

Outside My Window on Keene Road

Grange growth continues to be one of our top priorities. We just completed our Grange Growth Summit with National Grange Membership/Leadership Director Rusty Hunt leading us throughout the training weekend to help struggling Granges. Is your Grange struggling or do you need opportunities to refocus the mission of your Grange? The State Grange can assist your Grange! At the Grange Growth Summit we trained Grange members from 9 of the 11 Pomona Granges in the state on how to go out and help revitalize Granges. If you are struggling and need assistance, contact your Pomona Grange Master. I have charged them with coordinating the Grange Growth teams in the State.

Is your Grange in need of refocusing its mission in your community? Contact Visioning Deputy Bob Trombi. He can assist your Grange with the visioning program.

Your State Grange Departments have been very busy since the last issue of the GSG.

The Youth Department sponsored a very well attended Winter Youth Rally at the State Grange Building in February.

The Membership Department held its first Degree Day of the year where all four degrees were exemplified for a total of seven candidates.

The Family and Community Department has been out attending Family and Community Nights around the State.

Under the Operations Department Ken Berry is working with the Town and Country Motor Inn in Shelburne, assisting in the planning of our State Grange Session in October.

The Fundraising Department continues to look for opportunities to raise funds to assist the finances of our State Grange.

Do you have a Grange member graduating from High School? Do they need financial assistance to go on to post-secondary education? Contact the Grange Services Department for scholarship application.

Has your Grange had its spring instruction? As one of our priorities is to focus on ritualism, we are again reinstating spring instructions and fall inspections. Your Deputy will be exemplifying the sign of distress and sign of caution and will expect to see your Grange members exemplify these signs in the fall. If you have not heard from your Deputy please give him or her a call or contact General Deputy Arthur Merrill or myself.

We have lots of events coming up during the next few months:

June 1 - Lecturer's Songwriting entries are due

June 4 - Lecturer's Variety Show, State Grange Building

June 10-12 - Summer Youth Weekend, Camp Spaulding in Penacook

June 26 - NE Go to Church Sunday at Rockingham Meetinghouse in Rockingham, VT

July 1 - Scholarship Applications are due

July 8-10 - Northeast Youth Conference, Maine

July 29-31 - Family Camping Weekend at Gunstock Camping Area

July 31 - Needlework entries and Big E items due to Family & Community Committee

August 1-4 - Northeast Lecturers' Conference, Bridgewater, MA

August 13 - Harvest Moon Stomp

August 15 - Youth donations due

I hope that we will see you at some of these events.

Don't forget to send in your Quarterly reports to the State Lecturer and State Secretary in July. Prompt reporting is part of our focus on Communication.

July 10 - Lecturers' Quarterly Reports due

July 15 - Subordinate Quarterly Reports due to State Secretary

July 20 - Pomona Quarterly Reports due to State Secretary