

## **Outside My Window on Parker Street**

I hope you all have had a great summer. What a great opportunity to promote the Grange! With many old Home Days, fairs and summer agricultural events going on, let's get the Grange name out into the public! It's been a busy summer for Grange work. I had the opportunity to travel to San Antonio, Texas in June to represent the National Grange at the Great Plains Conference which was a combined Youth and Lecturers conference.

I just returned from NY and the 99th North East Lecturers conference. What a great time! If you have not had the opportunity to attend Lecturers' Conference, please think about attending the 100th annual next year in Maine. I want to take a moment and congratulate our State Lecturer Sister Hannah West for a great program. NH had a small but dedicated delegation this year as because of the distance we were missing some of the Brothers and Sisters who usually attend. Noel the Hamster attended and had a great time with other members of the Grange Herd. Sister Sharon Croucher did a wonderful job as our host this year. It was great to see many old friends and have the opportunity to meet some new ones.

During the summer months some Granges tend to go on break. Enjoy lots of summer cookouts and picnics but don't forget to think about fall inspections coming up starting next month. By now each Pomona and Subordinate Secretary should have received the fall report for your Deputy, if you have not received it, please contact your Deputy. I also want to remind you to file your final reports for the year with the different Department heads.

State Grange will be held this year at Crowne Plaza Hotel in Nashua. This will be your opportunity to assist our organization in setting policy and selecting your Grange leaders for the next two years as this is a full election year. We will be pleased to have as our National Grange Representative this year Brother Leroy Watson, National Grange Trade Mark Manager. I look forward to seeing you all in Nashua in October for State Grange.