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Visitation Contest

By Christopher Heath, State Master

I am creating a new contest for Grange members. The idea for this contest came to me from Glen Eldridge of Cochecho Grange. The rules of the contest are easy. Members will visit Granges and get a logbook “sealed” by the Grange Secretary. This contest will run from July 1st, 2015, to June 30th, 2016, and for lack of a better term will be called the NH State Grange Visitation Contest. This is open to every member and the only supplies you need will be provided for you.

Beginning this month, each Grange will receive a package with a logbook for every member. When you visit a Grange that is not your own, you will ask the Secretary to “seal” your logbook with the seal of the Grange you are visiting. This can be done before or after the meeting, and the Secretary will “seal” your logbook and record on the page the date you visited.

You can carry your logbook with you to all State Grange functions and receive a “seal” for each function you attend. If you run out of spaces in your logbook, you can request another one or use a blank piece of paper. At the end of the contest, the logbooks will be collected and the top three members with the most Granges/Grange functions visits recorded will receive a monetary prize.

The winners will be announced at the State Grange Banquet during State Session. I hope that everyone will participate in this contest. It should give members a good feeling to attend another Grange and support them at their meetings. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at cheath@nh-grange.org.

Visit the State Grange website at www.nhgrange.org



We are quickly coming up on the fair season. One great way to bring attention to your Grange and to grow your Grange is by entering a display at one or more fairs. Be sure to have a contact name, email, phone, or even a web site for your Grange posted for all to see. Just having the display cannot bring in members. You need to have a way for them to find you. Make the display interesting to your area. If your area is an agricultural zone maybe putting a pro-PeTA sign up is a bad idea. If you are from a city, an agricultural display may not be the best to represent you. You might consider one of community service or community unity. In the end you may be able to increase your Grange’s treasury. Every fair gives monetary prizes and the better your exhibit the higher the chance of winning the higher premiums.

Now that we have gone over fairs, let’s go over some Old Business. In the article I wrote for the March GSG I asked about Degree Days. I’m sorry to report I have not received a single opinion since that article was published. I find this makes me think that there really is not an interest out there for putting on a Degree Day this year. If I hear an outcry about this soon, I will start looking deeper into getting a Degree Day planned. But, I cannot see focusing energy on a lost cause this year.

I’m leaving myself open to anyone that needs help with getting membership materials for your Grange. Feel free to email me at Fishbrandt@yahoo.com, or call and leave a message at home 642-5074. Email works best.



New Hampshire State Grange

142nd Annual State Session

October 22 - 24, 2015

Town & Country Motor Inn

Gorham, NH

603-466-3315

October 2015 Convention Room Rates:

Single and double \$92.00

Triple \$102.00

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No charge for children under the age of 12 in a room after double occupancy is met. Room rates do not include the 9% NH State Room tax.

Special Notes: When making your reservations, please indicate to the hotel Reservation Department that you will be attending the NH State Grange Annual State Session – October 22 - 24, 2015.

When making your reservation this will be the time to request a microwave and/or refrigerator.

Convention room rates will not be offered after October 2, 2015.

Book early, as rooms are limited.

Deadline

The next issue of the Granite State Granger will be mailed in September, 2015. Please send items for the paper to Hannah West on or before August 9, 2015. Report on events of June and July. Look ahead to events of October, November, and December.



*From my pad
to your pad*

**Christopher Heath
NH State Grange Master**

I hope that you all have been busy these past few months doing all your Grange work. I have been busy attending Grange events, visiting Granges, and promoting Grange around New Hampshire.

The start of March brought me to Journey's End Maple Farm in Pittsfield for a fundraiser sponsored by Suncook Valley Pomona. They served a pancake breakfast to any hearty soul who ventured out to the farm. Later that same day was the Youth Glow bowling in Concord. This event was well-attended and everyone enjoyed pizza and bowling. The very next day the Grangers across the state participated in the State Grange Bowling tournament. Congratulations to the New Hampshire Junior Grange for obligating ten new members that day.

On March 15th, Adam Paquin Var-num and I took a trip to West Springfield, Massachusetts, to participate in the board meeting of the New England Grange Building Trustees. One of the topics of conversation was the upcoming season of the Eastern States Exposition. The board voted to close off the state rooms in the building during the fair due to states being unable to man them during the fair. I hope that next year we can find Grangers from New Hampshire to serve as hosts for the New Hampshire room at the New England Grange building during some portions of the fair. This is a great way to promote the Grange in New Hampshire. People from all over New England attend this fair and each one of these people is a potential new member.

On March 19th, Kerriann Heath, Noel the hamster, and I attended the talent contest at Hampton Falls Grange. There are some talented Grangers in the seacoast area. March 22nd I attended the youth night for Hillsborough County Pomona Grange meeting. This was held at Granite Grange in Milford. There was good attendance for this meeting and Sarah Leclerc put on a great program that

was enjoyed by all.

On March 28th, Wilber Heath, Robert Haefner, Tara Sad, and I attended the New Hampshire State FFA annual convention and awards banquet. I am hoping that next year we can have an informational display for their convention. This organization is so similar to the Grange that we should be working with them to provide something for those FFA members who are graduating from the organization. These are people who do some of the things that we do and should be some of our future members.

In April at Spring Fling I provided a workshop called Grange 101. One Subordinate Grange has already requested a repeat of the program at one of their meetings. If your Grange would like to schedule a Grange 101 workshop please contact me. After Spring Fling, the Youth Department sponsored a youth activity at Funspot in Laconia. It was nice to have almost 25 participants in attendance. Beth Merrill and the Youth Committee provided a great program, and everyone enjoyed the evening.

On April 12th, four Grangers from New Hampshire attended the Grange Leadership conference sponsored by the Maine State Grange. Those who attended came away from the conference with many great ideas for projects in our own state. Thanks to Vicki Huff and the members of Granges in Maine for opening your doors and including us.

April 14th Noel and I visited Londonderry Grange. They are a Grange that has a lot of new members. They are grasping the Grange ritual and making a difference in their community. The next evening we visited with Halloween Grange. They took in four new members in the first quarter of the year. Congratulations to them for growing their Grange.

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On April 22 I attended Concord Grange Awards Night. They recognize the people in their community for all the outstanding work that they do. I also had the pleasure of obligating two new members for them that evening. Three days later I visited with Arlington Grange. They are a great group who have been providing scholarships for their high school seniors for many years. They also do many other community projects in their town. April 27th found Bob Trombi, Kathy Yardley and myself at Mt. Pistareen Grange in Spofford. This Grange supports a kindergarten in town as well as other community projects throughout the year.

Grange Day at the State House was well attended with almost 25 members participating. Grangers were able to sit in on the opening of the House of Representatives. We got a tour of the capital and lunch sponsored by the Legislative Department. Congratulations to all the Grange members who had a part in making this day possible. At the end of April I met with the General Deputy Andrew Savage to check on the status of our Granges across the state. His preliminary report is that the Deputies are making their visits and instruction reports are starting to arrive.

I had the pleasure of attending the State Lecturer's Variety Show on May 2nd. There was a small group there, but everyone enjoyed the talent show and penny sale. Congratulations to Lecturer Jane Trombi for a good meal, great entertainment, and plenty of white elephant items to take home. On May 4 I joined Wilber Heath at Gilman Grange for their instruction. This Grange does a lot of community service in the town of Exeter and other surrounding towns. They support the veterans and other organizations in town that provide services to those in need.

On May 8th, Matt Clark, Wilber Heath, Curtis Quimby and I participated in the Tom Fairchild friends of 4-H Golf Tournament. The State Grange has taken an active part in this fundraiser over the past 7 years. Later that day I attended a meeting of Mont Calm Grange. They are a small group who do the dictionary project and other projects in their town.

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**Out & About 2015
State Lecturer
Jane Trombi**



Flowers are in bloom, people are getting ready to plant their gardens, and lots of lawns will need to be mowed. If your Grange takes a break during the summer months, remember that there is still a lot going on that you can be involved in.

We had a great Bowling Tournament in March at Lakeside Lanes in Manchester. We had 69 adult bowlers and 16 junior bowlers! I was very pleased with the turnout! As this was my first time running this event, I would like to thank everyone for their patience and thank all those who offered help! I couldn't have done it without you. Here is the list of winners:

High Bowling Scores, March, 2015

Women's High Single

Class A: Dianne Hoitt (101)

Class B: Judy Bailey (101)

Class C: Sarah Mackenzi (91)

Class D: Alissa Estes (99)

Women's High Triple

Class A: Dianne Hoitt (288)

Class B: Lois Enman (271)

Class C: Ruth Russell (228)

Class D: Ginny King (238)

Men's High Single

Class A: Kevin Belval (102)

Class B: Kurt Quimby (104)

Class C: Wilber Heath (109)

Class D: Steve Morse (94)

Men's High Triple

Class A: Kevin Belval (283)

Class B: Arthur Merrill (283)

Class C: Wilber Heath (271)

Class D: Steve Morse (251)

Three Way Challenge

State Officers, State Youth Officers, Youth Association

1st: State Officers (994)

2nd: State Youth Officers (872)

3rd: Youth Association (810)

Grange Teams

1st Place: Rochester (1,200)

2nd Place: Centennial (1,193)

3rd Place: Antrim (1,130)

On May 2nd we had 33 "Out and About" for the Variety Show at the State Grange Building in Hooksett. We had two entries in the Instrumental Category: Kathy Yardley of Walpole Grange playing the flute and Kathy Akerman of Hampton Falls Grange playing the piano. We had

one entry in the Vocal Category: Hannah West of Chichester Grange. Best of Show went to Kathy Yardley. She will have the opportunity to participate in the Night of Excellence at National Grange in Lincoln, Nebraska in November. After the talent was complete, we had a great penny sale. There were many items brought in by members. The proceeds from the lunch and penny sale will go to the talent fund. We raised \$136 between the two. Thank you to the participants, those that helped out, and those who came for support. You are all much appreciated.

The Talent Fund is in need of your donations. Granges or individuals may donate. Remember, this fund helps one of your fellow Grangers represent NH at National Grange. Please make your check out to NH State Lecturer and note that it is for the Talent Fund.

At Spring Fling I hosted a workshop on Lecturer's Basics. I had 12 members participating. We went over some do's and don'ts for Lecturers as well as many program ideas. It was great to hear what other Granges are doing for programs. Some of the ideas that I shared are: Survey your members to find out their interests and talents. Ask one of them to bring their talent in and share or teach. Have they been on a trip and can share photos? Have they read a book and can tell about it? Use state attraction maps you pick up at rest areas. Give each person or group a county or area and have them tell what there is to do there. Grange history: Not just the seven founders, but who founded your local Grange? Who were the charter members? Are there any of their descendants still in your area? Invite other organizations into your hall and have them tell about their organization and what they do in the community and you in turn tell them what you do in the community and a little history of the Grange. Haven Haynes of Mohawk Grange has been doing this, and it has been well received.

I also did a workshop on mixed media art. We had several participants who used paper, paint, stickers, flowers, shells, etc. to make their art for the contest. You too can enter the mixed or multimedia art contest. Look up some ideas on the internet or find a book at a local craft

store. Doing a collage and adding more than one medium is all that is needed for this art category.

The 100th North East Lecturer's Conference is coming up on August 3, 4, 5 in Standish, ME. All the details are listed in this edition of the GSG and were also mailed to your lecturer. I hope many of you will be able to attend to represent NH.

Your "Out & About" Mid-Term report is due on June 1st. Use the checklist given to your lecturer in the program packet to send to me. There is one for Pomona and one for Subordinate Granges. I hope you have remembered to take pictures of your group and then make up a collage to turn in with your final checklist on October 1st.

Lecturer's Contests

Art, Photo, Create a Card, and Creative Writing are all due to me by October 1, 2015. All the rules are in the lecturer's program and on the State Grange website. If you didn't get a chance to work on these during the long, cold winter, take some time this summer to get out and take pictures of people, farm animals, churches and nature. Your cards can be handmade, hand stamped or computer generated. Cards need to be Get Well, Mother's Day or Christmas. Do you have "A Special Friend"? Well that's a writing category to tell about a particular friend by doing a general description or giving an example of friendship in action. Have you read a good book lately? Answer the question, "Why Did I Enjoy This Book?" in 500 words or less. You can also write a Cinquain for the Creative Writing Contest. I hope to see many entries in these contests. People love to see what's on display by our creative Grange members at state session.



In Memoriam

Ann Dugan	Blazing Star
Marilyn Campbell	Claremont
Dot Carruthers	Daniel Webster
Mary Rasmussen	Hampton Falls
Stacy Cole	Golden Rod
Edith Switser	Riverside

Home Grown Politics
*Across New Hampshire Farmland
 to Concord and Washington*
Bob Haefner
Legislative and Agriculture Dept.

Spring finally arrived in New Hampshire. I have planted my herbs and peppers. It is amazing how we went from so much snow this winter to so dry in the spring. I went to Londonderry Grange's annual Mother's Day plant sale where I represented the State Grange at the membership booth for a couple of hours. It is great to see how much enthusiasm the members, especially the newer members, of Londonderry Grange have.

In April we had our annual Grange Day at the State House. Lunch arrived, and the House did not break for the meal. Unfortunately our Grange guests had to eat on their own. It is a risk of having Grange Day on a session day; we never know about breaks or even being able to spend time with our guests. There were plenty of sandwiches left, so we invited the ED&A committee to share a Grange lunch and then took the remaining food to a meeting of freshmen Democrats.

Rep. Sad, Speaker Jasper, his wife Laurie, and I spent three days at the Granite State Association of FFA convention in March. The worthy State Master and Executive Committee member, Wilber Heath also attended for the last day and the banquet. Just last week Rep. Sad and I also gave a tour of the State House and entertained the new State FFA officers. I am always amazed at these kids.

We had our legislative panel at Spring Fling. It was small. There are fewer Grangers in the legislature this term, and we had some that just could not make it. I think it went well though. The Grange continues to be represented, by me, on the NH Farm Bureau's Government Affairs Committee.

In the last column, I noted that we had asked the Commissioner of Agriculture and the Governor to increase the spending for Agriculture in the state budget and the Governor's budget to the House had most of the increase we asked for. It survived the House Budget process

almost intact. Now we are waiting for the Senate to finish the budget deliberations.

Rep. John Tholl of Whitefield and I have been appointed to represent NH on the Council of State Governments (CSG) Executive Committee and Rep. Sad and I are also appointed to the CSG Agriculture Policy Committee. Rep. Sad and I continue to be active in State Agriculture and Rural Leaders. We are currently planning a regional dinner during the next Agriculture Chairs Summit to take place in January in Denver.

Finally, I was invited, last fall, to join a large group of researchers and activists planning a NH Food Strategy. At the Farm Bureau Annual Meeting I had complained to this group that it was only organic and had no one representing the 95% of our food supply that is non-organic. The next thing I knew, Rob Johnson of the NH Farm Bureau and I were invited to join.



Mittens

I hope you are all keeping your hands busy with your needlework in between gardening. We need to remember all of the cold little hands we will have this next winter if we don't continue our mitten making. Boys and Girls Clubs and Group homes are usually very pleased to get hats, mittens as well as the schools in our state. Please remember to keep track of the number of mittens you donate during the year so your Grange will get credit on your annual report in 2015.

Galoshes from Grangers

One of our projects is Galoshes from Grangers. Hopefully you were able to take advantage of post season sales on winter boots and have them saved to bring to State Grange. If not, please remember to purchase them and bring them with you or donate them to your local school but I would like the count for State Grange in October.

Family Services Special Meeting

Hopefully you are all planning your

meetings for the year and have included a Family Services (Home Economics) night. Please invite the committee member listed below and/or me to your meeting. We will be happy to help answer any questions you may have.

Ann Leger – Upper Coos and Northern NH

Debbie Stone – Mascoma Valley Mary West – Suncook Valley and Merrimack County

Cam Twiss – Hillsborough County Carolyn Ross – East Rockingham and Eastern NH

Virginia Clark – Cheshire County Deb Patten – Carroll County and Pemi-Valley

Baking Contest

The baking contest should be part of your program as well. Please choose one of the 6 recipes previously mailed to you. These are all no-bake to give everyone an opportunity to participate. If the recipe calls for angel food cake that can be purchased in the store. Oreo cookies etc. are all purchasable items. If you choose to use regular sugar or whole milk, for example, that is fine.

Donations

Just a reminder – your \$15 donation for Family & Community is due any time between now and the end of September. This committee relies on this donation to keep our programs going. We truly appreciate your support. Please make checks payable to Family & Comm. Service and mail them to me at:

Debra Patten
 30 Pinewood Trail
 Concord, NH 03301

Eastern States

Please be sure to continue working on items for sale at Eastern States. The sale of these items is a critical support to the New England Building. I would love to have a substantial number of items to donate in September this year.

Needlework

Please be sure to be working on your needlework entries. The categories and rules were included in your packets. Please let me or your committee representative know if you have any questions. The due date for the needlework is August 1 so you still have time. I am hopeful for lots of entries in each category.

Community Service Thoughts



Richard Patten

Community Service projects are keeping Granges busy throughout the state. I am pleased to hear of Granges having special programs to celebrate Grange Month, presenting recognition awards such as Outstanding Citizen and Public Service Awards. I am happy that Granges are recognizing the police, firefighters, veterans, and educators. With all the tragedies in our world today, we need to thank these individuals for the services they provide. Despite what you read in the newspapers or see on television, there are always two sides to every incident. It is so easy to blame our public officials but they are putting their lives on the line every day.

Remember, New This Year:

All entries for the Recognition Awards for police officer (may include deputy sheriff), Firefighter, Teacher, Retired Veteran, Active Duty Military, Granger of the Year, Citizen, and Public Service nominees must be received by me as of June 30. I realize some towns do not have a police department so I will accept a Deputy Sheriff or State Police nominee that provides coverage for your community.

If you do not have forms, please let me know and I will send them out right away. We have been honoring our public officials on the State Grange level for over 22 years. In addition, we will be honoring someone from the NH State Police, Fish and Game, and Correctional Officer. The individuals who have been honored are so appreciative of the Grange paying this important honor to them. Please send in your nominees by June 30 to me. They will be honored at the State Grange Banquet in Shelburne.

The members of the Community Service Committee are distributing information placards from the NH State Police regarding a new law taking effect July 1. This involves the holding of cell phones while you are driving. I was so pleased the NH State Police chose the Grange to help get the word out. We are the sole or-

ganization assisting the NH State Police with this project. I have a few more packets if you would like one.

The booklets and reports are due by September 10 to be eligible for judging. We had excellent reports last year, and I hope we have more this year. That reminds me, although it is six months to Christmas, it is never too early to start Christmas shopping. I am hoping each Grange will continue to donate gift cards for the "Santa Remembers Teens at Christmas". We will be working with Operation Santa Claus and Friends of Forgotten Children.

The cards your Grange donates will be marked and distributed to teenagers in your area through these agencies. We raised over \$950.00 worth of gift cards and both groups were so happy and I know the teens were very thankful. Remember gift cards to Best Buy, McDonald's, Burger King, Wal-Mart, Target, Wendy's, haircuts, gas cards, etc. are a few suggestions. I know Grangers care and everyone was so happy with the response. Please donate again!

Fill An Empty Plate Food Drive is another ongoing project. There are more and more homeless and hungry. Many of us are very lucky to sit down and enjoy a meal. However, there are many people of all ages who don't get to enjoy a meal. Please continue to have food drives and fill an empty plate.

The Pomona Granges along with presenting the Public Service award, also have as a required topic supporting the local SPCA's or Humane Societies with food for cats, dogs, rabbits, etc. which people left there or couldn't support them. It is sad to see any animal abused, starved, or left by the side of the road. Please contact them and see if there is something your Grange can do.

Many Granges are doing roadside cleanups or planting flowers to beautify an Adopt A Spot or some place in your community. Please be sure to take photos and submit a news item of anything you are doing for Community Service. If you are having problems with the local newspaper, please let me know and I will be happy to contact them. I have a great contact at the Union Leader if you would like that information.

Don't forget to take part in your community's Old Home Day Celebration or Fourth of July Observance. You could enter a float, march in the parade, or have an information booth talking about what your Grange is doing in the community.

Don't forget to help the senior citizens in your community if they live alone. You might offer to help mow their lawn, water their flowers, or offer them a ride to the store if they don't drive anymore. You might also check on them when it gets very hot or muggy this summer. If you don't see them outside getting their mail, or activity in general please check on them. The hot weather can be very dangerous for many people especially those who are older and don't have air conditioning.

Please don't forget to send your donation for the Community Service Committee. I appreciate your support. This past winter was a horror story. I had pneumonia for 29 weeks, starting before Christmas. I couldn't believe how serious it was and I can get a relapse. Please be careful and get to the doctor or hospital if you don't feel good. Don't play with your health and try to play doctor.

I would like to thank Francine Leclerc who has left our committee due to changes in her life. I appreciate what she did as a member and hope she finds happiness in her new life changes. I would like thank all the members of my committee for their work and traveling to promote Community Service.

I can be reached at 603-496-2917 or email dickpatten7@gmail.com

State Grange Directors

- Agriculture/Legislative - Robert Haefner**
- Community Service - Richard Patten**
- Family Service - Debra Patten**
- Grange Services - Lois Enman**
- Youth - Beth Merrill**
- Junior - Joann Brandt**
- Membership - Norman Brandt**
- Publicity - James Tetreault**
- Fundraising - Kim Bascom**
- Webmaster - Wayne Turcotte**
- GSG - Hannah West**
- Building - Anne & Marty Boisvert**
- Photographer - Mark Collins**
- Family Weekend - Robert Trombi**
- Resolutions and By-laws - Tara Sadd**
- State Session Coordinator - Ken Berry**

State Master

On May 11th, I had the opportunity to attend Wicwas Lake Grange to help honor a long time Granger who has gone onto the great Grange above. As Master of the State Grange I am honored to serve as a Eastern States Exposition Corporator. As part of this position, I attend the Annual Meeting on May 21st. This was a new experience for me and I look forward to representing the NH State Grange on this board for the remainder of my term of office.

I hope that all the Grange growth that we have been experiencing across the state continues. Even our mascot has found us a new member. During Noel's travels across the state, he met another hamster. Her name is Holly. Holly hamster. Noel asked Holly to join the Grange and she said yes.

Our organizing deputy and other members of the Grange Growth team have been working hard to find new members for Granges across the state. If your Grange has received a "rip" card for a possible new member, don't lose your opportunity to get these interested people involved. Grange membership is every Granger's responsibility. Someone asked you to join and now is the time for you to ask someone else to join.

I hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer and I look forward to seeing you all in my upcoming travels.



Wingold Grange #308 is Taking orders for Carry-All bags. Color base choices: Blue, Green, Red, Maroon, Black or Beige. Inscription for insert is your choice. Grange symbol is optional. All are made to order. No 2 are alike. Cost: \$35.00. Contact Gladys Ray – 778-9424 Or email jbrandt774@aol.com

A Hearty Grange Welcome to New Members

Pamela Carpentiere	Granite
Ernest Coulombe	Halloween
Melissa Coulombe	Halloween
Matt Coulombe	Halloween
Jessica Coulombe	Halloween
Leslie Avery	Mohawk
Everett Fryman	Mohawk
Gwenivere McCourry	Mohawk
Fremont Washburn	Mohawk
Beverly White	Mohawk
Andrea Cadwell	Peterborough
Robert Bean	Rockingham
Nancy Bean	Rockingham
Paul Lafavre	Wicwas Lake
Fred Fabian	Wicwas Lake
Nary George	Wicwas Lake
Lonnie Brooks	Winthrop
Lee Ann Brooks	Winthrop
Carl Lessard	Winthrop
Justin Lessard	Winthrop

Open Meeting

Carroll County Pomona #8 and Tuftonborough Grange #142 are excited to be bringing the Grange to Mountain View Community, 93 Water Village Road, Ossipee NH 03864. We will be holding an open meeting on Friday, June 19, 2015 at 2:00 pm. We welcome any Granger and visitor to join us on this day. It will be a good opportunity for one and all to join in friendship and comradery.

Thank You

To all of my brothers and sisters who sent words of sympathy and support on the passing of our Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother and Great, Great Grandmother. They meant a lot to all of us.

Jean and Bill Abbott and Family

Penny Sale

Tuftonborough Grange #142 is holding a Penny Sale at the Grange Hall at 157 Middle Road (Route 109A) in Tuftonboro, NH on Saturday, July 18, 2015. Ticket sales and preview will begin at 5:00 p.m., and we will be drawing beginning at 7:00 PM. We already have a number of gift certificates from local businesses as well as new and interesting items. Come One / Come All to the Tuftonborough Grange Hall for a really Good Time !

Grange Bulletin Board



State Officers Lois Enman, Norman Brandt, Sarah Leclerc, Kathy Yardley, Kerriann Heath, and Adam Paquin-Varnum met at the State Grange Building on May 13. They pulled out all the fences, trellis, and arbors used during State Grange Session and gave them all a fresh coat of paint.

Concord Grange #322 will sponsor a Nevers' Band Summer Concert in Keach Park, Concord Heights, on Tuesday, July 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. The Grange will provide refreshments and awards will be presented. This will be Concord Grange's 101st anniversary.



Chichester Grange presented the Community Citizen Award to The Jones Farm, a family run dairy farm, at their Awards Night on May 6. Marion and Gordon Jones accept a paperweight and certificate from Hannah West.

State Grange Youth Fundraiser!!!

We have an opportunity to raise a decent amount of money if we can get enough volunteers to help us out the weekend of July 17-19th. Picking up trash is a dirty job, but somebody has to do it and the NH Speedway in Loudon pays \$7 per hour per person for non-profit groups who will send volunteers on race event days. Groups of 20 persons receive an extra \$250, too. Is there a day on this weekend that we can get a group of 20-40 people to assist us in raising funds for youth to go to the 2015 and 2016 National Grange conventions? We must have our paperwork submitted very soon, so I'd appreciate hearing from you if you would like to know more about this opportunity to benefit our NH youth program.

Beth Merrill

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Tel. 588-6615



On May 3, 2015, Rockingham Grange held an Open House to honor Daniel and Louise Harvey for 75 years of Grange membership and service. Donald Ross, Master of East Rockingham Pomona, sang "Old New Hampshire" and presented the Harveys (pictured above) with their 75-year letters.

Antrim Grange

Please mark your calendars for our second Summah Suppah at the Grange Hall on August 8th. After the meal we will draw the winners of our August 7th & 8th Penny Sale. There will be many prizes in a wide variety of categories, from gently used household goods, locally produced arts and crafts, gift certificates, and more.

Rodney Huntoon, the representative from the Grange Services Department, was re-elected Chairman of the Abbie Sargent Memorial Scholarship, Inc. at the annual meeting held on May 11, 2015, at the New Hampshire Farm Bureau Office in Concord.



The oldest living member of Tuftonboro Grange #142 is going to be celebrating her 100th birthday on June 30th of this year. Born in Tuftonboro in 1915, Phoebe Wiley has lived through many changes in her lifetime. She has lived in New Hampshire her entire life and currently lives in an assisted living situation at Applegate Gardens in Tuftonboro. She enjoys crocheting, flowers, and visitors. We will be celebrating her centennial on Sunday, June 28th, at Applegate Gardens. Help us celebrate this milestone in Phoebe's life by sending a card to wish her a Happy Birthday. Cards can be sent to Phoebe Willey, Applegate Gardens, 141 Mountain Road, Center Tuftonboro NH 03816.

**Wingold Grange
Ham & Bean Supper
East Kingston Town Hall
June 27, 2015
5 - 6:30 p.m.**

**Two types of Beans, Spiral Ham,
Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Homemade
Pies, Rolls and Beverage.
Adults \$8.00 Children \$4.00
All you can eat.**

Grange Day at the State House 2015



**The Agate
will be meeting at Riverside Grange,
at the Dalton Town Hall
on Saturday, July 18, with a
meal at noon and meeting following.**

Calendar of Events

(a work in progress)

- June 6-8 - Youth Rally, Copper Cannon Camp, Franconia**
- June 13 - Chicken BBQ 5-6:30 p.m. Danbury, NH**
- June 19-21 - Annual Art Show, Antrim Grange**
- June 27 - Wingold Grange Ham & Bean Supper, East Kingston**
- July 10-12 - NE Youth Conference Chepachet, RI**
- July 14 - Nevers Band Concert Keach Park Concord 7 p.m.**
- July 16-19 - Stratham Fair**
- July 18 - The Agate meets at Dalton Town Hall, meal at noon**
- July 22 - 26 - North Haverhill Fair**
- July 18 - Penny Sale, Tuftonborough Grange Hall 5 - 7 p.m.**
- July 29 - Aug. 2 - Cheshire Fair**
- Aug. 3-5 - NE Lecturers' Conference St. Joseph College, Standish, ME**
- Aug. 8 - Summah Suppah and Penny Sale at Antrim Grange**
- Aug. 21-23 - Cornish Fair**
- Sept. 2-7 - Lancaster Fair**
- Sept. 4-7 - Hopkinton State Fair**
- Sept. 11-20 - Rochester Fair**
- Sept. 11-14 - Hillsborough County Agricultural Fair**
- Sept. 12 - Danbury Grange Fair Activities Dawn to Dark**
- Sept. 18-Oct. 4 - Eastern States Expo.**
- Oct. 1-4 Deerfield Fair**
- Oct. 2 - State Grange Session Reservations due to Town & Country**
- Oct. 9 - State Grange Banquet reservations due**
- Oct. 10-12 - Sandwich Fair**
- Oct. 22-23 - 142nd Annual Session of NH State Grange in Gorham**
- Nov. 7 - Danbury Winter Market 9 a.m. -1 p.m.**
- Nov. 3-7 - National Grange Session in Lincoln, Nebraska**
- Dec. 5 - Danbury Winter Market**

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**State Grange Historian
Richard Patten**

At the recent Grange Day at the NH State Legislature, it was great to see members of the Grange come to see their representatives in action, take a tour, enjoy lunch, and hopefully come again next year. I am sure more would have come if we could have gotten the date from the Speaker of the House earlier. It is up to him to set the date and despite asking in December and sending reminders, it was the last of March before we got a date.

I had a display in the anteroom of the representatives. I was amazed as I have been in previous years to hear representatives mention how they used to belong to the Grange. The Grange mentioned the most was Salem. They had fond memories of being in Salem Grange. I asked them to become a member again or help us reorganize Salem Grange. I had others who belonged to Londonderry or weren't sure if they still were a member. Goodwill Grange of Seabrook had two former members speak to me as well as two people from Rumney Grange. The other area I found for former members was Conway. One person belonged to Effingham Grange, while the other belonged to Elmwood. I had applications with me and gave out 20. Hopefully they will join us.

Now let's look at 1976, my first year as a Junior Deputy. The 103rd annual session was held in Concord at the NH Highway Hotel. There were 168 candidates receiving the lessons of the Degree of Flora. Some of the members of that class were: Donald W. and Priscilla Ross, parents of Past Executive Committee member Donald Ross; Jean & Roland Abbott; Patricia Adams; Patricia Damour; Jacqueline Cournoyer; Ernest Davis; Gerald J. LeClerc; Carol Fortune; Guy Whipple; Michael and Richard Hayes; and Calvin Eaton. The Youth Officers chosen in 1976 were; Master Kenneth Berry, Wingold; Steward Richard Bailey, Chester Grange; Assistant Steward Dianne Lessard, Sandown Grange; and Lady Assistant Steward, Jeraldine Levas-

seur, West Thornton Grange. The State Prince chosen to represent NH in 1977 was Guy Whipple, Jaffrey Grange; State Princess was Abbie Seaver, New Hampton Grange; Young Couple, Alan and Betty Lamery, Sunapee Mountain Grange.

State Secretary Wayne Ingalls reported 26 Pomona Granges had a membership of 5,902 as of June 30, 1976. Great Bay Pomona Grange had surrendered its charter, a loss of 138 members. In the Subordinate Grange there were 12,926 members with a loss of 9 Subordinate Granges: Bennington No. 207, Beaver No. 283; Hillsboro Grange No. 342; Narragansett Grange, No. 46; Pinnacle Grange No. 18; Rindge Grange No. 356; Rye Grange No. 233, and Westboro Grange No. 320 closed. East Candia Grange No. 302 which has been dormant also closed. This made a loss of 751 members. There were 26 Junior Granges with a membership of 430, losing 54 members from Aurora Junior Grange No. 118, East Candia Junior Grange, No. 117, and New Hampton Junior Grange No. 33.

The delegates to the State Session had to consider action on 17 resolutions. Resolution #6 dealt with the minimum age for membership fee (which) shall be \$3.00 until they reach 18 years old and after it will be \$3.50 for all ages. It passed, but a paper vote was requested and that vote failed due to lack of a majority.

Resolution #8 stated "the minimum regular annual dues of a Subordinate Grange shall be \$3.00 in advance, paid in advance; and each Grange may otherwise regulate its own dues." Resolution # 17 dealt with changing the Subordinate Grange regular meeting quorum to conduct business from 7 members to 5 members. The Committee recommended not accepted. The State Master announced the resolution was in violation as it was a by-law change and not received by September 1st to be considered.

I would like to thank Winthrop Grange for the copy of their History. It is very enjoyable. I hope Granges are working on their history so your community will have something on file in case someone would like to know more. The Library or Historical Society might be a great place to have a copy on hand.



I am looking for application requests for **Scholarships!**

Scholarship Applications

High school seniors or a Grange member planning to attend an accredited post secondary institution can apply for a Grange scholarship grant. The scholarship application and the criteria for applying are available on the State Grange website www.nhgrange.org under Grange Services. Be aware there are two (2) pages; also several letters of recommendation are required. Please note there are a few changes on the two forms. Grange Services Department committee members also have the forms.

The deadline for scholarship applications is JULY 1, 2015.

Please mail your complete application and letters of recommendation to:

**Lois Enman
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We also offer Educational Loans to our members or a member of a Grange family in good standing.

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As a Grange member, you can take advantage of these many opportunities:

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For more information on any of these benefits you can go on line at www.nationalgrange.org or contact the National Grange 1-888-447-2643, ext. 109. There is also a Membership Benefit brochure available from the Membership Committee.

I wish you a colorful Spring and may your Summer travels be good.



This was quite a winter, and the Juniors probably made many Snowmen. I am looking for your list of Junior members with dates of birth and contact parents. Remember there is a \$1.00 dues payment due each year. There is a Graduation for those turning age 14. Those who joined this year have already paid, and I have some from last year who have paid. This keeps us current as we continue to grow. Without payment of dues membership ends, just like Subordinate Grange, Suspension of members makes me very sad, so please be sure you send your Junior dues to me. Once a Subordinate Grange has enough members to start their own Junior Grange, those dues paying members may be transferred as Charter Members of the new Junior Grange.

It was wonderful to have 10 Juniors join the Junior Grange at the Bowling in March. Many came from Blazing Star, and they are on their way to working on organizing a Junior Grange. Do you have a group of Junior age children in your area that you would like to encourage to join Junior Grange? Please keep me informed of your area having an opportunity to grow our Junior Grange. Although you may not have enough to hold a meeting, you can start by working on Crafts and the contests and invite their friends to participate too.

Remember, if Juniors attend your meetings, you can sit them next to a present officer or in an absent officer's seat to give them training on different offices.

We were happy to have 13 Juniors attend the Spring Fling in April. They worked on crafts, attended a workshop, talked about Merit Badges, and did a scavenger hunt. I hope parents had an opportunity to attend workshops as we played and made crafts. Thank you to the parents who assisted me to make the day fun for the children. Your input on the Junior activities will help us all grow for success.

Remember the Duck Tape crafts are due to me by August 15 so I can have them judged and sent on to the Eastern States Expo in Springfield.

Please watch for our Junior activities popping up. I am working on an August Junior Day, and anyone I have email and addresses for will get the information. Bring members and non-members to have a fun day of activities.

When attending Fairs look for Grange displays, and let me know if you find a Junior display.

National Junior contests: All due to State Director by September 15, 2015, to get to National Junior Director by October 1.

Let's keep growing our Junior Grange members as they will be our new members if we give them encouragement and support their needs.

Enjoy the Summer and I will see you in my travels.

**Contests for Juniors to Enter
Make a Card for a Special Person**

Use any material, no bigger than 4 inches by 6 inches.

You Name It!

This can be any favorite craft you like to make. No bigger than 12" x 12" x 6". Use a kit, legos, puzzle made into a picture, etc. Can be sewn, glued, etc.

Brown Paper Bag Craft

Use a brown paper bag and make it into what ever animal or craft you would like to make. You may use construction paper, glue, etc to make your crafted bag.



Junior Grangers attended Beth Merrill's workshop at Spring Fling.

Remember, someone asked you to join the Grange. Don't forget to ask someone to share the same opportunities that you have received.

Blazing Star Grange

In March and April, Blazing Star Grange held an indoor yard sale and a chicken pie supper to benefit a local man who lost his wife and home in a fire. Grangers and non-Grangers worked many hours to fill and organize the Grange Hall for the yard sale. Leftover items were donated to a local church which will begin summer yard sales soon. Over \$3200 was raised in our small community. The events, bringing together non-Grangers and Grangers, brought much visibility to our Grange and reminds the community of our commitment to helping those in need.

If you drive through Danbury, check out the various garden plots, including the straw bale garden at the front of the Grange Hall. As a result of the Grange's two year sustainability program, a group of interested citizens have gathered monthly since January. The group, now named Danbury Grows, is hard at work establishing demo gardens to educate people of the endless possibilities available to grow a little or a lot of your own food. The group has individuals from most of the local non-profits and is a strong supporter of the Grange Winter Market. It is hoped that these community connections and creating a better community will help all the non-profits overcome the short supply of volunteers.

On June 27th, at 7pm there will be a dance called/played by Dudley and Jacqueline Lauffman at the Grange Hall. The event will be a Grange benefit and came about as the result of a non-Granger supporter having obtained a benefactor to cover the musician charge for the night. Admission will be by donation and will be used to help fund shingling the hall's roof.

Recently a vendor at our farmers market mentioned that the shingles blowing off our roof were over 50 years old. In support of that theory, we found in some tidbits of history, that the last time the south side of our roof was shingled was 1964. The bill was \$115 for shingles. Labor was probably donated. A recently received bid... \$9000. Oh, haven't times changed?



Bowling: Glow and Challenge

by Allissa Estes

The night of March 7th started off with Grange youth setting up their gear to spend the night in the State Grange Building while waiting for other Grangers to join them. After pizza and conversation we played follow the leader to Boutwell's Bowling alley in Concord for glow bowling. There was lots of fun had by all with glowing lights and fun dance music. The end of the night came and most parted ways while others travelled back to the SGB to get some rest.

Next morning a great group of Grangers enjoyed breakfast at IHOP in Bedford. Then some of the youth spent time shopping or just looking around at the Merrimack outlets before heading to Manchester for the State Grange bowling tournament. This is where the youth team made up of Emilie Leclerc, Cody Estes, Mary West, and Zach Trombi bowled against state youth officers and state officers. I am sad to say the youth did not win, so the four bowlers that made up the youth bowling team had to pay \$25.00 each for the winning team to give to a Grange charity of their choice. The winning team was the state officers, and their charity was the National Grange Name Protection Fund.

Addendum by Beth Merrill—Additionally, a bowling team of youth who are State Officers participated in the Challenge and forfeited \$25 each to the state officers' charity. This team consisted of State Assistant Steward Adam Paquin Varnum, State Chaplain Matt Clark, State Gatekeeper Norman Brandt, and State Pomona Sarah Leclerc. The members of the prevailing State Officers team were: Dan Bascom, Mark Collins, Chris Heath, and Arthur Merrill. I heartily thank all of the participants for their contribution to this worthy cause. A check for \$200 was sent to National Grange and designated to go to the Name Protection Fund.

Fun @ Fun Spot

by Emilie Leclerc

On April 11, 2015, the youth and the young at heart headed off to Funspot after Spring Fling to unwind and have some fun. There were many in attendance. At Funspot, [Youth Director] Beth split everyone up into groups of four or five, and we had a scavenger hunt to complete. A few of the things were to talk to someone about the Grange and have them fill out a rip card, find someone that wasn't from New Hampshire, and take pictures with a cartoon statue and on a carousel. After everyone completed their list and came back together, we had delicious cupcakes and ice cream and declared a winning team, who got 100 tokens to share among each other.

After the team activities were over, we all got to go out on our own and play any games that we wanted. Fun was had by all, and I hope more join us for the fun if we do it again next year!

Sign-A-Song

The Sign-A-Song Contest was held in conjunction with the Lecturer's Variety Show on May 2nd at the State Grange Building. The sad news is that only one contestant performed during the contest. The good news is that Kathy Yardley (Walpole Grange) gave a moving interpretation of the song, "Blessings".

Cynthia Lawson Whitaker, a RI Grange member and NH resident, was our main judge for the contest and with her Speech and Hearing Science degree from Rhode Island University and Sign Language Interpretation degree from UNH Manchester, she was able to offer valuable suggestions that Kathy can apply to her performance when she competes at the regional youth conference next month. Also assisting with judging duties was Ida Hutchins, retired teacher from Austine School for the Deaf. Many thanks to these ladies for their support of our program.

June Youth Rally

June Youth Rally is set to be held at Copper Cannon Camp in Franconia, NH June 5, 6, and 7. Details and registration information have been mailed and posted on the State Grange website and Facebook pages. Registrations are due to me by May 31st. Cost for the weekend is \$55

with other partial payment options available.

Plan on having your entries for the Public Speaking Contest (Prepared Speech and Radio Spot) ready for competition this weekend and know that there are age categories for ALL GRANGE MEMBERS! Also be ready for selecting our representatives for the Grange Jeopardy Contest at regional conference, and electing a slate of officers for the Youth Association. Those who qualify for the regional team will get to compete for top honors at National Grange convention in November! We have several other workshops planned that will aid members in participating in several contests offered by the National Grange. And we'll try to fit in drill team and Parly Pro team rehearsals, too. We will be busy all weekend, that's for sure!

Northeast Youth Conference

Northeast Youth Conference is being hosted by Rhode Island this year. We will be staying at Camp Aldersgate in Chepachet, RI July 10-12. I hope we will have NH contestants in all three age groups in all three categories of the Public Speaking Contest. Impromptu speaking contestants do not have to qualify at a state competition in order to participate at the regional competition. Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song contests will be held on Saturday afternoon, and Sunday morning will again feature the inspirational and entertaining drill team competition.

A schedule of events was sent out simultaneously with the June Youth Rally mailing. Cost for the entire weekend is \$100. Registrations are due to me by June 10th and will be available at June Youth Rally, in addition to being available on the state Grange website.

State Grange Youth Fundraiser!!!

See page 7.

The Big E

The Big "E" starts on September 19th and runs through October 4th. Grange Day will be on Sunday, September 28th. Look for details for a youth outing to West Springfield in the next issue of the GSG!

Support the Granite State Granger with your donation.

Outreach

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Spring is a time of planting seeds and 'Faith in which your labor will have realization in the promised reward.' Well, I am an anxious gardener so I have been planting Grange seeds all winter.

I have had several meetings and one on one interactions promoting a new Grange in Stewartstown. Even though one family that asked me to work on this has had to move I still feel this project will come to fruition. I am planning on another meeting in June when I feel we will get some beginning signatures on the charter application.

In April I attended a Maine State Grange training along with State Master Chris Heath and Mohawk member Everett Fryman of the State Grange Membership Committee and his daughter (who just presented her application to Mohawk!). We learned about 'Cultivating Community' and 'leading from behind'. Three Maine Granges, who work closely with their communities and are growing, spoke on what they are doing that is attracting new members. Chris and I have spoken about organizing a similar training in New Hampshire.

One Grange uses the mantra "Food, Fun, and Fellowship." Another noted the rise of local organic farmers and now host suppers using local produce and the farmers are the guests of honor.

We were told a story of a 'motherly' teenager who was on a train that was taking Jews to Concentration Camps when she looked down at her brother's feet and noted he did not have his shoes on. She chastised him for it and she never saw him again. This bothered the young lady because her brother's last memory of her was so negative. She vowed, from that moment on, she would never say anything negative to anyone again.

What we can take from this is that we must be careful how we talk to and about someone as this brings negative energy into a Grange meeting and can re-

flect on the image of the Grange. So think before you speak condescendingly as it makes the speaker look bad also.

I see this happening in some Granges and it makes members uncomfortable and unhappy and some leave the Grange and speak of this in the community and that hurts all of us as bad news spreads faster than good. I encourage people to speak up when someone acts badly and lovingly express your dislike and ask that ill-speaking person to consider the damage such attitudes and comments cause to themselves and the Grange. "Speak your mind even if your voice shakes."

Stratford Grange recently held another public Legislative and Agricultural program on Food Insecurity. According to a UNH study Stratford and neighboring Groveton are in the 'severe' range of insecurity. We invited a speaker from UNH to speak on the subject and then the group discussed over lunch many projects to implement throughout Coos County to help alleviate the situation locally. We chose the title of 'Cultivating Community' for our projects of promoting local agriculture involving other community organizations. The news is spreading and we are receiving requests from others wanting to get involved. One new idea may even go worldwide due to an internet project. This also brought us four new applicants for Stratford Grange.

This shows how a small and aging membership Grange can make a big impression in the community and this is drawing interest in membership. It was very easy to implement utilizing the abilities of our small group.

All this Grange activity in the North Country and lots of newspaper coverage has given us a 'growing' reputation. I was at the general store in Errol and the owner asked me, "Aren't you the person promoting Grange around the area?" He then asked me to set up an information booth and talk to people on his store's front porch. Another Umbagog Grange in the works?

I was very pleased to see the new members of Mohawk Grange working at the annual Ham and Bean Supper. This shows the new members they are appreciated.

A new member from Mohawk Grange asked me if I would go with him to Grange Day at the State House in Concord. He was greatly impressed by both the legislative process and the Grange discussion during the luncheon. I was also able to do some Grange PR with some legislators during a break.

This new Mohawk member also asked about going to Spring Fling for some very interesting classes presented there. Again he was very impressed and enjoyed meeting fellow Grangers.

Throughout the summer I will be attending farmer's markets, etc. to flash my 'Grange bling' and talk about Grange, and I encourage all of you to do the same. Hosting some public event will do wonders for your prestige in the community also. An active Grange in the community draws attention and interest. In so doing we can all 'Cultivate Community', just remember the incident on the concentration camp train when you speak.

Hillsborough County Pomona

Hillsborough County Pomona met in May at Antrim Grange where guest speaker Kevin Gardner presented an excellent program on stone walls in New England. He explained the history of walled fields and talked about how dry stone walls are built to stand the test of time. It was interesting to learn that the walls in New England are more numerous than in the whole of the rest of the nation and their combined length would stretch to the moon. As professor Gardner spoke he created a small wall of stone on a table. The meeting was open to the public and was followed by a pot luck supper and the Pomona meeting.



Jerry LeClerc, Cam Twiss, and Wally Hooper examine Kevin Gardner's work.

**100th North East Grange
Lecturers' Conference**

100 Years of

Transportation - ME

Discovery – RI

Leisure Activities – VT

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Music – NH

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Literature – NY

August 3-5, 2015

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Monday, August 2

1-4:45 Registration – Feeney Hall

(Lunch on your own)

3:30-4:00 Workshop – Feeney Hall

Fun in the Grange

3:00-4:00 Rehearsal for Maine

5:00-6:00 Dinner – Mercy Hall

7:00 Welcome & Grand Opening

Program: Transportation – Maine

8:15 p.m. Workshop

Impact Your Community, Part 1

9:15 p.m. Rehearsal for RI

Tuesday, August 3

7:30-8:30 Breakfast – Mercy Hall

8:45-9:00 Alford Hall

Flag Salute, Inspiration, Announcements

9:00-9:45 Program: Discovery – RI

10:00-10:45 Rehearsal for Vermont

10:00-10:45 Two Workshops

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Maine Fire Marshall's Office

11:00-11:45 Alford Hall

Program: Leisure Activities – VT

12:00-1:00 Lunch – Mercy Hall

1:15 – 2:00 Rehearsal for MA

1:15 – 2:00 Two Workshops

Who Wants to Be Lecturer?

A Healthy You

2:15-3:00 – Alford Hall

Program: Agriculture – MA

3:15-4:00 – Rehearsal for NH

3:15-4:00 Two Workshops

Impact Your Community, Part 2

Medicare & Affordable Care Act

4:15-5:00 – Alford Hall

Program: Music – NH

5:30-6:30 – Dinner – Mercy Hall

7:00 Spirit Night w/shakers!

Entertainment

9 p.m. Rehearsal for CT

Wednesday, August 5

7:30-8:30 Breakfast – Mercy Hall

8:45-9:00 – Alford Hall

Flag Salute, Inspiration, Announcements

9:00-9:45 Program: Education - CT

10:00 -10:45 – Rehearsal for NY

10:00 -10:45 – Two Workshops

Who Wants to Be Lecturer?

Programs with Few Members

11:00 – 11:45 – Alford Hall

Program: Literature – NY

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch – Mercy Hall

See you next year in RI!



photo by Lauren Fryman

At the May 2 meeting of Mohawk Grange #217 in Colebrook, New Hampshire, Bonnie Day was invited to to speak about the programs she does at UCVH (Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital).

Bonnie organizes the 'Giving Tree' project. With help from the Congregational Church in Colebrook, Methodist Church in Colebrook, Errol Congregational Church, UCVH, Indian Stream Health Center, First Colebrook Bank/ Granite Bank, and Colebrook News & Sentinel, this program helps to see that less fortunate families receive presents at Christmas.

Bonnie holds a Back Pack Drive and contacts area attractions such as Santa's Village, Storyland, and Jay Peak for donated passes to allow families that would not be able to attend these places a chance to experience them.

It was our honor and privilege to listen to her speak so passionately about these programs at our meeting and to be able to surprise her with the 2015 Community Citizen Award.

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