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The New England Grange Building Needs You

The New England Grange Building is located on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, Massachusetts. Owned jointly by the six New England Grange States, it is governed by three Trustees from each state. Each State Grange Master is a trustee and appoints two more from that state.

The building has three floors. The basement was renovated by the Grange and Big E in 2005. The Big E has use of the basement to sell Yankee Candles for the benefit of their youth programs. The Yankee Candle shop sells all types of candles and accessories. It is an excellent display and attracts many people to the building.

The main floor houses the Grange Country Store which sells jam, jellies, salad dressings and the hand made, mittens, hats, scarves, kitchen towels, holiday decorations and craft items which Grangers donate each year. Betty Jane Gardener, handcraft coordinator, is always willing to take any home made articles. The profits are used for the maintenance and upkeep of the building. In 2006 profits from the store and handcrafts totaled \$22,000. An assessment paid by each state of 20 cents per member also helps support the building. The main floor stage has an attractive fall display by the Lapinski Farm. Crafters can be seen doing demonstrations. The first, second and third place handcraft winners of the New England Needlework Contest, are judged, awarded prizes, and displayed. Each New England state has a room upstairs. In the rooms are articles pertaining to the individual State Grange and the heritage of the state. Some states have Grange members in the rooms to talk with visitors; some do not.

In 2006 the building committee, under the direction of Scott Davis from Massachusetts, removed the walls of the ladies lounge located in front of the ladies' rest room. This change increased the display space on the main floor. Tom Gotauco built a new sales counter for the Country store. The front door and columns were painted and a new chimney cap put on the chimney. In 2005 a gas burner was put into the fireplace and now keeps the hall warm on cool evenings. Projects that need to be done are painting the outside of building, enlarging the office, and installing a Fire Alarm System required by the West Springfield Fire Marshall. By the start of the 2007 fair the fire alarm system has to be completed. This entails strobe lights and alarms, and a connection to the firehouse.

During the past year many Grange members have contributed their time to volunteer at the Grange building. We are looking for more this year to help out in the Building as ambassadors, musicians and demonstrators. The fair runs from September 14 - 30, 2007.

If you would like to volunteer in the store contact Jack Cottrell in Rhode Island, 401-783-5671 jjc3pmc@hotmail.com. For the building contact Linda Sanderson in Vermont, by phone at 802-893-7883 or e-mail dclsvs83@yahoo.com. Musicians and demonstrators can contact Lester Gibbs in Vermont, 802-457-3128 sgmls@aol.com. As a volunteer Ambassador, Musician, or Demonstrator you get a free parking and gate pass for the day you attend the fair.



2007 Annual Grange Family Camping Weekend

June 22, 23 & 24

Cornish Fair Grounds

Gates open Friday at 1:00

Wrap and leave by Noon Sunday.

\$30 – Campers

(Power and water available. There is NO dumping station on the grounds.)

\$20 – Tents

(Most campgrounds charge this amount for a single night. You're getting 2 for 1!)

\$5 – Saturday Visitors

Each fee includes \$2 worth of Penny Sale Tickets

(Please donate items for the penny sale.)

Activities: Camping, Conversing with friends, Penny Sale—Please bring items to donate, Ice Cream Socials, Cribbage, Horseshoes, Bingo, and more.

Saturday night there will be a supper at 6:00 put on as a fund raiser.

Hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and sodas will be available at the food booth for Friday night and Saturday lunch.

There will be an area where snacks can be purchased on an honor system basis.

Ice cream socials on Friday and Saturday nights!

DIRECTIONS:

Coming from INTERSTATE-89: Take I-89 to EXIT 20 (West Lebanon). Take Route 12A (South). About 10 miles (about 1/2 mile past Cornish-Windsor Covered Bridge) take TOWN HOUSE ROAD, bears Left.

Coming from INTERSTATE-91 (traveling North): Take I-91 to Exit 8 (Ascutney - Windsor, VT). Follow signs to Claremont, NH. Take a Left onto Route 12A - North (first light AFTER you enter NH). About 5 miles (bottom of short, steep hill) go Right on TOWN HOUSE ROAD. Follow to Fairgrounds.

Coming from INTERSTATE-91 (traveling South): Take I-91 to Exit 9. Go left and follow signs to Windsor, NH. At second stop light, turn left to go over the covered bridge and take a right onto Route 12A South. Go about 1/2 mile and bear left onto TOWN HOUSE ROAD. Follow to Fairgrounds.

Visit the State Grange Website at
www.nhgrange.org



It was my pleasure to represent NH at the State Masters' Conference in Reno, NV, in February. This was a great opportunity to explore the hotel that will host the National Grange Session in November, learn and share ideas and concerns facing the Grange in today's sophisticated world, and network with the leaders of State Granges nationwide. An important workshop of the weekend was presented by a representative of Hays Insurance who pointed out the Grange's responsibility to protect its youth members and those who work with them. Developing a policy to require a background check of all volunteers that work with Grange youth and juniors can do this. As a result of this workshop, with some start-up documents provided by Massachusetts State Master, Calvin Chase, and input from our Grange legal counsel, the Executive Committee has recently adopted a policy to screen all State Youth Committee members and directors, the Junior Directors, and all Junior Grange leaders. A complete copy of the policy and CORI/SORI forms can be found on the state website or can be obtained upon request from the State Secretary.

While at the Masters' Conference, I had an idea for a casual discussion meeting, which was held in Hooksett just four weeks later. Starting off the meeting was guest presenter, Brenda Robichaud, representing the Give-A-Book Literacy Program, who explained that she's seeking financial assistance in donating personalized reading books to young children, usually through the Head Start program. If a Grange would like to consider this as a supplement to their Dictionary Project, you may obtain information by contacting Brenda in Rochester at 335-4095. I then gave a report of my trip to the Masters' Conference. A segment of the self-help DVD "The Secret" was shown and elicited some interesting discussion of how to apply the law of attraction to the task of boosting Grange membership. The group talked about the

possibility of New Hampshire hosting the National Convention in 2013 and was favorable to letting National Grange know of our interest. The State Grange's policy of supporting the current hemp bill in the legislature was the subject of great debate. My gratitude goes to the dedicated and passionate members that came out for this important meeting.

On April 1st, Ed Luttrell, National Grange Membership and Leadership Director was in NH to conduct two workshops on the subject of membership. The first workshop was presented to our State Deputies as reinforcement for the survey they are conducting during their official visit to each Grange. For the start of the second workshop, Brother Luttrell had prepared some graphs and slides showing several different aspects of Grange membership that were quite effective in showing the real plight of the Grange. The best thing about his presentation was the way he elevated the mood and attitude of the group by showing how, even though NH's downward membership trend reflects that of the National Grange average, we still have some good things going for us. It was quite an amazing afternoon and I'm sorry that every Grange could not be represented to receive the inspiring message that was offered. A special thank you goes to Friendship Grange for hosting the meeting and putting on a delicious lasagna supper afterwards and to Kim and Dan Bascom for hosting and transporting Brother Luttrell during his visit.

A net gain in membership IS attainable in NH. There have been reports from several areas of the state where membership is increasing by one, two, and as many as eight new members at a time, and I congratulate all of those Granges on their success. There are still a couple of

weeks left in this final quarter of the year, so don't stop now! Do your best to at least maintain your Grange's membership figure from last year. Just think, if every Grange stays the same, we only need ONE additional new member to attain a net gain. How doable is THAT?

This was my second year to attend the National Grange Legislative Fly-In in Washington, D.C. I flew down a couple days early to spend some time in Virginia with fellow horsewoman, Dori Gedris, who works at the National Grange building. I helped her get started using the Parelli Natural Horsemanship system with her two horses. We commuted into D.C. and met other Grangers to attend a Nationals/Mets baseball game, which is another favorite pastime of mine. The next two days were spent in D.C. listening to various speakers on issues relating to the National Grange's Blueprint for Rural America and visiting congressional offices on Capitol Hill. I was nervous to do these visits without the guidance and leadership of NH Legislative Director, Jim Tetreault, this year but I am a firm believer that, if you're not uncomfortable, then you're not growing and learning, and I did, as expected, survive the experience! I actually met, briefly, with Carol Shea-Porter, Representative of the First District, whose first comment to me was that her parents joined the Grange in Lee when they first moved to NH!

What a unique opportunity the Grange provides to those who choose to take advantage of its benefits. Did you know that your National Legislative Department will do their best to schedule a congressional visit for you if you are in the area and wish to talk to your senator or representative? Did you know that there is a scholarship program to help first-time Fly-In participants with their hotel and flight expenses? So many times I hear Grangers be nostalgic for the fading ritualistic work of the Order, but how long has it been since our members have followed the footprint of the most successful times in our history and exercised their grassroots power? Some think the Grange needs a signature program that distinguishes us in the public eye. Well, don't we already have it in place via the structure of the Grange and the fortuitous location of our national headquarters?

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**Legislative
James Tetreault**

On February 27th I took a day trip to Washington, DC, with State Legislative Directors from Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. We left Hartford and Providence at 6:30 a.m. and met in Baltimore at 8:00. We then all took the train to Union Station and started our day on Capital Hill, bringing the concerns of Grange members to our Congressional Representatives. We visited Members of the House from four of the six New England States. I had the great opportunity to meet a representative from Congressman Hodes' office. After all of our meetings we again traveled by train back to Baltimore and hopped on a 6:00 p.m. flight for home.

Here in New Hampshire, the Legislative Committee has been working with our State Master on the Hemp Bill. We offered testimony at both the House and Senate committee hearings and have been working in coalition with the Vote Hemp organization.

It's time to start thinking about writing public affairs resolutions before the summer break. The Legislative Committee would like to have these by the end of August so they can be reviewed. We are also asking you to submit your reference material along with the resolution.

New Event Sponsored by the Legislative Department!!

**Come Join Us at the State House for
Our First NH Grange Legislative Day**

Wednesday, June 20, 2007

**Meeting at 11:45 a.m. at the Upham
Walker House**

**Lunch Catered by the State House
Cafeteria at 12:10**

Cost: \$7.00 per person

**After Lunch a Tour Will Be Conducted
by the Visitors Center**

For Questions Contact:

**Bob Haefner, State Legislative
Committee**

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or by phone at 603-889-1553



Zach Trombi - Eagle Scout

Boy Scout Troop 302 honored Zachary Trombi at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Saturday April 14, 2007, at the United Church of Christ in Keene. Trombi is the son of Robert and Jane Trombi of Keene.

Only two percent of Scouts attain the highest rank of the Boy Scouts of America. An Eagle Scout must have completed at least 21 merit badges and organized a service project that benefits his church, community, or school.

Trombi joined Cub Scout Pack 302 at age six and later earned their highest award, the Arrow of Light. A member of Troop 302 since 1999, he has held the positions of Den Chief, Quartermaster, Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader.

A Junior at Keene High School, Trombi is president of the Keene F.I.R.S.T. Robotics Club and hopes to attend the Air Force Academy. As a member of The United Church of Christ - Keene, he is active in the Senior High Youth Group, having participated in mission trips to Washington DC, Puerto Rico and Virginia, and is an advisor to the Confirmation class.

Zach is a member of Warren Pond Grange and a 7th degree member. He has participated with the youth drill team and holds the youth office of Steward.

**Support the Granite State Granger
with your donation.**

A Letter

[This letter was submitted before the Hemp Bill was defeated by the NH Senate in May. It is printed here to give an opposing view to the article printed in the March GSG.]

Dear NH Grangers,

I ask you not to be fooled by the fact that our State Master would like to have the Hemp Bill become law. I want you all to know right now if we keep calling for this bill to become law our youth in the Grange and in schools all over the State of NH will become pot heads. They want the Grange to be for the family with kids. I tell you if I was to bring my family into the Grange and heard about the State Grange pushing Hemp I would stay away from the Grange because I would not want my family around pot heads. That is what the outside world will think of our Order if this Hemp Bill becomes law.

We give awards to our town police all over NH. Do you think our police want to come to your meetings if they think our Grange in NH is for the growing of marijuana on our farms? That is what hemp really is, nothing but marijuana. I kid you not, the police will not come.

It is time that the law-abiding true Grangers of NH take back control of the NH State Grange and bring it back to the right. We can vote out any of our state officers who want hemp and marijuana to be allowed to be used in NH. Our Order is for those who are drug free and want a drug free NH.

Ask your State Reps to vote NO.

James Rice, Hudson, NH

Granite Grange

Granite Grange of Milford held its Home Economics Night on May 2, and all present enjoyed speakers from the Milford Ambulance Service. They gave a demonstration of what they do and explained what a shift includes, from simple to life-threatening issues.

Upcoming meetings include June 6 with a speaker on Elder Abuse, a Mystery Ride on July 4, and a speaker from the Veterans' Administration in September. Granite Grange does not meet in August.

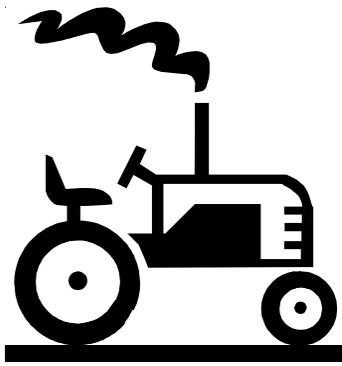
**There aren't any rules to success that
will work unless you do.**

Peace starts with a smile.

Contoocook Grange

Special guests Ken and May Wilkens were lured to the April 23rd meeting of Contoocook Grange #216 to take pictures of a special program. They did not know that the special program was to present the Community Service Award, a mantel clock, to them. The Wilkens were chosen for their outstanding service to their families and the community. Ken is well known for service to the Contoocook Valley Radio Club, the Slusser Senior Center, and the Golden Group of Hopkinton. He is chauffeur for May's Red Hatter Chapter, and offers well-informed advice on a multitude of subjects.

Mary is Queen Mother of the Red Hatters "Wildflowers" chapter, and an active member of the Golden Group of Hopkinton, the Silver Striders, and the Senior Exercise and Line Dance classes. She is noted for her special attire at events (Town Easter Bunny, Santa, and various senior group activities). Together they are well known as the photographers for many senior activities - taking and giving away photo prints to attendees. They often provide transportation to seniors, relatives, and friends in need. This couple is an outstanding example of what it means to give back to the community that you live in. Following the presentation a supper was served to members and guests.



I Love Old Tractors

Lester Bradley of West Thornton Grange has sent along news of an activity in his area that folks might enjoy. It is not a Grange event, but if anyone out there has an interest in old tractors, bluegrass music or old-style farm work it sounds like a good time

On Saturday, July 21, 2007, the 7th Annual "I Love Old Tractors" meet will be held at the Waterest Campground on Route 175 in Woodstock. This goes on all day and culminates with a tractor parade at 2 PM followed by a Bluegrass jam session afterwards. Last year there were over 50 old tractors and many other old items. The event got a nice write-up in the March 2007 issue of Farm Collector Magazine.

Waterest Campground is visible from I-93, about half way between Exits 30 and 31. Take whichever one makes sense to you and follow your nose to Rte 175, which is on the east side of the river.

There will be working demonstrations of haying the old fashioned way, sawing firewood, baling hay, shelling corn, planing lumber, and whatever else might show up that day. There is no admission charge and a food vendor will be on site.

Meriden Grange

Meriden Grange #151 of Plainfield held its Home Economics Night on May 1st. The program, led by Pat Adams, included a History Quiz, a St. Patrick's Day Quiz, and the game "Guess who I am?" Pat placed a picture of a person, an animal, or a food item on the back of the participants. Then they had to go around the room asking for hints to find out what they were. It was lots of fun.

The winners of the Muffin Contest were Pat Adams in First Place and Sandy Tacy in Second Place.

Antrim Grange

Antrim Grange #98 hosted a public meeting in March to bring attention to the continued use of the preservative Thimerosal in vaccines. A video was shown that gave some basic information to inform the audience that Thimerosal contains high levels of mercury. Although highly controversial in the medical field, some reports have come out that indicate Thimerosal in vaccines as a link to the cause of autism in children. Often times, it's found that when a previously normally developing child starts exhibiting signs of autism, he or she has recently made a doctor's visit and received several vaccinations, some of which contained unsafe levels of Thimerosal.

The discussion following the viewing of the video was equally as informative, and the visitors from several nearby towns went home with ideas of how to be on guard when making doctor visits, especially when a vaccine is in question. Some doctors are unaware that Thimerosal is still being used in vaccines. Others are concerned that this type of publicity will discourage parents from having their children vaccinated. There have even been cases where doctor has stated that there is no Thimerosal in the vaccine, only to discover by reading the label that indeed there was Thimerosal listed as an ingredient. A copy of the DVD, "Thimerosal and Developmental Disorders" may be obtained by contacting Beth Merrill at 588-6615.

Pam Kimball Honored

Pam Kimball, Master of Merriden Grange in Plainfield, was presented with an award in April at a benefit concert of COVER Home Repairs. Pam received the Golden Hammer Award, one of the highest awards that COVER gives to people in the Upper Valley, for her many hours of volunteering, her dedicated work beyond the call of duty, and for being a devoted member of the Board of Trustees. This is not the first time that Pam has received a COVER award. Last Spring she received Top Volunteer of the Year. Pam feels blessed that she has been able to help low income people in the community through COVER Home Repair. She is always willing to come to speak about the COVER Home Repair and how they help low income families repair their homes.



May Wilkens, Contocook Grange Master Elaine Hodgdon, Ken Wilkens

Deadline

Send copy for the September issue of the Granite State Granger to Hannah West by August 6, 2007. Report on events of May, June, and July. Look ahead to October, November, and December.



All About Juniors Sherrill Bokousky

The Junior Grange department has been busy around the state, and I have been able to attend some of the Youth and Junior Nights that have been scheduled. Whenever we can we try to put some focus on the part of our programs that help to mentor the older juniors so they will be ready to participate in the Youth program. Currently we have a majority of younger juniors, but we keep mentoring the older juniors in our sight.

Another event the Juniors attended was the State Bowling day on March 11. To watch kids learning how to bowl is really a sight to see. They have such enthusiasm! Seven kids bowled and gained impressive scores. Each one received a trophy for their score. They really had a great time. Congratulations to all: **Stephanie Lambert (249), Page Beckett (234), Chris Nelson (224), Rebecca Lambert (220), Elizabeth Nelson (212), Natalie Brandt (175), and Vicki Decatur (152).**

In order to increase our membership a Junior Grange Sign-up Day has been planned for June 16th at Granite Grange Hall. The time will be from 2:00-4:00pm. Granite Juniors will be on hand to show their craft contest entries and show the community what Grange is all about for kids.

One of the events that has been a focus for Youth and Juniors is the Family Fun Fair which was held in Milford on May 5th this year at the Dome at Hampshire Hills. We continue to provide an interactivity that is very popular. Our table was a hive of activity for kids to come and visit. Kids were able to choose a plant and put it in a pot to give to their mom for Mother's Day. Along with that they could also make a card to go with it. We thank Laura and Joann Brandt who helped us at the table which had very few slow times.

Visit the National Grange website at
www.nationalgrange.org.

A good deal of background planning goes into this event. Chris Heath and I extend a special thank you to Kim and Dan Bascom for the generous donation of the trays of flowers. Also, we add a thank you to Sandra Bokousky for her work on getting the cards all set up.

As kids visited the table we had a chance to talk to parents about Grange. I answered quite a few questions and we handed out brochures to all. From this I did get a yes for two families to visit our sign-up day in June.

The next event coming up will be some of the Juniors will attend New England Youth Conference being held in Nashua this year.

Juniors continue to work on contest entries. If you know of any children who might want to participate please give me a call at 889-4696 or email to besheb@aol.com. I will be happy to send you the information for the contests we have.

Sunapee Lake Grange

Sunapee Lake Grange held Awards Night at the historic Grange Hall on Village Road in South Newbury to honor members who have contributed many years of service to the Grange. The meeting was conducted by Worthy Master Frances Ward and proceeded in Fourth Degree form. Visiting at the meeting was Mrs. Lorraine Lacross, Master of Merrimack County Pomona Grange as well as a former member from Lempster

A total of over 400 years of service was accumulated by those being honored. These members belong now to Sunapee Lake Grange, but some joined in other subordinates which have since closed. Eleanor and Gilbert Pinkney of Lempster joined Silver Mountain Grange, Janet Moulton joined Warner Grange, John Boulette and Allan (Butch) Palmer joined Sutton Grange. Laura Sevene, Annie Whipple, Brenda Greenlaw, Sally Welch, Michael Lacross and Scott Lacross all joined Sunapee Lake Grange over 25 years ago.

Lecturer Carol Fortune lead a discussion where all members present told of some special reason they continue to enjoy belonging to the Grange. A time of refreshments and fellowship followed the meeting.



Laura Brandt and Youth Director Chris Heath at the Family Fun Fair in Milford

Winthrop Grange

On April 11th Winthrop Grange celebrated their Citizen of the Year. We honored Brian Lamarre who is a Sergeant with the local police department. Many from law enforcement as well as community members turned out to tell stories about Brian and congratulate him. We would like to thank State Officers Marie Hall and Donald Ross for their participation in the celebration. Marie was kind enough to sing and do a sign-a-song for us while Donald sang and presented the awards.

At the May meeting we had our Agriculture night. Our speaker for the night was Bill Daley who is a commercial farmer in Shelburne. Bill and his wife Theresa decided to start the farm because of their love of gardening. As their first year came and went they realized how little they knew about farming. Three years later and with the help of friends Bill and his wife have a thriving farm and farm stand. They grow everything from vegetables to berries to apples. At the end of the meeting our Worthy Master presented Bill with a certificate as our farmer of the year.

Winthrop Grange was proud to hand out 200 dictionaries to the local schools. This was due in part to the generosity of the Rotary Club and a local business, Young Enterprises, who donated the funds to purchase the dictionaries. Because of these donations we were able to give 150 more dictionaries than we did last year. Both of these sponsors have agreed to sponsor our dictionary program again. The students who were the beneficiaries of these dictionaries are from Berlin, Gorham and Errol.

No man has ever been shot while doing the dishes.

Where Does Our Dues Money Go, Anyway?

By: Beth Merrill, Master

In my travels around the state, I sometimes hear comments questioning the validity of paying dues to National Grange. Now, with a new dues increase up for a vote at National Session this November, it seems to be an even more relevant topic.

Sometimes it's easy to forget that our National Grange building in Washington, D.C. even exists. I've recently returned home from attending the 2007 National Grange Legislative Fly-In, and I can emphatically say that the value we get from the small amount of dues that goes to support the building, staff, and programs of the National Grange is phenomenal!

Did you know that our headquarters, located at 1616 H Street, NW, is the only privately owned building in Federal Square? The National Master's office window looks out onto the White House; that's how prime is our physical location. The building has eleven floors of which the second through ninth floors are leased out as office space, enabling the building to essentially support itself. Grange members are welcome to visit and tour the building any time they are in town.

Have you ever spent time browsing through the National Grange website? There's a load of information about programs and projects there, and it's a great place to reaffirm the fact that Grange provides an immense resource for families. This was the second year that I attended the Fly-In, and I was again impressed about how fortunate we are to have a building and staff that can put Capitol Hill and the legislative process right at our fingertips. One of the Grange's biggest assets is its past legislative accomplishments and present capabilities. We Grangers should take advantage of our prime location and willing staff to raise a strong, grassroots voice in Congress on the matters that are important to us. What a great value for our minimal dues contribution, wouldn't you agree?

From the day you were born till you ride in a hearse, there's nothing so bad but it might have been worse.
American Proverb

And, finally, there's the staff, a dedicated group that works tirelessly because of their love for the organization. Compared to what other offices in the D.C. area pay their employees, we are getting great value on our dollars. As State Master, I receive an updated itinerary each month for every staff person. To give you an idea of what just one staff member does on our behalf, I offer this April 2007 itinerary submitted by Leroy Watson, Legislative Affairs Director, as an example:

Dates out of the office

No time out of the office scheduled so far this month.

List projects completed last month

- 2007 National Grange Legislative Policy Book and Grassroots Training Manual sent to printer
- Distributed workshop presentations from State Master's conference in Reno.
- Attended the annual CHS board of director's meeting and dinner in Washington DC, March 14
- Completed revisions to Meth 2.0 DVD and related Public Service Announcement
- Met with National Grange Board of Directors Chairman Jimmy Gentry to discuss Legislative Department goals and objectives

Communications

- View from the Hill*
- *NewsCorner* and *New Grange* articles
- Action Alerts*
- National Grange legislative letters, testimonies or comments
- Coalition letters, testimonies or comments

List projects you are currently working on this month

- Fly In 2007, April 30-May 1
- National Grange Historical Committee meeting April 27-29
- Quarterly report for National Grange Board of directors meeting May 1-3
- Program development project for DTV education
- Obtain outside funding for Meth Awareness 2.0 distribution
- Updated 2007 Farm Bill position paper

- Drafting "best practices" manual for managing State Grange policy development (resolutions) process
- List projects that are ongoing**

- View From the Hill*
- Action Alerts*
- NewsCorner*
- New Grange* articles
- 2008 New Hampshire Primary Fly-In
- State Grange Legislative Round Up* featuring success stories from State Grange legislative programs
- Recruitment of new intern
- Orientation programming for new State Grange legislative directors and lobbyists
- Sale of the "Saunders Collection"
- Development of potential new community educational programs associated with National Grange legislative issues

I hope this article has shed some light on the subject of annual dues. If you still feel that you're not getting value, then perhaps you're not taking full advantage of everything the Grange has to offer. And until we turn our declining membership numbers around, which is how we generate the main source of our operating budget, we will continue to rely on the hard work and dedication put in on our behalf by those few, oft-forgotten individuals that keep our National Grange headquarters running as efficiently as our small dues contribution allows.



Daniel P. Bascom, Past Master of the NH State Grange, conferred the Obligation Ceremony on ten candidates from area Granges at a meeting of Hampton Falls Grange in the Hampton Falls Town Hall on March 15, 2007.



All About Youth Chris Heath

It's hard to believe that this year is half over. The Youth Department has been very busy with activities over the past few months with many events still to come. In April the youth held the annual Caroline Hall Grangers Care fundraiser. As usual we went to Stadium Ten Pin in Manchester and participated in Glow Bowling. This year's project is, again, the NH Food Bank. So far the youth in New Hampshire have raised over \$200. If your Grange did not donate to this fundraiser and would like to, please do so by September 1st. Please make the check payable to Chris Heath or the NH State Youth Fund.

There have been many Youth Nights across the state and attendance has been very good. In May, the Youth Committee participated in the Family Fun Fair, held this year in Milford.. This is an excellent way for the Grange to get its name out to the public. The next event that the Youth participate in is Spot Light NH. If you or someone in your Grange would like to enter the Public Speaking or Sign-A-Song contest, entries must be communicated verbally or in writing to the State Youth Team Director by May 28.

On June 9th, there will be a June Youth Rally held at the New Hampshire State Grange Building in Hooksett. The day will begin at 9am and will be done by 5pm. There will be two workshops during the morning. A barbeque lunch will be provided for a cost of five dollars, and a Youth Association Meeting will follow. The winners of the Youth Officer Testing and the Grange Knowledge Test will be announced.

On June 22nd and 23rd, the Youth Team will be putting on an Ice Cream Social at Family Weekend. The money raised will be used to help the Team with future events.

**Support the Granite State Granger
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The North East Youth Conference will be hosted by New Hampshire this year and will be held the weekend of July 13th, 14th, and 15th at Rivier College in Nashua NH. Please watch the mail for all information on this event.

I want to thank all the Granges that have sent in their donations for the Youth Fund, Randall Richardson Fund and the Jodi Bailey Youth Fund. If your Grange has not made your donations yet, there is still time. Please be sure to include with your check, a list of where you would like the money to be distributed. Please make the checks out to the Youth Team Director, Chris Heath or to the NH State Youth Fund.

June Youth Rally

Date: June 9th, 2007

Place: State Grange Building, Hooksett

9:00 am – Registration

9:30 am – Workshop on “Drama”

10:30 am – Workshop on “How to Dress to Impress”

11:30 am to 12:30pm – Barbeque Lunch for \$5

(Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Salads, Chips, Dessert, and Drinks)

1:00 pm – Youth Association Meeting

3:30-5:00 pm - Election of Youth Officers

5:00 pm - Leave for home

Agate Officers Elected

On April 14 a meeting of the Agate Past Masters' Association was held at Pine Grove Grange in Bath, NH. The evening began with a delicious ham dinner served by Pine Grove Grangers. During the business meeting the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President - Ida Hutchins, Vice President - Neil MacDonald, Secretary - Anne West, Treasurer - Peg Winton and two Directors - Jean Abott and Shirley Waters. David Boynton of Squam Lake Grange then presented the program for the evening. The next meeting of the Agate will be on Saturday, August 4th, at Baker's River Grange in Rumney with Dale and Neil MacDonald in charge of the program

The Agate is open to Past Grange Masters and their spouses. Meetings are held four times a year in locations around the state.

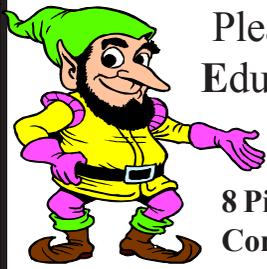


Marion T. Jones Wins County Award

Congratulations to Marion T. Jones, who has been chosen to become a recipient of the Joseph D. Vaughan Award. The Joseph D. Vaughan Award is a joint effort of the NH State Committee on Aging and the NH Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services to recognize outstanding leadership and initiative among seniors in New Hampshire. The award was initiated in 1962 to memorialize the Honorable Joseph D. Vaughan, a New Hampshire legislator, who was an early advocate on behalf of seniors and was instrumental in creating a State Agency dedicated to the well being of senior citizens.

To be eligible for this award, an individual or a couple residing in New Hampshire must be over the age of 60 and must have shown outstanding leadership or demonstrated meritorious achievement as a volunteer on behalf of the older citizens of New Hampshire. An award winner is chosen from each county in New Hampshire. Marion T. is the recipient from Merrimack County.

Marion Jones was invited to participate in a ceremony honoring her accomplishments on May 1st in the Governor's Office at the State House. On May 11, all the county winners in New Hampshire were honored with a day of festivities at the Attitash Grand Summit Hotel in Bartlett.



Support the ELF!
Please send your
Educational Loan Fund
donations to:
Rodney Huntoon
8 Pine Acres Rd., Suite 808
Concord, NH 03301



Have you purchased a NH Grange bear for seven dollars or a pony for six dollars to support both the March of Dimes and the Family and Community Services Committee? The committee members will be glad to sell them to you. They are trying to visit the Subordinate Grange Home Ec. Night of each Grange that has sent in dates. The month of May was filled with Home Ec. Nights and I hope you were able to attend one at a neighboring Grange. I'm sure you enjoyed the program, and perhaps you were lucky enough to serve as a baking contest judge - Yum!

There has been some confusion about the size of the donut muffins to be baked for the contest. The Family and Community Committee members discussed the fact that mini and regular sized muffins do not taste the same. Therefore, to be fair, it is mini muffins that should be entered. A smaller portion is heart healthy besides.

Remember to add woodworking to the contest list.

Don't forget to send in your donation to the Family and Community Services Department.

Hand Made Items Needed

The Country Store in the New England Grange Building at the Big E sells a vast array of items handmade by Grangers. If you knit or crochet or do crafts, the New England Grange Building needs your contributions. Hats and mittens in child and adult sizes, baby sets, afghans and quilts in baby and larger sizes, lap robes, Christmas tree ornaments, Red Hat items, dish cloths and scrubbies, holiday decorations, hanging dish towels, and plastic canvas items such as tissue box covers all sell well. If your hobby is stamping, you could contribute greeting cards with envelopes. These items are for the general public, so Grange emblem items are not needed. Give your craft items to Nancy Bean or John West by the beginning of September. Arrangements will be made to take them to the Big E where they will be gladly received.

A "Fair" Way to Promote Grange

Throughout the summer and autumn country fairs celebrate the best of what NH has to offer in agriculture, marketing, entertainment, and much more. They provide a great way for you to promote your Grange to fair goers, especially those who have forgotten or who have never known about how much our organization has to offer. Your Community Grange needs to contact your area fairs and learn how to get yourselves back in the public eye at these events. Some still ask for farm and home products to be included, but many allow "theme" exhibits in which you can showcase what the Grange in NH and in your town does. In three feet of space you can tell an awful lot with surprisingly little effort and even win prize money to do more good things for your community! State Grange brochures are available for easy downloading on the website www.nhgrange.org, or you can contact Publicist John West (at gowest@tds.net or 798-5783) for hard copy versions if you don't do computers. He'll even help you brainstorm ideas for theme topics to get you started. The important thing is to get up and get moving so you can show the world out there that you're still around and well worth joining ... that in 2007 the Grange is still where the whole family can go and grow!

Here is a list of New Hampshire Fairs and their 2007 dates:

- North Haverhill Fair – July 25-29**
- Stratham Fair – July 26-29**
- Cheshire Fair – July 31-August 5**
- Belknap County Fair – Aug. 11-12**
- Cornish Fair – August 17-19**
- Lancaster Fair – Aug, 19-Sept. 3**
- Hopkinton State Fair – Aug. 30-Sept. 3**
- Hillsborough County Agricultural Fair (4-H Center, New Boston) - Sept. 7-9**
- Rochester Fair – Sept. 14-23**
- Deerfield Fair – Sept. 27-30**
- Sandwich Fair – Oct. 6-8**

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.



Mt. Pistareen Grange Celebrates Spring

Sounds of barbershop harmony filled Chesterfield Town Hall, Monday night, April 30, as Mt. Pistareen Grange held their annual Community Night. Close to ninety Grange and community members came to Celebrate Spring and honor two members of our community.

Chesterfield citizens, Diana Warhall and Ruth Van Houten, were presented with the Mt. Pistareen Grange Citizen of the Year Award. When it comes to giving back to the community, both Diane and Ruth are second to none. Volunteering in many capacities for many years, both are known for rolling their sleeves up and getting the job done. Every community should be blessed with citizens like them.

Following the awards, "Stateline," a Cheshiremen barbershop quartet, entertained the group. Our Chocolate Bake-Off became the perfect intermission for the evening. This year we opened the bake-off to the public and had a children's contest as well. Everyone enjoyed the treats, some jokingly saying that they would have to try a little of everything just to be fair in their judging!

Jim Tetreault, Overseer of the NH State Grange, attended the festivities and offered a few words of congratulations. Many thanks to our Grange members who helped make the evening such a success! Truly many hands make light work and a fun time for all.

A Hearty Grange Welcome to the Following New Members

Joann Dutton	Hampton Falls Grange
Jacquelyn Larnoureaux	Hampton Falls
Stella Gagnon	Hooksett Grange
Edward St. Pierre	Hooksett Grange
Sandra L. Binette	Rochester Grange
Joseph Jodoin	Rockingham Grange
Jonathan Martell	Rockingham Grange
Mike Standen	Rockingham Grange
Clara Sawyer	Tuftonborough Grange
Richard Sawyer	Tuftonborough Grange
Mary Therese Lester	Walpole Grange
Gabrielle Van Sant	Winthrop Grange
Natasha Fortier	Winthrop Grange



Family of the Year Application

The 2007 National Grange Family of the Year application is now available. To apply please complete the application and return to the National Grange Headquarters by September 14, 2007. The application and requirements can be downloaded from the Grange website at www.nationalgrange.org/departments/familyoftheyear.htm or you may contact 1-888-4GRANGE for more information.

Meth DVD Upgraded

In response to Grange member requests, the DVD "Methamphetamine – A Menace to Rural America" has been upgraded with a professional voice over by well-know agricultural broadcaster Pat Haggerty. In addition, a video introduction and a video close featuring Mr. Haggerty have been added to the DVD.

Replacement DVDs can be ordered by calling National Grange toll free 888-447-2643 extension 107 or by emailing dgedris@nationalgrange.org. There is no charge. Those Granges that have not yet presented this program to their communities are encouraged to order the complete package consisting of the DVD, a comprehensive article on Meth and a fact sheet. The article and fact sheet can also be downloaded from the Web site, www.nationalgrange.org.

Preservation of Grange History

What is "historical" and what can be disposed of appropriately? These were the topics for discussion when James Cassedy and Rebecca Fitzgerald of the National Archives visited with Bill Steel, National Master, and Leroy Watson, National Grange Legislative Director.

The meeting was in preparation for a working session of the National Grange Historical Preservation Committee late in April in Washington DC. Mr. Cassedy and Ms. Fitzgerald will lead a discussion on the preservation of records, the paper trail behind the history of the organization at the local, state and national levels.

Following the meeting in April the Committee will be developing guidelines for the local Granges to use for the selection of what needs to be kept indefinitely, what should be kept for a number of years, and what can be disposed of on a routine basis. Suggestions for use in the selection of a depository for records that should be kept long-term will be included in the guidelines.

There are historical documents in the National Grange offices that also need preservation. The Committee will be looking into ways to secure an inventory of these, including Journals of Proceedings of National and State Granges, Charter Applications, and State Grange Histories.

Lester Gibbs, Past Master of the Vermont State Grange, will serve as the Chairman of the Historical Preservation Committee. Questions concerning the preservation of items may be directed to him at PO Box 254, Hartford, VT 05047.

**May, 2007, Leadership Tip
Action is Essential**

If you are going to grow as a Grange leader you must have action in your Grange. The meeting is the place where we report on action, start new action, and share team plans for action. The meeting is not the reason for our Grange's existence.

The things that happen between meetings are the actions. Community service projects, education efforts, legislative affairs, fundraising, and fun activities are what must be meeting the needs of our members and the community. Your minute book should be filled with suggestions, motions, and reports of your activities.

Action is the launching pad for you and every other potential leader in your Grange. Having responsibility and authority gives members the opportunity to meet challenges and adapt to new situations. The more we do, the more we grow as leaders.

Mohawk Grange

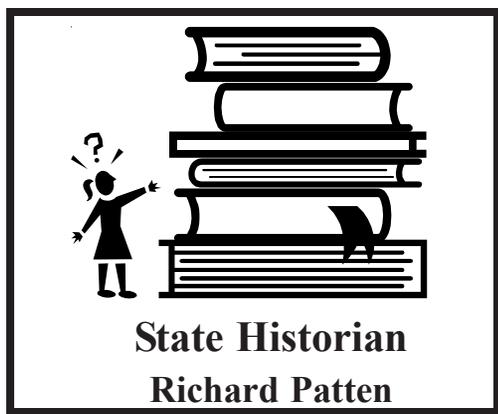
Mohawk Grange had a special visit. Master Michelle Hyde's son, and member, Denny Hyde, has been off serving his country and changing his life. Last year the Grange learned that while in Alaska Denny was married. In March of this year we got the treat of not only having Denny come home and attend a meeting, but we also had the privilege of meeting his wife, Ashlee. During the meeting we played a game which ended with everyone getting a lucky penny to take home. As a special treat we gave both Denny and Ashlee a new Washington dollar to take with them to remember their visit and remind them we would be thinking of them when they were away. To end the evening many of the members took turns telling special memories they had of Denny growing up. After about a week of being in the north country, Denny headed back to Iraq and Ashlee home to Alaska.



Mohawk Grange: Denny Hyde in the center with wife Ashlee on the right and sister April on the left

Calendar of Events

- June 2 - NH Lecturer's Conf. - Hooksett 9 a.m.
- June 2 - Spotlight NH - Hooksett - 2 p.m.
- June 9 - June Youth Rally - Hooksett
- June 14-17 - Artists Exhibit, Antrim Grange
- June 20 - NH Grange Day at the State House
- June 22-24 - Grange Family Weekend
Cornish Fairgrounds
- June 24 - NE Go-to-Church Sunday, Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, NH - 3 p.m.
- July 1 - Grange Scholarship & Loan Applications due to Lois Enman
- July 13 -15 - Northeast Youth Rally - Rivier College, Nashua, NH
- July 22 - Summer Deputy School
- August 4 - Agate meets at Baker's River
- August 6-9 - NE Lecturers' Conference, Dudley, MA (NH program, Aug. 8th)
- August 15 - Deadline for State Lecturer's contest entries
- August 18 - WicWas Lake Craft Sale
- August 20 - State Grange Executive Committee meeting



It is time for another trip back in time. How about a visit to 1977, thirty years ago? The Journal of Proceedings tells us that the Educational Loan Fund reported a banner year in donations. A total of 141 Granges set a new record by donating \$755.10 compared to 1976's amount of \$583.63 which was contributed by 127 Granges. It was interesting to note that nineteen Granges who gave in 1976 did not donate in 1977. However, thirty-three other Granges did contribute to replace those who didn't.

The State Secretary reported the membership for 1977 to be 5,583 Pomona members, a loss of 319. Great Bay Pomona #25 closed in July. How many of us remember Great Bay Pomona and what Granges belonged to it? The Subordinate Grange membership was 12,500 with 189 Subordinate Granges. Several Granges closed: East Candia #302, Spafford #83, Raymond #213, McClary #102, Pelham #244, Fruitdale #106, Lovell #5, and Bow Lake #80. The total loss in Subordinate membership was 426.

There were 22 Junior Granges with a membership of 471. They lost Aurora Jr. #118, Bow Jr. #97, East Candia Jr. #117, Halestown Jr. #19, and New Hampton Jr. #33. Lower Intervale Jr. #11 was reorganized in March.

The Grange tour to the Carribean in 1977 was enjoyed by twenty-six Grange members. Apparently, some of them took a seven and one-half mile donkey ride. Plans were in the making for a 1978 tour to Ireland.

The State Master in his Master's Address made four recommendations to the delegates. Due to a lack of applications by Grange Youth for funds from the Educational Loan Fund, the State Master recommended that application rules be changed so that any student who is a member of a Grange family may apply and receive assistance. He recommended that we discon-

tinue support of the New England Grange Building at Eastern States and use the same amount of money to promote Grange work right here at home. He next recommended that funds be made available to reimburse members of the State Home Economics Committee and State Youth Committee for official travel in their work. This might be either mileage or a set sum per visit similar to what Deputies receive. The final recommendation was that the State Master and Executive Committee prepare, prior to the annual session, a budget for the ensuing year to be acted upon by the delegate body.

The Master's Address Committee recommended that three of the State Master's recommendations be adopted with one not being supported. Can you guess which one didn't get their support?

The Youth Master for 1977 was Estelle Decatur, who opened the Saturday morning session with the youth officers. The remaining youth officers selected were: Steward, Bruce Lovering, Stratford Grange; Assistant Steward, James Hayes, Lower Intervale Grange; Lady Assistant Steward, JoAnn Hutchins, Mountain View Grange; and Ceres, Patricia LeClerc, Gate City Grange. The Drill Competition was won by the Bicentennial Cadets coached by Hugh Clark. The Prince for 1977 was Bruce Heath, Gate City Grange. Princess was Debbie Jordan, Blow-Me-Down Grange. There was no Young Couple for 1977. Beth Yardley placed second in the Princess contest and in the Public Speaking Contest.

The Sixth Degree was conferred upon 61 members at Littleton High School. In the class I recognized Dennis Blain, Agnes and Tom Ellis, Jean and Willliam Horne, Edward Rhodes, Gary Ward, and Beth Yardley.

Paul Davis installed the newly elected officers, headed by B. Franklin Hayes as Master. The installing team was comprised of Rhoda Davis, Barbara Humphrey, Winston Merrill, Nathalie Heath, William Humphrey, John Phillips, Beverly Merrill, and Annie Vincent.

Now it is time to return to 2007 and close the book on 1977. How did thirty years pass so quickly?

I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it.



In Memoriam

Constance Robbins		Arlington
Virginia Churchill	GS,PM	Brookline
Verne Fowler	GS	Cocheco
Florence Scott	GS	Daniel Webster
Stanley Folsom	GS	Daniel Webster
Ernest Paul Jones, Sr.	GS,PM	Daniel Webster
Dan Poling	PM	Halestown
Winthrop Brown	GS	Hampton Falls
Arthur Weeks	GS	Harmony
Shirley Cates		Hooksett
William I. Elliot	GS	Ocean Side
Larry Beam	PM, Past Dep.	Park
Lorraine Connor		Pembroke
Eric Wilton		Purling Beck
George Varney	GS	Reunion
Edith Kimball		Reunion
Gertrude Davis	GS	Rochester
Arlene Stevens		Rochester
George Loring		West Thornton
Donald Houston	PM of Nutfield Grange	

Correction

Florence Perkins of Tuftonborough Grange was erroneously listed in the In Memoriam of the March issue. Thankfully, Mrs. Perkins is still with us.

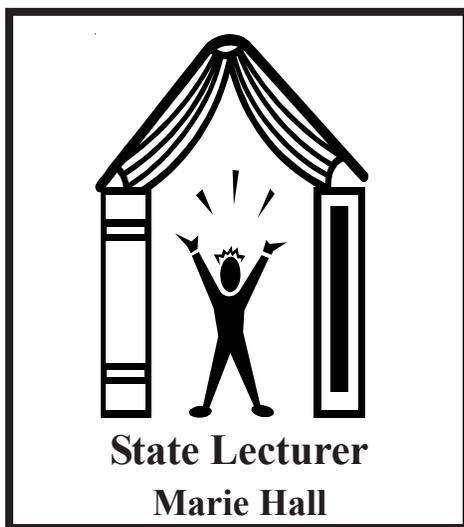
**National Grange Membership Tip
Invite People Regularly**

Do you feel uncomfortable asking someone to join your Grange? If so, start asking people to come visit your Grange. Invite them to your next potluck, meeting, or other event. Make it a habit to invite visitors to your Grange. Don't worry about asking them to join, just ask them to visit.

If you are willing to ask people to visit on a regular basis, you will have to look for the positive things that you can invite someone to come see. This will improve your attitude and your confidence in talking about your Grange.

Just inviting someone to your Grange will make a positive impression. Even if they don't take you up on the offer, they will think more positively about the Grange in the future. After all, if nothing were happening they wouldn't have been invited. Also, when we invite people to visit, it means we like them, think that they are important, or want to get to know them.

Invite people to your Grange regularly and make growth happen!



Time seems to be flying at a rapid pace. Many events have come and gone and I hope that many of you were able to take advantage of them. A successful Grange Celebration was held at the Beaver Meadow Golf course where forty five members were able to partake of a delicious dinner with homemade pies for dessert as well as get to know other Grange members better and enjoy the singing of Bob Beal.

Vermont/New Hampshire Night was held in Vermont this year and the attendance banner went to Vermont who far outnumbered New Hampshire. The hall was filled with over 100 grange members. Many attendees went home with gold, silver or bronze medals for their participation in the "very strenuous" Grange Olympics.

Maine/New Hampshire Night was held in Exeter at Gilman Grange #1 where 88 grange members enjoyed a program presented by Sherry Harriman of Maine on "Spring." A delicious ham and bean dinner was offered before the program that, sad to say, only a few attended.

New England Lecturer's Conference is in Dudley Mass, at Nichols College August 6-9. I hope that many will be able to attend a portion if not all of it. I could use your support especially for the program. NH's topic this year is "We Discover Caves". I also will be doing a workshop on "Something from Nothing". More information will be arriving with your lecturer so please be sure to get registration forms from them.

I'd like to thank all those who have been supporting the Lecturer's Program through participation in the different events. I hope that more will be able to find the time to reach out and get to know each other and what we can do for our communities.

As the summer draws near I would like to remind you of the contests that are still available:

Creative Writing Contest Categories

- I. Poetry Topic – Lecturers
Program Topics (Humorous or Serious)
- II. Tell The Story – Fifty Years Ago
(my own story or what happened fifty years ago by interview)
- III. Read The Book – Why I would recommend this book to someone else?

Art Contest Categories

- A. Oils & Acrylics B. Water colors
- C. Charcoal, Pastels & Pencil
- D. Multimedia

Divisions

- I. Subordinate Grange members
 - II. Jr. Grange members age 5-9
 - III. Jr. Grange members ages 10-14
- Size must not exceed 24 x 36, including the frame.

Photography Contest Categories

- A. The People/Person in my Life
- B. Where Am I?
- C. All God's Creatures (Animals)
- D. In The Garden
- E. What Is It?

Classes

- I. Traditional II. Digitally Enhanced

Create A Card Contest Categories

- A. Holiday B. All Occasion
- C. Thinking of You

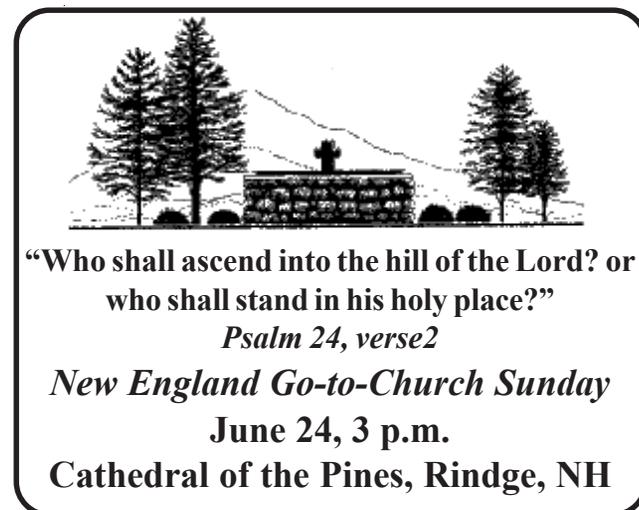
Divisions

- I. Hand (stamped or hand drawn)
- II. Computer generated
- III. Hand Decorated (Lace, Cross Stitch, Photo, Stickers, Etc.)

The above contests are due to the State Lecturer by August 15, with the exception of the Creative Writing Contest which is not due until September 1.

Again: Talent Fund Contributions can be mailed to the State Lecturer at any time. Please help send the winner/s to New England State Lecturer's Conference and National Grange Night of Excellence.

**A picture is worth a thousand words,
but it uses up three thousand times the
memory.**



Your Dollars DO Add Up!

Has your Grange made its most important donations yet? Every Grange's financial support for the State Lecturer, the Youth Program, the Family & Community Department projects, the Educational Loan Fund, and the State Grange Building are real "musts" if they are really going to succeed. The State Lecturer's Talent Fund sends the state winner on to regional competition. The Youth donations help Grange youth participate at all levels. Family & Community funds allow for beneficial community involvement. Educational Loan Fund contributions allow for additional loans and scholarships to be distributed to worthy applicants. State Grange Building gifts make improvements to our hall and museum possible.

A very special fund is the one called the "State Lecturer's Gift." This one was set up many years ago to enable the State Master to present a thank you gift to our very hard working State Lecturer at the banquet that concludes the annual New England Lecturers' Conference in early August. Checks for this worthy cause should be made out directly to "Beth Merrill, State Master" and mailed to her by early July with a notation that they are for the State Lecturer's Gift.

The old "\$2.00" donations really don't cut it anymore either! Would you want your income to still be at the level of fifty years ago? Be as generous as you can and help grow our great fraternity!



Grange Bulletin Board

Fifth Annual ARTISTS' EXHIBIT at Antrim Grange

Antrim Community Grange presents its Fifth Annual ARTISTS' EXHIBIT at the Antrim Grange Hall, Rt. 31 North, from June 14-17, 2007. Bennington and Antrim amateur and professional artists' work will be on display and for sale. Complimentary refreshments will be served during all viewing hours.

Viewing hours are:

June 14 - Thursday 4-8 p.m.

June 15 - Friday - Evening Gala, live music 7-9 p.m.

June 16 - Saturday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

June 17 - Sunday noon - 4 p.m.

Contest Awards at 3:30 p.m.

The People's Choice Award will be presented in five categories. All viewers will have a chance to vote for their favorite exhibit. The theme for this year's contest is: *"Degrees we know, unknown in days before; The light is greater, hence the shadow more."* By Herman Melville

For more details call 588-6615 or log on to <http://antrim.nhgrange.org>.

CALLING ALL GRANGES!!

Winthrop Grange in Shelburne will be doing degree work starting on July 25th. That night we will be having the first and second degrees. Then on August 8th we will do the third degree followed by the fourth degree on September 12th. Any Granges that have members who have not had the degree work yet are invited to take part. Winthrop has two new members who will be receiving these degrees. Even if you do not have new members, feel free to come and join us on those nights. If you have questions, please call Rosemarie Van Sant (Secretary) at 466-2563, or e-mail her at romagara@netscape.com. All of these meetings begin at 7:30 and refreshments will follow.

Scrap Booking

at Granite Grange Hall
23 Webster Street, Milford

2nd Friday of each month
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

\$10.00 per person per session
Creative Memories consultant
present for instruction.

WicWas Lake Grange will be holding a Craft Sale on August 18th. Anyone interested can email follansbeefamily@yahoo.com for a contract and space prices. Indoor and Outdoor spaces are available. Must register and be fully paid by August 1st.

Granite Grange Monthly Suppers

2nd Saturday: 5-6:30 p.m.
Adults \$7.00

Children under six \$3.50
23 Webster Street, Milford

June 9th - Macaroni & Cheese,
Hot Dogs & Cole Slaw

Ice Cream & Strawberries

July 14th - Barbeque Chicken,
Potato Salad, Green Salad

Watermelon

August 11th - Cold Cut Sandwiches

Cold Salads, Garden Veggies,
Brownies & Ice Cream

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