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Spring Fling 2013

April 6, 2013

Tilton Northfield United Methodist Church

A diverse array of topics has been arranged for your enjoyment at the Sixth Annual Spring Fling, and the Jr. Department is hosting separate activities all day just for the kids! All workshops are open to the public, so if there is a topic you think is of interest to someone you know, go ahead and invite them! Please check the official mailing to your Grange, or go to www.nhgrange.org for the finalized list and schedule! These are the workshops that were confirmed at the time of this GSG deadline. Topics: Christmas Star Paper-Pieced Quilt Block, Setting up Your Grange's Free Website and/or Social Media Page, upcoming changes in the health care system, Learning Grange History through Memorabilia.

There is only one workshop scheduled for each of the three morning time slots this year. The first will be presented by Dennis Picard, Director of the Storowton Village Museum at Eastern States Exposition, who is coming from West Springfield, MA to talk about the history of the fairgrounds, which includes the New England Grange Building celebrating its 75th anniversary this year.

The second guest speaker will be Amanda Brozana, Communications Director of the National Grange who will bring all sorts of information about how her department is working tirelessly to get the Grange name on the map and how your Grange can take advantage of her efforts. You will love her enthusiasm and positive attitude, and she is sure to have some great take-home materials for all participants.

The last morning workshop will be the third installment of the Legislative Department's "Grangers in Public Office" forum. Members of the panel

will take questions from the audience. Is there a bill in the NH House or Senate that concerns you? Bring your questions! This is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to learn about our local and state government and the growing number of Grange people who are serving in it.

Registration starts at 8:45 and the first workshop begins at 9:00 a.m. The final assembly ends at 3:30 p.m.

Registrations are recommended, but not required and are most helpful if received no later than March 29th. 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. Do not send payment with your registrations, please!

If at the last minute you realize that you can attend, please come even if you are not registered. Please make plans to join your fellow Grangers from around the state for this unique, fun, and educational day of membership enhancement. And don't forget to bring your friends, too!

New Hampshire Grange Foundation Scholarship

The New Hampshire Grange Foundation is ready to accept applications for the Clarence Sprague-John West Award. This scholarship(s) is being offered through the Grange and the Farm Bureau. The scholarship and grants will be made in preference to those pursuing an educational experience related to agriculture. If there are no qualified candidates, the next would be to those studying agricultural economics, and then to individuals studying in the field of education. Details of the scholarship are printed on **page 3** of this paper and the application is available online at www.nhgrange.org.

State Lecturer's Variety Show with Value Added April 27, 2013

**State Grange Building
10 Riverside Drive
Hooksett**

**12 noon Lunch & Penny Sale
(benefit Kelley Farm Travel)**

**1 p.m. Variety Show
(Preregister with Hannah West by April 13)**

Historic Degrees at the Kelley Farm

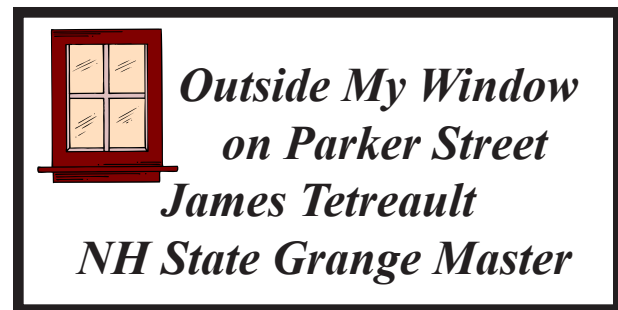
by Arthur Merrill

On July 13, 2013, at the Oliver Hudson Kelley farm in Elk River, Minnesota, the 1873 degrees will be exemplified by youth members from across the country. In 1873 there were separate degrees for men and women, so 8 different degrees will be done that day. The youth of the Northeast region are doing the First Degrees.

Six of the team members are from NH. Matt Clark will be Overseer, Lynn Clark will be Lecturer, Anne Boisvert will be Steward, Allissa Estes will be Treasurer, Amy Schunemann will be Pomona, and Mary West will be Flora. It is hoped that many Patrons will travel to Minnesota for this historic event, one of the first as National Grange looks ahead to the 150th annual session in 2016 and the 150th anniversary of the Grange on Dec. 4, 2017.

I have the honor of being the captain of this team and we are looking forward to our trip. Each team is responsible for its own funding, so donations toward travel expenses would be gratefully received.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact team captain Arthur Merrill at 588-6615.



Winter Greetings from your State Master:

Can you feel the excitement and enthusiasm that is building in our organization? Over the last few months we have had several positive public relations opportunities the most recent being a segment on NH Chronicle. Did you all get to see that? Kudos go out to State Overseer Chris Heath who did a tremendous job in representing the State Grange in this segment.

As your State Master for the next two years, my priority is to grow the Grange. We are off to a great start! We have sixteen names on a charter application for Manchester Community Grange, Is there a community in your part of the State that we might like to target for a new or reorganized Grange? If so, let me know.

We had a very successful Grange Growth Seminar during the last Saturday in January at the Cabot Motor Inn in Lancaster. A total of eighteen Granges were represented, and all of the Granges in the North Country were represented. This was a very productive meeting, and I believe that this has inspired our brothers and sisters in the northern part of the State to work hard to grow their Granges. Do we have opportunity for a new Grange in Lancaster this year?

In looking at the membership pledges on the National Grange website (<http://www.nationalgrange.org/news/10166-2/>) right now we have a pledge of 26 new members. Have you gone out and pledged new members for your Grange?

Your State Departments have some great events coming up. Please take the time to invite our new brothers and sisters to attend some of these events. It give us the opportunity to meet them.

I want to take a minute and pay tribute to one of my Grange mentors. Brother Hugh Clark served as State Grange Chaplain for twenty years and

as a Deputy for myself as well as several Past State Masters. Hugh was man who said few words, but when he said something everyone listened. Brother Hugh will not only be missed in our organization, but also in the Town of Surry, and by numerous other organizations that he made an impact on. "Well done good and faithful servant."



I hope everyone is staying healthy during these long winter days. If you are fortunate enough to be able to stay in the house, how about working on your needlework for the contest, or some items for Eastern States or mittens for our Mountain of Mittens?

The needlework contest entries are due by June 30. The contest categories are the same as last year and are as follows:

Afghans – knitted, crocheted or woven – should be twin size

Doilies – Using any thread suitable to article, any pattern or design and may be knitted, crocheted or tatted.

Embroidery – any embroidered item except counted cross stitch – back of work must be visible

3 Piece Baby Set – must consist of 3 pieces – cannot include baby afghan as a piece. Bonnet, jacket and booties are considered 3 pieces.

Plastic Canvas and Latch Hook Counted Cross Stitch – back of work must be visible – may be framed and/or matted but no glass frames.

Adult Garment – must be for an adult

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 3 Depot Road
 Chichester, NH 03258

– can be sweater, dress etc. – knitted or crocheted

Quilted Wall Hangings – may be hand or machine quilted – any product can be used for filler. Size: Min 18”X18” Max 24”X24”

Stuffed Toy – may be knitted, crocheted, stitched etc. May be stuffed with any product (fiber-fil) – must meet all US safety regulations – all trimmings secure, no sharp edges, no buttons or hooks. Glue, paste or paint must be non-toxic. Loose knitted or crocheted toys should be lined.

These are the contest entries that will be judged at the state level and the winning entries will be sent for the next level of judging. One entry per category per participant – so you can enter every category but only one entry per category. This contest is open to all members and non-members so this is a great way to get some other folks interested in what we do in the Grange.

Also, hopefully each subordinate Grange is having the baking contest which is Coffee cake. Please, no nuts or fruit allowed. A glaze is optional. The winners at the subordinate level should go to Pomona and each winning Pomona entry should be brought to State Grange in October.

Please keep those knitting needles warm and keep working on knitting those mittens. Our goal this year is to have 500 pair of mittens at State Grange in October. The need is great and we can really help to warm the hands and hearts of many little children.

Please remember our Galoshes from Grangers program. We are collecting/distributing boots for school age children. These should be new boots and you can take these to your Boys and Girls clubs, Child and Family Services, or Schools in your area, or bring them to State Grange in October. We will hope to help many children to keep their feet warm. Just keep a count if you are distributing these now and include it in your report from your Grange.

I hope you are getting a report from your Family Services chairperson at each meeting because they all have the program. Hopefully you are all actively working on these projects. There is something for everyone!

New Hampshire Grange Foundation Educational Scholarships and Grants

The New Hampshire Grange Foundation will provide Scholarships and Grants to assist individuals in achieving their educational goals. This was made possible by the generous bequest of Clarence Sprague, who had been awarded a Grange scholarship many years ago and went on to be a successful businessman. The New Hampshire Grange Scholarship and Grants program is named the Clarence Sprague-John West Award in memory of the donor and a dedicated Grange member and teacher. This program is sustained using interest income from invested funds of the foundation. Scholarships and grants are available in the categories listed below.

The scholarship and grants will be made in preference to those pursuing an educational experience related to agriculture. If there are no qualified candidates, the next would be to those studying agricultural economics, and then to individuals studying in the field of education. These institutions or programs must not discriminate based on age, race, gender, ethnic, or religious background, sexual orientation, or other restrictions prohibited by Federal, State or local laws or ordinances.

The first preference for awards will go to Grange members and their direct relatives (individuals who are members in good standing of a Subordinate/Community Grange in New Hampshire, or a direct relative of same: parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, spouse, sibling). Non-member New Hampshire residents are also eligible.

1. Post Secondary Scholarship and Grants

Applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited Post-Secondary Educational Institution in a course of study leading to a Degree.

2. Continuing Re-Certification Grants

Applicant must be enrolled in a course of study or program designed specifically to meet requirements for re-certification for a licensed position or profession, i.e. teacher, classroom aide, etc.

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3. Adult General Equivalency Diploma Grants

Applicant must be enrolled in a course of study through an approved program that leads to awarding of a General Equivalency Diploma.

4. Adult Educational Enrichment Grants

Applicant must be enrolled in a course, class, seminar, or program designed and provided to enrich individual knowledge or skills.

5. Farm Internship and Agricultural Program Grants

Applicant can be enrolled in a less formal educational program related to farming or agribusiness.

Scholarships and Grants will be made in the form of Book and Study Funds directly to the recipient as reimbursement for specific course(s) or to the specific internship or program.

Criteria for Determining Awards

Except as noted for a specific Scholarship or Grant program, the following evaluation criteria will apply to all applications:

- Educational goals and financial need as expressed in the application essay
- Recommendation(s) of non-related adult
- Academic achievement
- Non-academic activities
- Personal (written) statement

Availability

Scholarships and Grants will be available to the extent interest income from invested funds will allow.

Duration

Scholarships and Grants will be applicable for one academic year or duration of a specific course, whichever shall apply. Reapplication can be done for following years of study and only accomplishments since the previous application need to be written up.

Application

A completed application must be provided for the first academic year, or specific course, whichever shall apply. Applications that are not complete will not be considered. Successful grantees

who wish to reapply a second time, only need to submit an essay describing their accomplishments and future plans.

Selection

Each application for Scholarships and Grants will be reviewed and acted upon by the Foundation Scholarship and Grant Committee. A telephone or personal interview may be requested. Decisions of the Committee will be final.



I hear of many young children in the State of New Hampshire and I want them to have the opportunity to be part of the Grange as there is so much for them. The programs are all available through the State and National Junior Programs, and as a Leader you can grow with them.

I was pleased to have a total of 10 junior age children attend the Youth Winter Rally. I received many of the decorated cards but no Collages. Perhaps more time was needed, and I will accept them at the Lecturer's Variety Show in April. At the rally we made a key ring with hemp and beads. Pinecones with peanut butter and seed were made to take home to feed the birds outside. Magazines were used to start cutting out items to put on a poster to make their collage, and each took home a poster to complete.

I attended the Northeast Leader's Conference in Maine in January and learned that we also have a contest due to go to the Eastern States Exposition (The Big E): "Unzip the Word about Junior Grange" – Create a display/poster about Jr. Grange. A zipper (real or one you make) must be used. Maximum size: 8½” X 11” X 2”.

If there are any members wishing to learn more about becoming a Leader, I am willing to work with members to start with the New Hampshire State Junior Grange. Once the training is complete and numbers of children have grown and there is a host Grange, we will grow. Any questions on any of the Junior Grange work please contact me.

Community Service Thoughts



Richard Patten

I hope Grange members are working on their Community Service projects. This winter has given you chances to help your neighbors by shoveling out their driveways or steps to their homes. The elderly will appreciate it you offer to get their mail or newspapers if they are delivered to their home. Please be sure to check on them if you know elderly people living alone. If their furnace goes out and they have no heat, please try to get them to a relief center or invite them to stay with you if you have a generator for power. In regards to shoveling, many fire departments will appreciate the shoveling of fire hydrants in your neighborhood.

Don't forget St. Patrick's Day and Easter are coming up along with Pass-over to send greeting cards. Most everyone that I know enjoys getting mail. Can you imagine if someone goes to the mailbox everyday to get their mail only to find nothing except junk mail? Don't forget our men and women in the military. I am sure they would enjoy receiving a greeting card during this special season.

Your Grange might think about doing Easter Baskets or favors for elderly residents at a County Nursing facility or a retirement community. Easter has become very popular almost as big as Christmas in terms of gifts, baskets, flowers, and cards.

April is Grange Month and a great time to talk about your Grange in the community. If your Grange intends to have a display in the town Library, town hall, or some other public location, please plan your exhibit in advance. Make sure your items are clean and well placed. Have a US Flag, Bible, and Sheaf of Wheat included. Always have some Grange membership applications available in case someone would like one. If possible, it would be nice to have someone stand with your display possibly during the busiest time of the day to answer questions. If your Grange is having an

Open House meeting, plan the evening from the Grange opening to a program. Please be sure to invite non members to attend as well as members who haven't been to a meeting for awhile. Invite the State Grange officers, deputies or committee members in your area to come. In other words, put your best foot forward.

If you will be presenting Grange or Community Awards, I would be very happy to help you, if you don't know who to contact or which ones to select,

I can tell you after the presentation I did at Aurora Grange in January, the citizen award meant so much to the couple who received it. They were totally surprised and pleased. In addition, the people who lived in Pittsburg were very happy that an organization had honored them. The positive coverage the Grange received from that day was outstanding.

I am hopeful that every Grange will participate in the recognition awards. I will be sending the forms for you to complete and send in your nominees.

Speaking of Grange Month, I am hopeful that a Grange in the Littleton area will please assume responsibility for the Thompson Marker, located on Route 302 just outside of Littleton going towards Woodsville. The fence may need painting, grass trimmed once the snow melts, and flowers can be planted. Please let me know if you can help. I am also hoping to have a Grange Month luncheon in the Littleton area in April. I will let you know once I can get something finalized.

Don't forget to send in a donation to the Community Service Department to help with our expenses this year. Debbie Patten, who is director for the State Family Activities, is coordinating the selling of RADA Cutlery as a fundraiser for both departments. Sales have been slow, but we are hopeful that you can talk about these at your Grange in hopes of getting orders. Please call Debbie at 228-1803 for information.

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, May 25 at 12 noon at the NH Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen to dedicate the placement of a permanent Memorial for the Grange members who served our country in time of wars and conflicts or those who didn't see action but served our country in non-combat roles. A special

invitation will be issued to the firefighter of the year from Durham who donated a majority of the money needed to purchase marker. I had announced at the State Banquet that one of the projects I wanted the Community Service Department to do was have a permanent memorial at the NH Veterans Cemetery. There are many organizations represented, and I felt the Grange should be there, too.

If you are not familiar with the location, coming from the south, take I-93 Northbound to exit 17. You take the ramp onto the Route 3 and 4 bypass going from Concord into Canterbury and back into Concord and

then Boscawen. Continue following the Rt 3 and 4 bypass northerly to the intersection where Route 4 branches off to the left to travel to Salisbury. Stay on Route 3 as if you are traveling to Franklin. At the intersection, you will see the big Boscawen Congregational Church, but you will stay to the right and travel about 1 mile to the State Veterans Cemetery which is on your right.

Following the dedication ceremony, refreshments will be served in one of the buildings on site. I am asking if you are coming, please bring desert items or a loaf of sandwiches. I will provide paper products and punch to drink. Please let me know if possible how many are coming.

Mother's Day is coming up in May. Try to remember all Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, Godmothers, and friends on this special day. Don't forget to send cards or make a telephone call to someone who is alone. It is difficult for parents to celebrate Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day or Father's Day knowing they lost a child. Please remember all Moms and Dads on their special days.

With Memorial Day coming up, please offer rides to the cemeteries for those who don't have transportation. So many people like to go to the cemeteries to remember their loved ones.

That's it for this time, I apologize if this article seems long, but I try to remember everything.

If everyone swept in front of his house,
the whole town would be clean.
Polish proverb



The first Membership event this year was National Membership Director Michael Martin visiting Northern NH in January, but that was really the State Master's event. The first event that the Membership Committee was involved in was the annual Farm and Forest Expo. This year the Grange booth was twice as big as usual, and we went "all out" to create a more professional but still creative and inviting display. It featured a timeline of recent NH Grange successes to mirror the thirty years the Expo has been going on. The early end of the timeline included some historical materials and the timeline ended by announcing National Grange coming to Manchester later this year. The exhibit also featured a balloon tree and an interactive display comparing agriculture in 1913 to 2013. Beth Merrill and Norman Brandt of my committee worked very hard to make things come together.

The Expo took place at the Radisson in Manchester in early February as usual, except that this year we had a giant snowstorm to deal with, which made things interesting. Thank you to Steve Tracy, Laura Ward, Stu Light, Chris Heath, Bob Haefner, and KeriAnn Heath who braved the storm and staffed our booth on Friday. On Saturday the Expo was closed due to the Governor declaring a state of emergency. Low attendance at the Expo meant it was less crowded but those who did attend were very interested in what there was to see, our booth included. Again this year, we won the Joseph Battles award for the top educational display, earning us a free booth space for next year's Expo. More importantly we hope many members of the public learned more about the Grange.

The next membership event will be a Degree Day in Hooksett at the NH State Grange Building on Saturday, May 11, at 1:30 p.m. with a lunch at noon. More details on the meal will be forth-

coming. Anyone who has been accepted for membership at your Grange but not yet initiated is invited to come and participate. Please also take the opportunity to bring any new members (or those who have been members for a while) who have never seen the degrees before.

Calendar of Events

- March 10 - Bowling, Lakeside Lanes, Manchester, 12 noon**
- March 23-24- NH Maple Weekend - Visit a Sugar House near you**
- March 31 - Happy Easter!**
- April 6 - Spring Fling, Tilton - Northfield Methodist Church**
- April 27 - State Lecturer's Variety Show & Penny Sale 1 p.m. lunch at noon**
- State Grange Building, Hooksett**
- May 11- Degree Day - State Grange Building, Hooksett**
- lunch at noon, degrees to follow**
- June 7-9 - June Youth Rally**
- June 28-30 Northeast Youth Conference, Vermont hosting**
- June 30- NE Go-to-Church Sunday**
- June 30 - Needlework Entries due to Debra Patten**
- July 1 - Scholarship Applications due**
- July 13 - Historic Degrees at Kelley Farm, Elk River, Minnesota**
- July 18-21 - Stratham Fair**
- July 31-Aug. 4 - Cheshire Fair**
- Aug. 6-8 - NE Lecturer's Conference**



Stephen Tracy in the Grange Booth at Farm & Forest Expo. in February. The Booth won the Joseph Battles Award which means a free single booth at next year's expo.

NH State Grange Trust Fund

by Gail Turcotte, Trustees' Chairman

The Trust Fund was established in 1959 when the Trustees for the NH Grange Home, Inc. realized that the dream of a retirement home for NH Grange members was not going to become a reality. The Trustees with the approval of the NH State Grange members at that time decided to establish a trust fund with the money raised for the proposed home.

The funds received by the Trustees in 1959 were invested and a percentage of the income earned is available each year for any NH Grange member in need. The original Trustees also intended for additional donations to be received and the legal document governing the fund allows for one-half of each donation to be used immediately for members in need and the other one-half to be invested so the annual income will continue to grow. If a donor requests other arrangements the current Trustees will be glad to discuss alternatives with the donor.

Over the years donations have been received from individual members as well as Granges and we have been remembered in Granger's estates and on memorial donation lists. We were recently commended by the NH Attorney General's office-Charitable Trust Unit for having maintained our trust for so many years.

However, the current Trustees sometimes find themselves with more requests for aid than there are funds available. We must sometimes reduce the amount of money that we can grant to an individual or ask the individual to wait until more funds become available.

Would you as an individual Grange member or perhaps your Subordinate or Pomona Grange consider making a donation to the Trust Fund? No amount is too small and all donations are gratefully accepted. Please make your check payable to NH State Grange Trust Fund and send it to the Trustees' Secretary Rhoda Davis, 317 Route 129, Loudon, NH 03307-1326.

Thank you for helping us to help our fellow NH Grange members in need.

Nothing is difficult if you're used to it.

-- Indonesian Proverb

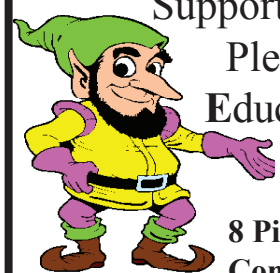
Antrim Grange #98

Antrim Grange is hosting a public forum on March 20th at 7:00 p.m. with guest speaker Barbara Harlow, who will lead a discussion on ways to allow and acknowledge each other's spirituality. This is a follow-up to a recent discussion at one of our meetings whereupon members debated the subject of non-sectarianism in the Grange, its definition, and interpretations of the founders' intentions during the Grange's creation. Is Grange only intended for Christians, or can it be all-inclusive with other religions?

The annual Community Awards Night is set for May 15th. In addition to recognizing and rewarding our outstanding local heroes for their volunteerism, we will also hear about the Horse Tenders Mustang Foundation from its founder, Andrej Kokal, a highly decorated 24-year veteran of the United States Air Force as a combat proven fighter pilot, instructor and mission commander. Mr. Kokal will talk about his family's horse farm in Greenfield and how his foundation is proud to enjoin veterans and their families with the legendary American mustang in sharing mutual benefits of emotive healing, comfort, and security. His sons, Nik and Kris were recently featured in the documentary "Wild Horse, Wild Ride" as they successfully used their non-punitive horse training methods and participated in the Extreme Mustang Challenge, a 100 day test of converting a completely wild mustang into a valued companion and competitor. Please come to the Antrim Grange Hall at 7:00 p.m. to help us thank our local volunteers and to learn about this very special family that supports our military service members at a time when very little assistance is made available to veterans as they try to reintegrate with their families and society.

Support the ELF!

Please send your Educational Loan Fund donations to:
Rodney Huntoon
8 Pine Acres Rd., Suite 808
Concord, NH 03301



**Daniel Webster Grange
Annual Penny Sale and Chicken BBQ**

**Webster Town Hall
May 25 BBQ-4:30 TO 6:00 PM
Penny Sale Tickets on sale at 3:00 pm
Numbers will be pulled at 6:45 p.m.
Variety of Prizes - Something for everyone to place their tickets upon.
Mark your calendars now for a night of fun!**

Your Dollars at Work!

To the Membership:

I have had the opportunity this week of watching and listening to Steve Tracy at work. I would like to publicly commend him for his dedication and commitment to "Grow the Grange" in New Hampshire.

He stayed with us for a few days following the area meeting in Lancaster and spent the majority of his time - with success, I might add - canvassing the North Country from Stratford to Lancaster, Milan, Berlin, and Gorham. Anyone familiar with the area knows the distances involved.

His energy level is formidable and positive, and he has been of great help in opening "minds and hearts" to the possibilities of the future.

However, he cannot do it all - we who live in the area have to help by following up on his efforts and suggestions.

So, my friends, the ball is in our court - pick it up and run with it!

Thanks,
Ann Leger
Winthrop Grange #315

Wingold Grange #308

Ham and Bean Suppers

April 27, 2013

May 25, 2013

June 22, 2013

East Rockingham Pomona #11

September 14, 2013

All suppers to be held at the East Kingston Town Hall, Main St from 5:00 pm-6:30pm
Meal includes 2 types of beans, Spiral Ham, Cole Slaw, rolls, home made potato salad, and pies
Adults \$7.00 Children \$4.00

Grange Bulletin Board

**West Thornton Grange
Annual Sugar on Snow Party
Thornton Central School on Rte 175
Saturday, March 23
beginning at 7 PM.
Sugar on snow, pickles, coffee, punch and donuts all for \$8/adult, \$4/child (elementary school age).
At 8, there will be a square dance with Lester Bradley calling and Marie Kettenring on the fiddle.
All are welcome.**

Lower Intervale Grange # 321

Master Derwood Gray reports, "Please be advised that we are alive and growing. Our new members include Brenda Ladd, Jonathan Ladd, Peggy Winton, Patricia Torsey, Judy Rhodes, and Dave Colburn. Our goal is to restore our Grange Hall and be good Grangers."

Lower Intervale Grange covers Plymouth and Bridgewater. They will be presenting dictionaries in Bridgewater this year.

Manchester Grange

The Charter Application for Manchester Community Grange has been submitted to National Grange. The City of Manchester has not had a Grange for well over 10 years, and the New Hampshire State Grangs is excited to bring the Grange opportunity to Manchester.

The group is meeting at the State Grange Building in Hooksett on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m. while they search for a suitable meeting place in Manchester. State Overseer Chris Heath will be mentoring this new Grange as it establishes itself and learns Grange procedures.

Thank You
The family of Hugh Clark wishes to thank all who sent cards or sent flowers for the service, and all who attended the service. All were appreciated. We love you all, and God Bless each and every one.

Fundraising Updates

The first activity for the year began with the 1/20 club. There are weekly drawings for a \$25.00 prize. These drawings began on February 2 and will continue for 20 weeks. At the end of the 20 weeks there will be 4 additional cash prizes drawn. All winners' names are listed on the NH State Grange Website.

There are some tickets still available.

Contact **Sherrill Bokousky**
6 O'Neill's Court
Nashua, NH 03060
Tel: 889-4696
E-mail: besheb@aol.com
Granges are encouraged to consider buying a ticket.

"THE ATTIC SHOP"
at Blow-Me-Down Grange #234
Rt 12A, Plainfield, NH
opens for the season on
Saturday, April 6, 2013

We will also be having our
ANNUAL GIANT TAG SALE
April 6 & 7 from 9 AM to 3 PM.

Come and enjoy the goodies at the
'SWEET TREATS CAFÉ'
Breakfast, Lunch & Beverages
Info: Call 603/709-7049

A Hearty Grange Welcome to the Following New Members
Steve Shurtleff Concord
Elizabeth Houghton Dorchester
Kathleen Allen Peterborough
Jessica Parker Peterborough
Nancy Boffitto Sunapee Lake
Rebecca Greenlaw Sunapee Lake
Shawn Stewart Wicwas Lake
Robert Burack Wicwas Lake
Linda Finno Wicwas Lake
Tabitha Perkins Wicwas Lake
Tracy Wilber Wicwas Lake

Visit the State Grange website at www.nhgrange.org

Alice Tuck shares these thank-you notes received in December 2012.

Dear Mrs. Tuck,
The staff at Milton Elementary would like to thank the members of State Grange for the generous donation of mittens! There is always a need this time of year and it is one less thing these children have to worry about. Please thank the talented people who thought of the Milton children.
Sincerely,
Susan Welch, RN
School Nurse & Staff

Dear Grange Members,
Thank you so much for your kind and generous donation of mittens to our school. They are so beautiful and will keep little hands toasty this winter.
Bless the hands that crafted them, and the hearts that gave them. Your kindness will long be remembered.
Jane Hartnett for Effingham Elementary School

Concord Grange # 322

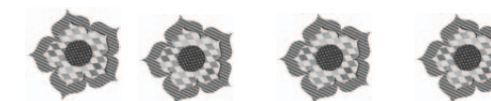
Concord Grange would like to invite everyone to their annual Community & Grange Awards Night on Monday, April 22 at 7 p.m. at the Kimball-Jenkins Estate, on North Main Street in Concord.

The easiest way to get there is to take I-93 NB to Exit 15W. Follow the road to the very end where you will see a set of lights. Straight ahead is Bennett Funeral Home and off to the left is Friendly's Ice Cream.

Take a sharp right onto North Main Street in the historic district. The Kimball Jenkins Estate is on the right just after you have turned onto North Main Street. The building is handicapped accessible, and we will have our annual awards presentations to individuals in the Greater Concord area. Refreshments will be served following the awards.

Please try to come and help Concord Grange kick off their pre - 100th anniversary.

Danbury Grange Winter Markets
Sat. March 2nd and April 6th
9 am - 1 pm
Hot breakfast & lunch served
www.danburygrange.org



In Memoriam

Naomi Gamache	Halloween
Ann Sullivan	Londonderry
Wayland H. Elwood	Londonderry
Arthur McGregor	Londonderry
Robert B. Taylor	Londonderry
Ruth Martin	Londonderry
Marie Greenwood	Londonderry
Phyllis Holt	Londonderry
Norman Cousins	Londonderry
June Webber	Lower Intervale
Marion Hull	Mt. Livermore
Hugh Clark	Prentice Hill
Past State Chaplain	
James Todd	Reunion
Patricia Lennon	Riverside
Marylin Machia	Riverside
Past Deputy	
Ernest Perkins, Sr.	Tuftonborough
Leon Clark	Wicwas Lake

Aurora Grange #235

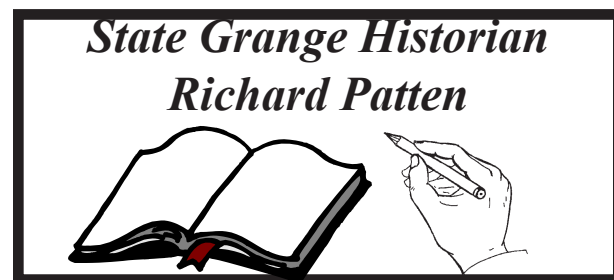
Aurora Grange in Pittsburg has been holding its regular meetings. At the January 2, 2013 meeting, the group enjoyed a pot luck dinner and toasted the New Year with sparkling cider.

On January 19, 2013, Aurora Grange hosted a special get-together in recognition of Pittsburg residents, Jim and Beth-Anne Dube, who won the NH Grange's Citizen of the Year award. A nice crowd gathered at the Pittsburg Community/Church Hall and shared refreshments and watched as Jim and Beth-Anne received their award.

On January 26, Master Lindsey Gray and Overseer Ann Gray traveled to Lancaster to meet with National and State officers and gain some tips in ways to attract new Grange members.

On January 2, 2013, Aurora members gathered for a pot luck dinner and toasted in the New Year with sparkling cider. Seen here are new member Sarah Parker, with Katelyn Kelsea, Nicole Varney, and Amber Peterson.





I am so pleased to have received many requests for information about relatives who were Grange members. Unfortunately, I am unable to locate the record books that would help my research. If your Grange has in its possession records of the following Granges that consolidated with you or closed, please let me know: Effingham, Pink Granite of North Haverhill, Mount Gardner of Woodsville, Moosilauke of East Haverhill, Scammell of Durham, Warren Grange, and East Candia Grange.

I was pleased to donate the records of Lake Grange of Sunapee to the Sunapee Historical Society. They were so happy to receive these books. They knew the Grange had been very active and were anxious to start reading the minutes. I am in the process of meeting with representatives from the Lebanon Historical Society to donate their record books. I am looking for Westboro Grange which was located in

West Lebanon in case someone has those records. I am trying to locate someone in Dover as I have the Dover Grange records, but to date, no luck. I will keep persevering. It is amazing the interest in the Grange records. I am always happy to help Granges write their history. It is so important to record what your Grange has done.

Recently, State Master Jim Tetreault, State Secretary Gerald Leclerc, and Rob Izzo, a member of my Community Service Committee accompanied me to Aurora Grange in Pittsburg to present a well deserving couple the Grange Citizen of the Year. As we were traveling up I-93 to Lincoln and then into the Notch, and on Route 3 to Twin Mountain and north, I started quizzing the others about Granges that used to be in the towns we passed through. Each town had a Grange or two or three. It is such a shame to see so many towns with no Grange.

I remembered the first State Grange session I served as a delegate. It was in

Colebrook and the session was held at the school. The hotel that my uncle and I stayed at was called Northern Comfort and is still in business. The church where the Home Economics Luncheon was held is still on the Main Street of Colebrook. My memories of that session included coming out on Halloween night and the cars were egged, shaving cream on the windshields, and waxed. It was decided in the next few years to pass a resolution to not have the State Grange Session on Halloween.

Colebrook is such a nice community. There is no McDonald's, Burger King, Pizza Hut, Dunkin Donuts, and Wendy's, but there were several small restaurants that looked friendly and busy. It is the home to Mohawk Grange. I had a nice talk with Lynda Gaudette who was at the Aurora meeting. Both of these Granges are on the rebound and doing excellent work. We drove by Stratford Grange Hall and although they have a small membership they are trying.

I also had fond memories of Groveton or Northumberland. When I was appointed a Junior Deputy by the late Past State Master Alton Carpenter, my Junior District included White Mountain Grange Junior Grange of Littleton and Groveton Junior Grange. I was lucky that both of these units met on these same day. Groveton met in the afternoon at 3 p.m. and White Mountain met at 6 p.m.

I had a couple of members ride with me so it was fun. We enjoyed the trip to these Granges. They were both very active and did excellent work. Marion Astle and Hazel "Cookie" Morrison were the Junior Matrons or Leaders at Groveton; with Marilyn Machia at White Mountain. I was sad when Groveton gave up. Kim Morrison was a young man who was in junior high school, and he knew his Junior Grange work.

Speaking of Junior Grange Matrons or Leaders, I had the pleasure of talking with Bernice Fish, who served as Aurora Junior Grange Matron for many years. She is still a very active member in her 90's. She also holds the Boston Post Cane which I got to see. She sat at our table while we were eating at Aurora.

We lost State Chaplain Emeritus

Hugh Clark in January, and what a loss this was. He will be missed by many people, his family, and especially by me, because he sang "Old New Hampshire," a song that is very rarely sung today. "Old New Hampshire" was the official state song, and I grew up hearing it sung, especially when I was in grammar school.

Hugh and Virginia along with their family would travel many miles to attend Grange meetings. I remember when they were members of Surry Grange. They installed many Granges or assisted another installing officer. Hugh enjoyed his horses at his farm and also doing community work in Surry. He wrote so much history without realizing it. I knew when I saw him at Deputy School, he wasn't feeling good, but I never realized that would be the last time. He sang so many hymns with his heart and soul. I am sure every Sunday, he is singing for our Lord.

I need to close for now. I enjoy reading our history so much. I am in the process of writing my second history book, although this one will be more of the serious type. I am still trying to get my first book printed. I had a non-member who is a state representative read it, and he decided that he would join if his city had a Grange. I am hoping to convince him to join Capital Grange which is in the organization stage at the State House. He enjoyed my book so much, because he could feel the love that I put into this book.

Have a great rest of the winter and don't forget to record your history. Also, if you are borrowing something from the Museum Room at the State Grange Building, please notify me so I can keep a record. The state Master and I have agreed that a sign out sheet will be developed and placed in the room. Please sign out what you are borrowing and return it. Thank you.

BANANA
A Cinquain by Kevin Belval
Chichester Grange #132
Banana
Bright, Tasty
Mix, Bake, Enjoy
Muffins, Cookies, Bread, Pie
Banana



I think that I misunderstood the lesson in the 4th degree of our ritual about winter being a time of rest. This winter has been quite busy for me for Grange work.

In December I attended Deputy School and went to many public functions spreading the seeds of Grange. Did you include putting the Grange in the public eye in your planning meetings for the year? Will your Grange be represented at your local fair, parades, and town gatherings? Do you have public activities or a display planned for Grange month?

The Grange in Manchester is still going through its formation with the help of Chris Heath. I have met some of the new members, and I believe they will make a great addition to our organization.

On January 26th I attended the Grange membership training in Lancaster taught by Michael Martin, National Membership Director. We had a fantastic turn out. Michael taught on a positive attitude about the Grange in the community at large and within the Grange itself.

I spent the next 3 days canvassing the Lancaster/Whitefield area, hanging flyers, talking to people at public suppers, laundromats, stores, church, and newspapers. I am quite sure I have a meeting place for a public informational meeting in Lancaster. I was also able travel to the Berlin/Gorham area, canvassing that area also. There is interest there, and we must follow-up on it while it is still there.

Although I did run out of time to work in the Upper Coos area, I have received an offer of a meeting place in Colebrook. I am trying to work with Upper Coos Pomona in March.

On February 8th I had the opportunity to be at the Farm and Forest Expo all day. Although the threatening blizzard kept a lot of people away, we had many interested visitors. We garnered new prospects for new and established Granges.

Both during the Farm and Forest and wherever I promote Grange, I am finding interest. We did not need to drag people into the booth; people came to us searching with interest. I find that in most people I talk to. We can grow if we grab onto this interest and turn it into Granges.

Kudos to whoever designed the Grange booth, again winning us 1st place. As I walked into the hotel wearing my deputy badge, I had strangers come up to me stating what a wonderful booth we had. Great job!

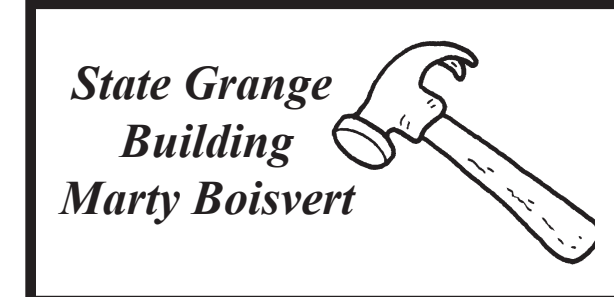
I am hearing of people working on reorganizing Capital Grange in Concord consisting of elected government officials. What a great connection for our legislative and community service responsibilities.

February also found me canvassing the Claremont area for another meeting there on February 23rd. the local tv station wants me back for some more general advertising of the Grange.

Remember in the past I promoted "catching the fever?" Well, the community at large is catching the fever, and it is spreading. We may be overwhelmed here soon. We need more Grangers to step up and be ready to work with these new Granges. We need to give the Pomona Granges a reason for existence, and the nurturing of new Granges within their jurisdictions is one of those reasons. If you are interested in "catching the fever" and want to help with new Granges, please contact Jim Tetreault or myself.

Positive PR as in the form of the "NH To Do" article and Chris Heath's 10 minute claim to fame on Chronicle and any positive newspaper articles are helping to spread the fever. I hear the groans of growing pains so we all need to do our part to help ease the pain by members stepping up to the plate to help.

RAIN BARREL
A Cinquain by Mary West,
Chichester Grange #132
Barrel
Large, Red
Splash, Catch, Hold
Savor every last drop
Barrel



A technician from LaValley Oil came by on December 28th to inspect the oil tank situation. He said we did a great job with our stabilizing platform. Unfortunately he also said there seemed to be more oil build up on the bottom of the tank than when he came before, and the tank needed to be replaced. He said if we got our own tank and did the work to get it downstairs ourselves we would save quite a bit in labor costs since it is far from a standard tank switchover. The current tank had enough oil for about six weeks according to the technician's estimate, so we needed to get the ball rolling right away.

After checking with the Executive Committee, we bought an oil tank and a containment tray to go underneath it from FW Webb. Some members of the Executive Committee were a little concerned about the scope of the project, but I assured them that while I know I do not have the same skills that some members in NH State Grange officer positions have, I can take something apart and build it back up again, and that skill is what I can give to the NH State Grange. A few days later, we put the new oil tank in the basement of the State Grange Building using a chain-fall (pulley system) after removing the stairs. Don't worry, the stairs were put back after we were done.

Once the new tank was installed, the oil company set it up and filled it. Then all that was left to do was wait and keep checking the oil level in the old tank. The oil company was loaned a key to the building for this purpose. Unfortunately, things were cut a bit too close when trying to get the old tank to as low a level as possible. On the day of the February Youth Rally, participants arrived to find that the furnace had shut off and the building was very cold. I contacted the oil company and someone arrived within forty-five minutes to hook up the new tank. Crisis averted.

2013 National Grange Convention Update

Plans are well under way for hosting the National Grange convention in November. The Regional Host Committee and the various Committee chairmen are meeting monthly via TeamSpeak web conference to check on the progress of all the plans. A budget proposal has been submitted to the National Grange Executive Committee for approval in order to receive funding from the Assessment Fund to which we have all been contributing for the last few years. This is only the second session since these funds have been made available, so both the region and the national office are still figuring out how it all works, necessitating many communications between Washington, D.C. and New Hampshire.

We are working toward having many of the details laid down before June, in order to help the national staff meet their publication deadlines. This means that we must know where the tours will go, what the menus and ticket prices will be, who will be the entertainment and special speakers at which event, and so on. Hopefully we can report on a lot of this in the next issue of the Granite State Granger.

Here is where things stand with our fundraising efforts:

- **Shirts** – We are still selling off our supply of shirts. The price of the convention logo T-shirts (available in four colors) and crew neck sweatshirts have been reduced to \$10 and \$15 respectively. The larger sizes are selling fast, so don't wait! Think about Jr. Grangers and grandchildren if you can help us deplete our inventory as there are plenty of small sizes left! We are trying to accumulate enough special orders of the screen-printed hoodie zip sweatshirts (\$28) and the embroidered emblem polo shirts (\$25) to place a special order. For available colors of polos you can view what's available at www.4logowearables.com. Look for the Harriton brand, style # M100 or M100W for ladies sizes. Contact Beth Merrill with questions or special orders at 588-6615.

- We do have some insulated lunch totes (\$5), sport drink bottles (\$6), and note pads (\$1) available. Also, we are

selling raffle tickets, which will be drawn at the convention. So far, we have some lovely hand-painted sap buckets and lids, a hand-painted apple basket, and a handmade baby quilt. In addition to these prizes, we will add at the convention a gift basket from each of the seven region states containing locally made products from their state.

- Thank you, thank you, thank you is all I can say to our members who have been handing me wads of "G-dollars" wherever I go. This was never intended to be a formal fundraising effort, but several members have embraced the idea of "G-dollars" (look for the "G" insignia on the left side of George Washington on your dollar bills) and have made substantial contributions to our fundraising efforts.

Here are some things any member can do to help with our preparations:

- **Maple Syrup** - It's maple sugar season. If you have family or friends that are producers, perhaps you could ask them to donate a dozen or more of the sample size bottles of syrup. We can use as many of these as we can acquire for table favors at our two banquets and the Ag Breakfast during convention. If you all are as good at soliciting these as you are at collecting Grange dollars we might have enough to include some in the welcome bags each member will receive when they register at the convention. Maple sugar candies would be easy to use for these same purposes and would be gratefully received.

- **Welcome Bags** – We are planning on stuffing 500 of these bags with goodies from each of our region states. We are NOT looking for paper brochures and such that are likely to just be thrown away. We are happy to receive donations of small edible goodies, or useful items such as pens, pencils, magnets, etc. that promote NH people, places, and things. Stay tuned for future notices, as we may ask members to sew the actual bags that we need to hold all the goodies.

- **Vendors and Entertainers** – Our promotion team that manned a table in the exhibit room at the Boise convention noted that there was not a lot of traffic in the exhibit room throughout the convention. We are looking to change that in Manchester. We need suggestions of vendors, demonstrators, musicians, etc. to help fill

our expo room with lots of energy and activity. Who do you know that would be willing to give their time to do this? Vendors will not be charged a fee for their table space, nor do we have a budget to pay entertainers, and they must understand that we won't guarantee how much business they will do during their stay. Please contact Kathy Yardley with your thoughts and ideas in this category. kyardley@nh-grange.org or 756-3677.

- **Volunteers** - We will need NH volunteers all day on Thursday, November 14th, to help with registration, hospitality, exhibit room monitors, deputies, and a laundry crew to wash and iron costumes for the Seventh Degree. Please contact Kerriann Heath if you would like to volunteer that day. kerriann1@comcast.net.

- **Seventh Degree** - Our State Master boldly pledged at last year's Celebration Banquet that NH would have 100 candidates for the Seventh Degree in Manchester. We think this is a very easy goal to attain, but just to be sure, we need you to come and participate. Besides, when will it ever be this close for you to see it again? Another 100 years perhaps? Because of the 5-year rotation system we now have in place, it could be the year 2048 before National Grange session comes to NH again!

- **Mittens** – We know for sure that our Mitten Tree will be a 12' high, three-dimensional, wooden, tree-shaped structure which we would like to completely conceal beneath a plethora of hats, mittens and scarves. These will later be dispersed to deserving agencies around the region. If you don't sew, knit or crochet, you can still donate purchased items for our tree and NOW is the season when you might get good deals on winter items as stores are making space for their spring and summer attire.

- **Pumpkins** - As you make plans for the growing season, keep in mind that our state fruit, the pumpkin is featured on the National Grange convention logo. We may put a call out later in the year looking for pumpkins with which to decorate during the convention. If you have room to grow a few pumpkins for us, that would be terrific. Especially little table favor size ones.

NH State Grange Youth Sherrill Bokousky

The Youth of NH started out the year with the Winter Rally held on February 2nd. It was well attended with fifty people at the evening meeting.

Earlier in the day, the Youth and Junior Departments shared a Community Service Project. The children present decorated paper sacks with Valentine designs and the youth members filled valentine treat bags with cookies and candies. The treat bags were then put into the paper sacks. The project was fun to do and was happily received when delivered to the NH Food Bank.

The Youth Officer list is printed below. They will hold these offices for the year. I am still looking for youth members we haven't seen in a while so please give me a call. We have some activities coming up and we want you to know what is happening. I am looking for all youth to participate in the contests, events, and activities that are planned for the coming year.

2013 Youth Association Officers

Master	Sarah Leclerc
Overseer	Emilie Leclerc
Lecturer	Anne Boisvert
Chaplin	Erick Todd
Treasurer	Bob Paquin Varnum
Secretary	Adam Paquin Varnum
Steward	Stu Light
A.Steward	Norman Brandt
L.A.Steward	Lynn Clark
Ceres	Kerriann Heath
Pomona	Mary West
Flora	Crystal Seward
GateKeeper	PJ Clark
Executive Committee	Matthew Clark
Pianist	Marie Hall

The next event we have coming up will be Glow Bowling in April. This is a fun night out and also a Caroline Hall Grangers Care project. Bowlers get sponsors and we raise money for NH Food Bank. Details will be sent out as soon as completed.

If you have a youth night or activity

planned it can be added to the web page so please send these dates to me so I can get them added.

Plans are being made for a summer rally. The date will be the second weekend in June and again I will send out the information as soon as I get it. I will send it out by email, Facebook, and regular mail and hope to reach as many as possible.

Drill team sign up has started and we need more members on the team. Practice will be done in May, so if interested let me know. The Northeast Youth Conference will be held the last weekend in June and will be in Vermont this year.



Ellen Dorr Receives Boston Post Cane

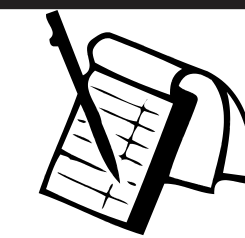
Ellen Dorr, the oldest resident of Whitefield, was presented with the Boston Post cane by Selectman Mark Lufkin and Police Chief Edward Samson on January 23. Ellen celebrated her 101st birthday on November 3, 2012.

She is an 80 year Grange member, currently belonging to Winthrop Grange in Shelburne. Winthrop Grangers Cathy Snyer, Burt and Tillie Meyers, and Ann Leger attended the presentation ceremony. At present Ellen is staying at The Morrison where she is recuperating from pneumonia she developed in late December. She hopes soon to be back in her own home.

Deadline

The next issue of the Granite State Granger will be mailed in June, 2013. Please send items for the paper to Hannah West on or before May 8, 2013. Report on events of March and April. Look ahead to events of July, August, and September.

State Lecturer Hannah West



It looks like we won't be having a Maine/NH Gathering this year. Spring is a busy time, and we can't seem to find a good place within easy driving distance for Grangers from both states.

The State Lecturer's Variety Show is coming up on April 27 at the State Grange Building in Hooksett. Please consider performing a vocal, instrumental, or variety number. I need to choose a Best of Show to represent New Hampshire at the Night of Excellence during the National Grange Session, but I also would like to have an event that will entertain us all and bring Grange Month to a rousing finish. For "value added" there will be a Penny Sale with the proceeds going to support the Youth who are traveling to the Kelley Farm in July to perform the historic degrees. Lunch will be available for purchase at 12 noon. Munch a sandwich, put out your Penny Sale tickets, and be ready for the Variety Show to begin at 1 p.m. Penny Sale numbers will be drawn at the close of the Variety Show. I would be happy to accept donated items for the Penny Sale, but I need them prior to the day of the sale.

The Northeast Lecturers' Conference will be hosted by Connecticut this year at Albertus Magnus College in New Haven on August 5, 6, and 7th. The overall theme is "Community Spirit" and New Hampshire's program topic is "Places of Worship." Kevin Belval is working on the NH program, and he has some ideas that may surprise you. The conference is a bit shorter this year to help keep the costs down, but the essentials haven't changed. It is still a great time for performing, learning, and sharing. Details will be in the mail in early May.

I hope you are all thinking ahead to entering the Lecturer's Contests in October. Snap those camera shutters, create those cards, paint or draw those pictures, write those essays or book reviews. Time has a way of flying by, so plan to have your entries ready before the last minute.



Hello to all from the Grange Services Department. I am amazed to receive information on a weekly basis from National Grange about new membership benefits that are available to all subordinate members. I hope that a member of your Grange is sharing this information at one of your meetings. There are MANY pamphlets about these benefits available through the Membership Department. Your Grange only needs to request them from the Director.

I hope all Granges have received the annual appeals letter for a donation to the Educational Loan Fund (ELF) from Brother Rodney Huntoon. Your donation helps this Department to provide scholarships to our members that are trying to advance their education. We are also able to offer loans to them that must be paid back after they have completed their college degree. So please help us support them with a donation to this fund.

I will remind all high school seniors that your complete scholarship application with several letters of recommendation is due by JULY 1, 2013. The two (2) forms are available on the

web site at www.nhgrange.org under the Grange Services Department or you may request them from a committee member. You are currently checking out the scholarships available at your high school, so work on your Grange scholarship at the same time.

I am including information about a grant offer that National Grange has sent about Deaf Awareness. There is a deadline of July 12, 2013. So if your Grange can use these funds in your Grange or for help in a community project check it out. Many community groups have members that can help with grant applications.

**The Grange Foundation
Deaf Awareness Grant Program**

A fund was developed within the National Grange Foundation for the purpose of supporting deaf activities within the Grange. Because funds are still available, this grant program is being offered to assist states with funding various deaf awareness activities. In the past three years these grants helped Granges in Idaho, Iowa, Michigan, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Washington. If you would like to know more about these projects please go to www.grangefoundation.org.

Eligibility

Any State Grange is eligible to apply for a grant to assist with a worthwhile project that may be planned within the state. Community Granges can apply through their State Grange.

Timeline

Grant applications will be due on July 12, 2013 to the National Grange Foundation. If you are mailing it please send to National Grange Foundation, Attn: Samantha Johnson, 1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006 or e-mail it to sjohnson@nationalgrange.org.

Guidelines

Grants up to a maximum of \$500.00 will be awarded to each approved application and will be awarded to the State Grange. The State Grange will have the option of transferring those funds to the Community or Pomona Grange conducting the deaf activity included in the grant application. A maximum of three grants will be awarded in 2013.

Grants may be awarded for any project that enhances deaf education. Creativity and uniqueness of the projects will also be factored into the selection process. The Grange Foundation is looking for projects with not only an impact on deaf education but plans that involve members working with deaf community in some way. The Foundation will give preference to Granges who are doing more than fundraising.

Requirements

This should be in document form and include the following information: Name of State Grange, Name and Address of Contact Person, Date of Submission, Name of the Project, Description of the Project, Anticipated number of people involved, Anticipated impact on the Grange (State and/or Local), Anticipated impact on the Community or State, Other anticipated results of the project.

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