



The Granite State Granger

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National Grange 2013

As you should know by now, NH is hosting the 2013 National Grange Convention. It is time to start putting some plans into motion and we are most anxious to have the input and involvement of as many members as possible. Your ideas for the logo design and/or theme for the convention are seriously requested. Your submission doesn't have to be print-ready or even beautiful to look at, as the staff at the National Grange office will be finalizing the design that is chosen. In developing your logo ideas, keep in mind that we are part of the Northeast region that is hosting this convention and that the last time National Grange was held in NH was in 1913. The convention logo will be used on countless items to promote the convention including brochures, advertisements, collectible pins, and t-shirts. The Northeast Region Masters and Overseers have scheduled a March 21st Northeast Connection meeting during which the winning design concept and theme will be selected. Please send your ideas and designs, by mail or email to State Master, Beth Merrill before that date. Good luck!

Another event that's scheduled in preparation for the 2013 event is a general brainstorming session to be held immediately following the Degree Day on March 6th at Daniel Webster Grange in Webster. Approximate time for the meeting will be 4:30 p.m. and it should last no more than a half hour or so. It's not too early to think about ideas for bus tours, entertainment, speakers, decorations, displays, promotions, fundraising, etc. Anyone interested in helping us put our best foot forward for this historic event is invited and encouraged to come and offer input.

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

Spring Fling 2010

Grange Month Kickoff Event

April 10, 2010

Belmont Middle School

A diverse array of topics has been arranged for your enjoyment, and the Youth and Jr. Department is hosting separate activities all day just for the kids. Registrations are recommended and are due no later than April 3rd. A suggested donation of \$10 per person, which includes lunch, is being asked to help defray the expenses of the day and is payable on the day of the event. Families are encouraged to set their own donation amount.

Also, with one noted exception, all workshops are open to the public, so if there is a topic you think is of interest to someone you know, please invite them!

[See page 9 for the Spring Fling schedule.]



State Master Beth Merrill presents John L. Saturley with a past officer pin from the National Grange (Sandra Baker in the background). The past officer pins are new this year and will be presented to National Grange officers as they leave office. Many living past national officers were honored this year in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Those who were unable to attend the 2009 National Grange Convention are receiving their pins from their State Masters. John L. Saturley is a Past Priest Archon of the Assembly of Demeter. (For another presentation, see page 12.)



A DECLARATION

Let it be known that The New Hampshire House of Representatives, on this occasion, publicly does recognize and does grant its hearty and sincere congratulations to

Mary L. Hazen

In Recognition and Celebration of Her 100th birthday on December 11, 2009,

And her loyal and generous membership in the

New Hampshire State Grange

This proclamation as well as one from the Governor and the New Hampshire Senate were presented to Mary Hazen of Canaan at an Open House on Saturday, December 12, 2009. In addition, she was presented with the town of Canaan's Boston Post Cane, an honor bestowed on the oldest resident of town. Over one hundred people stopped by to wish her congratulations and a healthy new year. There were exhibits of her accomplishments and a beautifully decorated cake with a quilting theme. Mary Hazen was a very active member of Indian River Grange in Canaan and now belongs to Mont Calm Grange in Enfield.



Thanks to all who attended the Northeast Leaders' Conference in Brattleboro, VT. Workshops were presented by three representatives of the National Grange: Master Ed Luttrell, Leadership/Membership Director Rusty Hunt, and Youth Director Charlene Espenshade; all of whom fired us up with their innovative ideas and contagious enthusiasm. Other presenters were: Robert King of Chosen Garden who spoke on gardening in what he calls "post oil solutions"; Ralph Perkins of the Tuberville Project, which is a gardening project working in conjunction with Milton Grange in Vermont; and Chris Hadsel of Curtains Without Borders, which is currently doing a survey of all painted theatre curtains in Grange and Town halls in NH and Maine. The Vermont State Grange did a great job in presenting this conference for our benefit.

Many thanks go to Anne and Marty Boisvert for planning and executing a beautiful display at the Farm & Forest Expo and for the Grange members who helped staff the booth. This event continues to be a valuable opportunity to network with other organizations, learn about current issues and hot topics in New Hampshire, and to spread the Grange word to people of all walks of life.

The Spring Fling Grange Month kickoff event is set for April 10th and will be held at the Belmont Middle School. Please find the complete schedule of workshops in this issue and give consideration to joining us for a wonderful day of learning in a casual and fun atmosphere.

One of our Five Priorities in partnership with the National Grange is to re-emphasize the family structure through the Junior and Youth programs. I am so excited that we are finally moving forward on the effort of organizing a State Jr. Grange. As you read this issue, we will have had our first day of activities at the Winter Rally Meeting and now, the follow-up meeting

will be held at the Spring Fling event. Please join us as we spread the word to families with children ages 5-14 who would benefit from becoming a member of our organization. As my early experience in Jr. Grange can attest, the benefits of Jr. Grange membership are invaluable and long-lasting!

In previous columns, I have mentioned the monthly Teamspeak web conferences that are available for all Grange members to listen in on the second Tuesday of each month. On the last Thursday of each month, there is a Teamspeak conference for all new, reorganized, and revitalized Granges. Recently, I have been leading a monthly Teamspeak conference with and for our State Grange Directors. We're all starting to get comfortable with the technology and are grateful for this opportunity to communicate on a regular basis from the comfort of our own homes.

I am sad to report that Sullivan and Fidelity Granges have closed or consolidated. This is not exactly the way I had hoped to start off the new year. It's disappointing every time that one of our NH Granges closes. Do you realize that the impact of these closings reaches beyond the local community and affects us all at the State level? The loss of every Grange adds a greater burden to the State Grange, as it leaves fewer of us to carry the financial load of our organization.

Remember – when Brothers and Sisters of the Order forget their obligation taken in the First Degree or in the Obligation Ceremony, it's hurtful and destructive for the entire organization. Each and every one of us pledged to abide by the rules and regulations of the Grange at all levels. Are you familiar with those laws? Have you ever read the State Grange By-laws or the National Grange Digest? The rules do apply

to you and your Grange, even if you don't know what they are. If you are contemplating closing, consolidating, or selling your hall, please do yourself a favor and contact someone on the State Grange Executive Committee before you do anything else!

It's springtime! Let's plant and sow our trust and beliefs, cultivate loving relationships with each other, then together we'll enjoy a bountiful harvest beyond anyone's imagination!

Grange Name Protection Update

The National Grange's Name Protection Fund fell far short of its goal in 2009. It seems that when it was announced that Tyson had withdrawn their intent to use the Grange name for their commercial benefit, donations that had been rolling in slacked off and then ceased altogether. In the meantime, the staff and the lawyers continue to work on the issue of name protection so the legal fees are still accumulating. Please know that it's just as important today for you and your Grange to support the National Grange in this effort as it was in December 2008, maybe more so. If your Grange is listed below, thank you so much for your support! If it is not included, won't you reconsider the idea of investing in the Grange name that brings us so much joy and pride?

NH State Grange

Eastern NH Pomona #2

East Rockingham Pomona #11

Pemigewasset Valley Pomona #18

Sullivan County Pomona #9

Antrim #98

Blackwater #152

Chichester #132

Halestown #287

Hampton Falls #171

Harmony #99

Hooksett #148

Jaffrey Grange #135

Jeremiah Smith #161

Meriden #151

Moultonborough #197

Oceanside #260

Park #249

Peterborough #35 (2)

Rochester #86

Rockingham #183

Walpole #125

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Postmaster or anyone else:

Please send all related

correspondence to

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Now Is Time to File Your Incorporation Report

Your Grange should be receiving one or more letters from the State of New Hampshire, Secretary of State's Office, Corporate Division this year. The letters were mailed to the name and address provided by your Grange five years ago when we last renewed our incorporation non-profit status. Unfortunately, the Secretary of State's Office sent out an incorrect first letter telling you that your annual report was due by April 1 and the fee was \$100. **This is incorrect information.**

Each Grange in New Hampshire must file their non-profit reincorporating form this year in order to maintain their non-profit tax status. This report is filed every five years, and 2010 is the year it is due. You have until December 31, 2010, to file this report and the fee is still \$25.00. Do not delay until the end of the year, because there is an additional late fee if you do not file on time.

If you have a MasterCard or Visa credit card that you are willing to use, and if you are willing to pay a possible additional user fee on your credit card then you may file on line at the Secretary of State's website www.sos.nh.gov/corporate/. Once in the website click on Annual Reports Online, located in the menu bar and follow the step-by-step instructions. You will be prompted to enter your Business ID#, which can be found on your previous report from five years ago or at the top of the notice you received from the Sec of State's office. If you can't locate any of this paperwork you may also research your Business ID at this same website by following the prompts on the screen. Please do not confuse this six digit number with the Federal Tax ID number that you use on your IRS report and all bank accounts. The Business ID number is issued by the Sec of State's office and is unique to NH corporations.

If online filing is not an option, you may either download and print your form from the website following the above instructions and clicking the option to Download Your Annual Report Form, or you may call the Annual Report Request Line at 603-271-8200 and leave a message to request a form to complete and mail to the Sec of State's office. Please provide your

Grange name, business ID# and the name and address you want the report form mailed to. There will be a processing delay when you request a form by telephone message so please make your request early. If you prefer, you may contact the NH State Grange Treasurer, Gail Turcotte, and she will assist you with obtaining your form.

Please be sure to use your Grange's legal name when you file this year's report. This will be a change for most Granges as we have not been careful to use our legal name in the past. Your Grange's legal name is the same one you use to file your IRS annual reports that are due each year by February 15. Your legal name is **New Hampshire State Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry (insert your Grange number) (insert your Grange name)**. Legal name examples are "New Hampshire State Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry 86 Rochester" or "New Hampshire State Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry 2 Eastern NH Pomona." **Note:** You do not add the word Grange a second time after your name but Pomona Granges do add the word Pomona after their name.

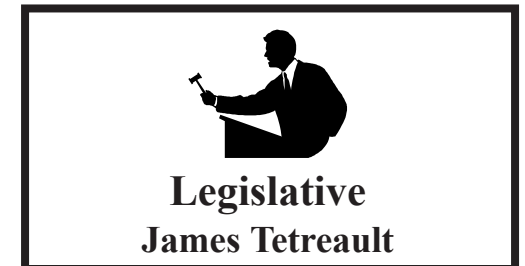
You will also want to be sure that you use a contact name and address that you think will be still be valid five years from now in 2015 when notices are sent out again by the Secretary of State's Office. We continue to recommend either your Grange Secretary or Master as your Grange's contact person.

Failure to file this non-profit reincorporating paperwork will result in the loss of your non-profit tax status. This will effect your Federal Tax Status with the IRS as well as your real estate tax exemption if your Grange owns property. It is much easier and less expensive to maintain your present non-profit status then to reapply for it once you have lost it.

If you have any questions or want help obtaining your report form please contact:

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**The reputation of a thousand years
may be determined by the conduct
of one hour.— Japanese Proverb**



This is a very busy time in our towns and cities. Some of our towns have already had the first meeting of the deliberative session. Some towns are getting ready for the annual town meeting.

This is an opportunity for your Grange to perform some valuable community service. Your Grange can host a Meet the Candidates Evening/Afternoon. Offer opportunities to use your meeting place to review and discuss the Annual Town Warrant. This is also an opportunity to make your Grange known in the community, I was impressed that Daniel Webster Grange will be setting up a display and handing out brochures to promote their Grange. They also recognized the fact that they have members who live in neighboring towns, so they will be doing the same things in those neighboring towns. Just this morning before sitting down to write this column, I finished assisting my own Grange's secretary in addressing the invitation for my own Grange's annual candidates forum. I did not actually address the invitations. I folded, stapled, and looked up the addresses, so my horrid handwriting will have not any effect on the invitations being delivered. As we were working on this project I commented to our Secretary, that I honestly felt that this was one of the best community projects that we do, because it's really an opportunity to help educate our community about the potential leaders for our town.

Right now I am working on the 2010 Legislative Policy handbook. By time that you read this column it should be on our website. I hope to see you all at the Spring Fling on April 10th at the Belmont school.

Deadline

Send copy for the June issue of the Granite State Granger to Hannah West by May 7, 2010. Report on events of February, March, and April. Look ahead to June, July, and August.



All About Youth
Chris Heath

The Winter Youth Rally was held on Saturday February 20th at Daniel Webster Grange. The day was full of activities for the youth and juniors who were in attendance. Over one hundred care packages were made for the GlenCliff Retirement Center in Glencliff NH as part of a community service project. The youth also had a chance to practice the first degree. They will be doing the first degree for the two degree days that have been planned by the Membership Committee. High Priest of Demeter Tom Severance traveled up from Massachusetts to give a talk about the Assembly of Demeter and answer questions from his audience. Many participated in the Grange Knowledge test this year. Daniel Webster Grange put on the supper for the evening and 40 people were served a delicious Meatloaf dinner.

The Youth Association held their annual meeting at 6:30 pm. Sarah Leclerc presided as Master and did an excellent job. Youth Director Chris Heath announced the winners of the Grange Knowledge Test. They are as follows, 1st place Gail Turcotte of Rochester Grange and a two way tie for second between Rhoda Davis of Pembroke Grange and Arthur Merrill of Antrim Grange. Chris also presented Matt and Lynn Clark with a plaque for the 2009 Young Couple award, Allissa Estes a plaque for the 2009 Female Youth Ambassador award and an award for being the 2009-2010 Youth Lady Assistant Steward. Anne Boisvert provided a wonderful program on Maple Sugaring. As a closing thought Chris Heath read a short history of Winter Youth Rally provided by State Historian Richard Patten as this year marks its 40th Anniversary.

On February 27th a group of youth invaded the property of the State Grange Master Beth Merrill for the Moon Stomp. A great evening was enjoyed by everyone who attended, and no one was left in the woods.

The next event that the Youth will be participating in is the Degree Day on March 6th at Daniel Webster Grange Hall. The youth are also slated to do the first degree on April 24th at a Degree Day in Walpole. There is still a need for help to fill the slate of officers for this degree. If you are planning on attending and would like to help, please let the Youth Director know as soon as possible. Volunteers can be of any age as long as they have received the first degree.

On March 14th some youth from around the state will be participating in the Grange Bowling contest that is sponsored by the Lecturer.

April will be a busy month for the Youth in New Hampshire. At the State Master's Spring Fling, the Youth Team will be helping the Junior Director Lynn Clark with providing a program for the juniors throughout the entire day. They will also have a chance to attend some of the many workshops/presentations that are planned. Some of the Youth from the State will be attending the National Grange Growth Summit the weekend of April 16th through the 18th in Albany NY. National Grange Membership development director Rusty Hunt will be helping them hone their skills in growing the Grange. On April 24th, they will hold their Annual Caroline Hall Grangers Care fund raiser at Stadium Ten Pin in Manchester NH. The money raised from this event will be donated to the New Hampshire Food Bank. More information will be forthcoming. There will be a chance for the youth to meet at the State Grange building around 7 pm. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Bowling will start at 10 pm and go to 1 am. If there is enough interest, there might be an opportunity to stay at the State Grange Hall overnight. If you are interested in staying overnight, you must inform the Youth Director by April 15th (Tax Day). There will need to be at least 8 people signed up for this to be made available. The cost of the event is 15 dollars without any donations. If a bowler can get at least 25 dollars in donations, then it will only cost 10 dollars to bowl. Donation sheets can be found in the State Grange Youth program or on the State Grange Youth web page at www.nhgrange.org/youth.

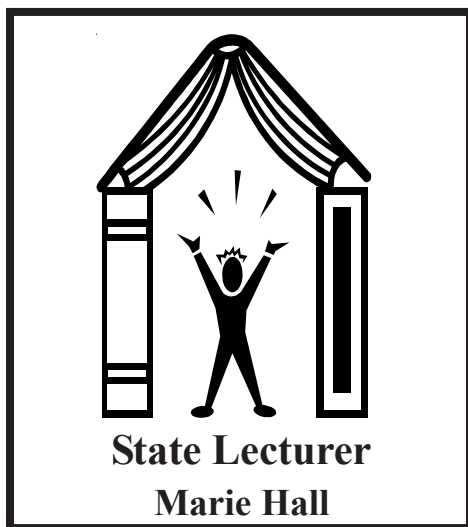
In May, the youth will be participating in the Maine/NH night and Vermont/NH nights being sponsored by the Lecturer's department. In May 14 we hope to have one or more teams participating in the annual 4-H Golf Tournament. Anyone who would like to participate should contact the Youth Director as soon as possible so that we can register with the 4-H tournament organizers.

Please remember that applications for the Jodi Bailey Fund are due by May 1st. This fund was set up to help defray the cost for youth wanting to attend the Summer Youth Rally and North East Regional Youth Conference. Please remember that the applications must be sealed by the Secretary of your Subordinate Grange.

The Annual Summer Youth Rally will be held the first weekend in June. More information about this event will be mailed out to every Grange. If you do not hear about this information at your meeting, check with your Youth Chairman. If you plan on entering the Public Speaking or Sign-A-Song contests, you need to send in your entry forms to the State Youth Director by May 1st. Without an entry form, you will not be able to compete. Please make sure that you have your words for your song or your outline of your speech when you attend Spot Light New Hampshire on June 5th. Please be sure to check the youth web page often for a calendar of upcoming youth nights across the state. If you want your Grange's date put on the web site, please contact the State Youth Director by email or by phone.

Remember that your donations help the Youth participate in all the events throughout the entire Grange year. There are three different funds that are relying on your donations: the State Youth Fund, The Jody Bailey Fund, and the Randall Richardson Fund. Donations can be made at anytime to the State Youth Director. Please be sure to make the checks out to the State Grange Youth Fund and earmark how much you want for each fund.

We hope that you will get out and show the Youth your support throughout the State. Let's show them how much we care about them and how much we need them to keep our Grange going into the next Century.



State Lecturer
Marie Hall

I'm sure that about now everyone is in the throes of cabin fever season. Anxious to get out but not quite sure what the weather will be. There are some important dates coming up that all should know about. Hopefully your Lecturer or Youth Director has given you list of events that are coming up.

Bowling – March 14, 2010: Registration is from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Bowling commences at 12:00 PM. The price remains the same at \$15.00 for the tournament which includes your shoes. Teams consist of five people. If you do not have enough for a team that is all right, come and bowl anyway. If you want to bowl along with people you are friendly with that can be anyone in the State of NH, but you can also create a Pomona team. Please do not take people away from the Subordinates that have enough for a team. This would be the overflow of a subordinate or if there are not enough from your Subordinate to make a team. Your Lecturer has the sign-up sheet so please see them. If he or she cannot find the sheet just give your lecturer the information and he or she can give me a call or mail the information along with the entrance fee. I will need a count and names by March 10, 2010 so I can plan accordingly.

VT/NH Night - May 8, 2010: There is a Supper beforehand at Prentice Hill Grange Surry Town Hall Surry NH. The meal will be: Pulled Pork, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner rolls, Brownies and Ice Cream, Punch, coffee, and hot tea. There will be two settings due to the size of the hall. The first setting will be at 430 PM and the second will be at 530 PM. The cost will be \$8.00 dollars if you RSVP by May 1st and \$10.00 dollars after

May 1st or at the door. RSVP can be made to: Matthew Clark at 603-209-1995 at cfiremedic99@aol.com or Lynn Clark at 603-313-5405 at lynnecam82@yahoo.com. Meeting will begin between 7:00 – 7:30 depending on the completion of the second seating for supper.

ME / NH NIGHT - May 15, 2010 — 5:30 Supper and 7:00 meeting. Maine will host at Locke Mills Legion Hall, just off Rt 26 in Locke Mills, ME 04255 (Rt 26 connects with Rt 2 in Bethel from the north and connects with Rt 202 from the south — more directions as I get them) Maine is filling the chairs and New Hampshire is presenting the program. This hall is all on one floor and is handicapped accessible. It is an open meeting so all are welcome to attend. Supper will be \$13.00 consisting of casseroles, beans, turkey, rolls, dessert and drink. Pleasant Valley, Franklin and Alder River Granges will be our hosts. **Advance Supper Count** will be needed by **April 30**, call 207-490-1029, e-mail at lecturer@mainestategrange.org or send a note to Sherry Harriman, Maine State Lecturer, 280 Kennebunk Rd, Sanford, ME 04073-5515; to let her know how many will be coming.

National Convention Assessment

The National Grange policy to assess each State Grange \$1.00 per member is in effect again this year and is due at the end of the second quarter (June 30th of each year). The purpose of the assessment is to set aside these funds in a special account for the sole purpose of aiding the five regions in the financial responsibilities associated with hosting the National Convention. This fund will not be available for use until 2012, but will definitely be made available to us when we host the convention in 2013. Since the Pomona Granges responded so splendidly last year when asked to facilitate the fundraising and/or collection of these fees for all Grange members within their jurisdiction, the State Grange Executive Committee has asked them to repeat their efforts for 2010. Please support your Pomona Granges as they take on this challenge!

One man's wage rise is another man's price increase.— Harold Wilson

Song Writing Contest

Purpose: To provide the State Lecturers department with a choice of songs to be used on North East Rally Night at the North East Lecturers Conference. The theme for the 2010 North East Lecturers Conference “A Vacation To “ New Hampshire-Alaska, Maine- North Dakota, Massachusetts- Las Vegas, Rhode Island –Florida , Connecticut - Texas, Vermont-The Golden Gate, and New York – Thousand Islands.

Rules:

1. Contest open to Grange members only. Entries must be the work of the Contestant. Words must be original and put to a familiar tune.
2. If the music is **not** in the Grange Songbook, please submit music with your entry.
3. Songs are to be typed. Please include name and Grange on entry.
4. The names of the State Lecturers and the name of their state must be in the song:
CT- Marge Bernhardt; ME- Sherry Harriman; MA- Susan Rotellini (Sue); NH- Marie Hall; RI- Jeannette Kenyon; VT- Lester Gibbs; and, NY- Sharon Croucher
5. Decision of the judges is final.
6. Entries are to be postmarked no later than June 1, 2010, and sent to the State Lecturer for judging.
7. Winning song will be printed and used on New England Night, August 3, 2010.
8. Winning contestant will receive one non-transferable banquet ticket for NELC on August 5, 2010 or, if unable to attend, a ticket to the NH State Session Banquet.

Please continue to work on all the contests that are available to you. The information has been sent to your Lecturers. Talent Contest will be on Saturday, June 5, 2010 in conjunction with the Youth Sign-A-Song and Public Speaking Contest. Location to be determined at a later date.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me. Talent Fund contributions can be sent at any time and will be used entirely for Talent Contest awards.



In Memoriam

Calvin Perkins	GS, PM	Bakers River
Marge Capron	GS	Golden Rod
Robert Goodale	GS	Golden Rod
Ruth Bassingthwaite	GS	Jaffrey
Margaret Barry		Ocean Side
Germaine Dowst	GS	Pembroke
Ruth King	GS	Rochester
Dorothy Prescott		Stratford
Ida Shannon	GS, PM	Stratford
Phyllis Howard	GS, PM	Walpole
Elmer Tole	GS	Walpole

Pineconia Grange #322

The dictionary project has been completed with books being presented to all the public schools in Concord and Dunbarton. This year the Grange also presented dictionaries to St. John Regional, Concord Christian, Shaker Road, and Trinity Christian Schools. The private schools were so excited at being included in this project. They hope to be involved next year.

Pineconia Grange will be having their 34th annual Community Awards Night on Monday, April 19, at 7 p.m. at Dame School, Canterbury Road, Concord Heights. The awards will be presented to several professional individuals representing the police and fire departments along with citizen, teacher, and more. This is an open meeting, and everyone is invited to come and celebrate Grange Month with us. Refreshments are always served.

Pineconia Grange has received many praises for the holiday banners that were hung up on the light poles along Loudon Road.



Thank You

so very much for all the cards sent to me when my sisters passed away. It was very uplifting to feel all the support and love from my New Hampshire Grange friends.
Ginny Hayes

Winthrop Grange # 315

Northern New Hampshire Pomona hosted a Town Hall meeting with State Senator John Gallus on February 9th at Winthrop Grange. The Senator talked about what is happening at the state level and how the Legislators are attempting to balance the budget without cutting too many programs and jobs. The meeting was open to the public and was well advertised, though the members of the community did not attend this very enlightening evening.

Winthrop Grange will be starting to put together a cookbook for their 100th Anniversary Celebration. If you have any favorite recipies that you would like to share with us, please send them and we will publish them in our cookbook. We are also looking for sponsorship from businesses or other Granges to help defray the cost of printing the cookbook.

A Hearty Grange Welcome to the Following New Members

Benjamin Ober	Blow-Me-Down Grange
Erika Argersinger	Blow-Me-Down Grange
Mildred Ingham	Blow-Me-Down Grange
Stacie Paradis	Cocheco Grange
Joshua Cravens	Cocheco Grange
David Butler	Cocheco Grange
Michael Ash	CochecoGrange
Jeff Kress	Cocheco Grange
Harlan Adams	Cocheco Grange
Christopher Danelly	Cocheco Grange
Arthur Burdette	Dorchester Grange
Dorothy Burdette	Dorchester Grange
Donna Parris	Dorchester Grange
Georgianna Nason	Henry Wilson Grange
Emilie Leclerc	Hudson Grange
Elizabeth Nelson	Lake Shore Grange
Denys Draper	Pine Grove Grange
Marsha Galloway	Walpole Grange

Stratford Grange # 238

Stratford Grange member Ida Shannon passed away on December 7, 2009. She was 99 years of age been a Granger for 59 years. She was a member of Stark Grange until they joined with Groveton Grange, and she became a member of Stratford Grange when the three Granges joined forces. She was a Past Master of Groveton Grange. Not only an active Granger, she belonged to many other civic organizations. She played the cornet, piano, organ, guitar, and tambourine and enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

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National Master's Media Tour

He's coming again! For those of you who enjoyed the inspiring presence of our National Master at our State Session last October, and for those of you who have yet to meet and listen to him, here's your chance!

On Wednesday, April 14th at 7:00 p.m., National Master, Ed Luttrell will be in NH at the State Grange Building as part of his 2010 National Master's Tour. Since it's a mid-week meeting, we're hoping NH members will make special plans to arrange their schedules so that they can attend this meeting and make a good showing to our national leader. Brother Luttrell is planning a "three hour member outreach program", and the Communications staff will be working with us to develop a media event earlier that day. Three hours sounds like a long time, but for those of you who know the type of speaker that Brother Luttrell is, it will be exciting and dynamic! Please make every effort to attend, especially if you need an emotional lift of spirits or you have something you'd just like to get off your chest!

If anyone would like to contribute something for the refreshment table, it will be gratefully received.

West Thornton Grange's Annual Sugar Party

Saturday, March 20, 7 PM at Thornton Central School, Rt. 175 in Thornton

Sugar-on-Snow Donuts Pickles

Punch and Coffee

Square Dance 8-10 PM

Lester Bradley - caller

Paul Amey - fiddler

Adult: \$7.00

Child: \$3.00

Maple Syrup provided by the Sugar Shack, Thornton, NH

Support the Granite State Granger with your donation.

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Golf Anyone?

The 4-H Golf Tournament is coming up on May 14th. In the past a Grange Team has played in this event. Will there be a team (or two) this year? Contact Youth Team Leader Chris Heath as soon as possible if you are interested in participating so he can notify the 4-H tournament organizers.

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New State Grange Email Addresses

Our webmaster, Mark Collins, has created new email addresses for all State Officers and Directors. If you use the first initial and last name of the officer/director to whom you are sending an email, followed by @nhgrange.org, your message will automatically be routed to their preferred email account. For example: bmerrill@nhgrange.org, jtreault@nhgrange.org, mhall@nhgrange.org, etc.

New England Grange Building

Congratulations to Matt Clark who was elected to serve as president of the New England Grange Building Trustees at the annual trustees meeting held at the Northeast Leaders' Conference.

Watatic Grange # 36

Several members of Watatic Grange assembled Crisis Care Kits to be used in Haiti. Each kit, contained in a 2 1/2 gallon zip lock bag, contained 2 bars of soap, 2 handtowels, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, a box of band-aids, a comb, small packages of facial tissues and a Beanie Baby sized toy. The 6 kits joined a collection of about 80 assembled by a non-profit organization called Love In Action-ICU based in Merrimack, NH. It felt good to do this hands-on project knowing that what was chosen and packed by our hands would next be in the hands of a child in the devastation in Haiti.

Granite Grange Public Suppers

23 Webster Street
Milford, NH
5 to 6:30 p.m.
Adults - \$8.00

Children undr 6 - \$4.00

March 13

Corned Beef & Cabbage
(Irish Festival)
Irish Desserts

April 12

Turkey Dinner
Apple Pie & Ice Cream

May 8

Roast Pork Dinner
Cake & Ice Cream

Rochester Grange #86

Rochester Grange #86 will exemplify the Fourth Degree on Saturday April 17, 2010 at Rochester Grange Hall, 21 Charles Street, Rochester, NH. Light refreshments will be served at 6:30 PM in the downstairs dining hall and the degree will begin promptly at 7:30PM in the upstairs meeting hall. Noone will be admitted once the degree begins and the candidates are on the floor so please be prompt. All members are invited to attend. You might plan now to invite any of your obligated members that have not had a chance to see the Fourth Degree in full form and plan to accompany them.

Please note that this is a change in degree from the one listed in our annual program booklet. We will not be exemplifying the Second Degree as listed

Halloween Grange Flea Market

Saturday, May 1

9:00 to 2:00

at Grange Hall.

32 Hobart Street, Penacook

List your Grange event

On the NH Grange website.

Contact Mark Collins:

mark-dianecollins@comcast.net



Aurora Grange #235

Aurora Grange #235 in Pittsburg has been active with many different projects recently. In November we distributed dictionaries to third grade students in Pittsburg. Seen here are Grangers Chip and Eddie Evarts along with the third graders and their teacher, Karen Pariseau. The students were very excited to receive their very own dictionaries and hastened to write their names in them and check out the maps and other extras that the dictionaries offer.

Aurora Grange enjoyed a special get-together for a Christmas party and gift exchange in December, as well as, a New Year's get-together in January when members shared a pot luck dinner and welcomed in the New Year with a toast offered with sparkling grape juice.

Aurora Grange members have been collecting items for RESPONSE (Response to Sexual and Domestic Violence) in Colebrook. Items collected for distribution to the affected women included shampoo, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, towels, wash cloths, and sheets, among other things.

Granite Grange # 7

Granite Grange in Milford is busy getting ready for our second Irish Festival to be held on March 13th. Entertainment will be an Irish Stepper and music by the Rakes of Milford, NH. Tickets purchased at the door are \$15.00, and if purchased beforehand they are \$12.00. To pre-purchase tickets contact John at 603-487-3116. Come join the fun and enjoy a great dinner. See you there.

Granite is also planning our second awards banquet to be held in April in celebration of Grange Month. We will be having a meal and giving out the membership seals due our members.



**Membership Development
Coordinator: Stephen Tracy**

Happy New Year Grangers! Have we walked off all those extra holiday pounds pounding the pavement promoting the Grange? Did anyone make a resolution to try and bring new members into the Grange?

By the time you read this you will have received a letter about our two Degree Days this year. The first will be March 6th at Daniel Webster Grange starting at 2pm. The 2nd will be at Walpole Grange on April 24 at 2pm. If you are able to help in any way or if you have candidates, please contact me.

My apologies to the Grange and Marty and Anne Boisvert. Try as I could, I could not find a ride to Farm and Forest to help cover our booth there. I understand that all went well with the extra efforts of Anne and Marty also Beth and Arthur. Thank you.

The GRIT trained people are working around the state but as I said at State Session there is more work than trained people. I tried to organize a training day but only three people could make it that day so it was postponed. The Grange calendar is tight with activities and between sugaring season and gardening coming soon my calendar will be even tighter. Hopefully we can get another one organized with someone else available to teach it.

I attended the Saturday Session of Northeast Leaders Conference to get a refresher from Rusty but membership did not meet as scheduled. So I decided to go the Lecturer's to learn about their programs for my membership talking around town, but they also didn't meet. I ended up at the Ag/Legislative meeting, and it was very interesting and worthwhile. There is a strong push to return the Ag Committee to this ag based organization and also since there is a growth in small farming that may be our future Grangers.

Fair and Farmer's Markets season will soon be upon us, and I hope your Grange is planning an exhibit. I find my best contacts while walking around Farmer's Markets.

Again I remind you of National Master Ed Luttrell's challenge to organize or reactivate a Grange this year. I presently live in a Grange-less town with no other Granges nearby. I visit with neighbors at the store and other activities and talk about all the fun things we do, and I am getting some positive feedback. I will try to set up an exhibit at our Town Meeting. Maybe you can do the same.

Keep up the good work, Grangers. I hope to see all of you at the Degree Days.

Grange Growth Summit and Advanced Team Training

The Grange Growth Summit (GGS) is an exciting program organized by the National Grange that is dedicated to teaching Grangers how to scout a community, recruit new members, and set up an organizational meeting to start or reorganize a Grange. The skills you will learn at this conference will be invaluable to you in your Grange work. The nearest Grange Growth Summit this year will be May 21-23 in Zanesville, OH. New Hampshire Grangers interested in attending this GGS should contact State Master, Beth Merrill for more information.

In a similar style to the Grange Growth Summits that have been held around the country over the past year, an Advanced Team Training sponsored by the National Grange will be hosted by the NY State Grange in the Albany area the weekend of April 16-18. Registration and schedules were not available at the time of our GSG deadline, but anyone who would like to take advantage of receiving some excellent training in team building at a nominal cost (You're saving hundreds of dollars compared to what the corporate world would charge for this!) is encouraged to go to the National Grange website at www.nationalgrange.org to learn more about it.

**Will you be the rock that redirects
the course of the river?
Claire Nuer**

**No one is rich enough to do without
a neighbor.— Danish Proverb**

Calendar of Events

- March 6 - Degree Day, Webster 2 p.m.
- March 14 - Bowling, Lakeside Lanes, Manchester, Registration 11 a.m.
- March 20 - Youth Game Night
- April 10 - Spring Fling, Belmont Middle School
- April 16, 17, 18 - National Grange Growth Summit, Albany, NY
- April 17 - Agate Meeting
- April 24 - Glow Bowling, Stadium Ten Pin, Manchester
- May 1 - Jodi Bailey Applications Due
- May 7 - Deadline for June GSG
- May 8 - VT/NH Night, Surry, NH
- May 15 - Trip to JFK Presidential Library in Boston
- May 22 - ME/NH Night
- June 4 - 6 - Youth Weekend
- June 5 - Spotlight NH, 2 p.m. at Youth Weekend
- June 25 - 27 - 50th Anniv. National Grange Building
- July 9 - 11 - Northeast Youth Conference, Massachusetts
- July 17 - State Lecturer's Barbecue
- July 22-25 - Stratham Fair
- July 28 - Aug. 1 - North Haverhill Fair
- Aug. 1 - Needlework entires due to Jane Heath of F&C Committee
- Aug. 2-5 - Northeast Lecturer's Conference, Vermont
- Aug. 4-8 Cheshire County Fair
- Aug. 13-15 - Family Weekend
- Aug. 14-15 - Belknap County 4-H Fair
- Aug. 20-22 - Cornish Fair
- Aug. 21 - Moon Stomp & Harvest Fair Rainy Day Farm, Antrim
- Sept. 1 - Deadline for Youth and Family & Community Reports
- Sept. 1 - Deadline for F& C State Awards & Lecturer's Community Citizen Award
- Sept 1-6 - Lancaster Fair
- Sept. 2-6 Hopkinton Fair
- Sept. 10-12 Hillsborough County Fair
- Sept. 11 - Youth Mini Golf Tournament
- Sept. 17 - Oct. 3 - Big E, Springfield, MA
- Sept. 26 - Grange Day at Big E
- Sept 30-Oct. 3 - Deerfield Fair
- Oct. 1 - Youth Collage, Memory Book, Photo Scavenger Deadline
- Oct. 9-11 - Sandwich Fair
- Oct. 24 - State Officers' Rehearsal, State Grange Building, Hooksett
- Oct. 28-31 - NH State Grange Session, Best Western, Keene
- Nov. 10-13 - National Grange Session, Charlotte, NC
- Dec. 4 - Deputy School
- Dec. 11 - Deputy School Snow Date

Spring Fling 2010 Grange Month Kickoff Event

April 10, 2010

Belmont Middle School

Schedule of Events

This Schedule is subject to change.

Please check the official mailing to your Grange or go to www.nhgrange.org for updates!

9:00 a.m. Registration starts

9:15 a.m.

#1 – Risk Management for Granges & Volunteers – Understand how and when to protect your Grange and the volunteers that work on Grange projects.

#2 - Code Reading - Under direction of General Deputy, Tricia Taylor and for Grange members only! - Earn your Award of Merit card or just start to learn how to read the Code Book. Learn about all of the Grange's secret signs!

#3 - Letterboxing – Sponsored by the Family & Community Department – What do a compass, hiking, and rubber stamps have in common? Learn about this fun, family recreation while participating in hands-on activity.

10:15 a.m.

#4 – Interpreting Grange Ritual - Tips for Presenting Meaningful Grange Ritual – presented by State Grange Gatekeeper, Ann Leger

#5 – Grange Fair Exhibits - presented by Media Department

#6 – Police Dog – as suggested in 2009 evaluations – Learn about the training and work of one of NH's K9 Units.

11:15 a.m.

#7 – Pease Greeters – This is the group that greets soldiers who pass through Pease AFB enroute to or from their deployment. In recognition of this group's efforts we are collecting items for Care Packages for the troops. Please be as generous as you can with donations of items from their wish list.

#8 - Following Nature's Lead: an Ecological Approach to Gardening and Landscaping - With spring finally here, it's time to think about our gardens and landscapes in a fresh new light! *Integrated Landscaping: Following Nature's Lead* and *Landscaping at the Water's Edge an Ecological to Approach* will help both new and experienced gardeners create beautiful and functional landscapes that consider New Hampshire's ecosystems, protect water quality, and lower inputs and maintenance. This presentation by Mary Tebo Davis is based on two UNH Cooperative Extension publications, and offers a new way of thinking about how we design, plant, and care for the land and its resources around our homes, businesses, and communities.

#9 – NH's Wild History – Presented by Pine Grove Grangers Linda Lauer and Karen Fesler, as part of the Covert Project, this UNH Cooperative Extension-sponsored project will focus on wildlife in NH for the last 350 years.

12:00 p.m. LUNCH

1:00 p.m.

#10 – Great Grange Publicity – Michael Dias, Publicity Chairman, Peterborough Grange, will talk about developing relationships with your local media to enhance your Grange's exposure in the community.

#11 – Hemp in the NH Legislature - Presented by Representative Derek Owen, Hopkinton, who has sponsored several bills brought before the NH Legislature.

#12 - Potpourri - presented by Glencliff Nursing Home

2:00 p.m.

#13 – The Business of the Grange – Presented by the State Grange Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Committee, this session will focus on the importance of Grange record keeping and invested funds. Bring your best questions for the panel discussion.

#14 – Reiki Therapy - Presented by business owner, Peg Batstone of Wild Women's Studio in Laconia, participants will learn about one of the more widely known forms of energy healing, how it is helping clients, and how interest is growing in the local area. www.wildwomensstudio.com

3:00 p.m. General Wrap-Up Session

3:15 p.m. Adjourn – Thanks for coming!

Hope you learned something new and exciting!

Directions

From the Northeast - From Route 16, take the Route 11 exit and take Route 11 toward Alton Bay. When you hit the Alton traffic circle, go half way around staying on 11 going North. About one mile after the "circle" you will see signs for Route 140 to the left. Take a left on 140. Follow 140 through Alton and Gilmanton until you come to a stop sign. (This will take you about 15/20 minutes). This is Route 107. Go straight. Continue on 140 until you come to a stop light. This is Route 106 in Belmont. Go straight to the next intersection. Take a left at the stop sign. Go through town, past hardware on the left and bank on the right. (DO NOT turn right onto 140 across from the hardware store). About 100 yards from the bank, turn left onto School Street. This takes you to the Belmont Middle School.

From I93 - Take Exit 20 in Tilton. Go straight through the lights onto Route 140. This will take you past the "food places", towards Belmont. Follow Route 140 into Belmont, about five miles. In Belmont Village you will come to a stop sign, take a right. Go past a bank on your right, and about 100 yards from the bank take a left onto School Street. Belmont Middle School is at the end of this street.

PEASE GREETERS

CARE PACKAGE

WISH LIST

TOILETRY ITEMS-8oz OR TRAVEL SIZE

NO AEROSOL CANS

*CHAP STICKS * CONDITIONER

*FOOT POWDER*HAND LOTION

*HANDI WIPES *MOUTHWASH

*DEODORANT *AIR FRESHENERS *SHAMPOO

*TYLENOL *FLIP FLOPS *ASPIRIN

*SHAVE GEL IN TUBE

*WHITE SOCKS mid-calf for boots

*DENTAL FLOSS *EYE DROPS

*SANITARY ITEMS *INNER SOLES

*HANDWARMERS, ETC.

FOOD ITEMS-INDIVIDUALLY PACKED TO SHARE

* COOKIES *HARD CANDY * NUTS

*DRIED FRUIT*TRAIL MIX

*TOOTSIE POPS & ROLLS *POP TARTS

*GRANOLA BARS

*MICRO-WAVE POPCORN *COFFEE-1LB

*CRYSTAL LIGHT ETC.

ON THE GO DRINK MIXES *GUM

*FREEZE POPS

*BEEF JERKY *SLIM JIMS

FUN STUFF FOR THE TROOPS

*FRISBEES *YOYOS *DICE *PLAYING CARDS

*SMALL NERF BALLS *BASEBALLS

*RUBIK CUBES *SMALL CARD GAMES

ITEMS THAT CANNOT BE SENT

*ANY FOOD CONTAINING PORK

*ADULT BOOKS OR MAGAZINES

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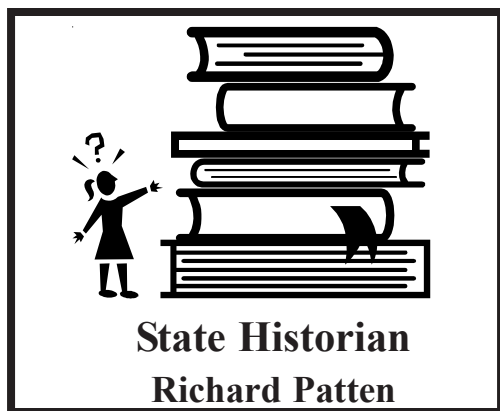


It is time to make your donations to the educational loan fund. Please send them to Rodney Huntoon, 8 Pine Acres Suite 808, Concord, NH 03301.

Please contact the Grange Service Committee members for information on getting help to pay for eye glasses, hearing aids, etc..

It is time to think about scholarships. The deadline for sending your applications in is July 1st, 2010 to Lois Enman, 9 Blake Street, Rochester, NH 03867.

Don't forget we have wheelchairs, canes, crutches and walkers to be loaned out.



Many times when new members join our organization, it is taken for granted that they know all about some of our special events. We expect them to be enthusiastic about an event, but how many of them know the history behind it. This will be the 40th anniversary for the Winter Youth Rally organized by the State Youth Committee.

State Youth Chairman Alton Carpenter reported that youth in the Grange had expressed a desire to have a mid-winter Youth Rally. The first winter Youth Rally was held at the Pembroke Youth Conference Center, high on a hill off Route 3. The setting was a beautiful location, as you drove off Route 3 up this steep hill, zig zagging to the top. When you reached the location, there were several buildings including an office building, large auditorium, outdoor pool, 3-4 story building that had rooms to sleep in, a dining room to eat in, kitchen facilities, and more. There were several smaller buildings on the location that had sleeping quarters. If you traveled up there today, you wouldn't find much. I believe someone told me in the early days, it was a tuberculosis center.

Grange members started checking in Friday evening that preceded a general opening session. The rules were explained and dancing followed. The session on Saturday featured a workshop with a panel discussion on "Sex Education in Schools." Also during this first rally, a Prince and Princess along with a Young Couple were selected. They were: Princess Beverly Perry, Bow Grange; Prince, Ernest Jones Jr, Ezekiel Webster Grange; and Young Couple, Frank and Barbara Barker, Winnicutt Grange.

Sunday found a church service, evaluation session, and time to pack up and go home. All who attended felt it was very successful and should continue another year.

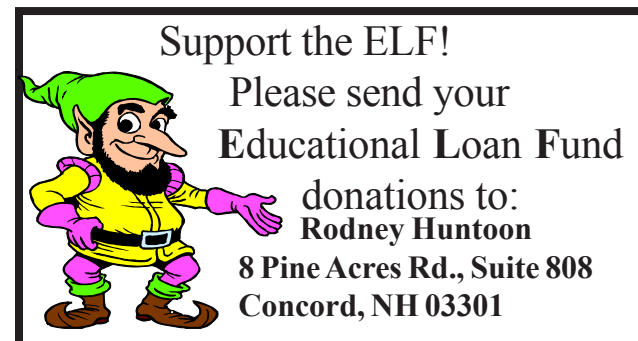
The second Winter Youth Rally was even more successful than the first. Workshops featured: Code Reading by General Deputy Ervin Buttrick; a workshop on Public Speaking; and a panel discussion on "Environmental Control and How It Applies to Us" with John Palazzi, Stacey Cole, and Mike Garrett, a teacher at Concord High School. A poster contest was held on pollution with the winning posters announced: 1st, place, Pat Tobey, Dover Grange; 2nd place, Reginald Rice, Sugar River Grange; and 3rd place, Nancy Kelley, a member of the Connecticut. State Youth Committee. An Impromptu Skit Contest finished out the weekend activities.

The 3rd annual Winter Rally was the one that I remembered the best. Why? Well, I was honored at the previous State Grange Session as the new State Prince for 1972. I look back and still can't believe I was selected. Gloria Heath Davis was selected as State Princess and Young Couple were Ben and Joyce Creighton. Many of us arrived Friday evening for the opening. There was a beautiful clear sky with the moon and stars shining brightly. Saturday morning found a surprise that many didn't expect - a blizzard, and I mean a blizzard. I had gone home Friday evening for personal reasons. My father thought I was crazy that I needed to go back there. Well, our car got stuck just a very short distance on the road to the center from Route 3. My dad had to get a wrecker to get out. Many others couldn't get up as the town plows were unable to keep up with the snow. It certainly was a weekend to remember.

Enjoy this year's special 40th anniversary and appreciate the work that goes into organizing these events.

I have been pleased recently to assist a gentleman from Orford with information about Mt. Cube Grange that closed in the late 1980's. Mt. Cube Grange was the home Grange for former Governor Meldrim Thomson and his family. I have been also researching a caller's request for information on the Rural Electrification Committee.

***Life is mostly froth and bubble,
Two things stand like stone,
Kindness in another's trouble,
Courage in your own.
~Adam Lindsay Gordon***



Hampton Falls Grange #171

Hampton Falls Grange recently honored Kenneth S. Pelton for 80 years of service in New Hampshire Granges. Kenneth joined Warren Pond Grange #47 in Alstead at the age of 14 on December 17, 1929, and was put in the office of Steward right away. From there he moved to Hampton Falls with his small daughter and bought his 61 acre farm. He joined Hampton Falls Grange, met and married Ruthie, and they had four more daughters. Now at 94 he continues to work a two-acre garden with strawberries, blueberries, and rhubarb.

He has been Master of East Rockingham Pomona #11, Master of Hampton Falls Grange #171. and has filled the office of Steward for many years. He amazes everyone by memorizing poems in the American Agriculture Magazine from the "Songs of the Lazy Farmer" which he recites at Grange meetings.



Kenneth Pelton displays his 80-year membership certificate.



Family & Community
Jane & Wilber Heath

The packets have been mailed containing the 2010 program. If you have not received it, please check with your Pomona F & C chairman. The baking contest for this year is fruit squares made with a pastry crust with any type filling in the center. (Crust on top and bottom) Now is a very good time to be working on your needlework entries for this year and also items for the state-level categories. We are hoping to have a presentation on Letter Boxing at the Spring Fling. What is Letter Boxing? Come to the Spring Fling and find out. We are planning to make a visit to every Pomona at least once this year and would like to have invitations to your Home Economics or Community Service nights.

Watch for sales at your favorite stores for mittens to purchase for the Mountain of Mittens at our State Session. (If you make donations to local schools during the year, please record them on your end of the year report). We are collecting quilt squares again this year. They should be 10½" square (This includes the ¼" seam needed for sewing them together). The colors are purple, lavender, and lilac. Any Granger is invited to make a quilt square. They should be sent to the directors by June 30th. We will make a quilt to raffle off at State Session. In addition to the quilt there will be other items including a tote bag, apron, pot holder, and pillow.

We received many entries last year for Firefighter, Policeman, and Educator as well as agriculture awards. Now is the time to start thinking of individuals for this coming year. New to the program this year is the addition of Military Veterans. These nominations should be sent in no later than the date of the report, September 1st. If you would also like to nominate for a Community Citizen Award, or Community Service Award, please contact the State Lecturer.

Any items that you have made for the Big "E" need to be in our hands by the 1st of August. We are looking for donations of

baby articles, scrubbies, crocheted or knitted dishcloths, potholders, stuffed animals, dolls, Afghans, mittens, scarves, hats, knee warmers, booties, vests, aprons, wall hangings, pillowcases, bureau scarves, crafts, ornaments, etc. They will accept items later if you know of a way to get them there.

We are still accepting donations for Family and Community. Recommended amount is \$10. (Make checks payable to Family and Community Department).

Thank you for supporting the Family and Community Department throughout the year. We do a variety of things, so whatever it is you do, if you want to make it available, let us know. It makes our job easier if we have many hands making articles for us to display and items to donate and goodies to sell.

Kelley Farm donations can be made at any time. (make check to National Grange and please note that it is for Kelley Farm). Send to National Grange Kelley Farm Fund, 1616 H Street NW, Washington DC 20006-4999.

Farm & Forest Expo

Congratulations to Anne and Marty Boisvert for another fine exhibit at the Farm & Forest Expo in February. This year's theme was "Deep Roots and a Solid Future." The exhibit showed a tree with a complicated root system and many facts about what New Hampshire Granges have done in the past and are doing at present. As usual, visitors were interested in the map of Grange locations and Paul and Rhoda Davis's pictures of Grange Halls. The Family & Community Department loaned several quilt squares which excited much admiration. There were no prizes won this year, but a great deal of enthusiasm was generated for the Grange.

Many thanks to Marie Hall for making and donating a large crocheted afghan to be our Auction item this year. Everyone at the auction was very impressed by it. Thanks, too, to the Grangers who volunteered their time and effort to man the Grange booth: Beth and Arthur Merrill, Fred Carlson, Dot Haskins, Marion T. Jones, Marie and Dana Hall, Hannah West, Mary West, Chris Heath, Allyssa Estes, Jane Heath, and Gloria Davis.

The National Grange Building 50th Anniversary Tour Washington, DC June 24-27, 2010

Come and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the National Grange Headquarters this June. This 4 day 3-night tour is now being offered.

The tour will include The Coach Company transportation, 3 night accommodations at the Days Inn, 4400 Connecticut Ave., Washington, DC, daily continental breakfast and baggage handling. Also included in the tour price: local guide service, 14.5% Room tax, driver and local guide gratuities.

Our local Washington, DC tour guide will be taking you to the US Capital Visitors Center, Library of Congress, Supreme Court, White House-photo stop, National Archives, Washington National Cathedral, Arlington Cemetery and memorials.

On Saturday you will be taking a tour of the National Grange Building and attending the Building Rededication Ceremony. Then we will be departing for the Smithsonian Institution for the remainder of the afternoon.

Tour pick-ups will be in Concord, Manchester and Londonderry.

Price of the tour will be: Single \$643.00 Double \$475.00 Triple \$422.00 Quad \$398.00

A \$100.00 per person deposit is due with your reservation. All final payments will be due on June 18, 2010. This tour requires minimum 40 / 50 maximum registrations.

For more information please call Ken Berry at (603) 772-5364 or send a message to klbours@comcast.net

A Gardening Tip

The Cooperative Extension Service says that last year's potato and tomato blight appears to be overwintering through volunteer plants. Any volunteer plants that come up in the garden or compost pile need to be pulled and bagged and taken away. When rototilling, if potatoes come up- remove them.





**L to R: Happy Pelton, Ginny Hayes, Frank Hayes, Dan Bascom, Howard Bower, Toshiko Bower
Past National Officer Presentation**

Dan and Kim Bascom presented a Past National Officer's Pin to Past National Secretary B. Franklin Hayes on January 23, 2010, in Florida. Joining them for the presentation were Ginny Hayes, Happy Pelton, and Howard and Toshiko Bower. Brother Frank became very emotional and was so very glad to be recognized in this way. As there were seven Rochester Grange members in attendance Dan said to Frank, "The hour of labor has arrived and the work of another day demands our attention." Frank responded, "Let each repair to his or her allotted station." Frank was having a very good day, and the visitors spent over an hour with him just reminiscing.

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

A National Grange Leadership Tip

The Principles and Values of our Order are what defines us an Organization. If everyone of us would apply these four things into all of our activities, programs, and the way we conduct business everyone would want to be a part of the Grange. So remember; A good patron places Faith in God, nurtures Hope, dispenses Charity, and is noted for Fidelity.

These **Top 10 Characteristics of Ethical Leaders and Values-Driven Organizations** are taken from **Walk The Talk : And Get The Results You Want** by: Eric Harvey & Al Lucia

1. High Values Awareness

Values are regularly communicated and discussed to ensure awareness and understanding throughout the organization.

2. High Values Accountability

People are evaluated on values-driven practices as well as results—with zero tolerance for conscious values violations.

3. Leadership By Example

Leaders earn the right to expect others to do things by doing those things themselves.

4. Values-Driven Decision Making

Decisions are checked to ensure they are in accord with organizational values BEFORE they are implemented.

5. In Sync Policies and Procedures

Rules, policies, and practices are evaluated to ensure they reflect and support organizational values.

6. Values-Driven Education

Training and other developmental activities teach people how to demonstrate ethics and apply organizational values.

7. Attention To Perceptions

Climate surveys and other perception-collecting activities are important components of organizational assessment and change strategies.

8. Steady, Incremental Change

Emphasis is placed on many small improvements rather than quick-fix fads and "programs of the year."

9. Values-Based Selection

The degree to which people subscribe to and practice organizational values is a key criterion in hiring and promotion decisions.

10. Encouraged Initiative

People are rewarded for Walking The Talk rather than complaining, pointing fingers, or waiting for others to take the first step.

Keep a green tree in your heart and
perhaps the singing bird will come.
Chinese proverb

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