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Time to File Your Grange's Annual IRS Tax Return

This is a reminder to all Granges in NH that your fiscal year ended September 30, 2011 and now you have until February 15, 2012 to file your annual 990-N electronic tax return with the IRS. Failure to file for three consecutive years can result in a loss of your non-profit status.

The website address to file at is http:/ /epostcard.form990.org and complete filing instructions were mailed to every Grange in May of 2008. If you have lost your instructions or just need help please contact NH State Grange Treasurer Gail Turcotte, 107 Oak Hill Road, Barrington, NH 03825-3823 telephone 664-5584, cell phone 978-3846 or E-mail gturcotte@myfairpoint.net One change to the 990-N report this year is the amount of money earned. It has been raised from \$25,000 to \$50,000. So if your Grange has less than \$50,000 income you may file the 990-N report on line. The receipt you print upon completion of filing has also changed slightly.

If your Grange is unable to file on line then you may contact Gail for a paper copy of the 2010 990-EZ form, and she will mail one to you. The paper version changes every year so you must use the 2010 form this year. The paper version is also due to the IRS by February 15, 2012.

Northeast Leaders' Conference

Hosted by Connecticut State Grange
January 6-7-8, 2012
Hartford Plaza Hotel
100 East River Drive
East Hartford, CT
Registrations due before
December 5, 2011
See NH State Grange Web Page for
downloadable form.

New Hampshire Ag in the Classroom Seeks Volunteer Readers for School Visits

By Ruth Smith, State Coordinator, NH Agriculture in the Classroom

New Hampshire Agriculture in the Classroom (NHAITC) is a state-wide program that helps children develop an understanding and appreciation for agriculture and the role it plays in their lives. One of the most far reaching activities offered by NHAITC is the Agricultural Literacy program. Each year an agriculturally accurate book is chosen to read and donate to schools across New Hampshire. The reading of the book and associated presentations are conducted by volunteers. Ag Literacy is launched in March and runs through the spring, but we are currently seeking volunteers to help with this program. Anyone who is interested in increasing agricultural awareness among students can participate.

The book which we have chosen for 2012 is Charlie Needs a Cloak by award winning, NH author Tomie dePaola. It tells the story of how Charlie raises sheep, shears the wool and then cards, spins, dyes, and weaves the wool into the cloth which he eventually makes into a new cloak. In typical dePaola fashion, the illustrations are colorful and playful and help to add spirit to the tale. The real treasure of this book, however, is that it is a wonderful launching pad for teaching about sheep farming and wool processing. NHAITC will be partnering with sheep farmers and fiber artists to prepare and deliver programs for the schools. We will provide teachers with educational materials to enhance the experience and integrate the agricultural themes into their curriculum.

Visit the State Grange Website at www.nhgrange.org.

In 2011 using a book about honeybees, we reached over 4200 students in 86 communities through the Ag Literacy program. Our goal is to surpass that number and build on the growing awareness that New Hampshire farmers are actively raising food and fiber in every corner of the state. To achieve this, we need additional volunteers. If you or someone you know would like to read and/or present a program in a local school, please contact Ruth Smith, NHAITC State Coordinator at 224-1934 or nhaitc@nhfarmbureau.org.

If you would like to know more about NH Agriculture in the Classroom and the other programs we offer, visit our website: www.nhagintheclass.org or contact us. Deb Robie, the Grafton County Coordinator, is also happy to talk with folks about what she is doing with the schools in her part of the state. She can be reached at webunt4@paigecos.com.

Upcoming Area Meetings
Meet your State Officers and Directors

January 14
Barrington
First Congregational Church, Route 9

January 21 Keene First Baptist Church, Maple Avenue

January 28
Dalton
Town Hall.

Lunch will be provided for a cost of \$7.00 per person. Watch for a letter in early December with the details.



Outside My Window on Keene Rd

The 138th Annual Session of the New Hampshire State Grange recently held in Gorham was a great success! I want to take the opportunity to thank the State Grange Officers for doing a great job on the 6th degree. The State Grange Directors had great exhibits. Everyone did a wonderful job. If you missed it, you really missed a great State Grange Session.

So where are we?

As of June 30, 2011

Total number of Subordinate Granges: 65
Total number of Pomona Granges: 11

Total number of Subordinate Grange Members: 1,873

Total number of Pomona Grange

Members: 767

Granges Who Own Their Hall: 27
Granges Closed this year: 3

·Contoocook

·Oceanside

·Wattannick (consolidated with Hudson #11)

Granges with net gains in membership:

18

Is your Grange going to be one of those that we recognize with a net gain in membership next year? In order to achieve a net gain in membership for the New Hampshire State Grange we need to double that number of individual Granges with net gains. The membership challenge to each member for next year will be to go out and ask someone to join the Grange. Let me know what happened. I have pre-addressed post cards you can ask for to tell me what happened. Anyone who returns a post card to me with their name and address and a story will be placed into a special "Grange Growth drawing". Pomona Masters, we are asking you to grow the Pomonas by each Pomona taking in three new members. I know at least two Pomonas who have already met this goal.

We need to improve communications in our organization. Pomona Secretaries, I am asking you to help us out. We are going

to start sending communications via the email grapevine, and we will need you to make sure that all of these communications are sent to all the Secretaries in your jurisdiction. Can we count on you to help us out? I will be sending each of you a letter outlining this program.

Don't forget our upcoming Area Meetings. This is your opportunity to bring the State Grange to you! Come meet your State Officers and Directors:

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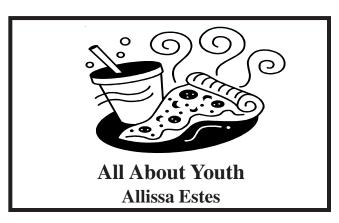
I want to take a moment to touch on National Grange. NH was well represented at the 145th Annual Session of the National Grange in Tulsa Oklahoma, we were pleased to see Sister Beth Merrill re-elected as Lady Assistant Steward of the National Grange. Brother Dan Bascom was reelected Priest Archon of the Assembly of Demeter. The Youth of New Hampshire did us proud at the Youth Opening on Friday morning of the session. Thank you, Matt and Lynn Clark, who served as Assistants; Alissa Estes as Ceres; and Amy Shunemann, who served as Flora, for making us proud. We were treated to great hospitality, and the host region did a great job.

I want to thank all of my Grange family for your calls, e-mails and cards with the death of my sister. It really strikes home during times like these that the Grange is a very warm and comforting family.

THE GRANITE STATE GRANGER

This is a free* publication to keep
Grange members informed of past and
up-coming events.
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3 Depot Road

Chichester, NH 03258



It's that time of year again, where we all start planning for the new year. I would like to start off by welcoming Andrea Goulett, Co-Youth Director, to the team. A list of youth committee members will be sent out in the youth update that I will be sending out every quarter.

As August came around we went apple picking at Meadow Ledge farm, and we held a youth awards night where Arthur Merrill, Beth Merrill, Kathy Yardley, Marie Hall, Davi Penny, Tim Goulett, Andrea Goulett, Sarah Leclerc, Emilie Leclerc, Bobby Varnum, and Allissa Estes were given awards for public speaking, sign-asong, youth officers, and knowledge test winner. In September we went to the Chichester Grange Hall for a practice for state session and rose drill, followed by pumpkin decorating.

As October came along State Grange session was not far behind, and I felt it came right up on me. The Youth did an amazing job with executing the rose drill and opening the Grange at session Saturday morning. Congratulations to Amy Schunemann who won 1st place in pumpkin decorating. Though a few of us spent a couple of nights at the hospital with Davi, who was having asthma attacks, she is doing fine. The Youth Travel Appeal raised one thousand dollars, which was divided among Matt and Lynn Clark, Allissa Estes, and Amy Schunemann to help with expenses for the National Grange session in Oklahoma.

November came up fast and the four Youth took off to National session to fulfill their duties as National Youth Officers. Be on the look out for that quarterly update that I will be sending out to your youth chairman. December brings us up to Deputy School where the committees and deputies get together and plan the upcoming year. Hope to see you all soon.



Our State Grange Session has just finished and I hope your Grange was in attendance. Our department had a representative from **American Income Life Insurance** (**AIL**) come to meet with members on Friday afternoon. This program offers coverage for an Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) that is provided to members at **no cost**. They also provide a Heath Services Discount Card that provides household discounts of 20 -60% on:

Prescriptions Vision Care/Products
Hearing Care Chiropractic Care
Optional discount dental is available.

In addition AIL provides a **Child Safe Kit** for your children or grandchildren. These kits, endorsed and supported by the International Union of Police Associations, help you gather vital data, photos and fingerprints for authorities in the event of an emergency. If you have returned an information card in the past you will need to complete another one as we are renewing this program with the company. I have some cards that were available at session or go to their web site at www:contactus@ailife.com. **Please share this information with your Grange members.**

I want to remind members that the **NH State Grange Trust Fund** can help members if they need assistance with hearing aids, eyeglasses, dental work, or household expenses. All requests are confidential and will not be revealed in any report of the trust. If you or your Grange are able to make a donation to the Trust Fund please send it to:

Gail Turcotte, State Treasurer 107 Oak Hill Road Barrington, NH 03825



I hope to see some of you in my up coming travel to **Area Meetings** that the State Master will be scheduling for the first of the coming year or please speak to any committee member. They are as follows: Patrice Lawlor of Hudson Grange; Rodney Huntoon of Pineconia Grange; David Boynton of Squam Lake Grange; Norma Neary of Chichester Grange; Mary Tyler of Winthrop Grange; and State Overseer Chris Heath of Centennial Grange

In closing I wish you a safe and healthy holiday season.

Granger Publishes Book

Eighty-seven-year-old Betty Abbott, 68 year Granger and presently Lecturer of Grafton Star Grange in Lebanon, has just published a book of poems titled Windows To Waltzing Words. This is a paper back of 235 pages of her original poems. The book is on sale on e-mail and can be seen on Google search at authorhouse.com/Windows To Waltzing Words. It is also sold by amazon.com and Barnes & Noble. Please check this out,and if you have trouble contact Betty at abbotteg@hotmail.com or 603-448-6314. This book would make an excellent Christmas gift.

For many years, Betty wrote the songs for NE Lecturer's Conference. She has songs in the Women's Activities song book. She has won poetry and short story contests at State Grange and has written poetry for special occasions such as weddings, birthdays, showers and anniversary parties.

Betty served 13 years on the NH State Grange Women's Activities Committee, the NH State Grange Trust Committee, and she is the founder of the NH-VT Grange Toy Project which brings toys to children in Shrine Hospitals in Springfield, Mass. and in Montreal. This program still exists. Her husband Dick Abbott was a NH State Grange Deputy for 14 years.

Presently Sister Betty is preparing two children's books for publication. They should come out next year in time for Christmas.

The older the fiddle, the sweeter the tune.

—Irish Proverb



My name is Amy Schunemann. I joined Somersworth Subordinate Grange in January, 2011, and became a 5th degree member in May, 2011. As you all know, it is already November, and the end of the year is fast approaching. The year flew by so fast I almost got whiplash.

When I first joined, I was a bit apprehensive as to if the Grange was really for me, but as time went by, it was proven that it was. Right away I started partaking in all of my meetings, as well as all of the Youth events, and filling offices as needed. I am very much enjoying my time spent as a Grange member. I have learned and grown so much this past year, as well as met so many new people from all over the state and country. This organization has helped me learn what really motivates me, and how to put myself out there and take action. I know now that you can make things happen, even if you have someone saying you can't.

This year's National Session was in Tulsa, OK, at the Southern Hills Marriott. Myself as well as three others from NH were National Youth Officers. I felt very honored and proud to be a part of that. We had a few workshops we attended which greatly helped me to learn that it isn't so scary to take on new things. As a challenge from a long time Grange member, they told me to put myself out there, speak up, and get involved. With that in the back of my mind, I did. Another thing I enjoyed about National session was getting to know some of my fellow NH Grangers a little better as well. We got to sit and disscuss certain things we would like to change or take on in the Grange, which got me very charged up to take on the tasks at hand.

I have never felt so comfortable to be myself, or felt like I could ever make a difference until I joined the Grange. It has changed my perspective on life a lot, and it has also given me a new extended family.

So as my final thoughts, I would like to give a special thanks to everyone who has helped and mentored me this past year, and to everyone that made me feel so welcomed and at home. (You know who you are!)

Home Grown Politics Across NH Farmland to Concord and Washington

This year I decided to not give the Legislative and Agriculture awards at the State Grange Banquet, but to give each at local Granges or the Grange that nominated the winners. I believe that the winners do not have to travel as far and the members of the subordinate now have an opportunity to participate in the award ceremony. The recipients also get an opportunity to see a Grange opening and closing. Who knows, maybe we pick up a new member in the process.

I have heard one person state that she did not like this process. She misses the opportunity to meet the winners at the banquet. I would love to have folks tell me which they prefer, awards at State Session or at local Granges.

I will be traveling to Washington in January, not as a Granger, but with State Agriculture and Rural Leaders. The Chairs of House and Senate Agriculture Committees and the Ranking Minority members, from all 50 states, will lobby the US House and Senate Ag committees and the farm bill and other relevant legislation. Hopefully we will also get a chance to meet with our own Congressional Delegation and talk about other legislation and issues of concern to New Hampshire and the Grange. We are getting an opportunity to talk to folks at the US Department of Agriculture and the White House Ag folks.

New Hampshire is going to have a busy year with legislation. Normally the second year of a term sees fewer bills than the first. The House alone has 740 bills, plus the 120 bills held from last year, not to mention the Senate bills. Folks, we do not need 1000 new laws. I predict that we will kill three quarters of the bills.

I am looking forward to Deputy School. I have gotten to do some travel this month. I have been from Lancaster to Hanover and from Hampton to Lebanon and Newbury. Concord has seen me three times just last week to boot. I hope you all will have had a great Thanksgiving with Family and a wonderful Christmas.

Lancaster Fair Exhibits

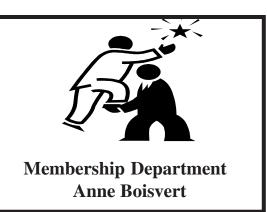
Two of our Northern Granges took the time and effort to put displays in the Lancaster Fair. Stratford Grange's exhibit won a blue ribbon and Mohawk Grange from Colebrook received a red ribbon from the judges. Both displays received a lot of looks and good comments from all who passed through the building.

Stratford Grange Exhibit



Mohawk Grange Exhibit





I would like to report that seventeen Subordinate Granges and one Pomona reached a net gain in membership for the Grange year ending June 30, 2011! Congratulations to the following Granges on that achievement: Arlington, Aurora, Blow-Me-Down, Centennial, Dorchester, Harmony, Joe English, Lake Shore, Londonderry, Mount Hope, Park, Peterborough, Pine Grove, Riverside, Somersworth, Walpole, Wicwas Lake, and Eastern NH Pomona. Pretty impressive, isn't it? Let's see if we can keep this trend going. State Master Jim Tetreault issued a challenge in his Master's Address at State Session that each member invite at least one person to join the Grange this year. He would like each person who does so to drop him a line letting him know the result of their attempt. He plans to hand out selfaddressed post cards at the January area meetings and other events to make this more user friendly.

Jim has also asked that we have two degree days this year, one in the spring and one in the fall. If your Grange is interesting in hosting one, please let me know. Hosting involves the use of your meeting space and providing a lunch or dinner which would be available to those attending for a small fee (all profits are yours to keep). Additionally, if your Grange (Subordinate, a couple of Subordinates working together, or a Pomona) would be interested in being responsible for a degree team, that would be amazing. I always feel a little guilty asking the same groups to do the same things every time. Pomonas get points for conferring a degree during the year, and it does not have to be the fifth. Think about it.

> List your Grange event On the NH Grange website. Contact Wayne Turcotte: bfdw2@myfairpoint.net

Grange Bulletin Board

A Hearty Grange Welcome to the Following New Members

Tv Doncaster Antrim **Tiffany Drouin** Arlington Eryka Tedford Arlington Bruce Wetherly, II Blow Me Down **Crystal Seward** Centennial **Keith Davison** Chichester **Linda Booth** Chichester **Debra Gannon** Croydon **Robert Gannon** Croydon Croydon **Patry Wiggin Edward Carroll Dorchester** Virginia Carroll **Dorchester Jessie Charon Lower Intervale** Tara Fletcher Peterborough **Dan Legnard** Peterborough Barbara Michaelson Peterborough **Pineconia Cheryl Correllus Bradley Lacross** Sunapee Lake **Peg Pschirrer** Walpole

Aurora Grange

Aurora Grange #235 held its annual Thanksgiving pot luck supper together with the Pittsburg Historical Society on November 2, 2011 with 16 in attendance. Grange members, Holly Gray and Laurel Amey, had decorated the Grange Hall beautifully with a lovely assortment of fall decorations and the tables were laden with delicious food of all kinds. A large collection of nonperishable foods was gathered for the Pittsburg Area Community Services food pantry as well. Seen here are members of Aurora Grange and the Pittsburg Historical Society enjoying the meal together.



Support the Granite State Granger with your donation.



Tristan Parsons Gotauco

Tristan was born in Rhode Island on August 30, 2011, to Laura (Brandt) and Tom Gotauco. His maternal grandmother is Joann Brandt of Wingold Grange, a former State Officer and a very active Granger. We look forward to seeing Tristan at Northeast Regional Events.

Watatic Grange

State Master, James Tetreault, attended the October 16th meeting of Watatic Grange to present Emilie Willard with her 70th year seal. He read a summary of her 73 years in the Grange, saying he had known Emilie since he was a young teen. The meeting was attended by Emilie's family: her daughter, Camilie Twiss; son, George Standley and his wife Angie; grandaughter, Kathe Wolf; grandson, Jonathan Standley and his wife Colleen; and great grandaughter, Brittany Hughes. Also present were Emilie's dear friend, Sandra Baker; an honorary daughter, Alta Lawn, a Watatic member visiting from Plymouth, Maine; and Emilie's Watatic Grange family.

A congratulatory cake was made by Sherrill Bokousky and the Grange members presented her a bouquet of flowers. Emilie looks forward to her 90th birthday on December 2 nd and receiving her 75th year seal in 2013.

Be a can-do, will-try person.
Focus on what you have and
not what you don't have,
what you can do rather than
what you cannot do.
Marian Wright Edelman

Deadline

Send copy for the March issue of the <u>Granite State Granger</u> to Hannah West by February 7, 2012. Report on events of November, December, and January. Look ahead to March, April, and May.

Carryl Heath
Memorial Service
Saturday, December 17, 2011 at 2PM.
First Congregational Church
of Barrington
Route 9. across from the
Centennial Grange Hall.
Reception following in the dining room.

Volunteers Needed

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Ruth A. Smith, Coordinator NH Agriculture in the Classroom 603-224-1934 nhaitc@nhfarmbureau.org

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

Action on Resolutions

Wayne Turcotte, Resolutions and By-Laws Chairman

For those who could not be at State Session voting on the Resolutions presented at State Session are listed below. The NHSG By-Laws have been updated and are available on the Cabinet section of the NHSG Website, also our State Secretary, is getting them printed and will be sending them out soon.

Resolution #1 Submitted by Rochester Grange #86

Subject: Sale, Encumbrance or Transfer of Grange Halls

RESOLVED, that Article XIV, Section 9 of the New Hampshire State Grange By-Laws be re-named "Sale, Encumbrance or Transfer of Real Property"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Article XIV, Section 9, Division 2 of the New Hampshire State Grange By-Laws be deleted; and be it further RESOLVED, Article XIV, Section 9, Division 1 of the New Hampshire State Grange By-Laws be re-numbered to Article XIV, Section 9, Division 2, and insert "the Master and" after "petition" in the first line and change "real estate" to "Real Property" at the end of the first sentence; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the New Hampshire State Grange By-Laws Article XIV, Section 9, be amended by adding a new Division 1:

Division 1. For the instructions/procedures for the sale, encumbrance or transfer of a Grange Hall or Real Property, go to Appendix F of the New Hampshire State Grange By-Laws which includes Chapter 4, Article XI, Sections 4.11.1 through 4.11.5 of the National Grange Digest and Article XIV, Section 9, Divisions 2 through 4 of the New Hampshire State Grange By-Laws inserted where appropriate"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the New Hampshire State Grange By-Laws Article XIII Pomona Granges, Section 1 General Provisions, be amended by adding:

Division 4. For instructions and procedures concerning the sale, encumbrance or transfer of Grange Halls or Real Property, go to **Appendix F of the New Hampshire State** Grange By-Laws which includes Chapter 4, Article XI, Sections 4.11.1 through 4.11.5 of the National Grange Digest and Article XIV, Section 9, Divisions 2 through 4 of the New Hampshire State Grange By-Laws inserted where appropriate.

Adopted.

Resolution #2 - Submitted by Gilman Grange #1

Subject: NH State Grange Annual

Meetings

RESOLVED, that the NH State Grange By-Laws be amended by changing Article V, Section 1, "between October 20" to "between October 15". Adopted.

Resolution #3 - Submitted by Gilman Grange #1

Subject: Journal of Proceedings

RESOLVED, that the NH State Grange By-Laws Article XII, Section 1, have a new Division created that states: "The NH State Grange Secretary will provide one printed copy of the Journal of Proceedings to each Subordinate and Pomona Grange each year, if requested. The Journal of Proceedings will be ready for distribution by May

Adopted as amended.

Resolution #4 - Submitted by Gilman Grange #1

Subject: Voting Protocol During State Session

RESOLVED, that the NH State Grange By-Laws Article X, have a new Section created that states: "No Sessions Committee meetings will be held while voting is taking place at the Annual State **Grange Session.**

Defeated. It was felt that a by-laws change was not needed. The provision could be made part of the operating rules of the session.

Resolution #5 Submitted by the New Hampshire State Grange Executive Committee

Subject: Clarifying language on Sale of Grange Halls

RESOLVED, Article XIV, Section 9, Division 1 First sentence "The Subordinate Grange will petition..." be changed to read "The Subordinate Grange shall petition..."; and be it further RESOLVED, Article XIV, Section 9, Division 3 is

changed from:

Division 3. Upon final approval of the State **Executive Committee to sell said property, the** New Hampshire State Grange will act as an escrow agent for said Grange. Upon sale of property the sum of \$1,000, if sale price is more than this amount, may at the discretion of the

Executive Committee of the New Hampshire State Grange be left to the control of the Grange selling the property. This is provided that the Grange does not intent to surrender their charter. The remainder of the sale price will be placed in an escrow fund with the New Hampshire State Grange and controlled by the Executive

Committee of the New Hampshire State Grange.

The New Hampshire State Grange will pay accrued income on this fund to the Subordinate Grange annually, if requested. Funds from said escrow account may be returned to the Subordinate Grange in such amounts as may be requested in writing by the Subordinate Grange upon a two-thirds vote of the New Hampshire **State Grange Executive Committee.**

To:

Division 3. Upon final approval of the sale by the State Executive Committee of the New Hampshire State Grange, said Committee will act as an escrow agent for the Subordinate Grange. If the net proceeds from the sale is \$1,000.00 or less the Subordinate Grange may retain the entire amount provided it does not intend to surrender its charter. If the sale proceeds exceed \$1,000.00 the excess amount shall be assigned by the Subordinate Grange to the State Grange. Funds not retained by the Subordinate Grange shall be held in an escrow account controlled by the State **Executive Committee. The State Executive** Committee shall pay annually, in the month of April, to the Subordinate Grange, upon written request from the Subordinate Grange, accrued income and such portions of the principal as the Executive Committee approves, by a two thirds vote. Requests for portions of the principal shall be in writing, include reason for request, and be submitted at least four weeks in advance.

Adopted.

Resolution #6 Submitted by Antrim Grange #98

Subject: State Granges

BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Grange Digest, Chapter 4, Article 4.3.3(A) be changed by adding the words "District or Territory", after the word State, so that the Article will read "Six or more Subordinate Granges working in a State, District, or Territory may apply to the Secretary of the National Grange for authority to organize a State Grange."

Adopted.

Resolution #7 Submitted by Antrim Grange #98

Subject: State Grange Executive

Committee

RESOLVED, that the New Hampshire State Grange By-Laws, Article IX, Section 1 be amended by changing the number of members of the State Grange Executive Committee from five to four, so that the section will read, "The Executive Committee of this Grange shall consist of four (4) members, to which shall be added the Master with full privileges. The Overseer, Treasurer and Secretary shall be ex-officio members without voting privileges."; And be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution take effect with the 2012 election of officers.

Defeated.

Resolution #8 Submitted by Lower Intervale Grange #321

Subject: Northern Pass Project

BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Hampshire State Grange take a stand against the Northern Pass Project.

Adopted.

Resolution #9 Submitted by Croydon Grange #357

Subject: Food Protection Rights

RESOLVED That We The People of the New Hampshire State Grange, stand on our rights under the 10th Amendment to the US Constitution and reject such Federal decrees, statutes, regulations or corporate practices that threaten our basic human right to save seed, grow, process, consume and exchange food and farm products within the State of New Hampshire; and be it further

RESOLVED that We the People of the New Hampshire State Grange shall resist any and all infringements upon these rights, from whatever sources that are contrary to the rights of the People of the State of New Hampshire.

Adopted.

Resolution #10 Submitted by Cheshire County Pomona #6

Subject: Elimination of Term Limits for National Grange Executive Committee RESOLVED, that the last sentence in Chapter 4, Article X, Section 4.10.1 (C) (2) be eliminated so that this section shall read "(2) National Grange - The Executive Committee of the National Grange shall consist of the following members: The Master and Overseer of the National Grange, and the four elected members whose terms of office shall be two years, two to be elected each year at the Annual Session of the National Grange."

Adopted.

Resolution #11 Submitted by Cheshire County Pomona #6

Subject: Resort Casino

RESOLVED, that the New Hampshire State Grange go on record in support of Resort Casinos.

Defeated.

Resolution # 12 Submitted by Cheshire County Pomona #6

Subject: State Income Tax

RESOLVED, that the New Hampshire State Grange go on record opposing a State Income Tax for the State of New Hampshire.

Adopted.

Resolution # 13 Submitted by Cheshire County Pomona #6

Subject: State Sales Tax

RESOLVED, that the New Hampshire State Grange go on record in support of a State Sales Tax for the State of New Hampshire, on all nonconsumable goods; and be it further RESOLVED, that said Sales Tax be capped at two (2) points lower than the average of the five (5) remaining New England states. Defeated.

Mohawk Grange

Mohawk Grange #217 of Colebrook held its annual Chicken Pie Supper on October 8. As usual, there was a big crowd, and the local apple orchard owner was selling lots of bags of apples, too - as he always does. There were cars parked for hundreds of yards along East Colebrook Road., and there was a steady crowd of both "old locals" and tourists coming in. Several families were there with at least 3 generations, as this annual supper is always a "fall tradition" for many.



In Memoriam

Carryl Heath	\mathbf{PM}	Ribault (FL)
Past Pomona Deputy		
Kristine Carle		Arlington
Alice Jordan		Blow-Me-Down
Jane Heath		Daniel Webster
Henry Melanson	PM	Dorchester
Veronica Goodale	GS	Golden Rod
Azelle Rogers		Henry Wilson
Bridget Kizik	GS	Hudson
Kenneth Torsey	GS, PM	Squam Lake
Hilda Smith	GS	Squam Lake
Emily Tyler		Winthrop

National Grange Leadership Tip

by Rusty Hunt, April 2006

As a leader of the Grange, you need to choose—yes, choose— the direction that you want the Grange to go. Do you want to grow in both membership and relevance to the community? Do you want to offer opportunities for all your members to be active, make a difference, and feel important?

Leaders need to make the choice to be open to new ideas from all of their members. These ideas are what keep a Grange fresh and up with the times. These ideas offer some insight into what our members are thinking, wanting, and needing. New ideas can and will lead to growth opportunities for members and in membership.

Leaders need to choose to reach out to the community, to both members and non-members, to find out what the community needs are. This will lead to making the Grange relevant in the community. It will also make the Grange more inviting to non-members we want to join.

Leaders need to choose their attitude. I ask the question to almost every group I get to visit and they have all agreed that we all can choose our attitude. So, all leaders can set the attitude of their Grange by choosing to have a positive attitude in all that they do. It shouldn't matter what the leader's personality is or what obstacles come before them, because by choosing to always be positive those looking to the leader will be positive too. Members adopt the direction of the Leader. Leaders that make choices for the Grange will see that the members will do their part to help make it happen.

What direction do you want to set for the Grange to go? I think we all want to see the Grange make everyone feel important. I think all our members want to have the opportunities to make a difference. I want you, as a leader in your Grange, to help lead the way by setting a positive direction for the Grange! I know you can!

The world is made of stairs, and there are those who go up and those who go down.

If you were at State session you learned in my report that this year was a year of transition for the State Grange Building with the closing of the Rebekkah lodge and the hiring of a new person to do cleaning and yard work. You may also know that my home life was transitioning as well. I was hoping to do cosmetic fix-ups and painting, but with the arrival of our baby Rebecca, time just escaped me. I am happy to report that just since State Session cleaning the basement of the building has begun and many historical items are on the road to being properly taken care of. Your donations to the Building Fund can be put to use for purchasing materials for additional shelving in the storage room previously used by the Rebekka lodge. Please making consider a donation to this fund.as you set up your yearly budgets.

Perhaps the most amusing situation regarding the building was inadvertently left out of my state report, so I'll report it here. Does anybody remember answering the phone at the State Grange Building and having someone ask you a question about liquor or wine? Well the mystery has been solved! It seems the NH State Grange Building was accidentally listed in the yellow pages under the heading of wine and liquor along with all the NH State Liquor stores. The phone company has been called, and hopefully in a year or so when new phone books come out this mistake will be fixed.

State Grange Building Fund
This fund is used for repairs and
replacements at the State Grange
Building. Expenditures are authorized
by the State Grange Executive Committee. Checks should be made payable to New Hampshire State Grange
(labeled Building Fund) and sent to

Carolyn Ross 80 East Road East Kingston, NH 03827-2005.

Carryl Emery Heath October 31, 1921 – November 5, 2011

Carryl E. Heath, age 90, died at the home of his daughter Roslyn on November 5, 2011. His six children were present at the time to celebrate his 90th birthday.

Carryl is survived by his wife, Ruth S. Heath of Jacksonville, FL and six children: Alice E. (Clayton) Tuck of Alton, NH; Wilber E. (Alice Jane) Heath of Barrington, NH; Mary E. (Henry) Bordeaux of Augusta, GA; Gloria E. (Larry) Davis of Bennington, NH; Roslyn E. Heath, Jacksonville, FL; and Bruce E. (Mauri) Heath of Huntsville, AL. He is also survived by four stepchildren, twelve grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren. He was pre-deceased by his first wife, Nathalie E. Heath, and a grandson, Brian P. Tuck.

Carryl was born on October 31, 1921 in Northfield NH and graduated from Central High School in North New Portland ME. He retired from the United States Air Force as a Captain after 20 years of active duty. During this time he was stationed in Puerto Rico, Guam, Newfoundland, Libya, and France plus many stateside assignments. After his retirement from the Air Force, he worked for IBM for over 15 years.

Carryl joined New Durham Grange #262, New Durham, NH in November 1964. Subsequently, he was a member of Mountain Laurel and Wattanick Granges in New Hampshire, serving in many positions in each Grange. He served as Master for the first time of Eastern NH Pomona, having been elected in 1970. He was installed by his older sister with his four daughters assisting in the installation. His first State Grange position was NH Subordinate Deputy and later he became a Pomona Deputy. In 1972 he began installing Grange officers with the assistance of his family.

In 1986 Carryl became a member of Ribault Grange in Florida. He was appointed a Special Deputy in Florida in 1987. He also served as General Deputy and was elected as Gatekeeper and appointed Secretary of the Florida State Grange. In January 1998 he was elected Master of the Florida State Grange and served for 2 years. At the time of his death he was State Assistant Steward and Chairman of the State Executive Committee. In addition to membership in

Granges in New Hampshire and Florida, he was also a member of Fernwood Grange in North New Portland, Maine, and he served on the State Membership Committee in Maine.

Carryl was also a member of the American Legion and a Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a Past Commander in both organizations. In 1980, Carryl was raised as a Master Mason at Rising Sun Lodge in Nashua NH. He became a 32nd-degree Scottish Rite Mason in Valley of Nashua. He was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. As a Mason, Carryl belonged to the National Camping Travelers and was a past Master of Travel. He was also State Chaplain of the group.

There will be a memorial service for Carryl Heath on Saturday, December 17, 2011 at 2PM. It will be held at the First Congregational Church of Barrington on Route 9. Across from the Centennial Grange Hall. Reception following in the dining room.

The family suggests memorial donations be made to the NH State Grange Youth Committee, Allissa Estes, 165 Jamey Drive, Rochester NH 03868; the FL State Grange, c/o Roslyn Heath, 6776 Townsend Rd 181, Jacksonville FL 32244; or to the Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, 4266 Sunbeam Rd, Jacksonville FL 32257.

Exhibited at National Grange

Congratulations to the individuals whose work was sent out to Tulsa, OK, to be part of the Idea Fair exhibit at the National Grange annual session this year. The items were chosen by "people's choice" voting at the NH State Grange session in Shelburne. The State Lecturer shipped out a large box containing the painting "Kittens at Play" by Ruth Pelton of Hampton Falls Grange, the water color painting of an owl by Philip Chase, Jr. of Gilman Grange, and the gray afghan with a red stripe by Ann Leger of Winthrop Grange. Also in that box was an entry for the National Lecturer's Photography Contest: a sunset taken by Lois Enman of Rochester Grange.

I am too blessed to be stressed!



I am very pleased to have been appointed Community Service Director for New Hampshire, working with State Family and Community Director Alice Tuck in this department. I have been devoted to volunteering to help someone less fortunate, bring a smile to someone who is having a tough day, and try to a solution to help lessen a burden for those not sure where to turn to for assistance. The next few weeks can be a tough time for many of us. The stress of shopping for gifts, especially if the children would like expensive gifts that Santa can't bring and you don't want to disappoint them, is tough. Please think about helping the less fortunate this season: volunteering to help your elderly neighbors wrap gifts or do some shopping for them or give them a ride to the store. There are many non profit agencies that need gifts for children and some do for the elderly. The food banks or your local food pantries are at all time lows this year. If you are cooking dinner at home this y ear, possibly you might ask your neighbor, if they live alone, to come and enjoy a meal. I bet you will see the biggest smile on their face if you extend an invitation. There are some agencies that need helpers to wrap gifts if you take names off their giving trees. If someone or a group is having a Christmas dinner in your city or town, think about offering to help if you can. I realize many families will have a big list of attendees and this might be impossible. There are some who would be willing to help for an hour or two by serving a meal, filling the plate to be served, or washing dishes or helping with the cleanup. I am sure you will see some big smiles from some people who thought they would alone on Christmas. If you need help finding the volunteer opportunities for the holidays, please contact me and I will be very happy to assist you. Christmas has changed alot over the years. We need to find the real reason why we celebrate this day.

After Christmas, for many of us can be a downer and I mean a downer. We can sit down in a chair and breathe a sigh of relief. However, if you live alone, it can be a blue time. Yes, on television on New Year's Day, you can watch the colorful Rose Bowl Parade and possibly some other event. However, due to winter it can be a tough time to get out. Please check on your neighbors if they live alone, that they have enough heat, food, water, and power if we have a major storm. You can offer to shovel their path to the mailbox or offer to get their newspaper and mail so they don't have to go out. Winter can be a rough time if someone falls. Broken bones or a fracture is terrible. You could offer to meet your neighbors and set up a system that if power goes out, you can have a buddy system to make sure they are okay. If they have a doctor appointment or need to go into town, please offer them a ride or help find them the resources they need.

Please don't forget the men and women in the military who won't be home this year for the holidays. Try to organize card writing parties to have a few people come to your home and write holiday cards or hello cards to make sure everyone is okay and they are not forgotten. If you need addresses of military people from your area, please let me know and I will try to find out for you. Please don't be afraid to ask me for assistance. I am very happy to offer any assistance to you and your members.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone and great health to all of you in 2012.



Due to technical difficulties we are unable to provide a Family and Community column in this December issue. Please continue to work on those hats and mittens for the military and for school children. Now is also a good time to be making items for the Grange Store at the Big E.

National Grange Welcomes New Membership/Leadership Director

On September 15, the National Grange welcomed Michael J. Martin to the staff as Membership/Leadership Director. Martin, a native of Cummington, MA, has been an active Grange member for over three decades.

Martin is looking forward to giving back to the organization that provided leadership experiences for him as the Master of local Subordinate and Pomona Granges in Massachusetts. He also served as Membership Director and state officer of the Massachusetts State Grange. As a young adult, Martin served on the National Grange Youth Team as National Grange Youth Ambassador.

"The leadership skills learned in the Grange are exemplified in community leaders across rural America. The future of our country rests on the strength of our agricultural and rural communities," Martin said. He is looking forward to working with Grange leaders across the nation.

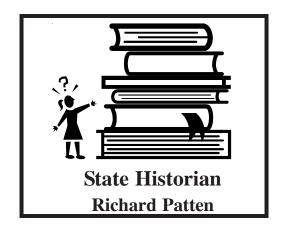
Prior to joining the National Grange staff, Martin was a Cooperative Extension professional for 25 years and most recently served as executive director of the North Carolina 4-H Development Fund where he spearheaded the initiative to raise funds to support the 4-H youth development program in North Carolina.

Martin has experience as a 4-H youth development agent in Massachusetts, Vermont, and Pennsylvania. He was an International 4-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) Representative to Costa Rica, and also worked to establish and strengthen the 4-H youth development program in the Republic of Albania and the Republic of Armenia.

Martin holds a B.A. from Oberlin College and an M.Ed. from Cambridge College. He earned a Ph.D. in Workforce Education and development from the College of Education at Penn State University. Martin and his wife, Wendy reside in south central Pennsylvania.

If you feel called to share a message, it's because there are people in the world who are waiting to hear it.

Michael Port



Another State Session has ended and now it is time to go back to work. Oh, we will celebrate Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Pearl Harbor Day, Christmas, and New Year's, but the work for the Grange continues on. State Master Jim Tetreault will call to order the annual State Grange and Leaders Conference on Saturday, December 10 at the State Fire Academy in Concord.

I will never forget the first Leaders Conference and Deputy School I attended. Ir was in December of 1971, and it was held at the Boscawen Congregational Church at the junction of Routes 3 and 4 in Boscawen. I had just received my State Prince honor and didn't realize that I was considered an ex offico member of the Youth Committee. I walked in and was in awe of all the people that were there. This was Past State Master E. Norris Hall's first Deputy School and Leaders Conference as State Master. It had the feeling of a mini State Grange Session. Reports were made by various officers and committee chairmen. Back in 1971, they were called Chairmen.

The members of Ezekiel Webster Grange served a delicious dinner and then it was time for committees to begin their work. The deputies took the main hall and worked on the degree of the year as well as talked over corrections or changes to pass onto the Granges when they went out on Instructions. It was reported that many years the deputies would work into the night and Ezekiel Webster Grange would serve supper if needed.

Then it was time go back home and get ready to celebrate the holidays. Of course, when you went to Deputy School, you could take chances for a door prize, get a lot of Christmas cards from associate members of the State Grange and make new friends. Today's Deputy School and Leader's Conference has not changed much since those early days.

I was reading the Journal of Proceedings for 1962, looking for some information about the speakers I had mentioned at this year's State Session. It was very common for speakers from the State Police, Department of Motor Vehicles or Safety to come and speak; updating the Grange about the happenings in their networks. Lt. Clifton Hayes came to the 1962 session in Keene and spoke about the division of State Police in the Department of Safety. I also found a report regarding the bowling tournmament, talking about next year's and how it has become a very popular event. In 2012, we will be celebrating the 63rd birthday if this tournament founded by B. Franklin Hayes. I also found in 1962, the Master of Hillsborough County Pomona Grange presented the NH State Grange with a bronze plaque to be placed in the pulpit of the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge along with the other 150 emblems representing national, patriotic, social, and fraternal associations and organizations as a fitting memorial to our Order and a permanent testimonial of our Faith in God.

I started reading the 1902 Journal of Proceedings. I will be talking about this more in the next few months. One item I have talked about before and with the mailing of Christmas cards coming up, is the Rural Free Delivery. The establishment of rural free delivery in the country as the result of the Grange influence and effort is one of the grandest achievements of the Order. It was reported in 1902 that 95 routes have been reported established in New Hampshire with 113 in Massachuetts and 134 in Connecticut. It was further reported that New Hampshire stood second for the year 1901 with 4,017,612 pieces of mail being handled on its rural routes. It was reported by the US Postal Office in Washington that if this continues within five years every rural free farm house in the state will be receiving mail. So you can see as you write and mail those Christmas cards, how busy our postal workers are going to be.

Merry Christmas brothers and sisters, I am looking forward to seeing you 2012,

Only a fool tests the depth of the water with both feet.

African Proverb



Hello to all! We have had a great year doing our fundraising projects. Our sucess exceeded the State Master's expectations, and made the State Treasurer very happy We did the 1/20 Club, fair exhibits, a fundraising supper, Blueberry Pie Days, and to finish the year we had a Silent Auction at State Session. Many thanks to all who giave their time to work on one or more of these projects, donated food or Silent Aution items, or purchased 1/20 tickets or bid on items at the Silent Auction. We never could have done so well without your participation.

This brings us to the start of our 2012 projects. The first one is the 1/20 Club. Tickets are now available with the first drawing to start in February. A drawing will be held each week for 20 weeks. Week 20 will have 4 additional drawings. Tickets are \$20.00 each. In review we did have a few Subordinate and Pomona Granges as weekly winners. So, I invite you to think about your Grange buying a ticket this year. Please let me know if you want tickets and we can get them to you. Last year this project was very successful, although we did not sell all the tickets that were prepared. Now that you know how it works and have seen fellow Grangers win prizes, let's make this project an even bigger success in 2012. The 1/20 Club is not limited to Grangers if you have a flair for salesmanship or have friends who like to take a chance now and then.

Calendar of Events 2012

Jan. 6-8 - Northeast Leaders Conference East Hartford, CT

Jan. 14 - Area Meeting, Barrington

Jan. 21 - Area Meeting, Keene

Jan. 28 - Area Meeting, Dalton

Feb 3-4 - Farm and Forest Expo, Manchester

Feb. 7 - Deadline for March GSG

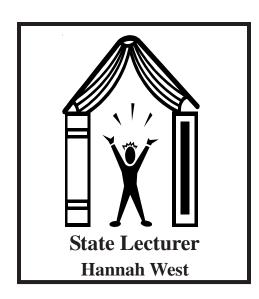
Feb. 15 - Grange 990-N Reports due to IRS

March 11 - Bowling, Lakeside Lanes,

Manchester, 11 a.m.

As dates for the yearly calendar are typically set at Deputy School, watch this calendar grow in length in the March Issue of the

Granite State Granger.



I hope you are all busily planning for the coming year. Before you attend your Grange's planning meeting, please look over the Lecturer's booklet, which was given to the delegate from your Grange at the State Grange session in Shelburne. If your Grange was not represented in Shelburne, the State Secretary will mail the packet, which contains both Lecturer's and Youth booklets to your Grange. The Lecturer's booklet should be given to the Lecturer for his/her use. It includes suggestions, guidelines, contest rules, and report forms for 2012. It is intended to help Granges support the State Master's priorities.

Do you know what the State Master's priorities are? They are Grange Growth, Raising, Ritualism, Communication. What can your Grange do to advance these priorities in the coming year? Can you attempt a degree or at least practice your Welcoming Ceremony so that it is smooth, impressive, and truly friendly and welcoming? Perhaps you could go the extra mile to bring your new members to a Degree Day. Degrees are not all there is to ritualism. What does your meeting look like? If you do not have a traditional hall, are you attempting to follow the opening and closing procedures in the space allowed? Can you ballot for candidates in full form? Is your floorwork sloppy? Have your practiced the signs that the Deputy introduced last year? Perhaps you could take a meeting and do some practicing? Most Granges in the state have taken in new members and eighteen Granges have achieved a net gain in membership. Do your new members understand Grange procedures? Please take the time to explain those little ways of doing floorwork and

paperwork that make a Grange different from other clubs.

Fund Raising is an integral part of every organization. How do you raise money for the Dictionary Project? How does your Grange meet the assessments connected to hosting the National Grange session in 2013? Where do the funds come from to improve your hall or meeting space? Do you raise money especially for Youth or Family & Community Donations? Fund raising does not have to be an outside event. Plan a small raffle or penny sale or coin toss into your regular meeting now and then as a change of pace. Drop a quarter into the bottle instead of a clothespin and use the proceeds to buy toilet paper for the local food pantry. Public fundraising - the food events, yard sales, raffles, or even approaching an individual or a business for a donation to support a special cause - is also a way to put the Grange name out into

the community.

Results of Contests Judged in October

Creative Writing

Read the Book

1st - Mary Tyler, Winthrop Grange 2nd – Marie Hall, Gilman Grange 3rd – Norma Neary, Pembroke Grange **Poetry**

1st - Janet Sherrod, Hampton Falls Grange 2nd – Marie Hall, Gilman Grange 3rd – Lucy E. Woodes, Hampton Falls Grange A Funny Thing Happened to Me 1st - June A. Davis, Mt. Hope Grange 2nd – Mary West, Chichester Grange 3rd - Norma Neary, Pembroke Grange

Art

Class A - Oils & Acrylics 1st – Ruth Pelton, Hampton Falls Grange 2nd - Gail Turcotte, Rochester Grange 3rd - Philip J. Clark, Jr., Gilman Grange Class B – Watercolors 1st – Philip J. Clark, Jr., Gilman Grange Class C - Charcoal, Pastels, Pencil 1st - Philip J. Clark, Jr., Gilman Grange 2nd – Roberta A. Sliva, Hampton Falls Grange

3rd - June A. Davis, Mt. Hope Grange Create-a-Card

Category I - Hand Stamped or Hand Drawn

Class A – Holiday

1st – Gail Turcotte, Rochester Grange 2nd - Marion Woodworth, Rochester Grange

Class B – Birthday 1st - Gail Turcotte, Rochester Grange 2nd – Marion Woodworth, Rochester Grange **Class C- Thinking of You** 1st - June A. Davis, Mt. Hope Grange 2nd – Gail Turcotte, Rochester Grange 3rd - Marion Woodworth, Rochester Grange **Category II - Computer Generated** Class A - Holiday 1st - Mary Tyler, Winthrop Grange 2nd – Marie Hall, Gilman Grange Class B – Birthday 1st – Mary Tyler, Winthrop Grange **Class C – Thinking of You** 1st – Mary Tyler, Winthrop Grange 2nd – Marie Hall, Gilman Grange **Category III – Hand Decorated** Class A - Holiday 1st- Marion Woodworth, Rochester Grange 2nd – Gail Turcotte, Rochester Grange Class B – Birthday 1st – Gail Turcotte, Rochester Grange

2nd – Marion Woodworth, Rochester Grange Class C – Thinking of You 1st Lucy Woodes, Hampton Falls Grange 2nd – Carol Hill, Rockingham Grange 3rd – Gail Turcotte, Rochester Grange **Photography Cotest**

35 mm Camera

My Friend, My Companion (Human)

1st – Stephanie Morgan, Rockingham Grange 2nd – Lucy E. Woodes, Hampton Falls Grange **Digital Camera**

1st – Jane Trombi, Warren Pond Grange 2nd – June A. Davis, Mt. Hope Grange 3rd – Mary Tyler, Winthrop Grange

My Friend, My Companion (Animal) 35mm Camera

1st – James Jacobs, Rochester Grange 2nd – Lucy E. Woodes, Hampton Falls Grange **Digital Camera**

1st – Marie E. Hall, Gilman Grange 2nd – Donald R. Ross, Gilman Grange 3rd – Sandra Fogarty, Somersworth Grange

Sunrise, Sunset 35mm Camera

1st – Carol Hill, Rockingham Grange **Digital Camera**

1st – Wayne Turcotte, Rochester Grange 2nd – Lois Enman, Rochester Grange 3rd – Mary Tyler, Winthrop Grange

State Community Citizen Francis Muzzey of Wentworth

Submitted by Baker's River Grange

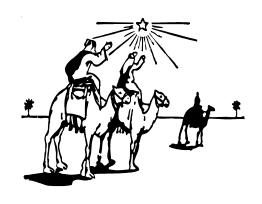








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