piece and the last whole piece on top of the half piece, lining up the top edge and the left edge. They were then instructed to sew down the left hand edge. The next step was to take the two whole pieces closest to them and bring them together. Then they did the same with the

two whole pieces on the bottom. Now they had a double wide square with the half piece in the center between the front and back sets of whole pieces. The last step was to sew across the top of these pieces. When you opened up the finished product, you had a quilt square with a Bowtie in the center. Everyone's square came out very well, and some of the participants sewed one or two more squares. One grandmother even brought her grandson, who made his own quilt square. He was so impressed by it that he went home afterward and made ten more quilt squares. If the demand is there, the instructor has offered to conduct another class. Contact your directors if you would like to set one up. It was suggested to members present that each Pomona present a class to teach others how to do a certain type of craft.

Thank you for the invitations to the Grange nights that have come in so far. We are trying to make it to as many as we can. Hope you are all working to make sure you are reviewing individuals in your community for the different awards that are presented each year. Policeman, Firefighter, Educator, Young Farmer, Century Farm and 200 Year Farm are awards that the Family and Community Department presents based on input from the local Granges. If you would also like to put in for a Community Citizen Award, please contact the State Lecturer.

We have received Family & Community Donations of \$10 from some Granges and are still waiting for additional donations. (Make check to Family and Community Committee). We hope you are working on items for Mountain of Mittens (If you make donations to local schools during the year, please let us know). Also, we would like to clarify the requirements for the quilt squares. A 10" finished quilt square measures 10 1/2" square. That provides a 1/4" seam allowance on each side to sew the squares together. These need to be in our hands by June 30th. We are still looking for recipes for Appetizers, Soups, and Salads to compiled for a Cookbook to be sold at the Big "E". Other items for the Big "E" are Baby Articles, Scrubbies, Stuffed Animals, Dolls, Pot Holders, Dish Cloths, Afghans, Mittens, Scarves, Hats, Aprons, Wall Hangings, Pillowcases, Crafts, etc. etc. These are due to us by August 1st.

Needlework deadlines and the four additional State categories are due August 1st. Stuffed toys for the Shrine Hospital can be hand made or purchased but they must be child safe with a tag stating the contents and the care of the item, also due Aug 1st. End of the year reports will be available at a later date. Please record items during the year, ready to place into your report when it comes.

Other donations will be accepted for Kelly Farm (make check to National Grange and note for Kelley Farm). Send to National Grange Kelley Farm Fund, 1616 H Street NW, Washington DC 20006-4999.

Calendar of Events

- June 10 - Eastern NH Pomona visit to Henry Wilson Grange, Farmington
- June 12-14 - Youth & Junior Camp Bear Brook State Park
- June 13 - Spotlight New Hampshire
- June 13 - Granite Grange Supper 5-6:30 p.m. Milford
- June 18-21 - Antrim Grange Art Exhibit
- June 20 - Rochester Grange Youth Night 6:30 p.m.
- June 26-28 - Grange Family Weekend
- June 27 - Wingold Grange 100th Anniversary 1-4 p.m. East Kingston Town Hall
- June 28 - Cathedral of the Pines 3 p.m. Rindge, NH
- July 10-12 -North-East Youth Conference - Schnectady, New York
- July 11 - Granite Grange Supper 5-6:30 p.m. Milford
- July 23-26 - Stratham Fair
- July 29-Aug. 2 - Cheshire Fair
- Aug. 1 - Agate at Bakers River Grange Rumney 6 p.m.
- Aug. 3-6 - North-East Lecturers Conf. - Rhode Island is host.
- Aug. 12 - GSG Deadline
- Aug. 21 - 21 - Cornish Fair
- Sept. 2 - 7 - Lancaster Fair
- Sept. 3 - 7 Hopkinton Fair
- Sept. 10 - Youth Reports due
- Sept. 11 - 13 - Hillsborough County Fair
- Sept. 12 - Granite Grange Supper 5-6:30 p.m. Milford
- Sept. 18-27 - Rochester Fair
- Sept. 18 - Oct. 4 - "Big E" West Springfield, MA
- Sept. 27 - Grange Day at "Big E"
- Oct. 1-4 - Deerfield Fair
- Oct. 1 - Lecturer's Contest Entries due
- Oct. 3 - Harvest Moon Festival - Merrill Farm, Antrim
- Oct. 29-30 - State Grange Convention Ashworth by the Sea, Hampton
- Nov. 17-21 - National Grange Convention Grand Rapids, Michigan



America the Beautiful

The National Grange is happy to announce a partnership with the America the Beautiful Fund, which will allow Granges to participate in their seed program. Local Granges can get 100 packets of vegetable, flower or herb packets for free, only paying \$14.95 for shipping and handling. This program's main goal is benefiting the community, whether it is teaching local school children about growing a garden or growing a vegetable garden to help the local food bank or to fundraise by selling the crops or flowers resulting from the seeds.

How can this benefit my local Grange?

It will allow you to grow your own community garden, have fresh vegetables for your fundraising dinners, fresh flowers at your Grange meetings, give children the chance to learn about gardening, create gardens at a local park, Grange Hall, or a nursing center, and anything else your Grange can dream up.

How do I get started?

All you need to do is write a short letter describing what you will do with the seeds and fill out the application from America the Beautiful Fund. So far this program has saved more than 800 tons of seeds and 7 million flower bulbs from going to waste in landfills and has grown 1.75 billion pounds of food for the hungry.

Click on the link http://www.nationalgrange.org/memberbenefits/free_seeds_flyer_08.pdf to get the form you need for this new exciting program and don't forget to return the participation form, so the National Grange knows what you've been doing.

If you need any more information please contact Samantha at **888-4-GRANGE ext. 109** or e-mail sjohnson@nationalgrange.org.

Visit the National Grange website at www.nationalgrange.org.

Tyson Foods Withdraws Filing to Use Grange Name - Trademark Protection an Ongoing Effort

In February, Tyson Foods withdrew its filing to register and trademark the term "Grange and Grassland" on a new line of natural meat products. The world's largest meat packer filed an "Express Abandonment" with the U.S Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, thus ending more than a year of administrative actions and negotiations with the National Grange, which holds the trademark rights to the term "Grange." According to legal sources, Tyson Foods is now precluded from registering the same or substantially identical mark in the future.

While the term "Grange" can mean an old English farm, dictionaries also recognize it as the title for our national, state and local organizations. To many the term means an organization dedicated to the betterment of local communities through public service projects, rural advocacy, scholarship funds and other positive activities. Grange leaders are well aware of the meaning and importance of the mark and, over the years, have defended it against numerous infringements ranging from restaurants to housing developments and even to a line of imported cigarettes.

"Trademark defense is an ongoing effort," National Grange President Ed Luttrell stated. "Next we have to deal with a large European-owned supermarket chain that is using the term "Granger" on a line of meat, a dairy producer that wants to market milk under the mark DE LA GRANJA which means "from the Grange," and a winery that wants to label its product LA GRANJA which means The Grange. He expressed his thanks to the many community Granges that supplied examples of how they used the term "Grange" in their fund raising activities. "These literally thousands of examples played an important part in resolving the conflict with Tyson Foods. We appreciated the support from our grassroots-based community Granges, and many thanks to Tyson Foods for their decision," he concluded.

National Grange Membership Tip Answer the Question

If people are asking questions about the Grange or its members it shows they are interested or concerned. They may even want to make a point about their perception of the Grange and its members. So we have to answer their questions or run the risk they will write us off as a viable organization. And if we don't know the answer we find out and get back to them **Pronto!**

We don't answer them or don't want to answer them because we either don't know or don't like the answer we would give them. Questions about the Grange such as: "**Don't you have to be a farmer?**" "**Isn't the Grange a secret organization?**" "**Why do you have an open Bible on an Altar?**" "**We have an Active Community Club, why do we need a Grange?**", "**Is there any money available to build a Grange Hall?**", "**What does National Grange/State Grange do with all the money they get from dues?**" are all questions that some of you have been asked. How do we answer these types of questions with a smile, positively, truthfully, and still be inviting and encouraging to those potential new members? **We choose the right attitude** and put on a smile, tell them the truth and let them know with our answer that all these things are what makes the Grange different from other groups and that we like the Grange and think they will too as they continue to learn more about the Grange.

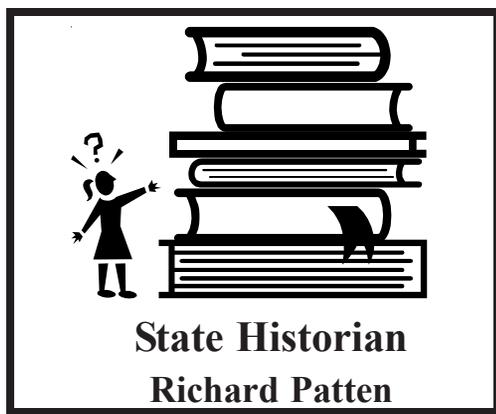
So, go out there and start talking to people about the Grange. Ask them to join and be prepared for questions about the Grange. Choose to have a good attitude and let your passion for the Organization show in your answers. It will pay dividends in the end. Just remember, the most important thing is to "**Answer the Question!**"

Support the ELF!

Please send your
Educational Loan Fund
donations to:



Rodney Huntoon
8 Pine Acres Rd., Suite 808
Concord, NH 03301



During the past few weeks I have received several telephone calls and copies of historical items relating to Grange events. One came from a family in Concord who found in their grandmother's belongings a cane with several names on it. Upon researching it, I found it belonged to Mt Cube Grange who awarded a Golden Age Cane to their oldest member. Theda Pease received the cane at 97 years old. I held several conversations with her granddaughter who related information about the family and their involvement in the Grange. They had a farm in Orford which her husband, Glen ran during the day and called square dances at night for \$2.00 in the beginning and 40 years later received \$20 dollars a night. When Mt. Cube closed their doors, the Pease family became members of Grafton Star Grange. I was told she was a tough old New Englander who knew how to do old-fashioned cooking. Throughout the Orford area, she was known for her sponge cake and doughnuts. [A side note: Through our discussion, I found out that Arthur Pease, who is an uncle to the granddaughter I spoke with, was my teacher at Concord High School in 1968. Small world!]

Also in the mailbag recently from Gwen Yardley came information she found on an article relating to a crop contest sponsored by the New Hampshire Grange Reporter around the year 1915. The contest was open to Patrons of Husbandry only. The prize money would be awarded as follows: \$25.00 for the largest crop, measurement in pounds and ounces; \$20.00 for the Second; \$15.00 for the Third; \$10.00 for the Fourth; and \$5.00 for the Fifth. \$1.00 would be awarded to the next twenty-five with \$10.00 to the Grange of which the winner of the highest prize was a member.

Just because things are not going perfectly does not mean they are not going well.
Al Groh

The directions for the contest were as follows: Half pound packages of seed, with printed instructions to contestants, will be sent on application. **First:** The contestant must be a member of the Grange and a subscriber to The New Hampshire Grange Reporter. If not already on the list he must subscribe, or, if his subscription is about to expire he must renew it. Terms of subscription is 50 cents per year.

Second: One-half pound package of seed (Pomona Pea Beans) will be furnished to each contestant, for which there will be a charge of 10 cents. **Third:** It is agreed by the contestants that the seed shall be planted on Memorial Day, provided favorable weather conditions prevail, otherwise at the first favorable opportunity. There will be NO restrictions as to selection of soil or fertilizer to be used. **Fourth:** The Pomona Pea Bean from seed planted the first of June will mature in from eighty to ninety days, or about the last week in August. **Fifth:** When the crop has been harvested, shelled, picked over, and the worthless beans thrown out, it must be taken to the local Grange at its last meeting in September. There it must be weighed by an experienced person, on accurate scales, in the presence of the members of the Grange, a record made of the same. A report will be made to the Grange Reporter, certified by the Worthy Master, the secretary, and the Lecturer. The awards to be made at the annual State Grange Fair in Tilton. After the contest is ended a Pomona Pea Bean supper will be served in every Grange Hall on the same evening if possible.

I am continuing to do research on this as I have not found information on the Grange Reporter or the Pomona Pea Bean. Maybe this is an idea for a modern contest for those who garden. The largest grown pumpkin, squash, or cucumber might be some ideas.

As we continue to work our way through the recession, I am researching on what Granges did in the 1930's during the Great Depression.

**List your Grange event
On the NH Grange website.
Contact Mark Collins:
mark-dianecollins@comcast.net**

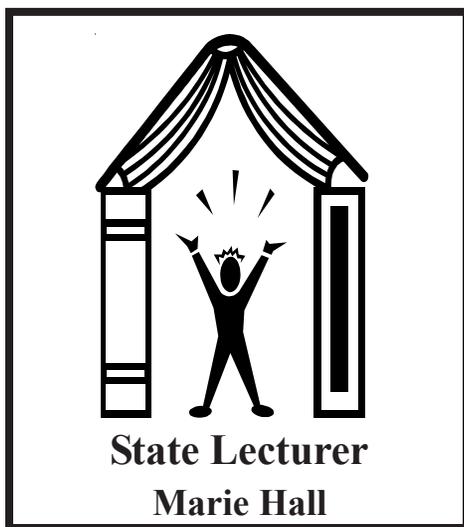

In Memoriam

Lucy Philbrick	Antrim
Phyllis Massie	Arlington
E. Scott Edmunds GS, PM	Chichester
Philip E. Pratt	Crown Point
Mary Knirsch GS	Crown Point
Pia Lawrence GS	Golden Rod
Harold Johnson GS	Golden Rod
Beatrice Norman	Granite State
Virginia Crandall GS	Hampton Falls
Grita Antoni	Harmony
Gordon French GS	Hudson
Rosa Ahern GS	Lower Intervale
Eleanor Dearborn GS	Ocean Side
Earl Heath	Park
Robert Maslan	Park
Michael Yatsevitch	Park
Agnes Blanchard	Prentice Hill
Eugene F. Nute GS	Reunion
Constance Rippet GS, PM	Rochester
Linda Lou Slater	Rochester
Eda Prince GS	Squam Lake
Benjamin C. Condran GS	Wingold
Constance Leger	Winthrop
Joan Wilson	Winthrop
Nancy Carbonneau GS	Winthrop

New England Grange Building and the Big "E"

A recent trustees' meeting was held at the New England Grange Building in West Springfield, MA. One of the biggest concerns for the upcoming fair is our need for a building manager. If anyone would consider spending up to seventeen days in September performing host duties, general day-to-day cleaning, and light maintenance, please contact your State Master to get more detailed information as to what's involved.

Also, in accordance with the recommendation of the Master's Address Committee at the 2008 State Session, volunteers are needed to work as a committee to update and refurbish the décor of the NH room at the New England Grange Building. We might be considering a small mural painting on the wall, a new handmade rug, and other wall décor that highlights the best that NH has to offer. Please contact your State Master if you are interested in serving on the committee, or if you just want to present some ideas.



State Lecturer
Marie Hall

Summer is coming upon us and the year just seems to be flying by. By the time this publication is being read many Lecturer's events will have taken place. Maine/NH Night will be completed, and most likely Spot Light NH (Talent Contest) will have taken place. Hopefully all those who wished to participate were given the information by their Lecturers, and many will have decided to participate who never dared before. If June 13, 2009, has not yet arrived, please give me a call and get yourself signed up to participate at the Youth Rally at Bear Brook camp. The more the merrier. You do not have to have entered into a talent contest before performing at the State Contest.

The Northeast Lecturers' Conference is scheduled for August 3-6, 2009 and will be held at Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater, Massachusetts, hosted by the Rhode Island State Grange. In a time when many prices seem to be going up the North East Grange Lecturer's Association is proud to say that the price for this conference has been held at the same price as last year. Double Room \$180.00 per person, Single Room \$195.00. This price is for the entire conference including meals. Where else can you spend that much for room and meals from Monday night to Thursday morning? There are prices also for single days, and single meals. New Hampshire's presentation will be on Tuesday, August 4, 2009, from 2:15 – 3:00 p.m.. Rehearsal for the program is from 1:15 – 2:00 p.m., just before the program. We can even sneak in a little longer practice if we eat lunch fast and gather around 12:30. Our program this year will be "Let's Celebrate New Years". If you have never been to a Lecturers' Conference before, now is the time to try it out. I hope

we can have a good turnout this year. Registration forms should have reached you by the time this paper reaches your homes. If your Lecturer has not received it or more copies are needed, please let me know, and I will get more to you.

Over the summer is a great time to be working on your Photo contest entries, Art contest, Create a Card contest entries, and Creative Writing contest entries. As many people would like to put their entries into the various fairs around the State, the deadline for these contests is October 1, 2009. I am hoping that your Pomona Lecturers will collect these different items from you and that we can meet together and not have to worry about any items becoming lost in the mail. If you are unable to give them to your Pomona Lecturer, you may still mail them to me.

The **Community Citizen Award** is given to a non-member individual or group. Please submit your award recipient to me for inclusion in the State Award to be presented at the State Grange Celebration Banquet in October, 2009, by September 1, 2009. This is an opportunity to stretch your boundaries by including those people in your community and surrounding communities that have contributed their efforts and outstanding achievements in a wider area. (Many surrounding areas do not have Granges so please consider some of their citizens when you think of honoring someone.)

I see that I have failed to include the **Public Service Award** in my information sent out to Lecturers. This award is generally made at Pomona Level and is presented to a non-member individual or group or a member of the Grange. This also is an opportunity to stretch your boundaries by including those people in your community and surrounding communities that have contributed their efforts and outstanding service achievements. Please submit your award recipient to me for inclusion in the State Award to be presented at the State Grange Celebration Banquet in October, 2009, by September 1, 2009.

As always there is a need for Talent Fund monies. This year's contributions have been coming in extremely slowly. The talent winners that have been representing the State of NH have wowed National Grange,

and you should be very proud of them. However, it does take funds to be able to get the winner to the North East Conference and also to National Grange. Please help. Every little bit is much appreciated.

National Grange Membership Tip I'm Too Busy

Have you ever said, "I'm too Busy"? Did you mean it, or was it just an excuse to not do something?

Has anybody ever said "I'm too busy" to you when you asked them for help or do something for the Grange? Have you ever asked someone to join and they have said "I'm too busy"? Do you have a good answer? We should. Aren't we too busy? Grangers are all busy people. We are working on things from home, family, work and Grange. We care about people, schools, kids, health and safety. We care so much that we make time for Grange meetings, Grange programs, and Grange activities. We raise money to give dictionaries. We raise money for the foster children, March of Dimes, Deaf Awareness.

I have had many people tell me that they haven't asked people to help or join because those people are too busy. That is just an excuse not to ask. We should never assume someone else's answer. We should never give them that excuse automatically. If we believe so much in the Grange why should we assume that they won't see the value of the Grange and believe in it too?

By continually offering the opportunity to help with Grange programs, activities, and projects and by asking folks to join we are showing them that we value them. We are showing them that the Grange has value to us and our community and they need to be part of it.

So next time you think someone is too busy to ask to help out or join the Grange, ask anyway. You might just get surprised by their answer. If they do say "I'm too busy" then you answer "I know, I am very busy too but that is the reason I ask you". The Grange needs busy people. We don't need any more members that don't want to do anything. We need people with ambition. People that want to accomplish something.

**2009 Grange Family
Camping Weekend**

June 26, 27 & 28

Cornish Fair Grounds, Cornish NH

- Gates open Friday at 1:00, Wrap up and leave by Noon Sunday.
- \$35 – Campers - Power and water available (There is **NO** dumping station on the grounds.)

\$25 – Tents (Many campgrounds charge this amount for a single night. You're getting two nights for the price of one!)

\$5 – Saturday Visitors

Here are some of the activities planned:

All weekend

- Camping
- Conversing with friends

Saturday Morning

- Scavenger hunt
- Horseshoes
- Cribbage
- Ladder Ball

Saturday afternoon

- Introduction to *Geo-caching* (bring your handheld GPS if you have one)
- Cribbage
- Ladder Ball
- Bingo
- A special visit by the State Master and her Horses

Saturday Evening

- Fiesta themed supper at 6:00
- Penny Sale (immediately following supper, Tickets on sale all day - Please bring items to donate)
- Ice Cream Social & Movie

- Hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and sodas will be available at the food booth Friday night and Saturday for lunch.
- Ice cream socials on Friday (8pm) and Saturday afternoon will be hosted by the Youth Association

Questions? Contact Bob Trombi:
(603)357-8540 or rtrombi@ne.rr.com

DIRECTIONS

Coming from INTERSTATE-89: Take I-89 to EXIT 20 (West Lebanon). Take Route 12A (South). About 10 miles (about 1/2 mile past Cornish-Windsor Covered Bridge) take TOWN HOUSE ROAD, bears Left.

Coming from INTERSTATE-91 (traveling North): Take I-91 to Exit 8 (Ascutney - Windsor, VT). Follow signs to Claremont, NH. Take a Left onto Route 12A - North (first light AFTER you enter NH). About 5 miles (bottom of short, steep hill) go Right on TOWN HOUSE ROAD. Follow to Fairgrounds.

Coming from INTERSTATE-91 (traveling South): Take I-91 to Exit 9. Go left and follow signs to Windsor, NH. At second stop light, turn left to go over the covered bridge and take a right onto Route 12A South. Go about 1/2 mile and bear left onto TOWN HOUSE ROAD. Follow to Fairgrounds.



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