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New Hampshire State
Grange
138th Annual State
Session
October 27 – 29, 2011
Town & Country
Motor Inn
Gorham, NH
603-466-3315

Room reservations are now being taken for this year's NH State Grange annual convention. Choice rooms are still available.

Room rates are as follows: Single and double: \$88.00 Triple \$94.00 Quad \$100.00

There will be no charge for children under the age of 12 in a room after double occupancy is met.

Room rates: the hotel rate does not include the 9% NH State room tax and breakfast is not included in the rate.

Please call the Town and Country and indicate that you will be attending the NH State Grange convention. The Convention rate will end on Friday, October 14, 2011. At that time the rates will increase to \$104.00 per night.

If you should have any questions, call Ken Berry at 603-772-5364, or e-mail kenlberry@comcast.net.

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

2011 Grange Family Weekend! July 29-31 Bring your family, bring your friends

Bring your family, bring your friends and join us at the Gunstock Mountain Resort for a weekend of camping, fellowship and fun. Bring something to share, for our potluck supper on Saturday evening

Make your reservation directly with the campground online at: https://www.gunstock.com/camping/reservation/ or you can call 603-293-4341 X155.

Make sure you mention that you want to camp in close proximity to Robert Trombi. This will ensure that our group is together.

Campground Amenities

Gunstock is a full service campground, with an outdoor in-ground pool. The pool is open during the summer months and is handicap accessible. The campground has two bath houses with free hot showers and coin-operated laundry facilities. Campers can play in two playgrounds, hike through the wetlands boardwalk, and fish in the pond. Kayaks, paddle boats, and mountain bikes are available for Gunstock guests to rent. In addition, there is a skateboard park and a mini golf course located near the lodge. Miles of hiking and biking trails start right at your doorstep. Athletic equipment such as horseshoes and volleyballs are available for use.

Campsites are \$35 per night for 2 adults and up to 3 children (under 18)

Complete resort information is available online at: http://www.gunstock.com/camping/

NE Go to Church Sunday
June 26
This Year at a New Location

Rockingham Meetinghouse

Rockingham, VT

Nationwide Grange Gathering July 16, 2011

Last year's rededication of the Grange building in Washington DC, was an overwhelming success, not only in the number of Grangers who attended but also in a renewed energy for our organization. National Master Ed Lutrell would like to build on that energy and enthusiasm with another event this year.

The event will not be held at one location sponsored by the National Grange. Travel is an issue with raising costs this year. The intent is to have State, Pomona, Subordinate Granges host an event in their area.

In New Hampshire we have chosen to let the Subordinate Granges do their own event. Granges may group together if they wish or even go "visiting" to another state or another part of this state. The Grange Gathering should be an event that brings Grangers together to celebrate who we are and our core values. Have a dinner or a picnic, hold a membership rally, visit a tourist attraction. The National Grange website should be posting ideas or check the National Lecturer's facebook page. Rochester Grange already has an idea (see page 6).

Whatever you do, please take pictures. The intent is for the National Lecturer to put together a video of snap shots and video taken of the events that day. He will ask for other information which will be sent using a form on the NG website. He will also take them via email and USPS. Naturally we would like to have New Hampshire represented.

Who should you contact with any questions? For now Pete Pompper at NGLecturer@gmail.com and eventually whoever is coordinating an event you wish to attend.

Outside My Window on Keene Rd

Grange growth continues to be one of our top priorities. We just completed our Grange Growth Summit with National Grange Membership/Leadership Director Rusty Hunt leading us throughout the training weekend to help struggling Granges. Is your Grange struggling or do you need opportunities to refocus the mission of your Grange? The State Grange can assist your Grange! At the Grange Growth Summit we trained Grange members from 9 of the 11 Pomona Granges in the state on how to go out and help revitalize Granges. If you are struggling and need assistance, contact your Pomona Grange Master. I have charged them with coordinating the Grange Growth teams in the State. Is your Grange in need of refocusing its mission in your community? Contact Visioning Deputy Bob Trombi. He can assist your Grange with the visioning program.

Your State Grange Departments have been very busy since the last issue of the GSG. The Youth Department sponsored a very well attended Winter Youth Rally at the State Grange Building in February. The Membership Department held its first Degree Day of the year where all four degrees were exemplified for a total of seven candidates. The Family and Community Department has been out attending Family and Community Nights around the State. Under the Operations Department Ken Berry is working with the Town and Country Motor Inn in Shelburne, assisting in the planning of our State Grange Session in October. The Fundraising Department continues to look for opportunities to raise funds to assist the finances of our State Grange. Do you have a Grange member graduating from High School? Do they need financial assistance to go on to post secondary education? Contact the Grange Services Department for scholarship application.

Has your Grange had its spring instruction? As one of our priorities is to focus on ritualism, we are again reinstating spring instructions and fall inspections. Your Deputy will be exemplifying the sign of distress and sign of caution and will expect to see your Grange members exemplify these signs in the fall. If you have not heard from your Deputy please give him or her a call or contact General Deputy Arthur Merrill or myself.

We have lots of events coming up during the next few months:

June 1 - Lecturer's Songwriting entries are due

June 4 - Lecturer's Variety Show,

State Grange Building

June 10-12 - Summer Youth Weekend, Camp Spaulding in Penacook

June 26 - NE Go to Church Sunday at Rockingham Meetinghouse in Rockingham, VT

July 1 - Scholarship Applications are due

July 8-10 - Northeast Youth Conference, Maine

July 29-31 - Family Camping Weekend at Gunstock Camping Area

July 31 - Needlework entries and Big E items due to Family & Community

Committee

August 1-4 - Northeast Lecturers' Conference, Bridgewater, MA

August 13 - Harvest Moon Stomp

August 15 - Youth donations due

I hope that we will see you at some of these events.

THE GRANITE STATE GRANGER

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

*(However, donations are accepted.)
This paper is printed quarterly.
Postmaster or anyone else:
Please send all related
correspondence to
Hannah West
3 Depot Road
Chichester, NH 03258

Don't forget to send in your Quarterly reports to the State Lecturer and State Secretary in July. Prompt reporting is part of our focus on Communication.

July 10 - Lecturers' Quarterly Reports due

July 15 - Subordinate Quarterly Reports due to State Secretary

July 20 - Pomona Quarterly Reports due to State Secretary

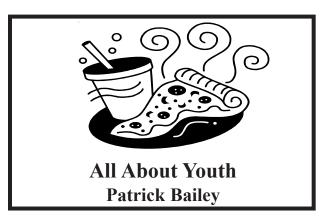
Park Grange

The September, 2010, meeting of Park Grange in Cornish had a guest speaker, Dick Cyr, founder of David's House. David's House is located in Lebanon, NH, and celebrated its 25th anniversary in January, 2011. This is a home away from home and support for families with children receiving treatment through Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center.

Dick talked about his son, David, who passed away at the age of five from leukemia, and how it was David's dream to have this house. The first donation was \$300.78 from the money David had put away from money he had received in his short life. Dick spoke about how this dream turned into reality and has helped so many children/families and still does. He spoke about how recipients cannot believe this house runs so smoothly and the donations that are given throughout the year. Dick mentioned that no federal or state funds are used to support this house, but strictly by private donations.

At the meeting, Dick was presented with five large boxes of food and non-food items from David's House wish list that members of Park Grange collected during the summer months. Connie Brown, lecturer, presented two gift cards from area stores. Park Grange donated \$150, which came from the profits of their monthly breakfasts. Blow-Me-Down Grange members donated \$50.

Dick was pleasantly surprised by the large donations, both monetary and wish list items, presented to him for David's House. For more info about David's House, please check out the web site at www.davids-house.org.



We kicked the month of March off by going to the Hooksett Space Center. Three youth attended this event. The next day was the State Grange Bowling, and there were a lot of youth participants there. The drill team under the direction of Andrea Goulette has started up with eight members, and many more are joining as we go along.

As April fast approached us we had the Spring Fling event at Belmont Middle school where Allissa Estes and Amy Schunemann put on the Junior program, providing them with fun filled activities for the day. The Glow Bowling event had a very successful turn out. There were about twenty youth that attended this event. Thank you to all who attended. As we went on in the month of April, there were some State Grange events that youth attended, such as the Grange Growth Summit. It was nice to see the participation in that event. As April came to an end, I hope everyone had a Happy Easter. Wow the time flew... What's the saying? "April showers bring May flowers." Well, April showered events on us.

Now let's see what May flowered upon us. During the month of May Jodi Bailey applications were due to the Youth Director on the 1st. On May 7th the youth participated in Degree Day by putting on the 2nd Degree. On May 20th some of the youth participated in the annual Thomas Fairchild 4-H golf tournament to benefit 4-H programs. As the month of May winds down, we head into June where the Youth along sided with the Lecturer's talent show doing their sign-a-song, and public speaking contest. Look for results in the next GSG.

June 10th, 11th, and 12th bring us to Camp Spaulding where the June Youth Rally is held. In the next GSG the youth officers that tested at February Youth Rally will be listed.

Wow, Summer already! Well it's time for the drill competition to come about with

the North East Regional Youth Conference that will be held at Bowdowin College in Brunswick, ME, on July 8th, 9th, 10th. The cost will be \$110 per person, more info will be sent out soon. We are taking a beach day to Hampton Beach on July 17th, just for a youth relaxation day. We hope to see as many of you as we can at the up coming Youth Events.

Enjoy your Summer.



YES! It is that time of the year again. **Scholarship Applications**

High school seniors or a Grange member planning to attend an accredited post secondary institution can apply for a Grange scholarship grant. The scholarship application and the criteria for applying are available on the State Grange website www.nhgrange.org under Grange Services. Be aware that there are two (2) pages; also, several letters of recommendation are required. Please do not wait as most seniors have been applying for scholarships within their high schools at this time.

Grange Services Department committee members also have the forms.

The deadline for scholarship applications is JULY 1, 2011.

Please mail your complete application and letters of recommendation to:

Lois Enman 9 Blake Street Rochester, NH 03867

On a very different note the State Grange and our department have renewed our program that is offered through the American Income Life Insurance Company. Member households will be receiving a letter soon introducing their program about Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D). As Grange members you and your family may qualify for additional insurance programs

One kind word can warm three winter months.—
Japanese Proverb



Rachel Brown 100 Years Old

Rachel Brown of Harmony Grange was 100 years old on February 18, 2011. The picture below was taken at a party held in her honor at the St. Francis Home. Judi Abbott, Master of Harmony Grange, and Elizabeth Cotsibas were there to represent the Grange.

Rachel came to Harmony Grange from Mt. Belknap Grange, which closed in 1997. At that time she had already belonged to the Grange for 69 years. Prior to joining Mt. Belknap, she had belonged to Interlakes and Province Road Granges. She joined the Grange in 1929 at age 18.

Born at home on Messer Street in Laconia, Rachel has lived in the Lakes Region for much of her life. During World War II her husband, William, flew with the United States Air Force, and she worked at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard delivering submarine parts on a motorcycle. She remembers that the shipyard launched 35 submarines, all named after fish.

After the war she returned to Laconia where she worked at the Scott & Williams Company for 28 years. Her two sons, David and Kelvin, are now retired and living in Florida.

Rachel lives independently in her own unit at the Bishop Bradley Apartments on the campus of the St. Francis Home. She attributes her longevity to "eating oatmeal and keeping busy."



Left to Right: Judi Abbott, Elizabeth Cotsibas, Rachel Brown

Home Grown Politics

Across New Hampshire Farmland to Concord and Washington

Since the last GSG issue, we have had a couple of events sponsored by the Legislative and Agriculture Department. At Spring Fling, we had a panel of New Hampshire Grangers who also hold elected office. At this year's event we had Town Clerks, County Commissioners, an Executive Councilor, and several State Representatives. The format was simple. A minute or two to introduce ourselves, what we want folks to know most about our jobs and then we opened it to questions from the attendees. Based on the feedback from Spring Fling attendees, we have decided to do it again next year. Invite your fellow Grangers to next year's Spring Fling and let's make the Belmont Middle School bulge at the seams!

Thanks to a suggestion from Former State Master Dick Patten, we held our third State Grange Day at the State House. We assembled early for a continental breakfast in the State House cafeteria. After breakfast we had a tour, of the State House, by our favorite tour guide, Virginia Drew. We Representatives that have the pleasure of frequent tours noted that it was a different tour than the 4th graders normally get. Even we old hands at the State House learned some new tidbits of history. During the tour, our State Master was presented with the Governor's Citation commemorating Grange Month in New Hampshire. After the tour there was a House Session at 10:00. During session the Grangers who were in the balcony were introduced by the House Clerk's staff. There was an extra treat in that it was Tartan Day, complete with bag pipes and a Scottish dancer.

Your Legislative and Agriculture Director sent a letter as both the Director and the Chair of the New Hampshire House Committee on Environment and Agriculture to the US Secretary of Agriculture endorsing a NH farmer to the National Lamb Promotion Board. The Lamb Promotion Board is currently made up of thirteen members, ten of which currently come from west of the Mississippi, and only two from this side of the River. We need a northeasterner on the board.

Several of us are planning for this year's National Grange Legislative Fly In to Washington, DC. We are set up to meet with staff for all members of the NH Congressional delegation. Since that trip will have already taken place by the time you read this, we hope that we had a good time, learned something, and made an impact on Congress.

I would like to mention the impact of NH budget cuts on agriculture. At the Dept. of Agriculture Markets and Food, the inspection of measuring devices by the Weights and Measure Department will be outsourced. The personnel to do the inspections have been removed from the budget and outsourcing authorized. Also DAMF had a 5% cut in current operating costs for things like utilities, and supplies. The Department of Education lost a million dollars in transportation costs for transporting kids from one district to another district's agriculture program. Education also had the State FFA Coordinator cut from the Budget, by the Governor. UNH took a huge hit in state funding, including a cut at UNH Cooperative Extension. Counties are also cutting County Extension Budgets. Strafford County had the entire Cooperative Extension Budget removed, and therefore the office has been closed. At the State level we did have some good news. State Meat Inspection Legislation is going to pass this year. It is not funded, but we move forward.

The Legislative Department has taken a position that we support staying in school and graduating. Look for a resolution to that effect. We may have some legislation coming for the next session that we can get behind. Legislation like:

Clarifying the poultry exemptions for meat inspection

A preference for Local products by state agencies

Local labeling for NH Honey, Maple Syrup, etc

A Hemp Resolution asking the Feds to lift the ban on hemp.

The next time you go to the State Grange Building in Hooksett, you will find a NH Flag that flew over the state house in honor of the NH State Grange, donated by my wife and me. Take a look at the Legislative and Agriculture pages of the State Grange Website. Wayne has done a great job for us.

Calendar of Events 2011

June 1 - Lecturer's Song Writing entries due June 4 - Lecturer's Talent Show, State Grange Building

June 10 -12 - Summer Youth Weekend, Camp Spaulding, Penacook

June 26 - NE Go-to-Church Sunday, Rockingham, VT

July 1 - Scholarship Applications due July 8 - 10 - Northeast Youth Conference, Maine

July 10 - Lecturers' Quarterly Reports due

July 21-24 - Stratham Fair

July 27-31 - North Haverhill Fair

July 29-31 - Family Camping Weekend,

Gunstock Camping Area

July 31 - Needlework entries and Big E items due to F&C Committee

Aug. 1-4 - Northeast Lecturer's Conference, Bridgewater, MA

Aug. 3-7 - Cheshire Fair

Aug. 12-14 - Velknap county 4-H Fair

Aug. 13 - Harvest Moon Stomp

Aug. 15 - Youth Donations due

Aug. 19-21 - Cornish Fair

Aug. 31-Sept. 5 - Lancaster Fair

Sept. 1 - Deadline for Youth and Family & Community Reports

Sept. 1 - Deadline for F& C State Awards & Lecturer's Community Citizen Award

Sept. 1-5 Hopkinton State Fair

Sept. 9-11 - Hillsborough County Fair

Sept. 16-25 - Rochester Fair

Sept. 16 - Oct. 2 - Big E, Springfield, MA

Sept. 24 - NH Day at Big E

Sept. 26 - Grange Day at Big E

Sept. 29-Oct. 2 - Deerfield Fair

October 8-11 - Sandwich Fair Oct. 1 - Lecturer's Contest entries due

Oct. 8 - Reservations due for State Grange

Session

Oct. 10 - Lecturers' Quarterly report due Oct. 14 - Reservations due for State Grange Banquet

Oct. 27-29 - NH State Grange Session, Town & Country, Gorham

Nov. 8-12 - National Grange Session, Tulsa, OK

Dec. 10 - Deputy School

This Calendar is a work in progress.

There will be additions and changes as the year progresses.

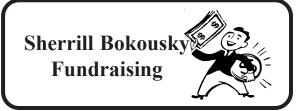


Walpole Grange Awards Night

Walpole Grange #125 held its annual awards night on Tuesday, May 17 2011. Worthy Master Kathy Yardley presented several awards to very deserving people and groups. The Educator award went to Joe Beer, a recently retired teacher who spent his entire career at Fall Mt Regional High School. The Firefighter award was presented to four young men who recently completed the state Firefighter One course - Adam Kobeski, Mike Flynn, Brendan Kiniry and Jim Suozzi. The Fall Mt JROTC received the Youth Service award for their participation in numerous projects and events in the local area. Bruce Martin accepted the Community Citizen award for his work researching military records and compiling a list of all of the Walpole citizens who served in all of the American wars and for his efforts to raise funds for and oversee the creation of a new memorial monument on the town common. Michael Hubbard received the Young Farmer award, and the Graves family was presented with the Agriculture award in honor of 250 years of continuous farming by the same family on the same farm. Joe Dion, membership chairman of Walpole Grange, presented a short talk on the history of the Grange and everyone enjoyed refreshments and socialized after the meeting.

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.



Fundraising is in process on a few different projects this year. I will outline here what our plans are for this year and give you a look at what our needs are to be successful. I will start out by saying a big thank-you to all who have helped with our current project. At this time we are doing the 1/20 club with a weekly drawing of \$25.00. This is a 20-week project and is still happening. We started selling tickets at Deputy School and the first drawing was Feb 19th. At the end of the 20th week we will have a final drawing for \$300, \$200, and \$100. We are halfway through the 20 weeks but we still have a few tickets left so if you are interested please let me know. Tickets are \$20.00 each.

The plan for the next project is to enter the agricultural fairs and hope to receive premiums. I am looking for anyone who is interested in helping with setup or take down at the fairs in NH. This will be a great way for you to be helping with NH State Grange Fundraising. Please know that your help is needed and appreciated. I have one display prepared and ready to go. If you want to help with that, get in touch with me and we can make arrangements.

I am now the coordinator of Blueberry Pie Day at the Big E in September. As soon as I know the details I will be asking for volunteers for that as well. Blueberry Pie Day is an important fundraiser for the NH State Grange each year, and your help is essential.

We will be having a Silent Auction at State Session this year. I am now looking for items to add to the table as I only have a few so far. If you have something, please get in touch with me, and we can make arrangements for pickup if needed. Any ideas for additional projects are always welcome as I plan what we will do in the next year. I can be reached at besheb@aol.com.

You can do what you have to do, and sometimes you can do it even better than you think you can. Jimmy Carter

A Hearty Grange Welcome to the Following New Members

Brian Jordan **Arlington Grange** Marion Jordan **Arlington Grange** Henry Parkhurst **Arlington Grange Phyllis Rockwell Blazing Star Grange** Karen Gritzke **Blow Me Down Grange Kelly Eastman** Croyden Grange **Judy Gibbons Daniel Webster Grange Rick Gibbons Daniel Webster Grange** Virginia Penniman Dorchester Grange Karen Yetman **Dorchester Grange Steven Ober** Harmony Grange Marie Brackinridge Lake Shore Grange James Buttafouco Londonderry Grange **Cherylann Pierce** Londonderry Grange **Amy Schunemann** Somersworth Grange Matthew Tetreault Wicwas Lake Grange **Bill Etney** Wicwas Lake Grange

Mohawk Grange Community Service Award

On April 18, Mohawk Grange #217 of Colebrook held their regular meeting at which Arthur Beauchemin of the Colebrook Fire Department was guest speaker. He gave a great talk about how to use fire extinguishers, including an outdoor demonstration on a fire lit for that purpose. At the close of the meeting Master Michelle Hyde read a long list of Arthur's activities with the Colebrook Fire Dept., 45th Parellel EMS, and the Colebrook Ski-Bees snowmobile club where Arthur is trail master. She then presented him with the Community Service Award.

There were 19 Grange members present, plus 30 or more guests from the Beauchemin family, the Fire Department, the EMS, and the Colebrook Ski-Bees, who were all there to cheer! After the meeting there was a great social time with lots of snack food and a lovely cake that depicted the groups Arthur works with.

Arthur Beauchemin and Master Michelle Hyde



Photo Courtesy of The News and Sentinel, Colebrook, N.H.

Penny Sale
Saturday, June 25, 2011
Tickets sold at 1:00 p.m.
Drawing at 2:00 p.m.
Rockingham Grange Hall
273 Main Street
Epping, NH

Danbury Grange to hold Chicken Barbecue June 11

Blazing Star Grange's annual chicken barbecue will take place on Saturday, June 11^{th} from 5-6:30 pm at the Grange Hall in the center of Danbury with homemade salads and strawberry shortcake to complement the chicken.

A popular beginning-of-summer event, the chicken barbecue always has a great turnout, as the chicken is cooked over charcoal briquettes and served with several types of cold salads donated by community and Grange members. Strawberry shortcake and whipped cream on a biscuit will accompany the dinner. Cost of dinner is: adults - \$8; under 12 – 4; and under 3 – free.

Any questions should be directed to Donna Sprague at 768-5579, or you may consult our new Web site at http://www.danburygrange.org/

Todd Collette barbecues the chicken each year.



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



Thanks to all my Grange friends for the cards of friendship and cheer sent to me duirng my recent loss of Doris. So many of you had known her and had such wonderful things to say (all true) about a fine friend. I had known her all of those 93 years, and we had almot 51 years together.

John L. Saturley

Abbott E Rice, Sr. 1931-2011

Abbott E. Rice passed away on April 28, 2011. He was in the Naval Reserves and was honorably discharged in 1958. He earned a M.ED and an ED.D from Boston University and was designated Director Emeritus of Placement of Norhern Essex Community College in 2000. His career in education stretched 50 years and included many years at Belknap College and Northern Essex Community College.

Abbott lived in Hudson, NH, for 40 years and was active in local politics, serving the Town of Hudson as District 5 Councilor, a member of the Code of Ethics Committee, and a member of the Conservation Board. He developed the Hudson Community Garden from 1995-1998. Abbott was a member of the Community Church of Hudson and the Masonic Lodge in Nashua. He was a past Master of Wattannick Grange, belonged to Hillsborough Country Pomona, and had served on the State Grange Legislative Committee.

He leaves his wife of 40 years Annie, a daughter Ann Tedeschi, two sons Abbott "Rick" Rice, Jr. and David Rice, seven grandchildren, two brothers, nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his son James Rice in 2009.

Halloween Grange Open House

Monday, June 20, 7 - 8 p.m.

Penacook Community Center
All Grangers are welcome to attend
and help tell people about the Grange.

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Ninth Annual ARTISTS' EXHIBIT at Antrim Grange

Antrim Community Grange proudly presents its Ninth Annual ARTISTS' EXHIBIT at the Antrim Grange Hall, 253 Clinton Road, from June 16-19, 2011. Bennington and Antrim amateur and professional artists' artwork, as well as some by Grange members, will be on display. Some pieces will be offered for sale. Complimentary refreshments will be served during all viewing hours.

Viewing hours are:
June 16, Thursday 3-7 p.m.
June 17, Friday 7-9 p.m.
Evening Gala, live music
June 18, Saturday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
June 19, Sunday noon - 4 p.m.

Contest Awards at 3:30 p.m.

All visitors will have a chance to vote for their favorite exhibit to select the People's Choice Award. For more details call Beth at 588-6615 or log on to http://antrim.nhgrange.org.

Thank You from Watatic Grange

Watatic Grange would like to thank Blow-Me-Down and Rochester Granges for their generous contributions through Watatic for the tornado and flood victims in Tennessee. Love In Action, ICU has partnered with a church there and has adopted two families who lost everything. Watatic provided six crisis kits for children in the area, and the monies provided will be used for gift cards for household items for the families.

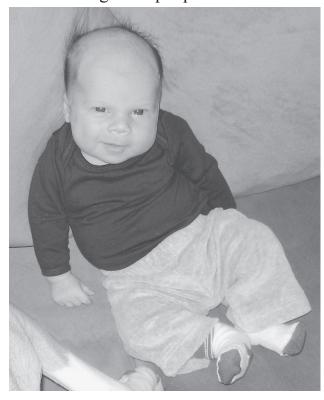
Rochester Grange

To celebrate Nationwide Grange Day on July 16, Rochester Grange will have a flag raising ceremony at our Grange Hall at 21 Charles Street. We will invite the mayor and members of the historical society. All would be welcome. The time has not been worked out. Please contact our lecturer Judy Bailey, 57 Old Sanford Road, Berwick, ME 03901 or at 1-207-698-1786.

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Merrimack County Pomona

Merrimack County Pomona Grange will meet at Sunapee Lake Grange at 137 Village Road, Newbury, on Monday, June 6. There will be a Pot Luck Supper at 6:30 pm with the Pomona meeting beginning at 7:30 pm. A Grange Memorial Service will be held along with Lecturer's program of "Yester-year." The judging of the whoopie pies at the Pomona level will be taking place. All Subordinate Granges in Merrimack County, please remember to see that your subordinate winner attends with their winning whoopie pies.



Rachel (Bailey) and Shawn Scanzani are pleased to announce that Jacob Griffin Scanzani was born on Sunday, April 17th at 7:44 pm. He weighed in at 8 lbs 2 oz and was 21 1/2 inches long. Grange Grandparents Rick and Pat Bailey are ecstatic to welcome their first grandchild., and Youth Director Patrick Bailey is a proud uncle.

Winthrop Grange Centennial
Celebration
Sept. 10, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.
American Legion Hall, Gorham, NH.
Stuffed chicken breast dinner with
program to follow.



In Memoriam

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Lana Nelson		Blackwater
Janice Nolan	GS	Blackwater
Hillard Hiner	GS	Blazing Star
Bertrand Spooner		Blazing Star
Dolores Gilman	GS	Chichester
Kathryn Smilo	GS	Chichester
James Stiles	GS	Crown Point
Roland Bartlett	GS	Daniel Webster
John Colby	GS	Daniel Webster
Richard Pearl	GS	Daniel Webster
Myrtle Kreger GS,	PM	Gilman
Allison Gleason	GS	Golden Rod
Richard Goodale	GS	Golden Rod
Thelma Merrill		Granite
Barbara Blackmer	GS	Halloween
Robert Beal		Hampton Falls
Charlotte Marshall		Hampton Falls
Rita Morgan GS, Past State Ceres Hooksett		
Betty Lou Gibbs		
Ruby Grace PM Mont Calm		
M. Thelma Crowell	GS	Ocean Side
Laura G. Eld GS,	, PM	Ocean Side
Doris Saturley		
Past State Ceres		
Carl Greeley		Pineconia
Wilfred Ives	GS	Pineconia
Helen Abbott GS,	, PM	Reunion
Noreen Crawford Pl	M,	Squam Lake
Past State Pianist, Past Education Director		
Blanche Royce GS,	PM	Sunapee Lake
Winfred Campbell G	S, PM	Warren Pond
Mildred Plynkofsky GS, PM Wattannick		
Abbott Rice GS, PM	1	Wattannick
Priscilla Cox	GS	West Thornton
Russell Marsden		West Thornton
Lewis Clark		Wicwas Lake
Doris Currier	GS	Wingold
David McLean	PM	Wingold

Rodney Huntoon Re-elected

At the recent meeting of the Abbie Sargent Memorial Scholarship, Inc. held at the New Hampshire Farm Bureau Office, Rodney Huntoon, representing the New Hampshire State Grange, was re-elected as Chairman of the committee.

This year the committee awarded five scholarships of \$600.00 each to students in the Agricultural field. The committee is very appreciative of the donation from the New Hampshire State Grange Services Department.

Support the Granite State Granger with your donation.

Deadline

Send copy for the September issue of the <u>Granite State Granger</u> to Hannah West by August 10, 2011. Report on events of May, June, and July. Look ahead to October, November, and December.

Daniel Webster Grange

At the May meeting, Daniel Webster Grange of Webster presented Community Service awards to Emmett Bean and Brenda Silver, as well as Membership Awards as follows to: Lewis and Edna Bartlett (formerly of Ezekiel Webster Grange) their 65 and 70 year seals; Dorothy Bartlett (formerly of Bartlett Grange), her 65 year seal and Jan Whitford, her 55 year seal. Constantine Egounis (formerly of Ezekiel Webster Grange) was unable to attend but will be receiving his 70 year seal along with his 75 year certificate. Dian Darrah, Irene Noyes and Hilda Mae Pfiel (all formerly of Ezekiel Webster Grange), also will be receiving their 55 year seals.

On June 7, Daniel Webster Grange will meet at 6:00 pm for supper at the Webster Town Hall and a meeting, when they will be presenting the following membership awards: two 75-year certificates to James Colby and Charles Colby, and one 80-year recognition letter to Charles Colby. James and Charles Colby are formerly members of Ezekiel Webster Grange. Also, two-50-year (Golden Sheaf) booklets will be presented to George Roberts and Allan Jones.

Thank You

The family of Abbott E. Rice, Sr., thanks the Grange for the cards and remembrances at the time of Abbott's death. Thanks also to the members of Hillsborough Country Pomona Grange for conducting the Grange Service at the funeral home.





The membership department has had a busy couple of months. Immediately following the March issue of the GSG, the State Master's new Grange Booster Program was launched. So far the following Granges have sent in their forms showing they have recently initiated new members: Arlington, Blow-Me Down, Blazing Star, and Gilman. Please keep the forms coming.

In mid-April, a Grange Growth Summit put on by National Grange Membership Director Rusty Hunt was held at the State Grange Building in Hooksett. Many members from NH, Massachusetts, and Vermont were trained in membership growth techniques and readied to help Granges in their area who may be struggling or could just use a little help coming up with a new direction or a new project. If you are interested in having a small group come to present a growth session at your Grange, please contact your Pomona Master or myself.

In early May, a successful degree day was held at Dorchester Grange. There were three official candidates but several others who had never seen the degrees conferred. Thank you very much to Ida Hutchins for her invaluable help in making the event happen. Thank you also to Dorchester Grange, the deputy force, the youth officers, the State Officers, the members of Walpole Grange, and everyone else who helped out.

Finally, I would like to share with you a small image of hope. Perhaps some of you may remember a couple of years ago when the give-a-way at the Farm and Forest Expo was a plantable Grange symbol with the idea that anyone could plant the small square of seeded paper and help "grow the Grange." I would like to report that a little over two years later, the Grange symbol I planted surprised us by sprouting three flowers. I was able to determine that it is an English Daisy, interesting due to Grange

officers being based on the English farm system. It just goes to show that if you don't give up on something and continue to do everything you can to nurture it, one day when you least expect it, it may blossom. Let that be an encouragement to any of you out there who feel like you are doing everything you can to boost your membership with minimal results.





Mohawk Grange Ham & Bean Supper

Mohawk Grange #217 in East Colebrook, NH, held their annual Ham & Bean Supper on Saturday, May 7th. As the diners were beginning to arrive, Grange members and families got things ready. The picture below shows Sonja Sheldon, Eleanor Lyons, and Ann Woodard in the last few minutes before the clock reached 5 p.m. They were being cheered on by children and grandchildren who were going to be servers and other helpers at the meal.





Since my involvement with the State Grange website, I have doubled the number of pages available. This allows each department to have their own page as desired.

The calendar page has changed, and you may no longer enter information yourselves due to a program failure. Now anyone who would like an item listed on the calendar page should send the information to me via e-mail or hard copy, and I will gladly put the information on the calendar page for them. Several people have been doing this, and the calendar page has become quite fluid with articles listed as soon as they are received. Once the event passes, the articles are removed in a timely manner. I encourage anyone that is having an event to send information about your event to me, and I will list the information on the State Grange website.

If your Grange (Subordinate or Pomona) is interested in having a "miniwebsite" connected to the State Grange's website, they are available. This is an opportunity to list your officers, committee chairmen, contact information, yearly program information, information about your Grange and more. If you go to the State Grange website at <u>nhgrange.org</u>, and click on "Granges" in the directory on the left, you will be directed to the Subordinate and Pomona Grange webpage index which lists links to Webpages that are available. If you already have a website and would like to have a link listed in the index, that can be done as well.

You can send information to me at bfdw2@myfairpoint.net or mail to Wayne Turcotte, 107 Oak Hill Rd., Barrington, NH 03825.

There is no way to understand the real options involved in the future unless you become involved in creating them.

- Robert Theobald



This has been a very busy time for Family & Community. I have had the opportunity to attend several Community Service programs, and must say I was very impressed with the awards that were given by the Granges. I look forward to seeing the nominations that are going to be submitted by all the Granges throughout the state. Hopefully, each Grange is looking for recipients of these Service Awards and will be submitting them for judging.

I have also had the opportunity to attend several "Home Ec" nights and sampled some really great whoopie pies. I also saw a lot of handcrafted items. I am really pleased with all the Granges that participate and look forward to a lot of entries for State Grange.

Please remember that your handcrafted items need to be received by me by July 31, because the judging will be done on August 1. If anyone needs the registration forms for your items, please let me know and I will send them out.

I have also heard about a lot of ambitious community service projects and am very impressed with how each Grange makes their presence known within their community.

Just a reminder of the items we will be collecting at State Grange so that we can present them to the Philbrook Home and to Glencliff. The children at Philbrook will be presented with Christmas stockings, and we are asking for small items to fill these stockings with. We are also travelling to Glencliff again to present personal items and the committee, will also collect those items at State Grange.

A suggestion for the Grangers of New Hampshire! We will be collecting used cell phones to present to the Pease Greeters who turn them in for phone minutes to give to the troops serving overseas. Another idea for every Grange is to collect Campbell labels and Box Tops for Education from Better Crocker.

Sales are progressing with the quilts.

We are a little over half-way there. If you have not purchased your tickets yet, the next time you see a member of this committee, please ask them for tickets, and they will be glad to sell them to you.

If your Grange has not made their donation to the Family and Community Service, please don't forget us. These donations really help with meeting the expenses of this committee, If you have already sent in your donations, thank you very much.



Mohawk Grange Youth Night

February 21, 2011, was Youth Night at Mohawk Grange #217 in East Colebrook with twenty-four Grangers and young people in attendance. The children sat with the officers and participated in the meeting by presenting the flag and closing the door. With Stephanie Lyons at the piano, the youngsters enjoyed a game of musical chairs. Refreshment time was also popular.

Middle Age Texting Codes

ATD -at the doctor. BFF -best friend fell. BTW -bring the wheelchair. BYOT -bring your own teeth. FWIW - forgot where I was. GGPBL -gotta go, pacemaker battery low. GHA -got heartburn again. IMHAO -is my hearing aid on? LMDO -laughing my dentures out. OMMR -on my massage recliner. ROFLACGU -rolling on floor laughing and can't get up. TTYL -talk to you louder!

New Hampshire's Grange Movement: Its Rise, Triumphs and Decline

Much of rural New Hampshire in the late 19th century was locked in a downward spiral of population decline, abandonment of farms, reversion of cleared land to forest and shrinking of villages, all of which contributed to widespread feelings of melancholy and loss among its residents. The development of the Grange movement in the state in the 1880s and 1890s was aided greatly by people's hunger for a new vehicle to draw communities together for social interaction, entertainment and mutual support. As the Grange rapidly established chapters throughout the state its influence in public affairs expanded greatly as well, such that by 1910 it had become a major force in policymaking in Concord, while many of its members had risen to important leadership positions, including that of governor. The Grange brought an agenda that aligned closely with the Progressive wave that swept New Hampshire politics in the early 20th century and many of the initiatives it advocated became law, placing the state at the leading edge in a number of areas of reform. Steve Taylor will address the rise, the triumphs and the eventual decline of the Grange movement in New Hampshire. This program is sponsored by the NH Humanities Council.

Several Grangers have attended this program during the month of May and found it to be excellent. If you missed it but would like to hear it, a schedule for future performances is listed below.

June 14 7:00 p.m.

Lower Intervale Grange, Plymouth
August 9 7:00 p.m.

Grange Building, Ctr. Sandwich
August 11 7:00 p.m.

Jaffrey Meeting House
September 12 7:00 p.m.

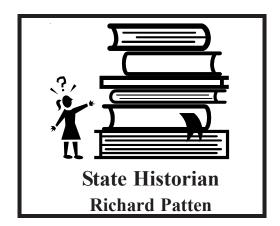
Public Library, Moultonborough
October 11 7:30 p.m.

Historical Society, Wakefield/Brookfield
October 17 7:00 p.m.

Historical Society, Campton

Of course I can keep secrets.
It's the people I tell them to
who can't keep them.—
Anthony Haden-Guest





Happy Summer to everyone!

I have been pleased to do research for several people who are looking for information about the Grange. I was approached by a teacher in Alton, who was looking for information about Granges in that community. I found the information she needed and found the two Granges, Merrymeeting Grange and Mt. Major. She was unaware of Mt. Major. I was then approached about the Grange in Piermont. Once again, I spent hours reading and looking up the information she requested. Piermont Grange was a very active unit with a juvenile Grange as well. I can tell you after the Grange Day in the Legislature, I had several of my associate representatives ask me about the Grange. I spoke to State Master Jim Tetreault about the possibility of reorganizing Capital Grange which was centered in the downtown Concord area and featured many politicians at that time. I counted at least a dozen Grange members who are State Representatives.

I have always been fascinated by past State Master Richard Pattee. I guess it is because of our names and how close they are. I decided to go back 100 years and see what happened. The State Grange was called to order in Manchester at the Mechanics Hall on December 19 for the 38th annual session at 11 a.m. State Master Pattee opened the State Grange in the Fifth Degree. After the voting members were presented and received the fifth degree instructions in abbreviated form, the Grange was then lowered to the fourth degree. The standing committees were announced as follows: Agriculture, Claims and Grievances, Constitution and Bylaws, Credentials, Cooperation, Division of Labor and Master's Address, Dormant Granges, Education, Finance, Good of the Order, Mileage and Per Diem, Publications, Resolutions, Transportation, Trials and Appeals, and Unfinished Business. Looking at that list, how many are now considered State Committees and which ones were dropped?

How many members remember the release of jurisdiction? I remember when my grandmother, who lived in Salisbury, wanted to join Pineconia Grange in Concord Heights. Pineconia had to send a letter to Bartlett Grange requesting a release of jurisdiction so she could join Pineconia. It was interesting. I found in 1911 Hiram R. Roberts Grange of Rollinsford had requested a hearing regarding release of jurisdiction against name witheld Grange. They had their hearing a week later. This involved 7 members, residing in Hiram R. Roberts Grange territory, who were initiated by name withheld Grange without getting their release of jurisdiction. The Executive Committee found the namewithheld Grange guilty and declared the seven members NOT members of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry. You can see how strict the Grange rules were back then regarding membership and respecting the jurisdiction.

I was reading the report of the Committee on Labor and Master's Address and found it to be interesting. I wondered what Labor would talk about. They commended the efforts of the State Master in retaining the name of New Hampshire College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts. They recommended that members could show a deeper interest in the Order and at the same time assist the Secretary by urging members to pay their dues promptly. The committee also recommended the Masters of Granges urge their members to give the voting sign of the Order correctly.

I was looking at the Deputy District winners and thinking about some of them I had visited through the years or never had a chance to: District 1, Aurora; District 2, Colebrook; District 3, Lancaster; District 4, Golden Grange; District 5, Pink Granite; District 6, Baker's River; District 7, Eagle Grange; District 8, Mount Livermore; District 9, Plymouth Grange; District 10, Merry Meeting Grange; District 11, Lebanon Grange; District 12, Rockland Grange; District 13, Hiram R. Roberts Grange; District 14. Rochester Grange; District 15, Lawrence Grange; District 16, Wilmot Grange; District 17, Bear Hill Grange; District 18, Bow Grange; District 19, Riverdale Grange; District 20, Candia Grange; District 21, Piscataqua Grange; District 22, Atkinson Grange; District 23, Rockingham Grange; District 24, Thornton Grange; District 25, Ashuelot Grange; District 26, Golden Rod Grange; District 27. Granite Lake Grange; District 28, Peterborough Grange; District 29 Narragansett Grange; District 30, Salem Grange. Looking at that list, how many do you remember attending or hearing about?

That's it for this time, back to the research and finding more stories to finish my book "The Grange Seen Through the Eyes of a Baby Boomer, 1966 to 2011."

Blazing Star Grange

Blazing Star Grange #71 of Danbury will hold its Annual Award Night on Thursday, June 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Grange Hall. Both the annual Citizenship Award and Membership Awards will be presented.

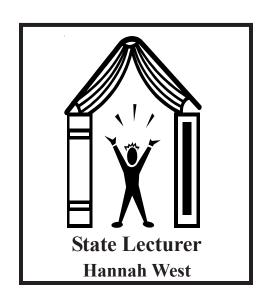
The Grange Citizenship Award is presented to a Danbury resident who has contributed to the welfare of the community in a special way. The identity of the winner will not be announced until that evening. Last year's recipient was Deb Phelps.

Grange Membership Awards are earned for continuous membership in the Grange, the first level being at 25 years. This year Audrey Curren of Danbury will be receiving her 80-year award. Other recipients are John (Willy) Wentworth, 75 years; Marie Bennett, 65 years; Forrest Powers, 55 years; Florence Blay, 55 years; and Terry Taylor, 40 years.

The ceremony is open to the public and all are invited to celebrate the accomplishments of our distinguished citizens and members. All events are held at the Grange Hall in the center of Danbury. Having been completed in October of 1911, the hall is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.

Any questions should be directed to Donna Sprague at 768-5579, or you may consult our new Web site at http:// www.danburygrange.org/

Accomplishment comes to those who say: "I can make it happen." - Brian Cavanaugh



Thanks to all who attended the Maine/New Hampshire Gathering in Gorham, NH, on May 14th. It was quite a distance for people from both states to travel, so I really appreciate your making the effort. Fifty people enjoyed the meal, and about fifteen more arrived for the program. I owe a big thank-you to Mary Tyler and Tillie Meyers of Winthrop Grange in Shelburne for arranging the meal. The food was superb. Maine presented a fine program with a vacation theme and plenty of audience participation.

The top scores from the State Grange Bowling Day on March 13 are posted on this page. Chris Heath and I were pleased with the turn-out and very pleased with the enthusiasm of the participants. Lakeside Lanes has already been reserved for next year in March.

Talent Fund

Contributions to the Talent Fund continue to arrive. I will confess to having an organizational melt-down in March. I think that all the checks have been deposited, but if you find that your check has not cleared, please notify me. It occurred to me recently that I could recycle souvenir postcards by using them to thank donors to the Talent Fund, so I will try to do that as future donations come in.

Northeast Lecturers' Conference

The Northeast Lecturers' Conference Information is being mailed to the Lecturers of each Grange and has been posted on the NH State Grange Website in the Lecturer's section. Please give serious consideration to attending at least part of the conference. Bridgewater State University is not too far away for most folks in New Hampshire, and the activities are both entertaining and informative. Each State Lec-

turer in the Northeast Region puts on a program, which means that you participate in one program and enjoy the other six. There are also workshops to give you new ideas or at least raise your consciousness about what a Grange Lecturer could be doing. You do not have to be a Lecturer in order to participate in this conference. All are welcome and the rewards are many. If you have not eaten in a college dining hall lately, you will be very pleasantly surpirsed by the variety and quality of modern "institutional" food. The New Hampshire program is scheduled for Tuesday morning, August 2nd. Tuesday evening is "Northeast Night" when each state delegation sings their state song and waves shakers in their state's color.

Contests

I hope many of you are planning to enter the Art and Photography contests and Creative Writing and Create a Card as well. Your Grange Lecturer has the rules, and they are posted on the State Website, also. Your completed entries are due on October 1st, so that they can be judged before the State Grange Convention in October.

National Grange Day - July 16

Does your Grange have plans for July 16? I hope so. Whether you are going swimming or cleaning your Grange Hall, please take pictures. The National Lecturer is going to put together a visual presentation of activities from all over the United States to show at the National Grange Annual Convention in November. New Hampshire should be represented.

Planning Ahead

On September 17 at 1 p.m. at the State Grange Building I would like to meet face to face with as many Grange Lecturers as possible to discuss the 2012 program and events. I know that not everyone will be able to attend, but it would help to gather a group and bounce some ideas around. For example, would it be possible to hold the Talent Show in some month besides June? Is there some different contest or event that you would like the Lecturer's Department to sponsor? How much reporting should the Lecturers be doing? Think about it.

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

Bowling

There were 67 bowlers who attend the tournament on March 13. There were 63 adults and 4 juniors. Ten teams signed up.1st, 2nd and 3rd place for each category were announced. Awards were handed out for the first place winners in each category

Men Class A

- 1. Kevin Belval High Triple 284
- 2. Christopher Heath High Triple 273
 - 3. David Hewes High Triple 269

Men Class B

- 1. Arthur Merrill High Triple 284
 - 2. Dana Hall High Triple 264
- 3. Andrew Savage High Triple 264

Men Class C

- 1. Wilber Heath High Triple 255
- 2. John McColley High Triple 250
- 3. John Dowes High Triple 248

MenClass D

- 1. Forrest Decatur High Triple 245
- 2. Matt Coulombe High Triple 222
- 3. Jason Russell High Triple172

Women Class A

- 1. Dianne Hoitt High Triple 279
- 2. Mary Dowes High Triple 265

Women Class B

- 1. Lois Enman High Triple 264
- 2. Dot Haskins High Triple 243
- 3. Judy Bailey High Triple 239

Women Class C

- 1. Kim Bascom High Triple 235
- 2. Mellissa Coulombe High Triple 221
- 3. Barbara Wentworth High Triple 219

Women Class D

- 1. Barbara Brulotte High Triple 234
- 2. Brittany Estes High Triple 220
- 3. Kimberley Kent High Triple 201

Juniors

- 1. Page Beckert Total 167
- 2. Vicki Decatur Total 154
- 3. Isabelle Brandt Total 139

Teams Total Score

- 1. Halloween 1259
- 2. Daniel Webster Team #1 1159
 - 3. Rochester 1155
- 4. Henry Wilson Team #2 1142



[Charles Daloz of Peterborough Grange has a vision for his area. This vision could be applied to other valleys in this state where agriculture and Granges exist. The article below is one that he wrote for the Peterborough Ledger-Transcript and is willing to share with others.]

This Valley Could Be Greenerborough

by Charles Daloz

I have a challenge for Greenerborough - which I take as approximately this upper Contoocook River valley where we live - and the challenge is: That we develop this valley into a quality food mecca or destination, which produces 80% of its own food by 2030.

The Peterborough area, Monadnock region—Greenerborough as it were—is already a destination for the arts, recreation, history, conservation, education, and rural beauty. Let us also make this a food destination, where healthy, tasty, nutrient-dense food is raised, processed, and celebrated in a community-based, local, quality cuisine, by 2030. With a commitment to a vibrant, local, food system, we can also gain a well-tended, open, working landscape and a boon of "green" employment, not dependent upon fossil fuels and distant financiers.

A food conscious region can also foster responsibility, reverence, and social awareness in our children, while they learn and practice living skills, for free, mostly outside the classroom, simply by being part of acts of growing, sowing, harvesting, processing, birthing, caring for, husbanding, preserving, preparing, and providing nutritious, year-round, food for our families and communities. This is a grand effort, and many of our youth search for, and will participate in, a cause so noble and "green".

Furthermore, this is New England, and we need once again to control much more of our destiny and maintain a much closer watch on our foods and what we take from the society at large (now global in scope, at a tremendous ecological and social cost). It is said that only six bridges over the Hudson River separate New England from starvation about three weeks after the trucks stop. Think about terrorists, militias, \$9/gal oil - our present food security is precarious at best. Let us regain some of the rural independence and self-control which many of us moved here to find for ourselves and our children.

We are what we eat, after all. Do we wish to be made up of cheetos, diet soda, GMO corn, and minced beef from where the rainforests once grew? Wouldn't it be preferable to have fresh butter from cows eating grass, which you have seen growing; cheeses; fresh, seasonal salads; meats from well tended and healthy animals you watched graze across the landscape; grains; legumes; flowers; vegetables, fruits, and herbs eaten from soils of your homeland and, often, less than a day from harvest to plate?

Our region grows apples, beans, berries, vegetables, maple, fiddleheads, corn, eggs, trout, potatoes, pasture, and has produced wheat, cranberries, rye, barley, flax, and many more crops, in the past. One hundred years ago, we were a region widely known for our lush grasses and fine livestock.

Certainly, the economics of a local foodsystem are largely unclear, (and a socially responsible economics will be critical), but there are some example-communities to study, and we should be able to reorient our definitions of value and wealth to better reflect the ecological realities of our location. There are clearly many other subjects for further study and experimentation, but the challenge is, "Can we, Greenerborough's citizens, organize and create a group of local communities, in a small valley, which can produce 80% of our own food by 2030?"

For those interested in working towards this vision, contact Charles Daloz of Daloz Farm CSA in Hancock (525-3788 or cdaloz@myfairpoint.net), Cindy Bunker of Gracie's Grain in Peterborough (924-6797), or come to the meetings of the reformed Peterborough Grange, #35, on the 1st and 3rd Sunday evenings of each month in the Peterborough Town House (contact Ruth Holmes at 924-4475 for meeting times).

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