

Outside My Window on Parker Street

WOW! What a ride the last quarter has been. Let me ask you? Have you been to any State Grange functions lately? The attendance has been terrific!! You know what has been the greatest thing is that we see many new faces at these events. I love having the opportunity to meet new Grange members here in New Hampshire.

The State Grange is very excited that we completed the charter application process for Manchester Community Grange. They are now finalizing the process of becoming a Grange, as well as planning community projects to make a difference in their community. We are also excited that during the month of May a reorganized Claremont Grange #9 will be re-charted. Thank you Steve Tracy for your hard work on this. It's been a project of both Past State Master Beth Merrill and myself to re-organize this Grange.

I am also pleased that we were able to get Upper Coos Pomona to hold a gathering. I think we really have an opportunity to re-organize this Pomona and get them to meet regularly.

The end of the membership year is coming up fast. If you were going to ask someone to join the Grange, please don't wait until after June 30th. Do it now so they count in this current membership year. It would be great to be one of the State Granges that has a net gain in membership announced at the National Grange convention in Manchester in November.

We have lots of positive things that we can be proud of here in New Hampshire: new members, new Granges. Is your Grange part of the positive trend? If not, what can you do as a member to make a difference in your Grange? Could new members help? Could looking at the projects you do in your community make a difference? These are all things that we need to look at in order for our Granges to be relevant. Tired projects tend to make tired Grangers and Granges.

If the State Officers, Directors or myself can be of any assistance to your Grange please don't hesitate to contact us. I look forward to seeing you around the State at the many state events coming up