

Outside My Window on Keene Road

I have just returned from the Legislative Fly In at the National Grange Headquarters in Washington DC. I want to take the opportunity to thank the National Grange staff for putting together such a great event!!

Issues that we discussed this past week are:

- Postal Service reforms
- Medicare fraud
- 2012 Farm Bill

We also had the opportunity to meet with members of the Congressional delegation. We had excellent meetings with Senator Shaheen's office as well as Congressman Guinta's office. We found that the staff in these offices really understood the issues that we were discussing.

Before leaving for the Fly In, I had the opportunity to attend the Degree Day in Hudson - a big thank you to Hudson Grange for hosting this event. We had seven new members witness the Degrees on Saturday. Thank you to those Granges who took in these new members. Is your Grange going to be amongst the group this year with a net gain in membership?

We have had some great Spring events these past few months. Spring Fling at the Belmont School, the Variety Show and Grange Gathering Day potluck, as well as the Fisher Cats game made April a busy month. Our National Master visited us in May and we had a well-attended Vermont/New Hampshire afternoon in East Bethel, Vermont, with a program by our State Lecturer and a delicious chicken pot pie supper put on by the Vermonters at Middle Branch Grange.

I look forward to seeing you around the state at the several events that are planned for this summer