



The Granite State Granger

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National Reps

Christopher & Connie Johnston

Christopher Johnston is a third generation Granger from Michigan. Chris currently serves as the President of the Michigan State Grange and is also the Gatekeeper for the National Grange. He has always been passionate about the ritualistic work and lessons of the Grange. He has served many positions in his Subordinate and Pomona Granges as well as Assistant Steward for eight years and Steward for three years for the State Grange before being elected Master.

Chris works at the Meijer Distribution Center in Lansing, Michigan where he is in his eleventh year of employment. Besides Grange activities, he also enjoys hunting and the outdoors.

Chris married Connie Reamer, a fourth generation Granger, in 2002. She works as an Administrative Assistant at Mott Community College in Flint, Michigan. She served as Lady Assistant Steward for the state for nine years and now besides her role as First Lady, she is also the State Junior Director.

Chris and Connie met in the Grange when they attended youth/young adult camps which led them to later serve as the Youth/Young Adult Directors for several years. They have twin sons, Marcus and Cory, who are just starting school and have recently been able to join the Junior Grange.



Degree Day

September 29, 2012

Wicwas Lake Grange

150 Meredith Center Road

Meredith, NH 03253

Lunch will be served at Noon.

Wicwas Lake Grange is having Harts Turkey Farm cater the event. The menu consists of Turkey Pot Pie, Mashed Potato, Squash, Cranberry Sauce, Rolls & Butter and drinks. For desert Apple Crisp. Cost: \$7.

Contact Anne Boisvert at aboisvert@nhgrange.org or (603)435-5127 by September 19 for lunch reservations.

The degree work will start at 1 p.m.

Degrees will be done as follows:

1st degree: Deputies (Arthur Merrill in charge)

2nd degree: Youth (Alissa Estes in charge)

3rd degree: State Officers (Jim Tetreault in charge)

4th degree: "Tag You're It" scenario (Anne Boisvert in charge)

State Grange Celebration Banquet
Ashworth-by-the-Sea
Hampton Beach
Saturday, October 27, 2012
6:00 p.m.

Reservations are now being taken.

The menu selections are;
Baked Haddock with Crumb Topping
Sliced Turkey with Stuffing
Vegetable Neapolitan

Price: \$35.00 for adults

A Chicken Fingers and French Fries meal will be offered to Children 12 and under.

Price: \$20.00 for children

All dinners include the following:
Tossed Garden Salad (with dressing),
Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes and
Butternut Squash with the meal
Coffee, tea or milk
Soft drinks will be available at an additional charge.

Dessert will be Boston Cream Pie. If you have any dietary concerns/restrictions, please let Tricia Taylor know when you make your reservation(s). To make banquet reservations you will need to contact, Tricia Taylor (State Ceres) by Friday, October 12, 2012. No late reservations will be accepted after this date, as we have a deadline to meet with the hotel. All checks should be made payable to the NH State Grange.

Tricia J. Taylor

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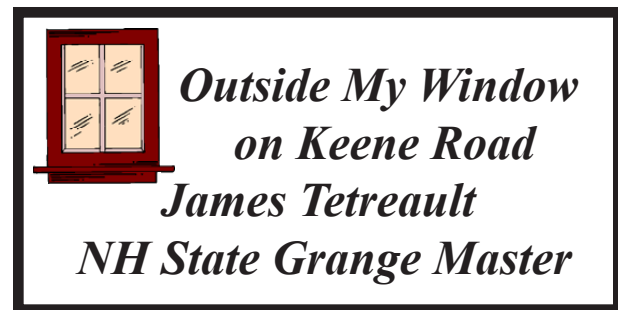
Deadline

The next issue of the Granite State Granger will be mailed in December, 2012. Please send items for the paper to Hannah West on or before November 8, 2012. Report on events of September and October. Look ahead to events of January, February, and March.

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This is an exciting time to be a Grange member right now!! We see new members being taken into Granges all around the State!! Is your Grange one of them?

We have had a busy summer with many Grange events. Since my last column our schedule has been filled with many North East events. At the end of June, I attended the NE Go to Church Sunday at the Cathedral of the Pines. The Chaplains did a great job, I also challenged them to look outside the box and find another location for next year's service. North East Youth Conference was hosted by the Connecticut State Grange at the Eastern States Fair Grounds, New Hampshire had many winners that will be representing the North East region at the National Grange, Congratulations to Marie Hall who won first place in the individual sign-a-song contest, Kathy Yardley placed first in her age category with her public speaking entry, and to Kathy Yardley and Beth Merrill won first place in the group sign-a-song.

I want to take a moment to congratulate, State Lecturer Hannah West on hosting an outstanding North East Lecturers Conference at Rivier College in Nashua, many people have told me what an outstanding job she did, and how much they enjoyed the conference.

Don't forget that resolutions are due to the State Secretary by September 1st for State Grange. This is your opportunity to make changes in our organization and to add to our Legislative Policies. I hope that many of you will plan to attend State Grange this year in beautiful Hampton Beach, Brother Ken Berry has done a great job of arranging this year's convention. If you have not taken the Sixth Degree this is your opportunity. Don't forget that next year we will host the National Grange convention in Manchester.

The most important message of this column is membership growth, I re-

cently attended Market Days sponsored by the Wentworth Historical society and spent the day along with State Overseer Chris Heath, Ida Hutchins, and Ruth Weeks talking about the Grange. The work that Baker's River Grange has done getting back into their community by getting information into the local papers is outstanding, One lady said to me, "I hear the Grange is coming back" I was excited to hear that, We spoke to many people that day, and we took names of interested future members. Has your Grange actually gone into the community and worked it for new members? That is my challenge to every Grange this coming fall: to set up a membership table and work our local communities for new members, it's challenging, but it's fun and rewarding when we all have the opportunity to talk about the organization we love!!



Pictured above are Chichester Grange members Anne Boisvert, Kevin Belval, and Mary West with the float they designed and built for the Chichester Old Home Day parade. Despite appearances, Rebecca Boisvert did not drive the float. Kevin did the driving, and Rebecca rode the parade route in her stroller while her mother and Aunt Mary passed out lollipops and Grange applications. The elephant, a life-sized baby Asian elephant in papier mache, was originally an elementary school science project done by Mary West when she was in first grade.

THE GRANITE STATE GRANGER
This is a free* publication to keep Grange members informed of past and up-coming events.
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Chichester, NH 03258**

**147th National Grange Convention
Centerpiece and Table Favors
Contest Announcement**

Who
Attention, All Northeast Region
Grange Members!!!

What
Meal Functions Centerpiece and
Table Favors Design Contest

When
Entries Will Be Judged at
2013 Northeast Leaders' Conference,
January 8-10. in Maine.

Categories:
A) Centerpieces B) Table Favors
Rules and Considerations

Centerpiece entries should be suitable for round table seating and shall be no taller than eight inches. Special consideration will be given to entries that conform to the convention theme "How Sweet It Is" and/or the goal of the Northeast Connection to make this an environmentally-conscious convention. Use of recycled components (cans, glass, plastic, etc.) is encouraged, as long as these components are easily available in larger quantities for "mass production" of the selected winners in each category.

Table favors can be designed to coordinate with a specific centerpiece entry or may be submitted as a separate entry.

A list of materials used must accompany each entry along with a label that identifies the name, Grange, and state of its creator and should also include the category and meal function for which the entry is intended.

It's important to keep in mind that centerpieces may be awarded to "lucky" diners at the conclusion of the meal function. Therefore it is helpful if they can be easily dismantled and packed away in luggage, or the unnecessary parts thereof disposed.

Meal Functions

Note: This list is subject to change.
Freshmen Delegates Breakfast, Distinguished Grange Awards meal, Host Region Dinner, Heroes of the Grange Luncheon, GROW Club and Youth Dinner, Past Delegates Luncheon, Salute to Ag Breakfast, Junior Breakfast, Luncheon with speaker, Committee Chair and Secretaries' Meal Celebration Banquet.



Hello to all, I hope you have been able to get out to enjoy this summer. Our committee met in July to review and award scholarships. The following members will be starting a new college year soon.

**Casey Doig; - Nichols College,
Dudley, MA**
**Robert Varnum; - River Valley
Community College, NH**
**Hillary Ward; - Plymouth State
University, NH**

As I have mentioned before your Grange or personal contributions to the Educational Loan Fund (ELF) help to increase the interest earned to provide for this program. We want to thank all who donated this year and challenge those that were unable to do so this year to make a contribution for next year.

Our committee hopes that members are sharing information from the State and National Grange web sites with their members. National Grange has many programs that are long-standing as well as new programs offered for a certain time line. Please check out the National web site at www.nationalgrange.org.

I hope you are planning to attend State Grange Session to be held at the Ashworth by the Sea in Hampton this October. Bring your members to take the sixth degree so that when National Grange is held in Manchester, NH, in November of 2013 they can take the seventh degree.

I hope to see you in my travels. Please contact me or any members of this committee if you have questions or concerns.



The Historian telephone has been busy since the last issue. I have been asked to find information about Granges in Laco-nia, Orford, Meredith, Tilton, and Colebrook. I have been enjoying doing the research about the Granges that were located in those towns. I have finished my book that is based on memoirs I have remembered. I have tentatively titled it "The Grange As Seen Through The Eyes of a Babyboomer 1966 to 2011". I am trying to find a publisher but unfortunately the cost is more than I can afford. I will start now on an official version taking up in 1998 to 2011. I will be covering State Masters Dan Bascom, John West, Beth Merrill, and the beginning of James Tetreault's term.

I have been also working with the NH State Police on the Grange History as they are getting ready to celebrate their 75th anniversary on October 13. They are having a banquet at the Courtyard by Marriott in Concord.

Looking back to 1952, I found that the **Granite State Granger** made its initial visit in May of 1952 according to the State Master's Address. It further stated, "the subscription cost is small and the information that is contained therein will be most helpful in your Grange work. This magazine will be a contributing factor toward developing interest and enthusiasm among members, which will ultimately reflect its purpose, that of having the members realize the significance of the organization of which they are a part, and which continuously renders service for the betterment of agriculture and community environment, thus realizing the need of improving our State, Pomona, Subordinate, and Juvenile endeavors. Nothing is more important in the growth and success of an organization than publicity." The State Grange also acknowledged the efforts of Fred E Beane, Editor of the Farm Page, **Manchester Union Leader**, for his time in keeping the activities of the Grange

news before the people.
The upcoming State Grange Session will feature resolutions for the delegates to vote on, whether it is public affairs or Grange related. In 1952, delegates were faced with a resolution stating no person may hold the offices of Master, Overseer, Steward, or Gatekeeper for a period of four years. The report of the Constitution & Bylaws was negative.

Another resolution passed by the delegates was favoring one meeting in July and August for all Subordinate Granges in New Hampshire. They did not recommend adoption of omitting meetings altogether in July and August knowing they would suffer in their literary and deputy scores. Today many Granges are meeting in the summer and omitting one each in January and February or not meeting at all in January and February.

The State Executive Committee voted to incorporate the Home for the Aged. The paperwork was filed in Concord at the State House. The State Master announced the name of the organization shall be "The New Hampshire Grange Home Incorporated." The Articles of the Incorporation were read and accepted. The purpose was to provide and maintain a home for Grange members.

The members who are alive today and were delegates to the 1952 session included: Richard Currier, Harmony; John L. Saturley, Pembroke; and Carl Adams was State Gatekeeper. There were 411 candidates for the Degree of Flora. In that class I found Ina Anderson of Rumney; Velma Pope, Bennington; Glenn Pease, Orford; and John L. Saturley, Pembroke. I also discovered my great uncle, Carl Patten of Bristol, was a candidate.

Well, it is time to close the 1952 Journal of Proceedings for now. Oh, and 1952 was my year of birth. Have a great rest of the summer and now it is time to count down the days to the State Session. Let's make it a great one.

**"Sometimes your joy is the source
of your smile, but sometimes your
smile can be the source of your joy."
-Thich Nhat Hanh**

Home Grown Politics
*Across New Hampshire Farmland
 to Concord and Washington*
Bob Haefner
Legislative and Agriculture Dept.

Grace Boatright at the National Grange office has been selected and promoted to the job of the Grange Legislative Director. I think Grace was a great choice. Grace actually put this year's Fly-In together. I believe she has some good ideas that she wants to bring to the job. Grace will be writing a blog periodically, so watch for it.

In a couple of past Columns, I have talked about the ongoing saga of getting federal approval for our NH state meat inspection program. The saga continues. We sent a joint letter from the Department of Agriculture Markets and Food, the House Committee on Environment and Agriculture, and the Senate Natural Resources Committee to Tom Vilsack, the US Secretary of Agriculture, asking him to overturn his food safety people and approve our NH Meat Inspection Program. We have done some lobbying of his staff beforehand. All four members of our Congressional Delegation are writing a joint letter to Secretary Vilsack in support of our program. That letter should be out before this column goes to press.

The State Grange continues to work with the NH Farm Bureau on legislative and policy issues. I sit on the Farm Bureau Government affairs committee, and on the day I write this article I will be presenting Grange positions on issues to the Farm Bureau's Policy Summit.

I will now discuss a couple of things that are not directly Grange events, but are related to our legislative and agriculture positions. I presented, along with Dr.Carolynn Orr to the annual meeting of the Northeast Association of Departments of Agriculture. The topic was Animal Rights groups.

I just came back from a few days in New Jersey at the annual meeting of the Council of State Governments – Eastern Regional Conference. Representative Tara Sad, a fellow Granger; three other

Representatives; and A Senator from NH went to the meeting. We passed a total of seven resolutions, four of which came out of the Agriculture Policy Committee. Two of the seven were sponsored by NH.

Your House committee on Environment and Agriculture has retained two bills for interim study. We will report those two bills out by October 30. One addresses nitrogen affluent into Great Bay and the other involves an oversight of the Department of Environmental Services. We are also reviewing RSA's 437 and 437A, regarding transfer of pets. The statute has been changed multiple times over 25 years and not reviewed. It needs to be cleaned up. We will make recommendations to do that.

Lastly I will note that I have been accepted to the Eastern Leadership Academy. It is a joint program put on by the Council of State Governments and the Fells Institute of Government at the University of Pennsylvania That will take place the last week in August. Updates on that program, will be in the next GSG.

**New National Grange
 Legislative Director**

On July 5, the National Grange welcomed Grace Boatright as the new Legislative Director. Boatright, born and raised near Austin, Texas, has been a member of the Grange staff since September 2010 as the Programs Assistant and has been heavily involved in the legislative affairs for the Grange since that time.

"I always knew I would work in politics and legislation, but getting to fight for a cause I truly believe in makes going to work a great experience," Boatright said. "I grew up in the countryside of central Texas and know firsthand the frustrations that rural Americans face on a daily basis."

Boatright holds a BBA from Concordia University, Texas, with concentrations in finance and marketing. Prior to joining the Grange staff, she worked under the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Texas State Senate. During her first weeks as director, Boatright intends to continue her focus on the 2012 Farm Bill, broadband expansion, postal reform, and other pending issues affecting rural America.



The next event for the membership department is the degree day coming up on September 29th at Wicwas Lake Grange in Meredith Center. You may recall getting a save the date notice in April in a mailing about the last degree day, and details are now available. Lunch will be served at noon for a cost of \$7. The degrees will begin at 1PM. More specifics are on the front page of this paper. Please make sure to call or e-mail me to make a lunch reservation in a timely manner as the lunch is being provided by Hart's Turkey Farm and a solid reservation number is needed. It would also be helpful to know how many candidates are expected.

As the State Master is adamant that we have two degree days each year, I am looking for two Granges who are willing to host one during 2013. It would be good to have as many people as possible see the degrees either this September or in 2013 so they'll be ready to see the Seventh Degree when National Grange comes to Manchester. Hosting a degree day involves providing a hall or other meeting place we can use and providing a meal of some sort as a fundraiser for your Grange. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in hosting as the State Master would like the schedule to be finalized before State Grange Session.



Master Kathy Yardley of Walpole Grange presents Harold Putnam his 55 year seal at the annual Grange picnic held at Alyson's Orchard in Walpole on August 21.



While most of us are enjoying the remaining weeks of summer, Grange work continues and so does community service! There are opportunities everyday for us to serve our communities. I am hoping that each Grange will submit a report of the activities they participated in. The Pomona (Sept. 1st) and Subordinate (Sept. 12th) reports are due to me by their due dates. I will allow for a grace period due to the slowdown of first class delivery in some areas. Please consider doing a report book showing what was accomplished as well. I know each Grange can do some community service project during the year whether it was collecting canned food to be donated to a food pantry or giving someone a ride to a Red Cross Blood Drawing or to the polls to vote, it is a service you are doing for those less fortunate. If they don't wish to go to the polls, but would like to vote, they may vote absentee. You need to get an application from the City or Town Clerk's office and have them send an absentee ballot to the one who fills out the application.

Recognition Nominees

I am pleased with the interest I have received with these awards. I have heard comments that we don't know who honor or we don't want any hard feelings. I can tell you when you read the newspaper or watch the news on television, police officers are shot along with innocent people. The police officers and firefighters are placing their lives on the line everyday trying to protect us and get us the help we need. It is nice to recognize their efforts. I need names for police, fire, teacher, military-retired, military-active duty, community citizen, public service award, and correctional officer. They will be honored at the State Grange Banquet on October 27 along with State Police and State Fish & Game Officers. I will also be having some special guests at the banquet. **Please send names in by September 15, 2012.**

I also need names to be considered

for Granger of the Year. A man and a lady will be considered with selected ones being ex officio on the committee for next year. Please submit members of your Grange. who are active in the community, church, and possibly school doing volunteer work. They will be announced at the State Grange Banquet.

Now please get to get work and show me the outstanding work your Grange has been involved in.

Items for State Session

Please bring the following items to State Grange: canned food for the annual canned food drive; Christmas Greeting cards for members in the military; packets for men who are victims of rape and domestic violence, i have a list of items needed to bring in each packet. Pillows for Pals is the Pomona Grange project.

Knives for Sale

We will be selling paring knives at State Grange along with several other speciality knives. These are the knives that Marion T. Jones used to sell and were very popular.

Boots/Galoshes for Kids

I am excited that one of our new projects for next year is Boots/Galoshes for Kids. With winter coming, some boys and girls go to school with no boots on. It is sad that their parents can't afford to buy them a pair of boots. To walk through snow or cold weather every day, it must be difficult. Please support this project and help some child keep their feet warm and dry.



In Memoriam

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|---|-----------------|
| Lorraine Fisher | Aurora |
| Ella Phelps GS | Blackwater |
| Walter Sanborn GS, PM | Chichester |
| Elizabeth Grant GS, PM | Golden Rod |
| Past State Contact Committee | |
| Eleanor Balcom GS | Granite |
| Hilda Hildreth GS | Granite |
| Elizabeth Wright GS, PM | Granite |
| Kenneth Pelton GS, PM | Hampton Falls |
| Past State Agriculture Committee | |
| Rachel Brown GS | Harmony |
| Elizabeth Cotsibas GS, PM | Harmony |
| Past State EC, Deputy and Trustee of Trust Funds | |
| Maurice Libby | Pleasant Valley |



I am sorry to report that I have not been able to accomplish anything so far this summer. I have had many opportunities but I am sort of 'on hold' till the State Master and I have a meeting to clear up an earlier issue; so I have nothing to report.

I am glad to have seen the e-mail sent out by our State Membership Director encouraging people to get out and promote the Grange at fairs, etc.

I am also disappointed that the ugly poor communication monster is popping its head up occasionally. On two different occasions we have received notification of upcoming events only days before they are to happen. That is not good for PR both within and outside the organization.

I have heard of some more good PR team work between two Granges. Blow-Me-Down Grange and Park Grange worked together on the Plainfield 4th of July festivities for Blow-Me-Down Grange. Now Blow-Me-Down Grange is helping Park Grange with Park Grange's food booth at Cornish Fair. Two small and striving Granges are working together for the good of both individual organizations and the organization as a whole. Great job!!



L-R- Barbra Pratt, Avis Aldrich, Sheila Rainey of Crown Point Grange

Lois Enman and several members of Rochester Grange went to help Crown Point Grange present an 80 year membership certificate to Avis Aldrich who is 94 years young.

Antrim Grange Coming Events

This fall, Antrim Grange is hosting several special events that should be of interest to the community and Grangers all.

On September 16 Antrim Grange and the Antrim Historical Society will host Steve Taylor, former Commissioner of Agriculture, who will speak on NH's Grange Movement. This event, starting at 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall, closes the annual Home and Harvest weekend, and is open to the public.

On September 19 at 7 p.m. the Grange will welcome Christa Salamy, who was featured on a national television program about what it is like sharing her home with the spirits of those who have lived there before her. Her house on Depot Street was built by the Baldwins in 1793 and Crista has communicated with some of the Baldwins and many of the later owners, such as the Colbys and Weeks. She and her husband, Chris, who had been a skeptic, were taught how to communicate with the spirits using flashlights. Parking is available at the Stone Church and refreshments will be served.

A craft fair, put on by outside vendors, will be held at the hall on Saturday, October 6th.

On October 13, we will be hosting a Ukulele festival. Look for this event to feature multi performers and to be a day and evening event.

Thank You
Thanks to all who contributed to the gift of printed envelopes that I received at the North East Lecturers' Conference. You have made a dream come true.
Hannah West, State Lecturer

Thank you for all who took the time and effort to enter a display at the Stratham Fair.

Time for Deerfield Fair is coming with entries due to the Fair office by September 15. If you have questions, please feel free to call Joann Brandt. (Especially if you are late getting your entry in to the Fair office.)

Joann Brandt
603-642-5074

A Hearty Grange Welcome to the Following New Members

Dawne Hugron	Antrim
Sharon Stickney	Antrim
Grace Carlin	Aurora
Valerie Merrill	Chichester
Karen Cusano	Concord
Tom Cusano	Concord
Robert Haywood	Croydon
Edith Rossiter	Croydon
Doug MacMicheal	Croydon
Jessica Pratt	Dorchester
Ruth True	Henry Wilson
Cindy Geiser	Jeremiah Smith
Bruce Porter	Jeremiah Smith
Eric Hand	Mohawk
Scott Neary	Mohawk
Patricia Fowler	Pembroke
Stephen Fowler	Pembroke
Viola Levesque	Somersworth
Emmanuel Gooding	Watatic
Colleen Standley	Watatic
Whitney Aldrich	Walpole
Karen Mallory	Walpole
Jeff Miller	Walpole
Sheldon Sawyer	Walpole
Lucy Weber	Walpole
Karl George	Wicwas Lake
Les Ham	Wicwas Lake
Diane Ham	Wicwas Lake
Chris Kelly	Wicwas Lake
Doreen Kelly	Wicwas Lake



Carl Adams, pictured above, received his 80-year membership certificate from the National Grange. Carl, a member of Mont Calm Grange #70, is also a Past Master of the NH State Grange.

Mont Calm Grange also gave out 70-year seals to Arlene Chapman and Lena Dauphins. Seven members of Mont Calm received 65 year seals. They are Helen David; Mary Gove; Paul Gove; Mary Hazen, who is 102 this year; Delma and William Pratt; and Delores Smith. Sixty-year seals were given to Louise Clifford, Robert Clifford, Frank Daniels, William Poland, and Dale Hardy.

Do not wish to be anything but what you are, and try to be that perfectly.
- St. Francis de Sales

Grange Bulletin Board

Flea Market
Halloween Grange Hall
32 Hobart St., Penacook, NH
October 13
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Boys and Girls Ages 5-14
Contests for You to Enter

The Junior Grange program in New Hampshire needs a big injection to try and revive it. Richard Pastten, Community Service Director, has offered to do a couple of contests to see if we can spark some interest. Here are two contests open to Boys and Girls ages 5-14.

Halloween Safety Contest

Please use posterboard smallest 8" by 11" or largest 12" x 12". Think about Halloween and all the fun you can have but remember the dangers. Please promote the safety of Halloween. Place your name, address, age on the back and have it brought to the State Session by Friday at 12 noon. All entries will be judged.

Something from Nothing

Use materials you have around the house to "Make Something from Nothing." This is a very old Junior Grange contest which promotes recycling. Please create something and have it brought to the State Grange. Again, name age, and address on the back. All entries will be judged.

GRANGE HOLIDAY FAIR
Exeter Christ Church Episcopal
43 Pine St., Exeter, NH
Handicap accessible
November 3, 2012
9:00AM – 3:00 PM
Corn Chowder Luncheon,
50/50 raffle, and more
Sponsored by East Rockingham
Pomona Grange #11
Contact:
Carolyn Ross @ 642-5932 or E-Mail:
cross18@comcast.net



After many years of chasing down the elusive Moose in NH, Lois Enman of Rochester Grange has finally marked this off her bucket list. Congratulations, Lois.

The family of
Elizabeth Currier Cotsibas
Past Master of Harmony Grange #99
wish to acknowledge with thanks the
cards, phone calls, and memorial gifts
received at the time of her death on
April 23, 2012
The Currier & Cotsibas families



L-R- Judy Bailey, Edith Drew, Sandra Binette, Grace Leone, Mary Ham.

Rochester Grange was able to present a 80 year certificate to our member Edith Drew. Edith is 103 years young but you would not know it as she remembered many things from the past years.

Please don't forget your Grange donations to Family & Community, Lecturer's Talent Fund, Youth Funds, and State Grange Building Fund.

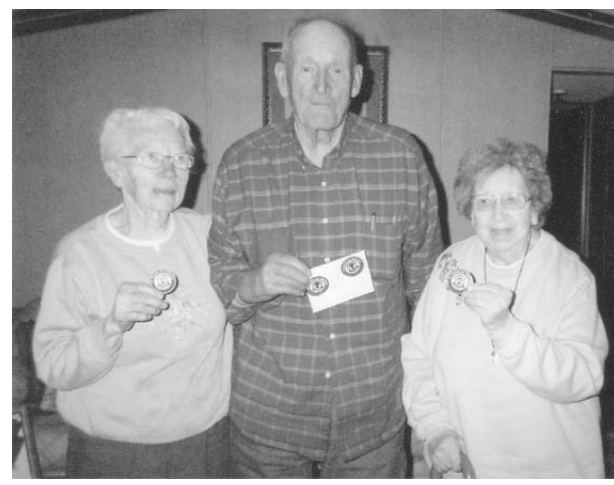
Help Needed
Blueberry Pie Days
September 21 and 28
New Hampshire Building
Big E, West Springfield, MA
Work 10-2, 2-6 or 6-close and
see the fair as well
Contact Sherrill Bokousky
(besheb@aol.com; 603-889-4696)

Concord Grange

The Concord Recreation Department had to cancel a fun event called Splash Bash for boys and girls in grades 5-8 in each of the city's parks due to lack of funding. Concord Grange # 322 thanks to the efforts of City Councilor Dick Patten voted to donate funding to keep this fun event for the boys and girls on Concord Heights. Walgreen's Pharmacy, located on the Heights, asked if they could co-sponsor and so they split the cost with the Grange. It was estimated 50 children enjoyed swimming in the pool to the music of DJ's Joshua Roy and Jack Ricker; popcorn and soda provided by the city; and balloons donated by Dick & Debbie Patten and blown up by James Cusano, assisted by Bob & Cheryl Correlus and Debbie Patten. They gave out 90 balloons to those swimming and to boys and girls younger than grade 5.

Calendar of Events

Sept. 1 - Youth Harvest Hoom Stomp
Sept. 7-9 - Hillsborough County Fair
Sept. 14-23 - Rochester Fair
Sept. 14-30 - Eastern States Exposition
West Springfield, MA
Sept. 21 - Blueberry Pie Day - Big E
Sept. 22 - Youth Apple Picking
Sept. 27-30 - Deerfield Fair
Sept. 28 - 2nd Blueberry Pie Day
Sept. 29 - Degree Day at Wicwas Lake
Grange - Dinner at 12 noon,
Degrees to follow
Oct. 20 - Youth Pumpkin Fun Day
and State Grange Rehearsal
Oct. 26-28 - State Grange Session at
Ashworth-by-the Sea, Hampton
Nov. 12-17 - National Grange Annual
Convention, Boise, ID
Dec. 8 - Deputy School - Concord Fire
Academy



Rockingham Grange members Louise Harvey, Daniel Harvey, and Charlotte Coffin, pictured above left to right, exhibit the 70 year seals they each received in February, 2012.

National Grange Welcomes
New Program Assistant

On Aug. 6, the National Grange welcomed Austin Miller to the D.C. headquarters as the new Program Assistant for the 145-year-old nonprofit, fraternal advocacy organization focusing on rural America and agriculture.

Miller, who has lived in several states across the country, credits being exposed to the kindness of the rural community in his decision to join the National Grange.

Miller, who holds a B.A. in English from the University of Memphis and has worked for Voice of America, said he hopes to further his education in order to better help the Grange and communities across the country.

National Grange President Ed Luttrell said the organization is happy to welcome Miller to the staff. "We believe Austin will bring great new creative talent to the Grange," Luttrell said.

98th Annual
Grange and Community
Fair
Saturday, September 8, 2012
Danbury, NH
sponsored by
Blazing Star Grange #71
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Visit the State Grange website at
www.nhgrange.org

139th Annual Convention
New Hampshire State Grange
Patrons of Husbandry
Ashworth-by-the-Sea
295 Ocean Blvd.
Hampton Beach, NH 03842
October 25-28, 2012

Special & Invited Guests
Chris Johnston, National Gatekeeper;
Connie Johnston, First Lady
Michigan State Grange
Governor John Lynch

Thursday October 25, 2012
Registration opens at 6:00 p.m.
(\$10.00 Registration Fee – each delegate)
(\$5.00 Registration Fee for all other attendees)

Opening Session-7:00 p.m.
Theme- Advocacy
Procession of State Officers
Opening in the Sixth Degree
Calling the Roll of Officers
Grange lowered to the Fourth Degree
Introduction of Special Guests
Calling the Roll of Granges

Grange Memorial Service
Chaplain, Matthew Clark
(Gates and Registration will be closed)

Reports
Treasurer.....Gail Turcotte
Secretary.....Carolyn Ross
Executive Committee..... Chris Heath
State Officer's Reports as time permits

Program - 8:30 p.m..
Panel Discussion- Animal Rights Groups
Bob Haefner Leg./Agr. Chairman

Closing the Grange
State Officers will form receiving line at rear
of meeting room after closing

Hospitality Room- 154
Hosted by:
East Rockingham Pomona # 11
Open 9:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Applications for the Fifth Degree
(\$1.00) and for the **Sixth Degree**
(\$10.00) will be received all day Fri-
day at the Registration table.

Friday, October 26, 2012
Morning Session- 8:00 a.m.
Opening in the Fourth Degree
Calling the Roll of Officers
Calling the Roll of Granges
Reading the Thursday Session Minutes
Announcement of Session Committees
Reading Resolutions
Reading Convention Rules

Reports
Trustees of Trust Funds.....Rodney
Huntoon

Election of Officers - 9:00 a.m.

Afternoon Session- 1:30 p.m.

Reports
Master's Address.....Jim Tetreault
General Deputy.....Arthur Merrill
Historian.....Richard Patten
Community Services.....Richard Patten

The New Hampshire Grange
Foundation - 3:00 P.M.

Annual Meeting by Foundation
Directors and Officers-
Note: All Delegates please be present
if possible.

Reports
Lecturer.....Hannah West
Membership.....Anne Boisvert
Eastern States Trustees.....Matt Clark
National Session 2013.....Beth Merrill

Closing the Grange by Youth Officers
4:30 p.m. or at end of business

Fifth Degree Obligation- 7:10 p.m..

Evening Session- 7:30 p.m.
Conferral of the Sixth Degree
Introduction of Guests
Closing in the Fourth Degree



Saturday, October 27, 2012
Morning Session- 8:00 a.m.
Opening in the Fourth Degree
Calling the Roll of Officers
Calling the Roll of Granges
Reading the Friday Session Minutes
Reading of Convention Rules

Reports
Granite State Granger.....Hannah West
State Grange Building.....Anne &
Marty Boisvert
Grange Services.....Lois Enman
Youth.....Allissa Estes & Andrea
Goulette

Budget 10:00 a.m.

Reports
Session Coordinator.....Ken Berry
Webmaster.....Wayne Turcotte
Family Services.....Alice Tuck
Legislative/Agriculture...Robert Haefner
Ways and Means.....Sherrill Bokousky

Afternoon Session- 1:30 p.m.
Reports by Resolutions, Master's Ad-
dress and Credentials Committees
Unfinished Business

Closing the Grange

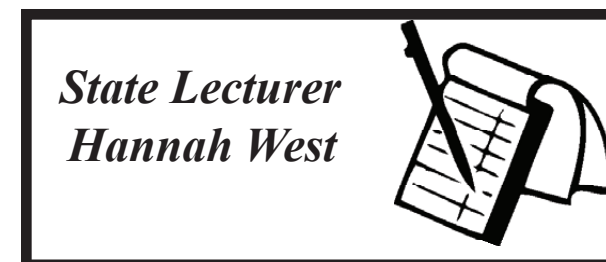
Evening Session- 6:00 p.m.

State Grange Celebration Banquet
Program:
Introduction of Dignitaries
Recognition Awards
50/50 Raffle Winner
Conclusion of Silent Auction
Start of new 1/20 Club

Sunday, October 28, 2012

9:00 a.m. - Church Service conducted
by State Chaplain, Matt Clark
9:45 a.m. - Installation of Officers-
Jody Cameron CT State Master

Wharfside Café Open
6:00 A.M. for breakfast Fri. & Sat.
6:30 A.M. for breakfast Sunday
Breakers Restaurant Open
11:30 A.M. to 10:00PM Daily



NELC

The North East Lecturers' Confer-
ence, hosted by New Hampshire at Rivier
College, was a big success. The weather
was dry. No one was injured. The meals
and snacks were delicious. The state pro-
grams were informative and entertaining.
The workshops were well received. The
Variety Show went smoothly, and the
banquet entertainment was excellent. I
smiled and raked in the compliments, but
I want you all to know that the real credit
goes to the folks behind the scenes.

Gail Turcotte volunteered to be
registrar for the conference and spent
countless hours before the conference
sending receipts, banking checks, assign-
ing rooms, and troubleshooting. At the
conference she devoted her days to meal
counts and her evenings to sorting keys.
She also provided my transportation to
and from the conference. Between Gail
and the college staff any problems were
solved before I had a chance to lift a fin-
ger.

Sherrill Bokousky cheerfully took
on the evening snack detail and with the
help of Camilie Twiss provided a variety
of tasty and nutritious snacks at a very
modest price. Snacks from outside the
college were a last minute addition, and
Sherry and Cam certainly rose to the oc-
casion.

Mary West wrote the New Hamp-
shire program on Constellations. She and
her husband Kevin Belval collected and
transported props and costumes, directed
the rehearsal, and stage-managed the per-
formance, as well as filling major roles
in the program. All I had to do was read
my part. Other New Hampshire program
participants were Lester Gibbs, Marie
Hall, Arthur and Beth Merrill, Yvonne
Crocker, Dot Haskins, Sondra Farrell,
Fran Everard, Judy Chase, Chris Heath,
Judy Bailey, and Anne Boisvert. Rebec-
ca Boisvert, age 13 ½ months, made her
NELC program debut as Ursa Minor in a
bear costume.

Kathy Yardley and Marie Hall par-
ticipated in the Variety Show on North
East Night and did an excellent job. In all
there were twenty-one New Hampshire
Grangers who participated in the confer-
ence at some point. I appreciate all they
did to make New Hampshire look good.

Next year the conference will be
hosted by Connecticut. The overall top-
ic will be Community Spirit, and New
Hampshire's program topic is Places of
Worship.

Name and Address

Here is my name and address. I
hope you are going to take advantage of
this information for contest entries and
reports.

Hannah West
3 Depot Road
Chichester, NH 03258
Contests

I trust that the contest entries will
soon begin to arrive at my home. Creative
Writing, Create-a-Card, Art, and Photo
entries are due by October 1st. Mail them
to me or bring them to my house, or I can
collect them at the Degree Day at Wicwas
Lake Grange on September 29. I already
have a few Cinquains, but I need more be-
fore I can make up a booklet.

Reports

What happened to the May 31st re-
ports? The count was pitiful. Let's make
up for it in October, please.

Send Kathy to Boise

The Talent Fund contributions are
dribbling in. If each Grange had donated
the suggested ten dollars, there would be
about seven hundred dollars in the fund.
Right now I have \$368: 150 left from last
year, 118 from the Penny Sale at the Vari-
ety Show, and 100 from donations. Please
help! It costs over five hundred dollars
to fly to Boise, and it would be nice to
provide something toward food and lodg-
ing. Individuals may donate as well as
Granges. Checks should be made to NH
State Grange Lecturer and marked Talent
Fund on the subject line. Our talent win-
ner this year is Kathy Yardley of Walpole
Grange. She has a flute solo that will do
New Hampshire proud, and I'd like to
think that the New Hampshire Grangers
are behind her with some financial sup-
port.

Concord Grange

The 61st annual Concord Christ-
mas Parade is planned for Saturday, No-
vember 17, at 10 a.m. on the Concord
Heights. The Concord Grange has been
a prime sponsor for over 35 years. The
parade features bands; colorful holiday
floats; dignitaries; animals; clowns; and,
most important, Santa Claus! To date
Concord High School, Merrimack Valley
High School, Woodsville High School,
Bow High School, Keene American Le-
gion, and Hollis Town Bands have ac-
cepted invitations. Also, Matt Noyes,
Weather Personality from WNECN TV
Cable News of Boston, and Kevin Scaru-
pa, Weather Personality from WMUR TV
of Manchester have accepted invitations
to be in the parade. A theme has not been
chosen as yet.

If you would like to be in the pa-
rade, please contact Chairman Dick Pat-
ten at 496-2917 (41 years). Donations are
needed to fund this event. James Cusano
is co-chairman for this parade. Boys and
girls, bring your letters to Santa Claus.

The 26th annual Concord Christ-
mas Tree Lighting Celebration will be
held Friday, November 23, the day after
Thanksgiving with activities starting at
12:30 p.m. in downtown Concord. See a
movie at Red River Theaters, visit with
Santa Claus at Gibson's Book Store, then
shift to the State House Plaza with a pet-
ting zoo on the State House Lawn at 3:30
p.m. Other events include horse-drawn
wagon rides by Bruce Locke of Pittsfield,
lighting of the Armed Forces Tree in Ea-
gle Square, music by Brian Waldron and
Band, blessing of the Nativity, lighting of
a small Menorah, arrival of Santa Claus
by Concord Fire Department, countdown
to light the tree at 5:59 p.m. Then fire-
works by Atlas will light the skies over
Concord to officially begin the Concord
Holiday Season. Brian Waldron is join-
ing Dick Patten (36 years) as co-chairman
for the event. The Concord Grange is a
prime sponsor for the event. The
Concord Grange provides lights for State
House Tree, Eagle Square tree, and Con-
cord Heights tree, some 2600 bulbs.

**Resolution #1 - Submitted by:
Cheshire County Pomona #6**

**Subject: Pomona and Subordinate
Granges entering into contracts**

WHEREAS, in these times of high expenses, a Pomona Grange or a Subordinate Grange may need to enter into a contract for services provided by outside contractors or businesses, and;

WHEREAS, a second set of eyes can help to scrutinize a contract for potential problems for the Pomona or Subordinate Grange, therefore be it;

RESOLVED, that prior to a Pomona or Subordinate Grange entering into a contract that could result in a large debt, (greater than \$5000.00) that the Pomona or Subordinate Grange must contact their State Grange Master and Executive Committee in writing, with the details of the proposed contract and/or circumstances, to request permission to enter into said contract, with the exception of emergency work required due to a natural disaster or similar circumstances, and be it further;

RESOLVED that the following section be added to the National Digest:

4.11.6 Entrance into a contract by Subordinate or Pomona Granges – No Pomona or Subordinate Grange may enter into a contract that could result in a large debt, (greater than \$5000.00) except upon the following conditions:

(A) A written notice shall be sent to the Master and Executive Committee of the State Grange having jurisdiction advising of the intent to invoke the procedure included in Article XI of these By-Laws to enter into a contract. Such notice shall contain a summary of the reasons for the proposed contract and a copy of said proposed contract.

(B) The State Grange Master and Executive Committee shall review the proposed contract for protection of the interests of the members and the Grange organization and shall approve, vote down or submit recommended changes to the proposed contract, in writing, to the Subordinate or Pomona Grange within 10 calendar days. If the proposed contract was voted down, the State Grange Master and State Grange Executive Committee must list their reasons for voting down the pro-

posed contract in their written response. If changes to the proposed contract were made by the State Grange Master and State Grange Executive Committee, the Subordinate or Pomona Grange shall negotiate the proposed changes with their contractor and re-submit a new proposed contract in accordance with (A) above.

(C) Any resolution adopted by a Subordinate or Pomona Grange for entering into a contract, is inoperative unless consented to, in writing, by the Master and Executive Committee of the State Grange having jurisdiction over the said Subordinate or Pomona Grange. Such consent shall be given only if the conditions of such contract are to be used for the benefit of present and future members of the said Subordinate and Pomona Granges as a fraternal group for Grange purposes. Such uses may include the repair, expansion or improvements of an existing Grange Hall or other Grange real property and the acquisition of fixtures, furniture, equipment or other furnishings for such Grange real property or for resolving litigation, or for use in accordance with the general purposes of the Order.

(D) If the Master and Executive Committee of the State Grange consent to the contract, then in that event the procedures for notice, resolution, meeting and vote contained in Sections 4.11.1 (B) through (F) of these By-Laws shall be applicable except that such procedures shall be applicable to entering into a contract, rather than sale of real property.

(E) These requirements may be waived and/or modified by the Master and/or Executive Committee of the State Grange having jurisdiction, through telephone conversations or other electronic media, in emergency situations where there is a need to act quickly either to save/preserve the value of property, after a natural disaster or fire or there is a requirement to make expenditures that are mandated via a government agency, ie a special assessment or in cases where the Grange does not have much choice but to spend money as required by circumstance or fiat. This emergency expenditure is not to exceed \$25,000.00 without following the full requirements of section 4.11.6 of this Digest of Laws.

**Resolution #2 - Submitted by:
Cheshire County Pomona #6**

Subject: Campaign Finance Reform

Whereas, The Grange in its long history has been an advocate for clean and fair elections; and

Whereas, Whether you are a Republican, Democrat or undeclared voter, knowing the sources of candidates campaign finances is only good public policy; and

Whereas, Outside groups can spend millions of dollars on messages and to defeat individual candidates and have their donors remain anonymous; therefore be it

Resolved, That the New Hampshire State Grange and the National Grange advocate for a constitutional amendment that would overturn the "Citizens United case" that classified corporations union and outside special interest group with the same free speech rights that are enjoyed by everyday citizens and exempted them from campaign disclosure laws and restore transparency campaigns and election funding.



Members of Jeremiah Smith Grange #161 came together at the Eastern New Hampshire Pomona picnic at the home of Dan and Kimber Bascom in Rochester to enjoy a cookout and present to Jeannine Elliott her 50-year Grange membership certificate. Donna Eisenhard also received her 55 year seal.

Pictured above are Back row: Chris Heath; Jim Brady; Cindy Geiser; Bruce Porter. Middle row: Betty Brady; Donna Eisenhard; Brenda Porter. Front row; Octavia Gooch; Ben Gooch; Jeannine Elliott.

**Don't be discouraged if your children
reject your advice. Years later they
will offer it to their own offspring.
Oscar Wilde**



WoW! Was that a hot and fast one! The summer jumped away, after the Youth attended a Hawaiian luau at the Hooksett State Grange for June Youth Rally. Thank you to all who attended Youth Rally and helped put on workshops. All enjoyed the workshops, food, and entertainment.

The drill team practiced hard, leading up to July 13,14,& 15, when North East Youth Conference was held in Springfield, MA at the BIG E. I would like to congratulate Marie Hall for First Place and Best of Show in her Sign-A-Song, Kathy Yardley for First Place and Best of Show in her Public Speech, Davi Penny for First Place in her Public Speech, and Beth Merrill and Kathy Yardley for First Place in their Group Sign-A-Song. Sunday morning the drill competition was held. After all the teams had displayed their wonderful moves, the judges finally made a decision. NH took 5th place. I would like to compliment the drill team and their coach for a job well done.

The chili cook-off and youth awards night was canceled. Youth awards will be given out at State Session.

Stomping on into September we will hold the Harvest Moon Stomp on September 1st at Beth and Arthur's horse arena. More information is to come. In September you will also find us picking apples at Meadow Ledge Farm in Loudon, NH, followed by seeing us put the 2nd degree on at Wicwas Lake Grange.

Then right around the corner state session will be, But don't be frightened by the decorated pumpkins you'll see.

Come one come all to pick the biggest pumpkin of all.

You may follow us back to decorate or take it home to be.

This year has been fun; this year has come by fast, But with friends and family the fun will always last.

Eastern States Exposition

Eastern States Exposition (the Big "E") is opening on September 14th and runs through the 30th. If anyone would like to volunteer at the New England Grange Building any day (hosting the NH room, working in the country store, selling raffle tickets, being a greeter) or would be willing to march with the Grange contingent in the daily parade on Grange Day, the 23rd please let me know right away. We have to fill out forms ahead of time to request complimentary gate passes and parking passes, as well. In some instances, overnight accommodations may be available for store workers who work a closing shift.

Perhaps your Grange would consider entering a non-motorized float (red wagon, garden cart, wheelbarrow, shopping cart, etc.) in the parade? The only other stipulation is that the float must feature the name "Grange" which must be in 4" letter. I look forward to the day when Grangers everywhere recognize the importance of being featured at this regional event in such a prominent venue. An army of Grangers marching in the parade amongst a flotilla of Grange floats could make a public relations statement that carries far and wide. Depending on weather, of course, Grange Day is often one of the largest attended days of the fair (sometimes upward of 120,000 fairgoers), so our audience is huge and hails from across the region and parts beyond. If we start thinking about promoting the Grange image beyond our own communities, who knows how far and wide (or close and nearby) our efforts will reflect upon the fact that the Grange is alive, thriving and doing great things together!

I have an excellent, 10 minute video that highlights the Big "E" that I am happy to share at a meeting of your Grange. Currently, I am reading a history of the Eastern States Exposition and am finding it to be quite fascinating.

I'm always happy to answer your questions. Let me know if I can help!

Beth Merrill
bmerrill@nhgrange.org
588-6615

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

**Danbury Grange Holds
98th Community Fair**

Blazing Star Grange #71 in Danbury will host its 98th annual Grange and Community Fair on Saturday, September 8, 2012. "Heroes and Superheroes" is the theme of this year's parade that will begin at 11 a.m. at Restful Road on North Road. Parade line up will begin at 10 a.m. and judging of entrants will take place before the parade commences.

You do not have to give prior notice to enter a float or be in the parade. Just show up that day with a unique interpretation of your favorite hero. Bicycles, tractors, old cars, and pedestrians are all welcome.

Starting at 7:30 a.m. a delicious pancake breakfast will be served at the Danbury Elementary School hosted by the PTO.

After the parade the Lyme Town Band will perform in front of the Grange Hall.

The ever-popular bed races will be held at 12:30. Teams are formed on the spot. The competition is keen as contestants push the old metal bed from the firehouse to the creamery just beyond the Hall.

Other highlights include the horse-shoe competition at Independence Park, a Baby Show at 1 p.m., Dutch Auction at 1:30 p.m., and to cap off the day a ham and bean supper, all you can eat.

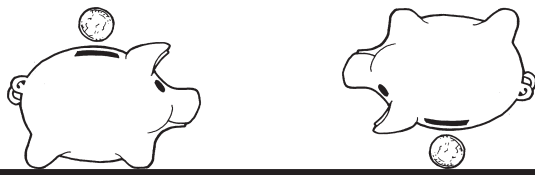
At 7 p.m., Cardigan Mt. Tradition will play blue grass music until the live auction begins at 8:30.

Other Fair features include the Attic Treasures in the American Legion hall that opens at 8 a.m. where all kinds of good stuff, old and new, may be found at a very reasonable price.

A Silent Auction will be going on during the entire day so that fairgoers may put bids on items donated by local businesses. Winners will be announced after the live auction. You don't have to be there to win.

The fair will be held rain or shine. Anyone wishing to exhibit crafts or other wares and displays should call Diane Clay at 603-493-3650 to reserve a space.

**State Grange Treasurer
Gail Turcotte**



**Annual State Grange Budget
Attention all Grange members and Delegates to State Session October, 2012:**

The annual State Grange budget will be discussed on Saturday, October 27, beginning at 10:00 a.m. As your current State Treasurer I believe it is very important that we not only have a balanced budget but that we plan to balance it by not relying too heavily upon the withdrawal of invested principal to balance the budget. Withdrawing invested principal can jeopardize the future of the Grange in NH in my opinion. We need to set realistic priorities for the work of the State Grange in NH and then budget money that is actually available to fund those priorities.

The current budget can be used for discussion purposes and may be found in the 2011 Journal of Proceedings. Ask to read your Grange's copy of the Journal or read it online at the State Grange website at www.nhgrange.org. Look on the front page of the website under ongoing projects for Journal of Proceedings and click there to open. Printed copies of the Journal are available for a small fee from the State Grange Secretary.

Please send your Delegates to session with ideas and suggestions for accomplishing this very difficult and important task.

**New IPM Guide for
Affordable Housing**

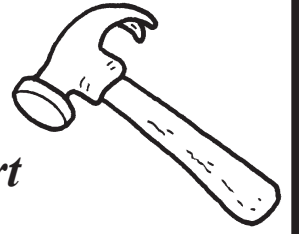
Integrated Pest Management: A Guide for Affordable Housing is a new resource from the Northeastern IPM Center that will help affordable housing managers, owners, and agents use integrated pest management (IPM) to contend with a variety of urban pests in their facilities. It will also serve as a useful tool for anyone seeking to integrate IPM practices into a residential pest management strategy. The illustrated, 81-page guide gives readers

- a basic knowledge of pests and pesticides to help them make informed pest control decisions with a pest management professional;
- an understanding of how to implement IPM in housing;
- and tools to orient staff to their role on an IPM team.

Developed as part of a project called "Delivery of IPM Training to Public Housing Authorities," the guide was supported through an interagency agreement between USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture and the HUD's Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control. The guide is based on the IPM in Multifamily Housing Training that is reviewed and supported by the National Center for Healthy Housing, Regional IPM Centers, National Pest Management Association, Pennsylvania IPM Program, National Center for Environmental Health Strategies, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The complete guide and additional resources are available at StopPests.org/Guide.

**State Grange
Building
Marty Boisvert**



When the furnace at the State Grange Building was cleaned this summer, the technician reported that one of the legs supporting the oil tank showed rust damage and there was some oil at the bottom of the tank on the outside. I have stabilized the oil tank with a support structure made of pressure treated lumber. I don't think it will be going anywhere any time soon.

I also sprayed the parts of the tank I could reach with Rust reformer and neutralizer. The tank does not appear to be leaking as far as I could tell. I think the oil we are seeing is from years of accumulation from the fill pipe weeping a little on the top. That seemed to be the opinion of the oil company technician as well, when Anne talked to him on the phone.

The next plan is to remove the wooden cabinet next to the tank to be able to paint that side of the tank, but more importantly to replace the existing uncoated copper oil line with a coated oil line in a conduit to further reduce the risk of any issues in the future. When the air conditioner was serviced, the technician recommended that we bolt a piece sheet metal to the ductwork of the air conditioner to direct the water away from the furnace. Donations may be made to the State Grange Building Fund to help with the cost of these and other repairs.

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