



# *The Granite State Granger*

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## **This is the year to take the degrees!**

### **NH State Grange Session**

**October 24 to 26**

#### **Holiday Inn, Concord, NH**

Will your Grange be represented at this year's State Session? Concord is fairly centrally located and easy to reach by car. If your state representatives can drive the distance, so can you. It is embarrassing to hear only a few answers when the roll of Granges is called. Let's make a good showing this year!

In addition to listening to reports and voting on the budget and some resolutions you can see the displays from various departments, buy fudge and trail mix, and participate in the Silent Auction.

Have you taken the 6th Degree or seen it recently? Some say it is the most beautiful degree of all, and your state officers do it well.

The State Grange Banquet is a great opportunity to show non-Grangers what the Grange is like. Many awards are given, and the recipients attend with co-workers and family members. There is a 50/50 raffle that night, and the new 1/20 Club begins. Particulars about the banquet are on this page.

The State Secretary is attempting something new this year with the Credentials Committee at the Registration Table. See his **article on page 9**. This might be your opportunity to be useful and involved with the convention.

The complete **schedule of events** is printed on **page 8**. If you live close by you can drive over for the Memorial Service on Thursday or the Sixth Degree on Friday night.

If you need to stay overnight, the deadline for reserving a room at the Holiday Inn at the convention rate is October 3. Don't delay, sign up today!

### **147th National Grange Convention**

**November 12 to 16**

#### **Radisson Hotel, Manchester, NH**

This is the event for which we have been waiting for 100 years! National Grange has not been held in New Hampshire since 1913. It is also an excellent opportunity to take the 7th Degree or to see it again. National Grange will not return to the Northeast Region for another five years.

The Seventh Degree will be held on Saturday, November 16th, at 1:00 p.m. You must register for the Seventh Degree in order to take the degree. You can register online at the National Grange Website or at the convention itself. The cost to register and take the Seventh Degree is \$20.00. Seventh Degree members are welcome to watch the degree at no charge. Our General Deputy Arthur Merrill is a member of the cast and you may recognize others from the Northeast Region as well.

We are still looking for volunteers for the following areas: Deputies, Registration Table, Hospitality Room, National Grange Store, Laundry Crew & Production Room. Please contact Kerriann Heath at 603-703-4912 if you are interested in volunteering.

Registration information for the Convention and the hotel can be found on **page 6** of this paper. Early registration can give you a small break on costs.

A partial schedule of events can be found on **page 7**. It is possible to attend only one event, such as the Night of Excellence, or the Salute to Agriculture Breakfast, but you do need to pay the convention fee and be wearing a badge.

We hope to see many of you there to show your support for the Grange. How Sweet It Is!!

### **State Grange Banquet Holiday Inn, Concord, NH Saturday, October 26, 2013**

Reservations are now being taken for the State Grange Banquet on Saturday evening, October 26th, at 6:00 PM. The menu selections are as follows:

**Braised Boneless Beef Short Ribs  
(Slow braised beef short ribs finished in a red wine demi glaze) or  
Sliced Virginia Ham**

**With Raisin Sauce on the Side**

The above dinners will include Chicken Noodle Soup, Carrots, Baked Potato, Apple or Pumpkin Pie, Coffee or Tea.

**Four Cheese Roasted  
Vegetable Lasagna  
(Roasted Zucchini, Squash & Peppers with Ricotta & Marinara layered with pasta sheets)**

The above dinner will include Chicken Noodle Soup, Apple or Pumpkin Pie, Coffee or Tea.

**Macaroni & Cheese  
(Kids 12 and under)**

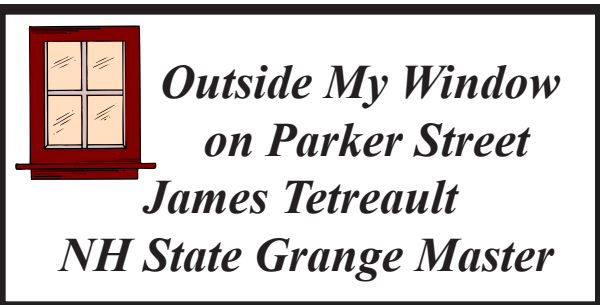
The above dinner will include Chicken Noodle Soup, Carrots, Apple or Pumpkin Pie and Milk.

**\$32.00 for adult meals**

**\$15.00 for children's meals**

To make a banquet reservation contact Tricia Taylor (State Ceres) by Friday, October 11, 2013. No late reservations will be accepted after the due date as we have a deadline to meet with the hotel. Any e-mail or telephone reservations that are not paid for by the due date will also be canceled. All checks should be made payable to the **NH State Grange** and mailed to:

**Tricia J. Taylor  
477 Eastern District Road  
Danbury, NH 03230  
603-630-0159  
jdno7tt@yahoo.com**



Our Grange summer has been a busy one. A group of us just returned from the Northeast Lecturers Conference, and your State Lecturer Hannah West did an outstanding job with her program. Congratulations also to Joann Brandt for a successful Junior Grange Fun Day in August. As we look to fall, don't forget to complete your final reports and send them to the appropriate State Director.

Secretaries, as of now you should have received your final fall report in the mail, Please take some time to complete this report for your Deputy's visit this fall. If for some reason you have not received the report form, please contact General Deputy Arthur Merrill.

As our thoughts begin to turn to fall, here is a reminder that our State Grange convention will be held this year at the Holiday Inn in Concord on October 24-26, 2013. I issue a personal invitation to each and every Grange member to join us for some part of the session this year. The theme of our convention this year will be "The Power of Positive Thinking".

Worthy Masters, do you have members that might need exemplification of the 6th Degree? This year you have two opportunities: the first is Friday, October 25th, at 7:30 p.m. at our State Grange Session; and the 2nd opportunity is at National Grange on Saturday morning, November 16th, at 9:00 a.m. The officers of the New Hampshire State Grange will perform both exemplifications. I hope that we will see you at one of them.

November 12-16th in the Radisson Hotel at the Center of New Hampshire in Manchester, New Hampshire will host along with the other Northeast States the National Grange session for the first time since 1913. If we only host it every 100 years, who here will be present the next time? So don't miss this great opportunity to meet your National officers. The

**"Leadership is the ability to lift and inspire." - Paul Dietzel**

host committee is working very hard to put together an excellent Idea Fair.

Come see some of the great things that will happen, and, of course, take advantage of the opportunity to take the Seventh Degree, which is the highest Degree of our order. The 7th Degree will be exemplified on Saturday, November 16th, at the Radisson Hotel. I have challenged all the other State Masters in the region to bring 50 people to take the 7th degree, because New Hampshire will have 100 people to take the 7th degree. PLEASE HELP ME WIN MY CHALLENGE!! All New Hampshire members who have taken the 6th Degree are eligible to take the 7th Degree, so come be among those who can say, "I took the 7th Degree during National Session here in New Hampshire!"

The Grange Growth Team has been meeting and is putting together some plans to help Granges Grow. We are very excited that we have several new prospects in several communities for new Granges. The Grange only grows when we ask members to join us.

As we think about the coming Grange year, do we need to consider a new attitude? Is your Grange a positive place for you to be? Does your Grange need to do a reset of your current members' attitude? At your next meeting sit back and observe and listen. Would this be a place conducive to new members? State Steward Bob Trombi is trained as a Visioning Deputy to help Granges discover their strengths and weaknesses. He does an excellent job, and your Grange might want to invite him to a meeting this year.

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**National Grange Idea Fair**

The plans for the National Convention Idea Fair are coming together with one common thread – Sharing what is so great about the Grange, and being a Granger. Thursday, Nov. 14th, is Networking Day; Friday, Nov. 15th, is Environment and Recycling Day; and Saturday, Nov. 16th, is Sharing Day.

Resources, ideas and activities are being brought together from all aspects of Rural and Farm Life across the region. Our Craft area will be a place for friends to sit and work on current projects or learn new ones such as Nail Art with the assistance of Traci Miller from Rhode Island and Weaving with the assistance of an experienced weaver Felicia Livingston from the Meredith Area. Have you created geometric Quilt Blocks with fabric or painted a quilt block yet? These are just a small sampling of what awaits you!

As the plans for Networking day continue to come together the goal is to provide a one stop day of resources for farmers and individuals to get answers and form partnerships helping to make Local Agriculture stronger. Small Plot Intensive Farming workshops as well as Cooperative Power of Buying and Sharing Resources are being gathered. It is a very exciting time. Our State Community Service Director Dick Patten is coordinating a Blood Drive on Friday with WMUR TV 9 Meteorologist Kevin Scarpura and Josh Judge as Honorary Chairmen in the Grange Tradition of helping our neighbors wherever we can.

A letter is being shared with the State Granges that should be available on the State Grange website with information on how to secure a booth or exhibit during this event. If you know of a farm, individual or organization that wishes to share what they are doing, or would like to be a part of the Winters Farmers Market and Holiday Craft Fair being held in the Idea Fair please share this information with them. We are also looking for individual Granges that would like to be a part of the Craft area, either by sharing a local craft with others during this time, sponsoring one of the current crafts being planned, or taking part in the Holiday Craft Fair.



I am pleased to announce that our committee received three requests for scholarships, and we were able to grant them to the following members to help with their education:

- Sarah Leclerc - Southern NH Univ.**
- Hilary Ward - Plymouth State University**
- Kathe Wolf - Southern NH University**

Our committee is able to provide scholarships to members because you or your Grange makes a donation to the Education Loan Fund (ELF). These invested funds provide this scholarship money. Please have a silver march or a nickel/dime march in your Grange and send your donation to:

**Rodney Huntoon**  
**8 Pine Acres Road, Suite 808**  
**Concord, NH 03301**

I have a request of the Grange Secretaries. At your Grange meetings please ask your members if they used the membership in the Sam's Club Partnering Program. I would like to include this in my report at State Session, but I need your help. Please email or drop me a line by the end of September. When new programs come on board we all know they can not meet the needs of every member. But it was our hope that several members from a Grange would join and the Grange would benefit.

Looking forward to our State Session in Concord this year, I hope you will bring members for the degree so we can meet or beat the challenge our State Master has set for the National Grange degree in November: One Hundred Members!

If you have questions or want more information about our State or National benefit programs please contact me or a member of this committee. Your Secretary has a list of all the committee members and their contact information.

Hope you enjoy the rest of summer, and I hope to see you in Concord, NH, in October.



I hope you are ready to bring any additional Crafts or Collages that the Junior members have made over the summer to State Grange. Be sure they are tagged with the child's name, age, address, and Grange. Being a past Junior Leader, I miss the hands-on with all of our members and working with their contests. I have many of the Unzip the Word of Grange drawings that will be shown at Sate Grange. Some will be going to Eastern States Exposition in Springfield. Be sure to visit the Grange building there and see who we have for the winners.

We are happy to be growing. Please notify me if you have questions about Junior Grange activities. I was able to put a display in the Stratham Fair and will also try to put one in the Deerfield Fair.

There will be activities for young children at State Grange for those wishing to come with children. When I give my report on Saturday morning, I would love to have any Junior Grangers that are present march up with me. We did some marching in August and had a lot of fun.

Help is needed! Were you a Junior Granger? Would you be able to come to a special Junior Degree Day to be officers? If you are interested, please e-mail me. Check out the Junior Grange on the nhgrange.org website. At the February Winter Rally I would like to do the degree on all new members present. How do the present Juniors get to see the degree if only obligated? There will be a rehearsal set before this date to be sure you feel comfortable.

Junior Fun Day August 3, 2013, in Hooksett was enjoyed by many. Mixer games were played while we waited for the rest of the children to arrive. Snacks and drinks were enjoyed as we sat around the table talking.

We found out that Isabell has a deaf child in her class at school, and Cole has learned some sign language. Others have had a little experience, but with Marie Hall, Past State Lecturer, they all

had a chance to learn the alphabet in sign language. Marie also set up folders for each family to take home with the whole alphabet, and playing cards with signing the numbers taped to the cards to play fish in sign language. That must be quite a game!

We were honored to have our State Master, Jim Tetreault, and State Overseer, Chris Heath, present. Chris helped with our ice cream making and Jim assisted with the obligation of seven more children

We made ice cream in a bag. Yes, we used two zip lock bags and each made their own ice cream to be used for dessert.

While waiting for lunch to finish, we all made cards to give the Pease Greeters to send to soldiers overseas for a Community Service Project.

Thanks to all of the adults helping with our activities:

Camilie Twiss for work preparing lunch and clean up and M&M Cookies; Sherry Bokousky and Sandra Bokousky for leading marching with the Juniors and more; Lois Enman for assisting little fingers in sign language and making cards; Laura Gotauco, Nicole Brandt, and Sandra for filling ice cream baggies for the children; Marie Hall for all her work in preparing the folders and teaching sign language and spending the day with us, ending up playing the piano for marching; Jim Tetreault and Chris Heath for supporting us; and Eric Marcoux and all family members for bringing Juniors to participate, a total of 13 children. Thanks to anyone else I may have forgotten.



We did it! Enough tickets were sold, and members of the Grange took the field at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium to unroll and hold up the giant flag as the National Anthem was sung at the Fisher Cats game on July 27.

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

The New Hampshire Department of Agriculture Markets and Food (DAMF) is turning 100 years old this fall and winter. A team from the Department and the Legislature and others are planning a celebration, and the Grange is participating in the planning and the celebration. In October we are going to have an event on the lawn in front of the State House and in the Annex, where the Department is housed. Later at Farm and Forest in February, there will be a second celebration of the anniversary.

I have volunteered the Grange to do two things for the celebration. I am going to ask Grangers to bake pies for the October Celebration. The Associated Women of the Farm Bureau are going to join with us and bake pies that will be served with NH-made ice cream at the Department's conference room. We are looking for fruit pies made with NH grown fruits.

The second thing that the Grange is responsible for is to generate a list of every farm in the state that is 100 or more years old, in the same family and on the same land. I have asked in an e-mail blast from Hannah and I am asking again. Every Subordinate Grange in New Hampshire, please identify every farm in your town and its surrounding towns that is 100 years old and let me know the name of the farm, the owner, when the farm started and what they grow. It can be sent to:

**Bob Haefner**  
**1 St. John St.**  
**Hudson, NH 03051**

You may also call 889-1553 and leave a message or contact me by e-mail: bobhaefnerjp@comcast.net. So far I have only heard from two of you. We need 63 more subordinates to respond.

Beth Merrill, Gloria Davis, Matt Haefner, and I participated with Manchester Grangers Ellen Weiss and Stu Light to recognize World War II veterans at the NH Veterans Home in Tilton. It was a rewarding day. Did you know that the



youngest WW II vet is 85 years old, unless they lied about their age when they enlisted?

Our Worthy State Master represented the NH State Grange at the National Grange Legislative Fly In, and, as usual, represented us well. He spent time visiting and lobbying for the Grange with all four members of our Congressional Delegation. I was not able to attend, as Representative Sad from Walpole Grange and I were in attendance at the annual meeting of State Agriculture and Rural Leaders, Ag Chairs summit, where we met with Legislative Agriculture Leaders from across the country and Canada.

We are in the midst of planning the Agriculture Breakfast to be held at the National Grange Convention in Manchester. Tara Sad and I have been meeting with the convention center and are planning a breakfast with pancakes, NH maple syrup, scrambled eggs from NH and meats also from NH as well as yogurt, berries, and potatoes, all local. The Commissioner of Agriculture will be our guest and Steve Taylor will be the speaker. We are working on getting our Governor and both of our Senators for the convention as well.

It is fair season again. I hope all of our Granges have displays in at least one of the many fairs across our state. Grange Day at the Big E is September 22 this year. I understand that our National Master will be in attendance. NH needs to have a good showing. I would love to see every Subordinate Grange have two or more people march in the parade that day. Did you know that the Big E is listed as the country's 5th largest fair, based on the number of visitors. Come march in the parade, visit the Grange Building and the New Hampshire building, tour the grounds and eat some fair food. See you all at the Big E.

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

**OUTH**  
**Sherrill Bokousky**

Spring and early summer was busy for the Youth. A full weekend Summer Youth Rally happened on June 7, 8, and 9. We had ten people stay for the weekend, and seven more joined us for the day on Saturday. Saturday events were Sign-a-Song and public speaking contests. Winners from the contests were Marie Hall for Sign-a-Song and Mary West for Public Speaking.

The Youth Association meeting was held around a campfire on Saturday evening. Business was done, and it was a good chance to rest and relax, have s'mores and social time. We will be doing that again next year.

The Northeast Regional Youth Conference was held June 28, 29, and 30. The host state this year was Vermont, and we met at the Vermont Grange Center. We had a small group from NH this year, but those present represented New Hampshire well. Marie Hall won the Sign-a-Song category and Davi Penny won Public Speaking in her age category. Mary West also placed in her age group. Marie and Davi will be going to National Grange in November for the Evening of Excellence.

Please review your Youth Program to see the contests that are available. There are two listed that can be done by Youth and Young at Heart. They are Create a Calendar and Recycled Art. Contest entries are **due in September and must be received before October first.** Your Youth Chairman has details, and they are on the State Grange website as well. Included in the program is a yearly report to help plan your activities.

Also, don't forget about the photo scavenger hunt which is **due on September 14.** This is lots of fun and would make a great Youth Night activity.

We are now coming into the beginning of autumn and getting plans ready for next year. See you in my travels...



**Community Service Thoughts**  
**Richard Patten**

I hope everyone has been doing some kind of community service this summer. I know it is easy to vacation and forget Grange work. However, there is always someone in need of help or a project that needs our assistance. I hope Granges are doing the Fill an Empty Plate. Food pantries are having a terrible time keeping up with the demands of feeding the hungry.

**End of the Grange Year Duties**

I hope every Grange will send in a written report to me outlining what your Grange has done this year. I will be judging the one page reports as well as the booklets. If your Grange would like to be considered for National Grange judging and the prize money that comes with it, you MUST submit a booklet. The National Grange provides \$100 dollars for first place, \$75 for second, \$50 for third, and \$25 for fourth place. The first place NH booklet will go to National Grange for judging. Please include photos with appropriate titles or remarks telling what the photos are about. Newspaper clippings should be cut neatly and not torn. These are due to me postmarked by September 16th.

Please report any new project(s) undertaken by your Grange this year. I will be judging new projects as well. Please give me all information you can on this. We had some great ones last year.

**Recognition Awards**

I have received some good entries, but I am still puzzled by the lack of entries in some categories. I have received one citizen, NO public service (county level), one veteran retired, one veteran active duty, 5 police, 5 firefighters, 2 teachers, no correctional officers (these were sent to the counties), and one for first responder. I can't believe there isn't someone in your community that deserves to be recognized. I have offered to help you or do the work for you, but I would hope if you are putting your life out there everyday to protect your fellow citizens, someone would stand up and

say thank you.

I got a nice entry from one town who has an active Grange in it, and they were shocked that the Grange didn't ask them for a name. They would have enjoyed working with this Grange. It is not too late. Please don't worry; I won't be asking Granges to help with the banquet tickets this year.

Please get these suggestions in to me by September 10th. I can still remember going to Aurora Grange last year to present the citizen of the year. What a day it was! The people were so happy and appreciative. Aurora Grange made this couple feel like true citizens of the year. The Recognition Awards will be presented at the State Grange Banquet, Saturday evening at 6 p.m. I plan to have a few surprises as well.

**The committee will be collecting the following items at State Grange:**  
**Canned Food for a Food Pantry**

Please check the dates on the cans or boxes. I cannot give someone something that is outdated. If you wouldn't eat it because it is no good, then please don't donate this to someone else. If you don't know how to read the date, let me know and I can show you.

**Pillows for Domestic Violence Shelters and Packets for Men and Teenagers**

This is the second year for this project, which was very well received last year. You can place soaps, lotions, shampoo, combs, brushes, decks of cards, pens, stationery, stamps, gift cards, little word search books, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, powder, and other items you may have in plastic bags.

**Halloween Cards for the Homeless Vets at Liberty House**

They would enjoy seeing a fun card. This year Liberty House has been so happy with the greeting cards that have been sent. We will be doing the Christmas stockings for the homeless vets this year.

I know I have been asking for a lot, but if your members could help, it is wonderful when we all work together to bring a smile to someone who otherwise wouldn't be happy. You know it is terrible to be forgotten, and especially when you have done so much to help someone else.

We will be selling RADA knives at state session along with something else. We are trying to increase our budget by raising funds.

The Grange Day at the Ballpark was a success this year. Having the needed number to do the unfurling of the flag before the game was an honor. I felt truly proud to be a Granger doing this.

My committee will be meeting soon to plan for next year. We are coordinating the American Red Cross Blood Drawing at National Grange on Friday, Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please help support this.

We should be so proud of the State Grange Monument at the State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen. This is a wonderful honor in memory of our Grange Veterans, all because of the support received from our Firefighter of the Year Dave Blatchford who has sent his application for membership to Gilman Grange. I am hoping we can do a ceremony again next year to honor our veterans.

**Make A Difference Day** is held in October. I am hoping that during State Grange we can do something in Concord to show the Grange is there making a difference. I know it seems a lot I have asked, but I love Community Service, and we have some big months coming up.

November will bring Thanksgiving. Perhaps there is something your Grange can do to make sure that no one in your community is neglected on this important holiday.

Christmas is on the horizon as well, so don't forget to help Toys for Tots, Friends of Forgotten Children, or Operation Santa Claus by donating a new toy. Don't forget our wonderful senior citizens who are home alone and would love to get a little gift or a card during this beautiful season. At the December Leaders' Conference, we will be collecting food and cards for the veterans and toys as well.

Thanks again to our State Master James Tetreault and all members of the Pink Sash Family! A special thanks to all Granges, whether Pomona or Subordinate. The Community Service Committee can't do these projects without you.

Support the Granite State Granger  
 with your donation.

## Calendar of Events

Sept. 6-8 - Hillsborough County Fair  
 Sept. 13-22 - Rochester Fair  
 Sept. 13-29 - Eastern States Expo  
 West Springfield, MA  
 Sept. 14 - Photo Scavenger Hunt  
 entries due  
 Sept. 20 - NH Day at Big E  
 Sept. 20 - Blueberry Pie Day  
 Sept. 22 - Grange Day at Big E  
 Sept. 26-29 - Deerfield Fair  
 Sept. 27 - 2nd Blueberry Pie Day  
 Oct. 1 - Lecturer's Contest  
 entries due  
 Oct. 12 - 14 - Sandwich Fair  
 Oct. 26-28 - State Grange Session  
 Holiday Inn, Concord  
 Nov. 12-16 - National Grange  
 Radisson Hotel, Manchester, NH  
 Dec. 7 - Deputy/leadership School

### Fourth of July - Colebrook, NH



The Mohawk Grange float is always a feature of the 4th of July parade in Colebrook. MaryAnn Neary drove the truck pulling this year's float which featured people-powered methods of transportation. Photos are courtesy of Charles Jordan/Colebrook Chronicle photo.



## Flea Market

**Halloween Grange**  
 32 Hobart St. Penacook, NH  
 Saturday, October 19th  
 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### A Hearty Grange Welcome to the following New Members:

Stephan Frizzell	Antrim
Jeanne Frizzell	Antrim
Jade Jordon	Arlington
Thomas Amarasoa	Arlington
Sierra Saari	Aurora
Stephen Brown	BlazingStar
Todd Larocque	Concord
Margaret Currier-Lemay	Dorchester
June Fales	Lower Intervale

### Blueberry Pie Days at the Big E September 20 & September 27, 2013

The New Hampshire Building at the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, MA, has a food booth. They serve blueberry pie, soup, ice cream, and drinks. Groups from around New Hampshire are paid to man the booth for a day or two during the seventeen-day fair.

The workers scoop ice cream, cut pies, warm slices of pie in a microwave oven, dish up soup, man the cash register, and encourage visitors to stop and buy food. Building staff do the cooking and are available for advice.

This is a BIG fundraiser for the NH State Grange and help is needed. We need five people in the booth at all times between the hours of 10:00 am and 9:00 pm on both of these days. There have been some volunteers, but we need more. We have been a bit shorthanded in the evening hours, and we need to make sure we are covered this year.

Workers receive free tickets and parking passes to the fair, as well as food from the food booth after your shift is complete. You can work a shift and still have time to see the fair. This is a great opportunity to visit the Big E and help out your State Grange and your home state as well.

Sherrill Bokousky (889-4696 or besheb@aol.com) will schedule the morning hours and Jim Tetreault (239-8174 or jtetreault@nhgrange.org) will schedule the evening hours.

# Grange Bulletin Board

### Concord Christmas Parade

The 62nd annual Concord Christmas Parade and Veterans Day Parade combined is scheduled for Saturday, November 23, at 9:30 a.m. on the Concord Heights. The first division is dedicated to veterans and member of the military. This year we are dedicating this first division to the Korean Conflict Vets on their 60th anniversary.

The parade is accepting floats, bands, decorated vehicles, and more! There will be special guests, Santa Claus, and more! Boys and girls. bring your letters to Santa Claus! The parade marches from Hazen Drive to Loudon Road to the Steeplegate Mall where it will disband. Please come and join the parade.

Dick Patten, chairman for 42 years can be reached at 228-1803 or 496-2917 for information.

### National Grange Convention Registration Information

To register for National Grange visit the National Grange webpage and click on **Register for the Convention**. Please note that if you would like to make reservations at the Hotel for the Convention you can do so by calling the Radisson in Manchester or by visiting their website. If you book your room by Oct, 17th you can save some money by utilizing the convention rates. The rates are as follows: \$120.00 plus tax for a single/double occupancy, \$130.00 plus tax for a triple occupancy and \$140.00 plus tax for a quadruple occupancy. This is per night so please plan ahead and make your reservations to get in on these special rates.

You can also sign up for the Seventh Degree on the National Grange website.

**Visit the State Grange website at [www.nhgrange.org](http://www.nhgrange.org). It is constantly being updated with everything you need to know about Grange.**

### Christmas Tree Lighting at the State House Plaza

The 27th annual Concord Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Friday, Nov. 29, day after Thanksgiving, at the State House Plaza. In keeping with tradition, there will be a petting zoo, bouncy house for kids (weather permitting), horse drawn wagon rides, holiday music by Brian Waldron. There is a special Manger Blessing by Rev. Robert Reed from Catholic TV, Boston, MA at 4:30 p.m. Then Santa Claus arrives at 5 p.m. Lighting of the Armed Forces Tree in Eagle Square is 4 p.m. Countdown to light the tree comes at 5:59 pm. with fireworks to light the skies over Concord at 6 p.m.

Please call Dick Patten at 496-2917. Donations are needed!

### National Grange Convention Schedule of Events

This is just a highlight of events. Please check the complete schedule on the National Grange website.

Tuesday, Nov. 12: Opening of the 147th National Grange, Admission of 4th degree members, National Master's Address.

Wednesday, Nov. 13: Salute to Agriculture Breakfast \$17.00, Heroes of the Grange Luncheon \$24.00, Distinguished Grange Awards Reception \$5.00, Youth Check In, Youth Get Acquainted Party, Youth Officer Practice.

Thursday, Nov. 14: Election of Officers; General Tour/Pizza Party \$25.00(tour the Anheuser Busch Company, State House and McAuliffe/Shephard Planetarium); Idea Fair Opens; Past Delegates' Luncheon \$24.00; Youth Tour \$25.00 (same as above); Youth Workshop.

Friday, Nov. 15: Youth Session Opens, Blood Drive, Junior Tour \$10.00, Installation of Officers, Grow Club Dinner \$30.00, Evening of Excellence.

Saturday: Junior Grange Breakfast adults \$17.00 children \$10.00, Workshops, 6th and 7th Degrees, Junior Swim Party, Grange Celebration Banquet \$35/\$37/\$17.



Stu Light of Manchester Grange at the NH Veteran's Home

### Veterans Recognized

Manchester Community Grange, in partnership with the Potomac Grange #1 sponsored Patriots Program recognizing World War II veterans, had the opportunity of presenting certificates to 75 veterans at the NH Veterans Home in Tilton on July 31st.

It was an honor and privilege presenting the certificates and speaking with the residents. The Commandant's meeting was a packed house and the excitement was contagious. We also met some fellow Grangers living there: Harry Trout from Rochester Grange, Ruth Gardner Suncook Grange, and Helen Molliea from Glastonberry CT Grange. What a small world it is!!

I would like to extend a special thank you to Beth Merrill, Gloria Davis, Bob Haefner, and William Haefner who joined Stu Light and Ellen Weist in making the presentations.

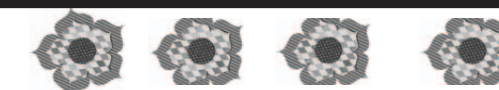
The Patriots program is an easy way to thank veterans, and, due to the generosity of Potomac Grange #1, the only cost is time.

The mailing address to send cards to our fellow Grangers is:

**New Hampshire Veterans Home  
 139 Winter Street  
 Tilton, NH 03276**

### Deadline

**The next issue of the Granite State Granger will be mailed in December 2013. Please send items for the paper to Hannah West on or before November 8, 2013. Report on events of September and October. Look ahead to events of January, February, and March.**



## In Memoriam

Marion Esty	Baker's River
John Hauslein	Jeremiah Smith
Shirley Gilcreast	Londonderry
Ruth Wells	Londonderry
Bradford Brooks	Mohawk
Francis Felton	Mount Hope
John Rice	Mount Hope
Alice Duncan	Mt. Livermore
Delores Street	Walpole

### Thank You, Manchester Grange

Ellen, I want to thank you for these photographs, and more importantly the efforts by your organization to recognize our WWII Veterans. The Residents and Staff were commenting about the ceremony for several days, and we had our Public Information Officer Leonard Stuart put together a series of pictures that displayed on the TV monitor we have in our café area. Lots of folks were able to revisit the event. I look forward to working with you and your group as you recognize Veterans from other eras going forward. Thanks again. Tom Heald



Pictured above in their period costumes is the Team from the Northeast Region who performed the historic first degrees on July 13 at the Kelley Farm in Elk River, Minnesota. There are many stories to tell of their travels and experiences, but this issue had to be filled with information on the State and National Grange sessions. We will try for space in the December issue.

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

Pete Pompper, National Lecturer



**New Hampshire State Grange**

**Patrons of Husbandry  
Holiday Inn  
Concord, NH**  
Special & Invited Guests  
Franklin (Pete) Pompper, Jr. -  
National Grange Lecturer  
Governor Maggie Hassan  
Tom Sink, Concord Chamber  
of Commerce  
Thomas Aspell, Concord  
City Manager  
Former Governor John Lynch

**Thursday, October 24, 2013**

Registration opens at 6:00 p.m.  
(\$10.00 Delegate Registration Fee)  
(\$5.00 Attendee Registration Fee)  
Opening Session – 7:00 p.m.  
Procession of State Officers  
Opening in the Sixth Degree  
Calling the Roll of Officers  
Grange Lowered to Fourth Degree  
Calling the Roll of Granges  
Introduction of Special Guests  
Introduction of Members of  
The Assembly of Demeter

**Legislative/Agriculture  
Report and Program  
by Robert Haefner**

Legislative/Agriculture Chairman  
Announcement of the Century Farm  
and Young Farmer Awards

**8 p.m.**

**Grange Memorial Service  
Chaplain, Matthew Clark**  
(Gates and registration will be closed  
during the service)  
**Closing the Grange**

**Friday, October 25, 2013**  
**Morning Session – 8:00 a.m.**  
Opening in the Fourth Degree  
Calling the Roll of Officers  
Calling the Roll of Granges  
Reading the Minutes from Thursday  
Announcement of  
Sessions Committees,  
Reading NEW Resolutions &  
2013 Convention Rules

**Reports:**  
Session Coordinator . . . Ken Berry  
Fundraising . . . Sherrill Bokousky  
Family Weekend/Visioning Deputy...  
Robert Trombi  
Trustees of Trust Funds . . .  
Gail M. Turcotte  
Eastern States Trustees ... Matt Clark  
Outreach Deputy . . . Stephen Tracy

**State Master's Address  
James M. Tetreault**

**Afternoon Session – 1:30 p.m.**

**Reports:**  
Treasurer . . . . . Daniel P. Bascom  
Secretary . . . . . Gerald J. Leclerc  
Executive Committee..Chris Heath  
General Deputy. . . .Arthur Merrill  
Lecturer . . . . . Hannah West  
Historian . . . . . Richard Patten

**The New Hampshire Grange  
Foundation – 3:00 p.m.**

Annual meeting by Foundation  
Directors and Officers  
Note: All delegates please be present

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

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

State Officers receiving line  
following the closing

**"We do not see things as they are.  
We see things as we are."  
- The Talmud**

**Saturday, October 26, 2013**  
**Morning Session – 8:00 a.m.**  
Procession of Youth Officers  
(State Officers to be at their Stations)  
Opening in the Fourth Degree  
Calling the Roll of State Officers  
Calling the Roll of Youth Officers  
Calling the Roll of Granges  
Reading the Minutes from Friday  
Reading of Convention Rules

**Reports:**  
Youth Director. . . Sherrill Bokousky  
Junior Director. . . Joann Brandt  
Granite State Granger..Hannah West  
State Grange Building . . . Anne &  
Marty Boisvert  
Grange Services . . . . . Lois Enman  
9:30 a.m. Election of one  
Executive Committee Member

**Budget 10 a.m.**

**Reports:**  
Web Master . . . . . Wayne Turcotte  
Membership . . . . . Anne Boisvert  
Family Committee...Debra Patten  
Community Service...Richard Patten  
National Session 2013 - Beth Merrill

**Afternoon Session – 1:30 p.m.**

**Reports:**  
Resolutions Committee . . . Tara Sad  
Master's Address Committee  
Credentials Committee

**Unfinished Business**

**4:30 p.m. Closing the Grange**

**Evening Session – 6:00 p.m.**  
**60th Annual  
NH State Grange Banquet**

**Program**

Introduction of Dignitaries  
Recognition Awards  
50/50 Raffle Winner  
Conclusion of Silent Auction  
Start of new 1/20 Club



What a busy summer with moving and trying to keep up my work in the Grange. Phew. Now I need to squeeze State and National in.

This summer's big project was working with Sunapee Lake Grange by giving them direction and pitching in. More and more of the community now know that there is an active Grange in South Newbury which does more than the public suppers.

A look at the inside of the drab, dreary hall started a whirlwind of cleaning and painting. We were planning on an open house next April but got a surprise request for an Open House during the 4th of July festivities. Ok, so we decided to add more things in the mix for the Open House like a flea market, a food sale and marching in the parade. Thank you to those who traveled to help.

The mood of the members and the supper attendees went from "Oh another night at the Grange hall" to "OH WOW!" Even though there are several members now dealing with serious illness, the enthusiasm has not waned.

It was a bittersweet last meeting with them when I moved. I left them with these words of inspiration. "A man named Jesus came and spread goodwill that is still followed today even though he has moved on. A man named Johnny Appleseed spread seeds, the results of which are still enjoyed today even though he has moved on also. Then I came and taught hope and joy. Now I must move on to share this with others. I am only a phone call away to continue to help. Please don't disappoint me by going back to the stagnancy of old. Keep striving for new and better things, change officers this election. All members are willing and able to try something new and their new ideas will help with growth."

**All things are difficult before they  
are easy. -- Italian Proverb**

I was asked by State Master Jim to visit with Blackwater Grange in Andover and Hooksett Grange at the State Grange Building to try and give them hope and inspiration as they are trying to decide whether to close or not. If anyone has family or friends in the area, ask if they will join. If you live nearby maybe you could consider affiliating with them to help out.

Claremont Grange is meeting regularly and doing quite well.

I have worked the crowds at Milan Old Home Days and Stewartstown Day. Both are looking promising with some strong in town interest.

Upper Coos Pomona voted to "allow it to close," but, "Wait, can we do a Pomona Degree Day as a last chance for some of the members who hadn't joined?" Voila! five new members and joy and hope. What's this? We have one of these new members interested in taking on Master! More hope, more joy. By the way, let's have a picnic with Aurora. Seventeen members attended and the secretary, treasurer, and one member of the Exec Committee were elected. One of the new members asked about "the vote to close and yet we are doing all this positive movement. If we are going to continue I would like to help."

Aurora Grange reported three new members this summer and Stratford has about five new possible candidates, some youth. Mohawk continues to be a shining star of Grange work in the North Country.

I had the opportunity to meet with Josh Arnold who owns the former Ossipee Mt. Grange Hall as he wants to rebuild the Grange there. We will try for a public meeting there next month. He has quite a few interested people.

I had the opportunity to attend two Grange Growth Team meetings and what a joy to see so many enthusiastic people interested in the future of the Grange in NH.

Thanks to Ann Leger's letter of encouragement, Riverside Grange in Dalton put on a public open house. Thank you for taking the initiative. I am also hearing across the state of Granges taking in new members and doing degrees and this is reported to me with joy in their voices.

Our open houses, parades, and sales are all helping promote the Grange in a positive manner across the state. When I'm out talking about the Grange I am hearing more and more from people who are now realizing that we are alive, well and growing.

Since this is our big year with National, let's work out ride shares or car-pooling and get as many people as possible at these meetings, especially for the Degrees, and show a great welcoming by volunteering to help out. I know of one young man from Newport who needs a ride to both sessions and degrees. If someone could help him, get in touch with me.

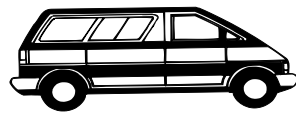
See you at State and National.



Before you know it the 2013 State Session will be here and as your State Secretary I am pushing ahead in all the preparations that need to happen before it arrives. One important challenge facing me right now is securing members for the Credentials Committee. Previous to my election, there had been two very dedicated members of the committee who spent most of the session at the credentials' table, not giving them much of an opportunity to participate in the session. I am looking to change that and need your help.

I am looking for several volunteers who would like to serve on the credentials committee. The primary responsibility of the committee is to make sure all members are registered and have the appropriate session materials along with performing other tasks. Each member will be assigned to a morning or afternoon slot which will allow all members of the committee the opportunity to sit in on some on the session. Along with the assigned times the committee will work together during session breaks to assist if needed.

**A person should be like a watch -  
open-faced, busy hands,  
well-regulated, and  
full of good works. - Roy B. Zuck**



**Family & Community  
Department  
Deb Patten**

Wow – how time flies! I can't believe we are already gearing up for our fall activities and State Grange.

We have had a good amount of work going on in the Family Services department. I was very happy to receive so many items for sale at Eastern States. I turned over a big box full plus three other shopping bags to the State Master who so kindly has already delivered them to Eastern States for us. Thank you, Jim.

All of the needlework entries were received by June 30. I have many entries and am very pleased with the variety. I will say there were entries in every category although two categories, 3 piece baby set and quilted wall hanging, had only one entry in each of those categories. Hopefully this competition will continue to grow. Get those needles out and get started right now for 2014!

The needlework for 2013 has been judged, and the winning entries will be delivered to Eastern States for the New England judging. I will have all entries on display at State Grange in Concord in October.

**Reminders**

1. Fudge and Trail mix for State Grange – if you want to bring cookies or brownies that is fine, too. We will be able to sell them I am sure. People are always looking for a snack. I hope to have some from every Grange! Thank you!

2. Baking Contest for State Grange – please be sure each Pomona sends their winning baking contest entry to State Grange – please have the entry there by noon on Friday, October 25.

3. Annual reports – due by September 10 please. If you are preparing a booklet you can report jointly with Community Service. If filling out just the report form, please do a form for Family Services separate from Community Service.

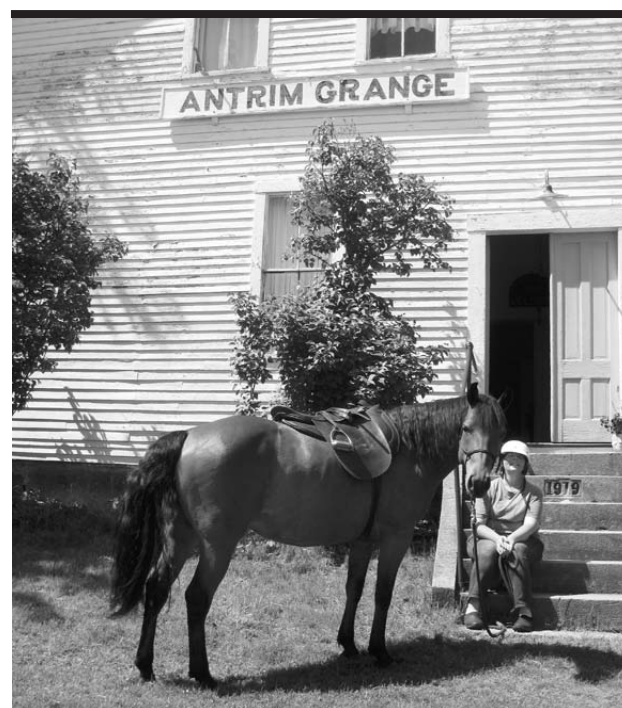
Please mail these to me:

**Deb Patten  
30 Pinewood Trail  
Concord, NH 03301**

4. Annual requested donation – also due by September 10 - \$10 per Grange, please, for Family Services only. The donation for Community Services is a separate request of \$5 per Grange. Please also send the donations payable to Family Services Committee to me at the above address. Thank you very much to the Granges that have sent in their donations! Our committee relies heavily on these donations because this is what enables us to do our project work with Health service agencies, Glencliff Home and Liberty House. I would also like to include the project of Christmas stockings for the children at the NH State Hospital. In order to keep these projects going we need your help! This is great visibility for NH State Grange!

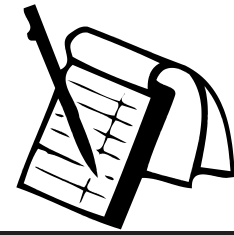
5. Mountain of Mittens and Galoshes from Grangers – please remember we want a mountain of 500 pairs of mittens at State Grange and 2 pair of boots from each Grange brought to the state session. Wouldn't it be great if we could exceed these hopes and expectations!

Hope to see you all in Concord October 24-26. Until then, thank you for all you are doing for families in your communities!



Shown here are Gemini Rainbeau Jewel and her owner Beth Merrill on June 15, 2013, at the Antrim Grange Art Show. The photo was submitted by Kathleen R. Allen of Peterborough Grange.

**State Lecturer  
Hannah West**



With our State Grange Session coming up in October the two major topics this month are **Reports** and **Contest Entries**. If you are a Lecturer, you will receive a report form in the mail in September. Please fill it out and mail it back to the State Lecturer before October 15. This is a later date from what it says on the Lecturer's packet, but I will be glad to receive early reports. It should be filled out by the person who was Lecturer for most of the 2012-2013 Grange year. At State Session I plan to recognize the Lecturers who have had a successful year as evidenced by what they put on the report form. Try not to let yourself or your Grange down.

I have already received one art entry and one photo entry. I certainly hope there will be more before the deadline of October 1. Please label your entry with your name, the name of your Grange, the category, class, and division where applicable. Put your label on the back of your entry. Remember that entries must have been created between October 2012 and October 2013.

Photography entries should have a firm backing rather than a frame. It is not necessary to use foam board if you have difficulty obtaining it, but the backing should be rigid so the photo can be displayed on a stand.

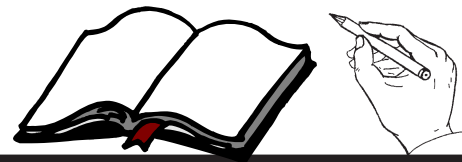
Entries in all Lecturer's contests should be received by me on or before October 1st to allow time for judging. Mail them to:

**Hannah West  
3 Depot Road  
Chichester, NH 03258**

You may also give them to me at a meeting of Chichester Grange or Suncook Valley Pomona or bring them to my house. Then I hope you will come to the State Grange session in Concord and see your entries proudly displayed on the State Lecturer's tables.

What? You haven't made an entry yet? Rush to your desk, table, or computer and dash something off.

**State Grange Historian  
Richard Patten**



In 1994 a resolution was submitted by Antrim Grange for New Hampshire to host National Grange between the years 2005 and 2013. The resolution was approved by the Good of the Order Committee of the NH State Grange, and the Session delegates approved the action of the committee. This year that resolution will reach fruition when the National Grange comes to Manchester in November.

The National Grange last met in the Granite State in 1913 in Manchester. It was the forty-seventh annual session of the National Grange. The session was held at the Mechanics Hall, starting on November 12, 1913, with National Master Oliver Wilson of Illinois presiding. Mrs. Esther Pattee from New Hampshire was serving as National Grange Ceres. Past National Master Nahum Batchelder, from New Hampshire gave an opening address.

What are some of the things that happened at that session? The Worthy Master of the National Grange reported in his address regarding the Direct Election of United States Senators: He reported after a quarter of a century of agitation and education, another victory has been secured for the Grange - United States Senators are now directly amenable to the people. It must be remembered that the Grange was in the forefront of this battle and practically stood alone for years during the time when this measure was most unpopular.

Another Grange victory was secured by the enactment of the parcel post law which for more than twenty years was advocated by the Grange. Since establishing the Parcel Post system, the postmaster-general has added to its efficiency by increasing the parcel weight limit and decreasing the rate. No sooner was this order issued than certain interests made the claim that the postmaster general was exceeding his authority and that changes of this character were not

administrative measures but must be regulated by Congressional enactments. The Grange must be active in defeating any bill tending to curtail the authority of the postmaster-general in this regard.

State Master Richard Pattee gave his annual report to the National Grange. He stated "the Grange is recognized as the leader in movements for the welfare of the farm people and as a hearty co-operator in all movements for the public good. Grange influence is sought and feared in New Hampshire."

I could go on and on, but it promises to be a big session back in the Granite State. Don't forget the NH Community Service Department is sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drawing on Friday, Nov. 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Back in present time, the upcoming NH State Grange Session will be held at the Holiday Inn in Concord. Have you attended a State Grange Session? When was the last time you attended? I have looked forward to State Grange for many years. It is a time to renew friendships, meet new friends, have a good laugh, and share a few sad times when the Memorial List is read and you didn't realize someone you knew had passed away. The Degree of Flora, formally called the Sixth Degree, is my favorite of the Grange degrees. I took the Sixth Degree in Concord at the former NH Highway Hotel. There were over 200 additional candidates sitting in the state ballroom. The lights were darkened and all of a sudden, this deep male voice came over the microphone. I will never forget it. That voice belonged to the State Master John L. Saturley. It made such an impression on me. When I became State Master, I made a promise to myself that I wanted to try and memorize the Master's part like John L. Saturley. I felt if I could do half as well as he did, I would consider myself a success.

This year marks the 60th annual State Grange Banquet and Century Farm Awards. In recent years, we have expanded the agricultural awards and added legislative awards and the recognition Awards to police, fire fighters, educators, community citizens, and veterans. It is a special evening recognizing that these individuals put their lives on the line every day for us to stay free and safe.



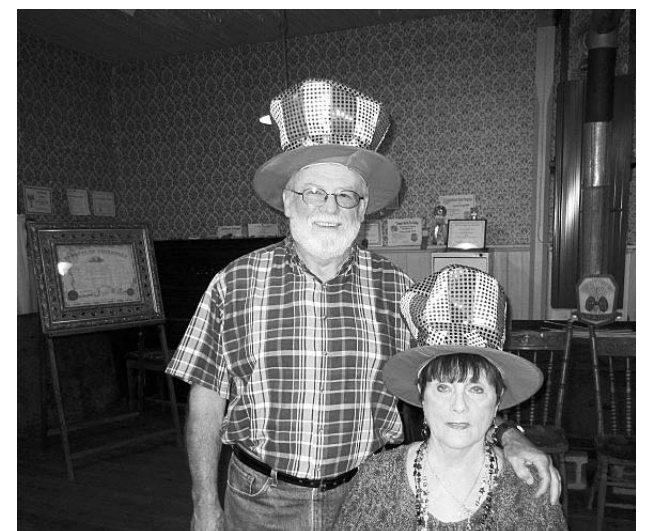
**Aurora Grange News**

Aurora Grange #235 in Pittsburg has been busy this summer. In June we held a special meeting to honor our Citizens of the Year, Jill and Sandy Young, who do a lot in the Pittsburg community. They are both involved as EMTs and work with the fire department as well as being involved in many projects with the school. A lot of family and friends turned out for the special recognition event.

For Aurora Grange's July meeting, Chip and Eddie Evarts dressed in patriotic hats and got a lot of compliments. Aurora obligated a new member at the July meeting and would like to welcome Sierra Saari to the Grange.

On August 7th Aurora Grange held its annual picnic and invited members of both Mohawk and Stratford Grange to attend. The picnic was held at the home of Chip and Eddie Evarts. It was a beautiful evening. Seven members of Aurora attended as well as a guest; eight members of Mohawk Grange attended as well as two from Stratford, and three State Grange officials.

Members of the Granges shared activities with each other and discussed whether or not to continue to hold Pomona Grange meetings. It was agreed to give it a try for another year.



## Looking to the Future

by Stephen Tracy, Outreach Deputy

Our State Master Jim has been asking me to visit and work with some struggling Granges, some of whom are considering closure. Although I don't wish to see any Grange close, I can only be in so many places at once and this hurts. Sometimes I can give suggestions to the Granges on changes that would make them more open to growth.

As our membership ages, I am noting more Granges meeting during the daytime so members can see to drive. This is a great idea for those who are attending now, but when the majority of the community members are working the 1st shift a daytime meeting does not help in the growth of that Grange. Maybe one daytime Grange in each Pomona may work out this way and reach out to elderly housing, etc. for their growth. Otherwise, work out some evening carpooling with new members who are coming to the evening meetings.

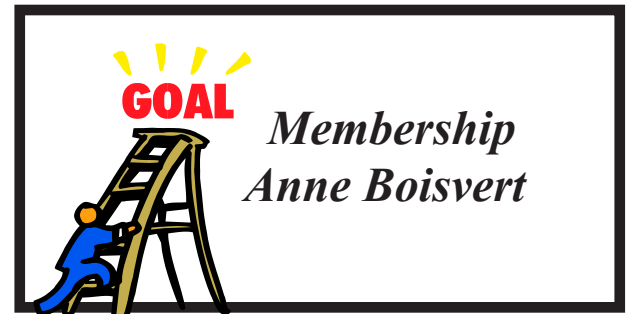
A 2nd notation of aging membership is that Granges are finding it too much to keep their halls. Some sell outright on the market, and others gift to the town, another organization, or a church. Whatever sale arrangement you make, definitely work it out with the State Executive Committee first and include them in the entire process.

In whatever agreement you make, think about the future of the Grange. If the new owners are going to use it as a public hall make sure in the agreement that the present or future Grange has written use of the hall for its meetings. Please do not say something like "\_\_\_\_\_ Grange can meet in the hall every 1st Monday at 7p.m." Time marches on and things change; hopefully for the better. If for some reason the Grangers can't meet in that time constraint, the new owners may not be willing to discuss change.

The same with a phrase like "\_\_\_\_\_ Grange will meet around the table in the kitchen." That may be fine for the few members in that Grange now, but with the growth of Grange the meeting room will be needed for the full ritualistic meeting or the growing Grange may want to host a supper and need both the meeting room and kitchen.

Also, if you are sharing the use of the hall either through gifting or outright sale, make sure that the contract states who does building maintenance, snow removal, pays lights, etc. It is a lot easier to work it out now rather than later.

I have been dealing with this issue of Grange growth in a growing Grange in a gifted hall. The new owners are really stifling the Grange. So as we grow and sometimes have to give up our halls, think to the future for both your sake and future Grangers' sakes.



It is now agricultural fair season and I'm happy to report that the Membership department has had or will have an exhibit in Stratham, Cheshire, Hopkinton, Hillsborough County, Rochester, and Deerfield fairs. Thank you to my committee members Norman Brandt and Beth Merrill for making it possible to exhibit in more than half of the fairs in the state this year. Many other Granges have been exhibiting in fairs throughout New Hampshire. This is a great way to make the Grange visible in the community as well as being a surprisingly good fundraiser. Please consider putting an exhibit in a fair next year. I will try to send out some information about exhibiting in the spring.

Unfortunately, partly due to the fair schedules and partly due to preparations for the the Kelley Farm Experience in July and National Grange coming up in November, we were unable to schedule a fall degree day this year. I was pleased to see that several Pomona Granges have done the fifth degree this year and advertised it so that other Grangers could come and see it..

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