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Phil Prelli, National Representative

Our National Grange Representative for the this year's State Grange Session is Phil Prelli. Phil has been a member of the Grange for more than 40 years. He was elected to the National Grange Board of Officers in 2007. In the past he has served as Master of the Connecticut State Grange and Treasurer of the National Grange.

Phil Prelli was appointed Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of Connecticut, May 20, 2005. Prior to that he served as a State Representative from the 63rd District, from 1991 until 2003. While a Representative he served as an Assistant House Minority Leader serving as Chairman of the House Republican Bill Screening Committee and a member of the General Assembly's Banks, Environment, Commerce, Finance Revenue and Bonding, Government Administration and Election (where he served as Ranking Member) and Legislative Management committees.

He has served on the Winchester Board of Education and is an Honorary Member and Past Captain, First lieutenant, second lieutenant and secretary of the Winsted Volunteer Fire Department, Co. No. 3.

From 1970 to 1976, Phil was a member of the 729th Railroad Transportation Battalion Army Reserve where he reached the rank of specialist 5.

Prior to being appointed Commissioner, Phil was an insurance agent and a partner in Tangarone and Prelli insurance in Winsted and prior to forming that company was the owner of the Prelli Insurance Agency.

Phil and his wife, Maureen have been married for 35 years and, have twin daughters, Jennifer Hester and Marie Keefe and 2 Grandchildren Gavin and Anna Hester.

Support the "Pig Kissers"

Because last year's Patron's Plunge was so memorable and profitable, we felt it was only right to come up with a fund raiser for this year's state session. On Saturday, October 30, at 4:30 p.m. or at the conclusion of the State Grange afternoon session, patrons will gather in the parking lot at the headquarters hotel to watch the "winning" contestant kiss a real, live pig. Only the person receiving the greatest amount of pledges will actually be required to do the deed -unless he or she makes a matching donation. Then the "honor" of kissing the pig is passed on to the second highest earner, who also has the option of making a matching donation, and so on down the list of participants until someone actually kisses the pig! Half of the proceeds will benefit the NH State Grange and the other half will be awarded to the favorite Grange charity of each participant.

Blueberry Pie Days at the Big E

Here's the scoop! If you want a "slice" of the action, you need to save the dates of Friday, September 24th (NH Day) and/or Tuesday, September 28th to help sell blueberry pie and ice cream in the NH building at the Big "E". This is a great opportunity for fun, fellowship, and fundraising for the NH State Grange.

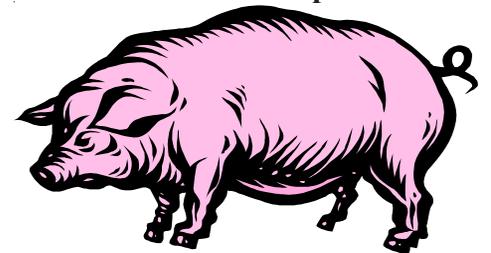
On the 24th we are scheduled to work from 10:00am to 9:00pm, and on the 28th from 10:00am to 6:00pm. Shifts are usually set up so that you alternate work with time to enjoy the fair. We will provide you with a free admission ticket and a chance to see the sights.

If you have been thinking about trying this activity, now is the time! Please contact Gwen Yardley at 603-756-3677 for more info or to sign up for a shift (best time to reach Gwen is evenings, until 11:00pm). Looking forward to seeing you at the fair!

Money may be brought to State Session or checks can be made payable to NH State Grange with a notation of "Kiss the Pig" and mailed to State Secretary Carolyn Ross, 80 East Road, East Kingston, NH 03827. Please note that your money is for the Kiss the Pig contest and name the "Kisser" you wish to sponsor.

Sponsored by their families, friends, co-workers, and Grange supporters, the following list of valiant Grangers has volunteered to "kiss the pig". Won't you sponsor one or more of them with your donation?

Beth Merrill – Name Protection legal expenses
Arthur Merrill – Name Protection expenses
Jim Tetreault – Youth Department & Legislative Department
Hannah West – Granite State Granger
Lester Gibbs – Dictionary Project
Stephen Tracy – Membership Department
Tricia Taylor – Name Protection legal expenses
Gail Turcotte – NH State Grange Trust Fund
Marie Hall – Lecturer's Talent Fund
Dan Bascom - Name Protection legal expenses
Jane Trombi - Jodi Bailey Youth Fund
Kathy Yardley - National Grange Youth Leadership



Silent Auction at State Session

We will again be having a silent auction at State Session. The format will be similar to last year. We are looking for donated items, new or handmade, such as jams, jellies, maple syrup, wine, craft items, t-shirts, sweatshirts, gift baskets, or Grange related items. I would like to challenge all Pomonas to provide a gift basket for this excellent fund raiser. All proceeds will be going to the general fund.



It's time for the Big "E" again! Whether it's to sell blueberry pie, attend Grange Day, see a show, shop, take in some exhibits, watch a livestock show, serve as an ambassador or store worker in the New England Grange Building, or greet visitors in the New Hampshire room upstairs, I hope I will see you there! If you'd like to receive an admission ticket and a parking pass, contact me to find out what roles need to be filled in exchange for your free admission.

I have attended several state and national Grange events this last quarter, namely Youth Rally and Spotlight on NH, the 50th Anniversary and Rededication of the National Grange Building in Washington, DC, Northeast Youth Conference, Northeast Lecturers' Conference, and Family Weekend. Congratulations and thanks to Chris Heath, Marie Hall, and Bob Trombi, the Directors and Officer in charge of organizing these events. I wish that all Grangers would attend at least one or two of these organized events in order to fully appreciate all that your organization has to offer you. They are a great way to see what's happening in the world and in the Grange. Friendship and networking opportunities are limitless, and the educational aspect continues as one of the founding principles of our organization. Please give consideration to attending a regional or state conference next year.

In addition to these "fun" events, I have been busy attending meetings of the Northeast Connection (2), the New England Grange Building trustees (1 meeting/3 work days), NH Grange Foundation (annual meeting), State Officers' Night at Baker's River, Lake Shore Grange, Croydon Grange (charter pending), Wicwas Lake Grange revitalization, state youth drill team practice, Peterborough Grange installation of officers, state officers' walkthrough at Keene Best Western Hotel, State Grange Executive Committee (2), Pomona Master's meeting, and the Summer Deputy School. I also met with Chris Hadsel, director of

Curtains Without Borders, at the Starr King Grange Hall in Jefferson (currently being offered for sale) and assisted her in removing the painted curtain and two ears, which now await future preservation and a new destination.

I hope you will look elsewhere in this issue for a report on the happenings in Washington, D.C. at the National Grange Building's 50th anniversary celebration. There were 23 NH Grangers present at the rededication ceremony! I hope they all were as awed as I was to be present for such a significant historical event.

In this issue, you will find a schedule for the State Grange Session coming up on October 28-31 in Keene. We will be hosting Phil Prelli, National Grange Board of Directors' Secretary, and his wife, Maureen Prelli, who hail from the Connecticut State Grange. It will be a busy session including special guest visits, the conferral of two degrees, deliberations on new policies, the "Kiss the Pig" fundraiser finale, numerous awards and recognitions, State Officers' reception, and a dance.

I hope I will see some of you at the National Convention to be held in Charlotte, North Carolina. We have just two more national sessions after this year to make observations and set our plans in motion to be spectacular hosts at the 2013 Session. More details on these developments will be coming in future issues of this newsletter, so stay tuned!

Speaking of National Grange, I hope you will consider holding a fundraiser in your Grange so that you can make a donation to the National Grange for legal expenses incurred in the ongoing efforts to protect the Grange name from various violators around the country. There are several in our own state that will be dealt

with at some point in the future. Personal donations are welcome, as well!

As I close this, my final GSG column as your State Master, I can't look back on all the accomplishments, trials, triumphs, and, yes, even some missed opportunities during my term of office without realizing how lucky I've been as the recipient of so much support, dedication, and talent as we've tried to grow our Grange together. It's been such an honor and challenge for me to serve as your leader, and I can only hope that my successor will receive the same help and support from all of you that I have enjoyed during the past four years. I can never repay the Grange for all it's done for me throughout my life, and you are all truly "the best thing that's ever happened to me!" To hear more on this sentiment, I hope you will come hear the Master's Address at State Grange.

Happy trails!

The Agate

The Agate held a picnic at Baker River Valley Snowmobile Club with about 25 members and friends attending. It was hosted by Baker's River Grange who cooked up a good picnic supper. This year's officers are: President, Anne Boisvert; Vice President, Ralph Ford; Secretary, Dorothy Haskins; Treasurer, Peg Winton; Directors for 2 years, Ida Hutchins and Paul Davis; Directors for 1 year, Neil MacDonald and Steve Hewes. Brother Carriyl Heath and his wife, who were visiting from Florida, attended and Chris Heath became a new member. A variety program was put on by Dorothy Haskins. David Boynton and Dale MacDonald. A good time was had by all.

The next meeting of the Agate will be held at Daniel Webster Grange, and Marion Jones will be in charge of the program. This will be our Christmas party, and re-cycled gifts will be exchanged. Just bring a nice clean gift you might find around your home - one that you know you can live without and you also know that someone else would love it. The Agate is an association of Past Grange masters and their spouses. New members are accepted at any meeting. Come and join us, you'll be glad you did.

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Bury can't and you'll find will.
—American Proverb



All About Youth Chris Heath

The Youth from the State of New Hampshire have been very busy this summer representing the New Hampshire State Grange. The first weekend of June found a dozen or so Youth attending the entire Summer Rally weekend. We had three Public Speech entries, two Sign-A-Song entries, and one Elevator Speech for Spotlight NH. The results are as follows. In the Public Speaking contest age 14 to 19 category, first place went to Davi Penny. There were two entries in the 30 + Public Speaking category. Second place went to Stephen Tracy and first place to Arthur Merrill. There were two hobbyist entries for the Sign-A-Song contest. Second place went to Beth Merrill and first place went to Kathy Yardley. First place in the 20 to 29 age category for Elevator Speeches went to Matthew Clark. During the Youth Association meeting on Saturday night a slate of Youth Association Officers was elected. These officers will be responsible for opening the Saturday morning session of the New Hampshire State Grange on October 30.

June 25th through June 27th found 23 Grangers from New Hampshire attending the 50 year rededication ceremony of the National Grange Building in Washington D.C. Our own Matthew and Lynn Clark helped provide tours of the National Grange Building to over 400 visitors. Matt and Lynn did a great job answering questions and providing historical information to those who visited the building.

July 9th through the 11th found 14 New Hampshire Grangers attending the North East Regional Youth Conference in Bridgewater, Massachusetts. Everyone who attended had a great weekend. The contest winners from NH competed in the regional contests and here are the results. Davi Penny won first place in her age category for Public Speaking, Arthur Merrill won second place

in Public Speaking in his age category, Matthew Clark won first place in his age category for Elevator Speech, and Kathy Yardley won second place for her entry in the Sign-A-Song contest. If you see any of these people in your travels, make sure to congratulate them on a job well done. The Youth of New Hampshire also had an entry for the Drill Competition. The New Hampshire team took second place out of four teams who competed on Sunday morning. The team members were as follows: Andrew Savage, Patrick Bailey, Matthew Clark, Lynn Clark, Allissa Estes, Davi Penny, Anne Boisvert, Gloria Davis, and Chris Heath. They did a great job representing the New Hampshire State Grange.

The next event being sponsored by the Youth Department will be a mini golf tournament at the Pirates Cove mini golf course in Meredith NH. This event will be held on September 11th starting at 1 pm. This event is open to all Grange members. If you plan on attending this event, please let Youth Team leader Chris Heath know as soon as possible. All Subordinate Youth Chairmen should submit their youth reports to their Pomona Youth Chairmen by August 25th and to the Youth Team leader by September 1st. Also please remember that all entries in the Youth contests (Memory Book Page, Photo Scavenger Hunt and Collage) are due to the Youth Team leader by October 1st. If you need your items picked up, please let the leader know so they can try to assist you in getting your items in on time.

There will be a Pumpkin Decorating contest during State Session in October. If you want to enter this contest, please make sure that your pumpkin is at the Youth display table before noon time on Saturday so that it can be judged. The winners from this contest will be announced during the celebration banquet on Saturday night. Also, contest entries from the Youth contests, will be needed to be picked up by 3 pm on Saturday. Be sure to sign out your items at the table before taking them.

Donations to the State Grange have been slowly arriving. If you or your Grange want to make donations to the State Youth Team, these need to be sent to the Youth Team leader by October 1st. Please remember that these donations help the Youth Team

provide activities and events for the Youth from around the state.

If anyone has any questions about anything mentioned in this article or questions about upcoming events, please contact the Youth Team Leader as soon as possible. The Youth program for the coming year will be available at State Session this year. Please make sure that your delegates swing by the Youth table to pick up your Grange's copy. If you will not have delegates at state session, please let the Youth Team leader know so that program can be mailed to you before National Session.

Pine Grove Grange #298

Pine Grove Grange's Youth Committee's annual Penny Sale was held on June 26 and raised almost \$900 for future scholarships. The committee awarded three scholarships this year to local graduates who plan to continue their education. The Penny Sale was followed a few weeks later by the town's annual "At the Hop" Car Show, at which the Grange provides the food concession. Many thanks go to the Grangers and friends who braved the heat to provide cold drinks and grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, and cheeseburgers to the crowd. The profits from the car show, along with proceeds from the upcoming Booster Night on September 18, fund Pine Grove Grange's community service activities throughout the year.

We are fortunate to have two new members and a new affiliate member this year. Ed O'Brien from Easton is known throughout the area as the owner of a carousel organ, which he provides to local events at no charge. Denys Draper, also from Easton, is a talented musician, organist at a local church, and the new Grange pianist. Finally, we welcomed the addition of David Wilson as an Affiliate Member of our Grange. David is well known throughout the New Hampshire State Grange and is a member and past Master of Winthrop Grange.



137th Annual Convention

New Hampshire State Grange
Patrons of Husbandry
Best Western Sovereign Hotel
401 Winchester Street
Keene, NH 03431

Special Guests

Phillip Prelli - Secretary, National Grange
Board of Directors and Past Master,
Connecticut State Grange
Maureen Prelli - former First Lady,
Connecticut State Grange

Thursday, October 28, 2010

Registration beginning at 6:00 PM
(\$10.00 Registration Fee for each delegate)
(\$5.00 Registration Fee for all other attendees)

Opening Session – 7:00 PM

Procession of State Officers
Opening in the Sixth Degree
Calling the Roll of Officers
Grange Lowered to Fourth Degree
Introduction of Special Guests
Calling the Roll of Granges
Conferral of the 4th Degree
by Walpole Grange #125

Under Direction of Deputies Kathy Yardley
and Jane Trombi

Grange Memorial Service

Chaplain, Matthew Clark
(Gates and registration will be closed
during the service)

Closing the Grange

State Officers will retire and form
receiving line

State Officers' Reception and Revelry!

Hospitality Room - #112
Hosted by Cheshire County Pomona
Open 9:00 PM to 11:00 PM

Friday, October 29, 2010

Morning Session – 8:30 AM

Opening in the Fourth Degree
Introduction of Special Guests
Calling the Roll of Officers
Calling the Roll of Granges
Reading the Minutes from Thursday
Announcement of Master's Address,
Credentials, and Resolutions Committees
Reading of Resolutions
Reading of Convention Rules

Reports

Treasurer Gail Turcotte
Secretary Carolyn J. Ross
Executive Comm. Donald Ross
Lecturer Marie Hall
Legislative James Tetreault
Membership Dev. Stephen Tracy
Historian Richard Patten
General Deputy. Tricia Taylor

Officers Reports

Overseer James Tetreault
Steward Chris Heath
Assistant Steward ... Arthur Merrill
Lady Asst. Steward .. Jane Trombi
Chaplain Matthew Clark
Gatekeeper Ann Leger
Ceres Kathy Yardley
Pomona Rachel Scanzani
Flora Diane Collins
Ex. Comm. D. Bascom, M.
Collins, H. West, R. Haefner
Pianist Lester Gibbs

State Master's Annual Address
– Beth Merrill – 11:15 AM

****LUNCH BREAK** 12:00 NOON**

Afternoon Session – 1:30 PM

Election of Officers – 1:30 PM

Reports

Grange Services Constance Carr
State Grange Trust ... Rodney Huntoon
Operations Bob Trombi
Publicity & Media Anne Boisvert
Eastern States Trustee ... Matthew Clark

Closing the Grange – 4:30 PM

(or at conclusion of business)

Evening Meal on Your Own

Obligation of the 5th Degree – 7:10 PM

Evening Session – 7:30 PM

Conferral of Sixth Degree
Introduction of Guests
Announcements

Closing in the Fourth Degree

Dismantle Flora's Court

Youth Officers' Rehearsal

Hospitality Room - #112

Hosted by Cheshire County Pomona

Open 9:30 PM to 11:00 PM

Saturday, October 30, 2010

Morning Session – 8:00 AM

Youth Opening in the Fourth Degree
Calling the Roll of Youth Officers
Calling the Roll of State Officers
Calling the Roll of Granges
Reading the Minutes from Friday

Reports

Youth and Junior .. Chris Heath & Lynn Clark
Family & Community ... Wilber & Jane Heath

Reports

NH Grange Foundation. Jean Abbott
Special Committee – State Grange Building
Sale Feasibility David Boynton
Special Committee – Pomona Masters and
Pomona Growth Summit ... James Tetreault
Reports of Pomona Granges .. Pomona Masters

Discussion and Action on Resolutions

****LUNCH BREAK** 12:00 Noon**

Saturday, October 30, 2010

Afternoon Session – 1:30 PM

Reports

Master's Address Committee
Budget

Discussion & Action on Resolutions
(continued)

Unfinished Business

Report of Credentials Committee

Closing the Grange – 3:30 PM

(or at conclusion of business)

KISS THE PIG!

In parking lot

½ hour after closing

Evening Session – 6:00 PM

State Grange Celebration Dinner

(By advance, October 15th reservation only!)

\$30.00 – Contact State Ceres, Kathy Yardley
Roast Turkey, Pork Loin or Pasta Primavera

Children's Menu - \$20 – Chicken Fingers

Program

Introduction of Guest Dignitaries

Recognition Awards

State Lecturer's Talent Winner

50/50 Raffle winner

Dance to follow program

Bob Varnum - DJ

Hospitality Room - #112

Hosted by Cheshire County Pomona

Open until 11:00 PM

Sunday, October 31, 2010

Winchester Town Hall

1 Richmond Rd.

Winchester, NH

9:00 AM - Church Service

conducted by

State Chaplain, Matthew Clark

9:30 AM – Installation of Officers

with Reception to follow

144th National Grange

Annual Convention

November 9-13, 2010

Hilton Charlotte University

Place Hotel

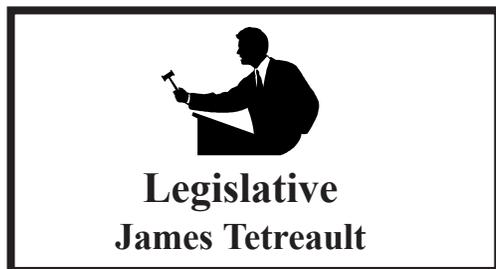
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Summer will shortly be over, and my favorite time of year - fall - will be with us soon. The fall months are a busy time of year in the Grange community. Our Granges return from our summer breaks. We have the opportunity to visit with the Deputy and to prepare for our annual State Grange Session, which will be held in Keene this year.

I had the opportunity to visit Washington, DC, in June for the 50th Anniversary of the National Grange building. What a Great Event it was! Also, during my visit Gordon Gibson and I took Friday and did some drop in visits to both CT and NH Congressional Representatives to leave off the Grange's position on the issues that we care about. It was nice to have the opportunity to meet with the Staffers in DC, because no matter which party they are affiliated with I got a strong feeling that their bosses care about what is going on back here in NH and CT.

Don't forget to be working on resolutions for State Grange. They are due to the State Secretary by September 1, 2010, but, if your Grange is willing to provide 150 copies to be distributed at State Session, you may send them in after the deadline. Be sure that you do submit them to the State Secretary, so that the Resolutions Committee will have time to consider them. Advanced planning makes the business of State Session move more smoothly.

The Legislative Department will again recognize outstanding Legislators, so if you have any suggestions, we would certainly be glad to consider your ideas.



We have received many wonderful needlework entries, and by the time you read this they will have been judged on the state level and the first place winners will go to Eastern States where they will compete with all other Northeast region entries. We have also received State level categories of quilting, sewing, wood work and miscellaneous items, and they will have been judged. All entries will be displayed at State Session. It is now time to start thinking of entries for next year.

At State Session we will be collecting brand new linens (twin size preferred), bath articles, towels, washcloths, laundry baskets, etc. for the New Hampshire Coalition Against Rape and Domestic Violence. We will also be collecting non perishable food items to be given to the Keene Area Food Bank. We are asking Granges to bring fudge and trail mix to be sold at the State Session. Please cut fudge before bringing it.

We will again be having the final bake-off of all of the wonderful Fruit Squares that competed at Pomona level. Please have your entries at State Session no later than 10 a.m. on Saturday. Bring them to the F & C display table.

We have received some entries for the Firefighter, Policeman, Educator and Military Veteran. We have not received any Agriculture award nominations; 200 year Farm, Century Farm or Young Farmer. We would really like to get some of these as we are an agricultural organization. These nominations should be sent in **no later than** the due date of the report, **September 15**. Please send a detailed write-up on your nominations so that they can be judged equally. When making out your Community Service reports, also include a detailed report as these are judged by non Grangers. If you would also like to nominate someone for a Community Citizen Award, or Community Service Award, please contact the State Lecturer.

We are still accepting quilt squares. Remember they have to be 10 1/2" square (this includes the 1/4" seam allowance to sew them together). They should be purple, lavender, lilac or combinations thereof. We have received enough squares from Grange members to assemble a queen size quilt. A double size quilt has been donated by Betty Andersen of Crown Point Grange in Strafford. The quilts and additional items (not yet determined) will be raffled off at State Session in October. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. They will be available through your Pomona Family & Community chairman and at State Session.

Any items that you have made for the Big "E" need to be in our hands by the 13th of September. 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.

We have received Family & Community Donations from some Granges and are still waiting for additional donations. (Make checks payable to Family and Community Committee). We hope you are working on items for Mountain of Mittens (These can be knitted, crocheted, or Polar Fleece, hand made or purchased). If you make donations to local schools during the year, please record them on your end of the year report. Reports are due this month, so now is the time to put them together and mail them.

Thank you for supporting the Family and Community Department throughout the year. It makes our job easier if we have many hands making articles for us to display, items to donate, and goodies to sell.

Kelley Farm donations can be made at any time. (make check payable 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.

The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is that one comes from a strong will, and the other from a strong won't.~Henry Ward Beecher

Watatic Grange

Members of Watatic Grange in Amherst enjoyed a visit to the NH Farm Museum in Milton, NH recently. A guided tour of over an hour was provided at a reduced cost because we were Grange members. The old house, barn, outbuildings and gardens were truly a step back in history to a simpler time, a time when people had to be self-sufficient, creative and extremely hard working. There is a special video presentation done through the University of New Hampshire that depicts what farm life was like through every season of the year.

We were all thrilled to see "Rachel's Room" an area filled with old fashioned toys and dedicated to long time Grange member, Rachel Pugh, because of her love of educating the children who visited the farm. Numerous antique dolls, cradles, books and other toys decorated the shelves.

With plenty of room for picnic lunches and socializing, plus a great gift shop, the Farm Museum is a wonderful place to bring family, friends and especially grandchildren. Let's think about making this a yearly outing!

Merrimack County Pomona

Merrimack County Pomona Grange will hold its annual meeting on Monday, September 20, at Daniel Webster Grange at 7:30 pm. with Halloween Grange hosting the meeting. The reason for changing meeting places is because Halloween Grange needs to make some repairs on their hall. Pomona will be holding an election of officers during their business meeting. All Pomona members are urged to attend.

Golden Rod Grange

Golden Rod Grange of Swanzey will be having their Awards Night on September 10th at 7:00 PM at Cutler School in West Swanzey. Awards will be made to Teacher, State Trooper, Police Officer and also awards to members for years in Grange. The Community Citizen Award will be given to a group this year. Any questions please call Carolee Barrett @352-7615.

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



**Photo by Charles Jordan/Colebrook Chronicle
Mohawk Grange #217**

The picture above shows Mohawk Grange's float, entitled "Redneck Picnic," which won first place as the funniest float in the Colebrook 4th of July parade. The parade is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Colebrook and has great participation each year in both entries and spectators.

The "caption" on the side of the float says, "Ya mite be a Redneck if ya selabrate July 4th like us!" The young man playing the guitar is Scott Neary - son of the Mohawk Grange Lecturer, grandson of the Secretary and brother of the Steward. Next to him on the left is Master Michelle Hyde who was actually toasting marshmallows as they rode along. The gal with the sun glasses behind Scott is Ginger Jannenga, and the kids are from the area - kids the Nearys have contact with in the Boy Scouts and in the Venturing group sponsored by Mohawk Grange. The float was pulled with a vintage 1947 tractor driven by the son of two Grange members, Robert & Yvonne Burrill. We got cheers all along the way!

Daniel Webster Grange

Daniel Webster Grange met recently and held an election of officers for 2011. Robert Bates was elected Master; Dorothy Haskins, Lecturer; and Gabrielle Gregorie, Secretary. Their meeting day and time will be changed at the beginning of the new year. Then they will meet on a Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm. As a result of a fund raiser to help offset the high cost of dues and a donation from a towns person, in return for a good deed done by a Grange member, our Grange voted to lower the annual dues to \$20.00 per member for the 2011 Grange year. This subject will be brought up each year to see how finances are and to see what can be done towards keeping the cost of dues down.

Grangers & Pencils

(adapted from a leadership tip by Rusty Hunt)

Grangers are a lot like new pencils. **They need to be sharpened** with training. Providing training sessions, passing out informational materials, and just answering their questions are good ways to begin. Put them in office; invite them to travel with you. Give them a chance to gain experience and learn Grange ways and new Grange roles.

They will make mistakes, but they have erasers. No one is perfect, and we should not expect perfection from Grangers who are learning. Let Grangers know that when mistakes happen there are no repercussions. Their brothers and sisters will help them erase those mistakes, learn what went wrong, and give them a second chance to make things right.

What is inside is what is important. In a pencil it is graphite. In a Granger it is attitude. Grangers need to form a positive attitude, to remain calm, and to treat others with respect. The way we lead and work makes all the difference in how successful we are.

Both Grangers and pencils need to **make a mark.** As Grangers, our actions and words touch others and leave an impression. These marks should look good and should last. Making a mark means giving of oneself and leaving something behind. Grangers should leave a mark that will reflect well both on themselves and on the Grange as an organization.

Many Grangers have the essential elements to be good productive leaders. We need to use them so they can realize their potential, just as we need to use a pencil so we can write.

The final thing to remember is that pencils grow dull. Do some of us need to make a trip to the sharpener?

Thank You

The New Hampshire Dictionary Project would like to thank the members of Hudson Grange for taking time at the end of the school year to distribute dictionaries furnished by the North Carolina Dictionary Project to third graders in all the schools in the city of Nashua. You are the best of the best!

Big “E” and Grange Day

If you’ve never had the good fortune to visit the New England Grange Building at the Eastern States Exposition (the Big “E”) located in West Springfield, Massachusetts, then you’ll just have to believe that this 72 year old building is something to be proud of! The NH State Grange is part owner of this lovely building and has been contributing financially, and with manpower, to its upkeep for many, many years.

Now the trustees are addressing the challenge of Grange visibility outside of the building, especially in regard to Grange Day, September 26th. One of the easiest and best ways to let the public know that the Grange exists is to have a presence in the daily parade at 5:00 p.m. Last year there was a small, rag-tag bunch of members (four adults and two children from NH, for example) that marched in the parade. To the common observer, it was just a group of unknown people, marching for an unknown cause, with very little to show our pride in the organization and even less to educate the audience about the Grange.

There is no Lions Club day, no Odd Fellows day, no Masons day, no Elks day at the Big “E”. There is Grange Day! What an honor for us to celebrate our pride for our organization and use this opportunity to make our existence known. The weekend days of the fair in good weather plays host to well over 100,000 – 150,000 people per day. These folks are not just those local to the area, but many travel from all across the region, even from across the country and beyond. Eastern States Exposition is consistently listed as one of the top 100 bus trip destinations in the country! Based on the weak representation of the Grange in the parade the last several years, it is feared that the fair organizers, due to our own seeming lack of interest, may decide to cancel Grange Day – or relegate it to a mid-week day when it would be next to impossible to attract attendance from members across the region.

To address this situation, the NEGB trustees are implementing a float contest for 2010. Grange Day this year will be on Sunday, September 26th. The NH State Grange has been challenged to enter a

non-motorized float, as outlined in the specifications below.

Why not put together something that conforms to the rules below, and then have a bunch of NH Grange entries travel down to Grange Day at the Big “E”? Of course, before the start of the parade, NH Grangers would have to select the one float that will be judged as the NH entry, but all Grangers are invited to participate in the parade, whether it is to maneuver a float or if it is to march as a member. Gate passes are available (from your State Master) upon request for members who attend the fair on Grange Day that also participate in the parade.

For the parade marchers, let’s recreate the colorful pep rally that has been a featured event at the regional Lecturer’s conference for decades. This will be a wonderful opportunity to sport our state colors (NH’s is purple), wear our colorful Grange sashes and show our enthusiasm for our Grange to the world. Won’t you please consider joining your State Master on Grange Day?

Guide lines for the float for Grange Day at the Big E, Sept. 26th, 2010.

- 1 One float entry per State is to be a non-motorized entry. (People power only.) i.e. bicycle, wheelbarrow, red wagon, stroller, etc.
- 2 Entries can be any size suitable for maneuvering through the parade route at the Big E. Parade route is about 1 mile long and has an upgrade hill three quarters of the way along. (Reminder that you need to be able to get your float to and from the fair.)
3. There is no theme for this year but the word **GRANGE** needs to be on the float using 4 inch letters.
4. Entries must be on the fairgrounds by 9:00 a.m. Grange Day, Sunday Sept. 26th. Floats will be on exhibit on the lawn of the Grange Building from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at which time they will be moved into position at the start of the parade route.
5. The Prize money will be awarded to the Youth and/or Junior Committee of the State Granges. 1st place \$200 2nd place \$150 3rd place \$100, all other designated floats will receive \$50 for participating.
6. Floats will be judged by a panel of 3 designated by the Big E Staff.

For any questions please contact Linda Sanderson, Director of the Big E Grange Experience at 802-999-3510.

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with your donation.**



West - Belval

Mary West, daughter of Hannah West of the NH State Grange Executive Committee, and Kevin Belval were married on July 31st at Immaculate Heart of Mary church in Concord. Mary and Kevin spent a few days honeymooning in Ogunquit, Maine and are now living in Concord. Both are members of Chichester Grange.



Aurora Grange

Aurora Grange #235 in Pittsburg has been busy for the past few months. In May Pittsburg School’s Key Club came to the meeting for Youth Night and showed Grange members the awards that they had won at the New England Key Club Conference in April. Aurora Grange presented all of the Key Club seniors with a scholarship in thanks for all that the Key Club has done for our Grange over recent years. In June we began a new service project, collecting nonperishable food items for the local food bank, PACS (Pittsburg Area Community Service). The photo shows members with the first of what will be a monthly collection. In August, Aurora Grange members gathered at the home of Chip and Eddie Evarts for the annual picnic.



**Membership Development
Coordinator: Stephen Tracy**

What a warm summer we have had so far. While out and about talking up the Grange, I have had to practice my 'elevator speech' abilities to catch the ear of people as they hurry to air conditioned places.

While working our farm booth at the Newport Farmer's Market, I have always had applications on the table and worn my Grange badge. People are interested, and I have passed out many applications and gotten leads for other Granges in the county.

On June 5th I was able to attend Spotlight NH/Youth Conference and speak about membership with the attendees. I asked the youth to think about and let me know what drew them to the Grange and what holds them here. I needed to learn this from them so I can attract more youth into the Grange. I am still interested in hearing from them. Their experiences/feelings are very important.

One Sunday morning while I was riding the farm 4-wheeler to the store for grain, several Grange ladies came running out of church waving their bulletins to get me to stop. Now am I so popular in town that I have groupies or are they on fire from the sermon and coming to drag me into their fold? I decided to stop and find out. They were all talking at once about a woman in church who had asked them about joining the Grange she had read about in the paper and they wanted to know what to do. I asked them if they had one of the applications I had given them. They were crestfallen. I gave them one of mine, and they ran back all aflutter to pass it out. Now that's enthusiasm, and I wish you all could visit the Grange in Croydon and catch the fever also.

I have tried to attend Old Home Days, etc., but weather and farm chores sometimes conflict. My next endeavor is Cornish Fair. I was able to help Blow-Me-Down with their 4th of July festivities. Their long-time Secretary Alice Jordan was rushed to the

hospital the day before so they were short handed. Three members of Park Grange tried to fill the gap. My job was to roll out table paper on an 8 ft table in front of the hall for people to sign the 'biggest get well card that would make Hallmark take notice'. We ended up with 16 ft of signatures. While they were signing I asked them if they would consider joining the Grange to help take some of the load off Alice when she returned. I ended up getting three prospective members for Blow-Me-Down and two for Meriden.

I am now working on talking on the local radio station in Newport to get the word out about the renewed interest in the county for the Grange. I hope I don't stutter.

On August 5th I was able to turn the charter application for Croyden Grange over to Beth with National Membership Development Director Rusty Hunt and National Lecturer Pete Pompper present. What an honor it was to have done something to help build the Grange and have them present. I thanked them for their time in training me.

In September I will be attending training with several other NH Grangers taught by Rusty on Pomona Granges. It is great to see a growing interest in building this great organization. It is a big job and 'many hands make light work'. More on this in the next issue.

As the State Grange is trying to cut costs and keep dues in check some Granges and Grangers are sending donations to offset the cost of trainings. If you wish to donate, send a check to the State Treasurer with annotation earmarking it for Membership Development. This will also help with expenses incurred working in the state. If you have benefited from Rusty's training or wish to, please consider a donation for the growth of the Grange in NH.

I look forward to the State Secretary's report at State Session. I hope that it reflects the efforts of your Membership Team.

As this is election year I do not know my future in this capacity of Membership Development, but I am told by National Master Ed Luttrell that I can continue spreading the Grange Spirit in whatever capacity I am, and I encourage all of you to do the same. I thank you for the past opportunities to serve you and look forward to many more.

A Hearty Grange Welcome to the Following New Members

Davi Penny	Antrim Grange
James Wells	Harmony Grange
Doris Corliss	Harmony Grange
Raymond Goddard	Mt Livermore Grange
Liz Collinsworth	Walpole Grange
Eric Merklein	Walpole Grange
Jane Gandy	Watatic Grange

Croydon Grange

Our newest Grange is alive and growing. Each meeting there have been new applicants with many pending. They have taken on a Community Project cleaning up the town beach and have had their first fundraiser. A committee was formed to approach the Selectboard about an Energy/Environmental Committee appointed in town with a 'reuse' table set up at the town recycling center.

Officers were elected as follows: Master-Cedric Brown, Overseer-Ray Pammett, Lecturer-Patrick Hayward, Steward-Steve Michel, A.S.-Bob Kangas, L.A.S.-Gayle Hedrington, Chaplain-Bap Kresse, Sec.-Hazel Eastman, Treasurer-Cody Kangas, Ceres-Jan Michel, Ex Comm.-Ray Pammett, Musician-Carole Eastman. The rest of the offices should be filled next meeting. I wish you could have seen Hazel Eastman's reaction to being elected Secretary. She had a big smile and was hopping up and down in her seat she was so excited.

Gayle Hedrington is the unofficial Publicity Chair, as she is a correspondent to one of our local weekly newspapers. Tom Howard, local rep to Concord, is the unofficial Legislative Chair.

After the last meeting the newest member approached me and asked if I would drive his tractor in the town's parade the next Saturday with Grange banners to let the town know of the new Grange.

Come visit sometime on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the Croydon Town Hall.

Deadline

Send copy for the December issue of the Granite State Granger to Hannah West by November 12, 2010. Report on events of September, October, and November. Look ahead to January, February, and March.



The Hotel Harrington Crew - Arthur & Beth Merrill, Alice Tuck, Gloria Davis, and Lois Enman - find the William Saunders marker.

50th Anniversary and Rededication Ceremony - Washington, D.C.

On June 26, 2010 the **50th anniversary** of the **National Grange Building** at 1616 H Street, NW in Washington, D.C. was observed. Twenty-three members of the NH State Grange defied the oppressively hot and humid weather and attended the ceremony along with more than 400 Grangers from across the nation. While most members spent some time visiting the usual tourist attractions, three members of Antrim Grange planned an itinerary full of some off-the-beaten-track, Grange-related sites during their stay in the city.

Four of the Seven Founders of the Order are buried in Washington, D.C. Rock Creek Cemetery is the final resting place of Founding Father Oliver H. Kelley and his family, as well as William Saunders and NH native John Thompson, while Founder John Trimble's grave can be viewed at the Oak Hill Cemetery. As a tribute to founder Oliver H. Kelley on this momentous occasion, one of Antrim Grange's commemorative ornaments was left at his grave. With maps obtained from the offices at each cemetery, the markers at Rock Creek were quite simple to find, but Oak Hill cemetery, although very old and beautiful, is quite a challenge to negotiate and figure out their numbering system.

While many Grangers opted to stay at cheaper hotels outside of the city, five of us NH Grangers stayed at Hotel Harrington, which is just blocks away from the Mall, the White House, the National Grange Building and countless other sites. Our stay there had an historical Grange connection as it was the site of meetings of the Executive Committee of the National

Grange for a period of time prior to the 1943 purchase of the first headquarters. One of the hotel's restaurants is named Ollie's Trolley, probably not in honor of our Founder, but simply a coincidence? No matter what, it's an excellent place to grab a casual meal.

Anyone who knows anything about the history of the Grange knows that it was instrumental in the establishment of Rural Free Delivery, so it's not surprising to see the Grange name in prominent display at the National Postal Museum, which we visited proudly. Knowing that President Franklin Roosevelt and First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt were Grange members made our visit to the Franklin Roosevelt Memorial all the more appropriate.

The Eastern Regional Youth Conference was held in conjunction with the Rededication weekend and five of NH's youth attended that event held at the National 4-H Center. Many of the youth, including Matt Clark, served as hosts during the tours of the National Grange Building, giving visitors details about some of the many historic Grange artifacts that were on display. The Goss conference room on the ground floor of the building served as holding area for those waiting to start their tour. Guided tours included visits to the offices of the staff on the tenth and eleventh floors. We were invited to sit at the National Master's desk, where we also could appreciate a privileged view of the White House from his office window. Also can be seen, the back views of two small buildings, which stand at 744 Jackson Place, the site of the first National Grange headquarters at purchased in 1943.

The ceremony itself was held across the street at the Chamber of Commerce building. Under the stars and stripes of an enormous U.S. flag which adorned the back wall, a program led by the members of the Board of Directors of the National Grange featured the introduction of Past National Masters, Edward Andersen, Robert Barrows and Kermit Richardson; keynote speaker Dallas Tonsanger, Under Secretary of Agriculture; an inspiring message by National Master Ed Luttrell; and the unveiling of a 50th anniversary plaque presented by National Grange's First Lady, Celia Luttrell, and the Master

of Clackmus County Pomona Grange, which sponsored the plaque.

During the ceremony we heard mention of a marker noting the birthplace of the National Grange located on the Mall at 4th and Madison. Later in the evening, the Hotel Harrington crew went in search of this, the only private marker erected on the Mall, which commemorates the location of the office of Founder William Saunders, the Superintendent of the Propagating Gardens, Department of Agriculture. What a fitting way to end a spectacular weekend of Grange history and pride!

Whether by car, bus, plane, or train our NH Grangers are glad to have been a part of this historic celebration. NH Grangers who attended were: Arthur and Beth Merrill, Gloria Davis, Alice Tuck, Lois Enman, (the five Hotel Harrington crew), Kim and Dan Bascom, Happy Pelton, Wilber, Jane, and Chris Heath, Matt and Lynn Clark, Allissa Estes, Larissa Grant, Jim Tetreault, Lester Gibbs, Jean Abbott, Doris Mitton, Marty and Anne Boisvert, Mary West and Kevin Belval.

Chichester Grange

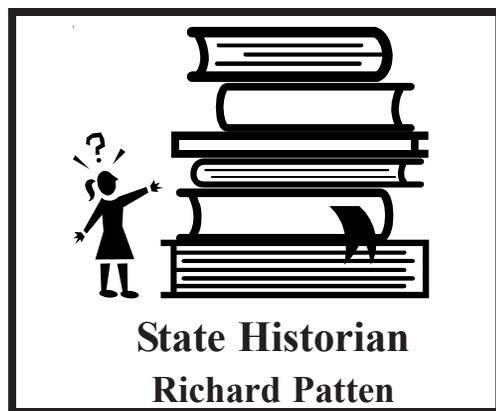
In May our second annual Memorial Day celebration was much better attended than the first. We hope for even more success next year.

Four members of Chichester Grange journeyed to Washington, DC, for the rededication of the National Grange Building. As it was Kevin's first trip to DC, they crammed in as much sightseeing as they could from a bus tour of the monuments, to parts of the Smithsonian Museum, a visit to the geographical highpoint, and a brief stop at the National Zoo. At the National Grange Building they pulled a few strings and were allowed to visit the printing press, which wasn't included in the usual tour.

The next major event will be a Candidates' Night in October.



L to R: Anne Boisvert, Marty Boisvert, Mary West, and Kevin Belval



Despite the terrible summer heat that some of us don't enjoy, for many Grange members it was, and in some cases still is, a time to plan for their Grange fair, Grange exhibit at a local county fair, coming back into session after being in recess for the summer, or having the Deputy come for Inspection. It doesn't seem possible the fair season has begun. North Haverhill, Cheshire County, Stratham and Belknap County 4-H Fairs have been held with good participation and attendance. Next, Lancaster, Hopkinton State, Hillsborough County 4-H, Rochester, Sandwich, and Deerfield Fairs will be held. I can remember when Plymouth Fair, Canaan Fair, Pittsfield Fair, and Concord State Fair were very successful in years past, but for a number of reasons they had to close. The Subordinate, Pomona, and State Granges were very active, putting in displays or exhibits to earn prize money for their Grange. Sometimes a Grange would enter more than one fair to earn prize money. Some fairs paid good prizes from \$25 dollars to \$100 dollars that would help a Grange in their treasury.

Besides getting ready for the local fairs, Granges had to prepare for the Grange deputy to come and conduct their annual fall inspection. Fall Inspection today is much different from the days of years ago. I can remember in 1967 when I held my first office of Steward, I had to memorize my degree part depending which degree of the year it was. When the deputy came in the winter for instruction, it was not important to memorize your part. However, when the deputy returned for Fall Inspection, it was a different story. The officers who had speaking parts in the degree worked very hard to memorize their parts. The deputy would have a score card to mark you on how many words you missed or substituted. The deputy would score the degree tableaux, marching by the

officers, and reciting the duties of their office. The deputy would then review the books of the Treasurer, Secretary, and Executive Committee and score them as well. It was quite an evening and everyone would be relieved when the meeting was done. You would not find out your score until the State Grange session when Granges would receive a ribbon for their work. Everyone would hope for a blue ribbon, but red and white ribbons were also awarded. The deputy would have many Granges to visit in August, September, and finish by early October so he could send his scores to the General Deputy to be compiled for the final honors. Your Grange might be listed as a top ten Grange for scoring or win a District Prize.

Pineconia Grange

Pineconia Grange of Concord in cooperation with The Stove Barn on Concord Heights has the Farmers Market or Harvest Fair open on Thursdays 3-7 p.m. We need craftspeople who are interested in setting up. Please let Dick Patten know ASAP at 496-2917.

Looking ahead, the 59th annual Concord Christmas Parade will be held Saturday, Nov. 20 at 9:30 a.m. on the Concord Heights. Looking for all kinds of parade entries, so again call Dick Patten re the parade. It is his 39th year as chair. The 24th annual Concord Christmas Tree Lighting is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 26th, at 4 p.m. at the State House Plaza with music, food, petting zoo, horse-drawn wagon rides, face painting for the kids, collecting toys for Toys for Tots, food drive, arrival of Santa Claus, lighting of a Menorah and Kwanzaa Candles, followed by lighting of the 35ft Christmas Tree and Nativity Scene. Fireworks will light the skies over Concord to officially start the holiday season. Pineconia Grange, Merrimack County Pomona Grange, and the Concord Knights of Columbus are co-sponsors for the event. Dick Patten and Jim Cusano are co-chairs for all the holiday events including the parade. Jim Cusano is Dick's protege as it is time for Dick to begin to retire.

Pineconia Grange is once again getting ready for the Dictionary Project with Dick Patten and Jim Cusano co-chairs for this event. We added more schools last year and are prepared to adopt a couple more if the need is there.

Resolutions

The following resolutions will be discussed and voted upon at the NH State Grange Session in Keene on October 30.

Resolution #1

Submitted by Rochester Grange #86
Subject: **Alcoholic Beverages in Grange Halls by Non-Grange Groups**

WHEREAS, The National Grange By-laws state in Chapter 10.11.4 that "A State Grange may allow the use of alcoholic Beverages at functions sponsored by non-Grange groups that rent or lease Grange property by adoption of a policy in the State Grange By-laws. Such renters shall provide proof of host liquor or liquor liability coverage." And,

WHEREAS, some of our Grange halls are currently used by religious organizations that regularly use wine during communion service, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the NH State Grange By-laws Article XII General Provisions, Section 1 be changed by adding:

Division 10. NH State Grange policy shall permit religious organizations meeting in Grange halls in NH to use wine during religious ceremonies such as communion.

Resolution #2

Submitted by Rochester Grange #86
Subject: **Alcoholic Beverages in Grange Halls**

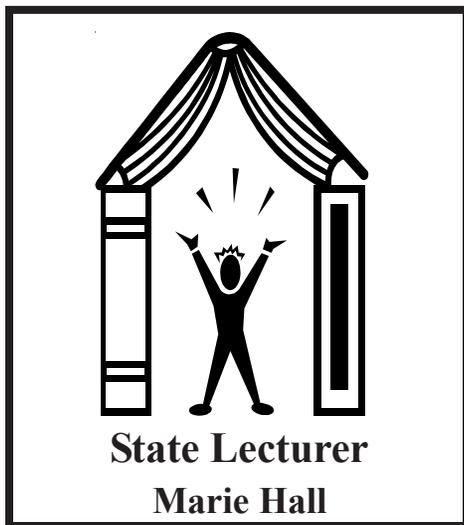
WHEREAS, The National Grange By-laws state in Chapter 10.11.2 that "A State Grange may allow the use of alcoholic beverages at Grange sponsored activities by adoption of a policy in the State Grange By-laws. The individual Grange shall obtain host liquor or liquor liability coverage if it sponsors any events where alcohol will be served." And

WHEREAS, some of our Granges are using alcoholic beverages in fundraisers, have winemaking demonstrations, or give it as a gift, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the NH State Grange By-laws Article XII General Provisions, Section 1, be changed by adding:

Division 11. NH State Grange policy shall permit the use of alcoholic beverages in fundraisers, in demonstrations, or as gifts. Such containers shall remain sealed at such Grange meeting or activity.

[More resolutions appear on page 11]



Although summer has come to an end there have been many things that have occurred that you may not know the results. Spot Light NH was held in June with the following winners in conjunction with the Youth sign-a-song and public speaking contest. I wish that more would take the opportunity to participate. We had only one contestant this year, and I am very proud of the job this contestant did both at the State level and particularly at the Regional level. Lynn Clark sang "Daddy's Hands" and had the tough job of being first performer on stage at the regional conference. **Great job, Lynn!** I know you will do a fabulous job at National. By the way, contributions would be greatly appreciated towards the talent fund to help defray the cost for Lynn to attend and perform.

A successful Lecturer's Conference was held in Randolph Center, Vermont, at the Technical College. We took a vacation to Alaska this year and thanks to Yvonne Crocker, Dot Haskins, Laura Ward, Carolyn Ross, Kenneth Berry, Lynn Clark, Beth Merrill and Davi Penny we were able to put the other State Lecturers and the National Reps through their paces and present to all a fun program. It was great to have new faces and youth represented at our conference and taking part in putting on the program. Thanks again for all those that did attend. I could not do it alone. At this time I would like to thank all the Grangers of the State of New Hampshire for the gracious gift I received at the conference and for allowing me to function as your State Lecturer.

I would like to thank all those Granges that have donated monies to the Talent Fund. Because of you, Lynn was

able to attend the Lecturer's Conference to perform as previously mentioned. I will still accept more contributions to this fund so that I may be able to help defray the cost for Lynn to be able to perform at National Grange in November.

I hope that everyone has been taking pictures all year long. If you have, please, please, please, consider entering the photo contest. Your photos are not due until October 1, 2010. Also due on October 1, 2010, are your entries for the Art Contest and the Create A Card Contest. If your Lecturer has not passed on the rules and regulations to you, please get them from her/him or send me a request for them. I can either E-mail them or snail mail them to you. Please don't let this opportunity pass you by.

The Lecturer packet will be available at State Session. Please make sure your delegates pick them up. Your Masters will also be receiving one so they can be aware of the program and able to support their Lecturers.

I hope to see many of you at State Session and please stop by my display table to view **all** of the entries in our contests.

Again I would like to thank you all for having allowed me to be your State Lecturer. It has not been an easy road, but I have been blessed for having been allowed to travel upon it.



In Memoriam

Nellie Caldwell	GS	Arlington
Alf Jacobson		Blackwater
Albert Read, III	GS	Blow-Me-Down
Catherine "Kate" Ashley		Dorchester
Mary Johnson		Granite
Jacqueline Jennings		Hooksett
Cecilia Adams		Joe English
Frederick Erb	GS	Mount Hope
E. Norma Titus	GS	Mount Hope
Barbara Scamman	GS	Ocean Side
Dorothy Harper	GS	Prentice Hill
Past State Publicity/Promotions Chair		
George Everard	PM	Somersworth
Past State Legislative Com.		
Harold Newell		Sunapee Lake
Alta Toppin	GS	West Thornton
Deanna Santosousou		Wingold
Earl Anderson		Winthrop

Resolutions

The following resolutions will be discussed and voted upon at NH State Grange Session in Keene on October 30.

Resolution #3

Submitted by Chichester Grange #132

Subject: Respect for the United States Flag and the National Anthem

WHEREAS, presenting the United States flag and singing the National Anthem are customary activities at Grange meetings and events, And

WHEREAS, Grangers have noticed that many citizens seem to be unaware that a civilian salute is the proper way to show respect during singing of the National Anthem at public events. Therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the National Grange be requested to develop a poster or other simple means of drawing attention to proper flag etiquette. Local Granges could then purchase such material and donate it to schools and sports teams or display it in appropriate locations to raise awareness of the way to show proper respect to the United States Flag.

Resolution #4

Submitted by the NH State Grange Executive Committee

Subject: New England Grange Building

WHEREAS, the New England Grange Building is owned by the six New England States; and

WHEREAS, this ownership makes this a unique Grange Building not under the jurisdiction or control of anyone of the six (6) State Granges; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the New England Grange Building, consisting of three (3) members from each State, is responsible for the oversight and management of the Building; and

WHEREAS, the Board has Bylaws and rules controlling the oversight and use of the building. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that each of the New England State Granges by copy of this Resolution affirm that the New England Grange Building Trustees comply with the National Grange Bylaws concerning the presence of alcohol in Grange Buildings and it not be the responsibility of any one of the State Granges.

Grange Bulletin Board



**Mohawk Grange
Annual Chicken Pie Supper**
October 9, 2010
5-7 p.m.
East Colebrook Road
Colebrook, NH
Adults \$9, Seniors \$8, Children \$5

New Trust Funds Secretary
At a meeting of the Trustees of Trust Funds on June 21, 2010, the committee accepted with deep regret the resignation of Diane Collins as our Secretary. The new Secretary is Omer Ahern, Jr., 97 Cummings Hill Rd., Plymouth, NH 03264. All future requests for assistance should be mailed to Omer Ahern. Thank you for making this notation in your records.

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

Calendar of Events

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 Cty Fair
Sept. 11 - Youth Mini Golf Tournament
Sept. 17 - Oct. 3 - Big E, Springfield, MA
Sept. 17-26 - Rochester Fair
Sept. 26 - Grange Day at Big E
Sept 30-Oct. 3 - Deerfield Fair
Oct. 1 - Youth Collage, Memory Book, Photo Scavenger Deadline
Oct. 9 - Chicken Pie Supper Mohawk Grange, Colebrook
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

Thank You

I want to thank all the members of our Grange and other Granges who contributed recipes for our Winthrop Grange #315 Centennial Cookbook. The cookbook will be out in time for Christmas distribution. Mary Tyler, Master and Committee Chair

New Hampshire State Grange Banquet October 30, 2010

Reservations are now being taken for the Banquet on Sat, Oct 30th at 6:00 pm
Dinner selections are as follows:

- 1) Sliced Roasted Turkey With Herb stuffing
- 2) Sliced Pork Loin
- 3) Pasta Primavera (Vegetarian entrée)
- 4) Chicken fingers & Fries (kids 12 and under)

All dinners will include: Butternut squash, Au Gratin Potato, family style salad bowl, rolls and butter. The dessert will be Apple Crisp w/whip cream.
Beverages: coffee, tea, and a soda bar.
Adults price is \$30.00 regardless of menu choice. Children 12 and under \$20.00
Reservations are due by October 15, 2010. Any unpaid reservations will be canceled on October 16th.

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