The Granite State Granger

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New Hampshire State Grange 141st Annual State Session October 23 - 26, 2014 Crowne Plaza Hotel 2 Somerset Parkway Nashua, NH 1-800-962-7482

October 2014 Convention Room Rates Single and double \$109.00 Triple and Quad \$119.00 (The above rate **does not include** a 9% NH State room tax.)

Microwave ovens and Refrigerators are available for \$5.00 per night each.

Special Notes: When making your reservations, please indicate to the hotel Reservation Department that you will be attending the NH State Grange Annual State Session – October 23 - 26, 2014. When making your reservation this will be the time to request a microwave and/or refrigerator. Convention room rates will not be offered after October 3, 2014. Book early, as rooms are limited.

The hotel will have a complimentary covered parking garage for our use.

Deadline

The next issue of the Granite State Granger will be mailed in September, 2014. Please send items for the paper to Hannah West on or before August 8, 2014. Report on events of June and July. Look ahead to events of October, November and December.

New England Grange Church Service Cathedral of the Pines 10 Hale Rd., Rindge, NH June 22, 2014 at 3:00 pm

Both the Massachusetts and Rhode Island State Granges arrange for a meal following the service. This year their Chaplains agreed to open the meals to Grangers from other states who might wish to partake. If you would like to join Grange friends from other states for food and fellowship, the information is below. If you are interested, please make your contact by June 10 to insure that you meet their deadlines with the food providers.

Massachusetts Meal
Dinner at J. P. Stephens
377 Route 202, Rindge, NH
\$28.00 per person
choice of Beef, Chicken, or Fish
(contact: Randy Belseth (mrgrange@
msn.com)
Rhode Island Meal
A Pot Roast Dinner,
provided by Granite Grange, Milford,
NH
\$12.00 per person at their Grange Hall

\$12.00 per person at their Grange Hall (contact Jack Lawson, Chaplain of RI State Grange for more information)



Irene Greenleaf of Wicwas Lake Grange receives her 70 year membership seal from Master Steve Durand at the Grange's Open House in April. Photo courtesy of Bea Lewis, **Laconia Citizen**.

100th Birthday Party in Concord

Everyone is invited to help Concord (formerly Pineconia) Grange #322 celebrate its 100th birthday this year. The kickoff event was the annual Awards Night on May 19, The next big event will be Tuesday, July 22, at the Keach Park (formerly Heights Park), on Concord Heights.

The activities will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Splash Bash at the pool for children in grades 3 to 6. The Grange and Walgreens have co-sponsored this event for three years. Boys and girls get to enjoy music from a deejay, popcorn, and soda in addition to the evening swim.

The Nevers Band will provide a musical concert at 7 p.m. with an ice cream social, anniversary cake, and more during the evening. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy the special night for the Grange. The Grange will also dedicate a new flagpole for the park.

The flagpole replaces one that disappeared years ago. The funds for this came from donations in memory of Clinton Patten and other members of the Grange who have died through the years. Additional donations would be welcome. Send to Dick Patten, 33 Pinewood Trail, Concord, NH 03301.

Grange Day at the Fisher Cats Game

The annual Grange Day at the Fisher Cats Ballpark in Manchester is Saturday, August 16, at 7 p.m. The Grange needs to sell 50 tickets again, and we need at least 30 people to unroll the Giant Flag on the field prior to the opening. This year the Community Service/Family Activities will be selling the 50/50 raffle tickets at the game. The tickets for the game are for box seats and will be \$12.00 each. Please contact Dick Patten 603-496-2917 or e-mail dickpatten?@gmail.com as soon as possible to reserve your tickets.

Outside My Window on Parker Street James Tetreault NH State Grange Master

It's been a very busy spring. What a great kick off to Grange Month with National Master, Ed Luttrell, here in the State! He served as the key note speak-Academy graduation and then went on to Northfield/Tilton the next day for Spring very well received. A big thank you goes out to Past State Master Sister Beth Merrill for her awesome organization of learning and fellowship.

but another fun afternoon of fellowship and fun. Grange Day at the State House was another wonderful event. Thank you to Brothers Dick Patten and Bob Haefner for organizing this event.

Thank you to Walpole Grange who hosted the Degree Day in May. Several new members witnessed the first four de-

I want to remind all Grange members to be working on resolutions for conwith the packets for session resolutions must be received by the State Secretary by September 1st with the Grange seal placed on the official copy. As I have traveled the State I have heard some great issues discussed at Grange meetings. Please bring these issues full circle and submit a resolution for consideration.

The end of the membership year is coming up fast. If you were going to ask someone to join the Grange please don't wait until after June 30th. Do it now so they count in this current membership year. It would be great to be one of the State Granges that has a net gain for a 2nd year in a row.

If the State Officers, Directors or I can be of any assistance to your Grange, please don't hesitate to contact us. I look forward to seeing you around the State at the many events coming up.

Odds and Ends by Beth Merrill

These tidbits about the 2013 National Grange session in New Hampshire did not fit into the December GSG. Here they are now for your interest. Ed.]

The lucky winner of the NH raffle basket, valued at over \$400, was Patty Dyer from Ohio. She attended our June Youth Rally as a winner and representative of the National Grange's Young Ager for the Walpole Grange Leadership riculturalist contest back in 1989 when she was a brand new member and I was serving my first year as Youth Direc-Fling. Brother Ed served as a workshop tor. It seems appropriate somehow, that presenter for two workshops. Both were someone having that connection to our state should be awarded our basket of NH

While the NH State Grange failed skills, giving our members a terrific day to meet our goal of 100 Seventh Degree candidates, we did have 79 from New State talent showed a small attendance Hampshire of the 388 total candidates that witnessed the conferral in Manchester. Totaling candidates and spectators, it is estimated that 660 people attended the Seventh Degree. To put this in greater context for you, there were a total of 166 candidates in Boise in 2012 and 99 candidates in Tulsa in 2011. Just to add another interesting note – there were 5,459 Seventh Degree candidates in Manchester in 1913! Wow!

If you tuned in to GrangeRadio. sideration at State Grange. To be mailed org, in December you just may have caught a segment with Kerriann Heath promoting the Mitten Tree, which graced the corridor next to the registration table. The twelve foot high wooden base proudly displayed approximately 2500 pairs of mittens, hats, and scarves that were then dispersed throughout the Northeast Region and donated to charitable causes. The Mitten Tree was certainly one of the highlights that was unique to our region

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As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

-- John F. Kennedy

and received much attention and acclaim. Thanks to all Grangers who contributed items to this worthy cause.

National Grange Communications Director, Amanda Brozana, presented each State Master with their own stuffed animal and challenged the states to use them as tools to build membership in their states. Each animal has its own facebook page where you can find updates of their activities and photos from their travels. NH's animal is Noel the Hamster (because his name sounds sort of like our state name). These animals were made right here at Cuddle Toys in Keene, NH.

The New Hampshire State Grange received recognition for being a Distinguished Grange, for having a net gain in number of Granges, and achieving a net gain in membership! Wahoo!

Due to a schedule conflict with the hotel, the Idea Fair was dismantled and completely removed from the exhibit hall in just two hours' time. Thanks to all those who gave up the chance to watch the Seventh Degree to help us meet this

To sum up the convention, I think one person said it best on their evaluation form – "Over the Top- nothing tops this crew- upbeat, cordial, fantastic." Well done, New Hampshire, and the entire Northeast Region.

Grange Day at the Legislature by Dick Patten

I would like to thank everyone who came to attend Grange Day at the Legislature. It gives the members a chance to see their Legislators in action and hear the debates and voting on bills. Many thanks to State Rep. and State Grange Executive Committee member Bob Haefner for funding the lunch with State Master Jim Tetreault.

I heard many nice remarks about the Grange during the day. As usual, heard many people say they either belonged to the Grange when they were younger or their parents or grandparents were members.



Twenty-five Grangers and a representative from Sam's Club attended the State Lecturer's Penny Sale and Variety Show on April 26. The crowd could have been larger, but everyone pitched in to help and seemed to have a good time. Nearly all of the Penny Sale items went home with someone, and the day realized \$140 for the Talent Fund. Mary West was Best of Show with her vocal rendition of "Adelaide's Lament" from the musical "Guys and Dolls." Did you know that Sam's Club sells decorated cakes? Well, they do, and everyone at the Variety Day enjoyed a delicious sample.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who helped to make the Penny Sale and Variety Show run so smoothly. Linda Booth and Carolee Davison of Chichester Grange worked to set up the Penny Sale on Friday afternoon. Kevin Belval did the food shopping. Sherry Bokousky ran the kitchen. Stu Light and Lois Enman served as judges. Mary West and Shelley Huntoon sold Penny Sale tickets. Rodney Huntoon organized the Variety Show paperwork. Matt Clark and Chris Heath stepped up to pull the Penny Sale numbers and move the tables around. It humbles me that when I ask for help people respond so willingly. I truly do appreciate it.

The information for the Northeast Lecturers' Conference in August has been mailed out to the Lecturers of each Subordinate and Pomona Grange. There is one mistake in the flyer. The registrar's email is: bmlawton@frontiernet.net. The conference is hosted this year by New York at Keuka College in Keuka Park, NY. It is located in the Finger Lakes section of New York, far west of Albany and somewhat east of Rochester. That area of the state is very beautiful and has many historic sites, including the grave site of Francis McDowell, one of the seven Founders of the Grange. There is also an Agricultural Fair going on nearby with roughly the same time frame as the Lecturers' Conference. If you have the time about a particular holiday you remember

scheduled for Wednesday, August 6, at 9 typed page. a.m. with a rehearsal on Tuesday, August Lester Gibbs are going to have to be the year's contests. "Groom," "Husband," "Father," "Grandfather," and "Boy" in every skit.

has offered to rent a van and drive out sengers one hundred dollars each. It will yearly Lecturer's report. leave from Winchester, NH, early in the morning on Monday, August 4, and return late in the evening on Wednesday, August • 6. Passengers may leave their cars at Jim Tetreault's house while they are away. Look at the Bulletin Board section of this • Four words that make a thought paper for more details.

Please do not neglect the State Lecturer's Contests. If you have new members, please encourage them to enter. Surely there must be folks out there who draw and paint, make greeting cards, take photographs, or write essays or poetry. The card themes this year are Sympathy, Thanksgiving, and Birthday. Remember that the cards should be no bigger than 8 ½ X 5 ½ inches. The photography categories are People, Farm Animals, and Churches. Photographs should have a rigid backing but no frames, please. The print should be on photo paper. There is a category for Junior members in the Photography Contest – rules are the same as

Last year the entries for Creative Writing were very few in number. Can we do better this year or has the contest run its course? The 5-line Cinquain poems are back this year in two categories: Grange and Nature. The "Tell the Story" theme is "A Special Holiday." You can write

and can drive yourself, you could plan or tell why a particular holiday, such as an enjoyable vacation which includes all Memorial Day or Christmas, is important or part of the NE Lecturers' Conference. to you. There is a 500 word limit, not in-I have a list of campgrounds and motels cluding the title. If originality doesn't apin the conference area, if anyone is interpeal to you, read a book (any book) and tell why you enjoyed it. Again the word The New Hampshire program is limit is 500 words, which is about one

There are cash prizes for the win-5, at 9 p.m. I'd love to see a good group ners of all State Lecturer's Contests: small from New Hampshire there, and I'm amounts for cards and creative writing; sending out a special call for men. The somewhat larger amounts for photogrageneral conference theme is "Remember phy and art. If creativity doesn't moti-When" and New Hampshire's theme is vate you, perhaps money will! You could "Starting a Family." Based on the regis- spend it on fudge and trail mix at State trations I have so far, Jim Tetreault and Session or put it toward materials for next

I will also call your attention to the theme topics in the Lecturer's work for If you do not wish to drive your- 2014. They are only suggestions and do self across New York State, Jim Tetreault not have to be done in any particular order, but you might want to at least look and back. The "Road Trip" will cost pas- at them before it is time to write up your

Directions for Cinquains

- One word for the subject
- Two words that describe
- Three words that show action
- The subject again or a word like it An Example: Kitten Soft, frisky Jumping, purring, climbing

Stay off my curtains! Blackie



Variety Show Participants

Pictured above left to right are Bob Haefner, Mary West, Stephen Tracy, and Matt Clark who shared their time and talent with the audience at the State Lecturer's Variety Show on Saturday, April 26, at the State Grange Building.

"Living Sustainably in the Community" **Blazing Star Grange Hosts Three Important Programs**

In the second year of its two-year program, Blazing Star Grange of Danbury explores ways to build a stronger community and a healthier local economy. All programs are free and open to the public following the suppers. (You don't have to attend the suppers to attend the presentations!)

June 21

Beginning at 7 p.m. after the Chicken Barbecue dinner, featured speaker Terri Daucher from Plymouth State University's College of Business Administration will assist budding entrepreneurs by helping them to discover what they are good at, deciding if the product is marketable, and how to go about developing the business. Current business owners are welcome to pose questions about taking their businesses to the next level of development.

Come with your questions and find out if a home-based business is right for you and your family.

September 6

Continuing at the 100th Grange Fair (Sept. 6th), Suzanne LeBlanc of Autumn Harvest Farm will build on the June 21 presentation by discussing how she launched her multi-faceted home business, starting from creative ideas and a very green thumb. The presentation will be held at 10 a.m. at the fire station, across from the Grange Hall.

November 8

Recognizing that the Danbury/Alexandria/Grafton region is rich with fertile farmland, South Danbury farmer Tom Curren, will speak on the topic of food self-sufficiency and security in Danbury and surrounding towns. Just in Danbury, millions of dollars annually leaves the area to benefit agribusinesses. How can we gain more of this market share, and thus increase local prosperity? With the growth of the interest in local foods, discussion will focus on the opportunities that area farmers can benefit from. This very important program will begin at 7 p.m. following the Chicken Pie supper.



Mohawk Grange #217

Pictured above are Arnold and Sylvia Goodrum cutting up the lovely cake that had been made to honor them. The Goodrums were invited to Mohawk Grange to give a talk about the history of the Tillotson Center in Colebrook, which was once a Grange Hall. After the Aug. 1 - Needlework entries and Big talk they were surprised to be awarded this year's Community Service Award by Master Michelle Hyde. This all took place on Monday, April 21st, at the Grange Hall Aug. 4-6 - NE Lecturers' Conference in East Colebrook.



Wicwas Lake Grange #292

Liz Lapham, center, is offered the microphone by Steve Durand, Master of Wicwas Lake Grange, on Saturday, April 12, after being named as the Grange Citizen of the Year, during the civic group's annual open house. State Overseer Christopher Heath, far left, State Assistant Steward Arthur Merrill, and Wicwas Grange Lecturer Charlie Norwood, left,

Lapham is the executive director of the Greater Meredith Program that helped spearhead a joint project with the Grange membership to landscape the grounds of the Wicwas Lake Grange Hall in Meredith Center. On the verge of extinction four years ago, Wicwas Lake nost boosts the largest membership of any Grange in New Hampshire. (Courtesy of Bea Lewis, Laconia Citizen.)

Calendar of Events

(a work in progress) June 6-8 - June Youth Rally- Copper Cannon Camp, Franconia June 6-8 - Junior Grange Camp -

Copper Cannon, Franconia

June 21 - Living Sustainably, 7 p.m. **Speaker Terry Daucher Blazing Star Grange, Danbury** June 22 - NE Go-to-Church Sunday

July 1 - Scholarship Applications due July 10 - NE Lecturers' Conference **Registration Due**

July 11 - 13 - NE Youth Conf.

Rivier University, Nashua, NH July 17-20 - Stratham Fair

July 23-27 - North Haverhill Fair

July 24-27 - Grange Family Weekend

E items due to F&C Committee

Aug. 1 - Junior Grange Recruiter awards due to Jr. Director

Keuka Park, New York

Aug. 16 - Fisher Cats game -Manchester

Aug. 15-17 - Cornish Fair

Aug, 27 - Sept, 1 - Lancaster Fair

Aug. 28 - Sept. 1 - Hopkinton Fair

Sept. 6 - Living Sustainably, 7 p.m. Blazing Star Grange, Danbury Suzanne LeBlanc, speaker

Sept. 12-28 - Eastern States Expo.

Sept. 19 - NH Day at Big E

Sept. 21 - Grange Day at Big E

Sept. 25 - Youth Report due to Pomona Chairman

Sept. 25 - Youth Report Booklets due to Youth Director

Sept. 29 - Lecturer's Contest Entries due to State Lecturer

Oct. 1 - Youth Report Forms due to **State Youth Director**

Oct. 3 - State Grange Session Reservations due to Crown Plaza Hotel Oct. 10 - Banquet reservations due with payment of Tricia Taylor

Oct. 23-26 - 141st Annual Session of **NH State Grange in Nashua**

Nov. 8 - Living Sustainably 7 p.m. Blazing Star Grange, Danbury Tom Curren, speaker

Nov. 11-15 - National Grange Session in Sandusky, Ohio



This has been a busy Spring for community service. I hope Granges are honoring individuals in their communities. With the recent tragedy in Brentwood, it is very important to show our public servants how much we appreciate them. Please send to me your honorees for the state awards. I have Hudson Grange and I hope to receive many more. Remember, these people are putting their lives on the line 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

There are so many community service projects your Grange can do or partner with in the coming weeks. How about helping the veterans by placing flags on veteran's graves in the cemeteries in your town? Or can you help sponsor or coordinate a Memorial Day parade or program in the Town Square? This a great time to beautify a special place in your community. You can clean up the old leaves or pine needles and plant new flowers such as geraniums, petunias, marigolds, or other types of flowers. Please be sure to take photographs and send an article to the local newspaper about your activities.

Don't forget graduations are coming and what a great opportunity for the Grange to sponsor or help support an Alcohol Free Party after the proms. The day of graduation provides an occasion for the Grange to present a scholarship or hand out carnations to the graduates.

Flag Day is a special time to hold a patriotic program for the community if no other organization is doing one. You could invite the local Boy and Girl Scouts, Brownies, or Cub Scouts to assist with the program. Flag Day is forgotten many times, but is an important time to honor our Red, White, and Blue.

You can always do food collections for the local food pantries. There are so many hungry people in this country that go for days without a meal. Fill an Empty Plate is a great project, and I hope your Grange collects many non perishable food items to fill the plate.

Don't forget the animals as well. It is a great time to check with your local humane society or SPCA to see if they are in need of animal food, supplies to clean cages, or volunteers to walk the animals.

I am so proud of the Granges who presented new dictionaries to schools in their community and neighboring towns. The boys and girls were so happy to receive these and especially to try and say the longest word on the last page of the

Don't forget the homeless this summer, especially the vets at Liberty House. I spoke to Liberty House, and they were so happy with cards that are being sent and the special project by Gilman Grange #1. Thank you, Gilman Grange, for the most thoughtful gift you gave these men. They were thrilled by what you did for

This summer don't forget to check anyone who lives alone and especially if they are elderly. Many people can't afford air conditioners or to have air conditioning in their home. Please offer to get their mail or newspaper along with shopping. They will be so happy to think someone cared.

Old Home Day Celebrations are coming up in the next several weeks. Don't be afraid to get involved with either a parade entry or a booth of some kind. Your community service could be to help support this great time by offering manpower or sponsoring an event.

Please listen to the National Grange Public Radio and enjoy all the shows. I am so pleased to be giving community service tips Monday through Friday or Grangers in Action on Saturday and Sun-

I will close for now. Thank you for all you do for your community and for your Grange. I am looking forward to seeing your recognition award candidates and your yearly Community Service report books. Please call me anytime if you have questions. Dick Patten at 496-2917.

Perseverance is the hard work you do after you get tired of doing the hard work you already did. ~Newt Gingrich

The Grange "Herd"

For more information about this

group of stuffed animals, which first appeared at the 2013 National Grange Session please follow each member on Facebook. Some State Masters are really creative with their pages! Alaska - Murray the Seal Colorado -Claudia the Skunk Connecticut - Hank the Burro D.C. - Clark the Eagle Delaware - Eve the Fox Florida - Otis the Armadillo Idaho - Ernie the Mountain Goat Illinois - Ace the Deer Indiana - Faye the Ferret Iowa - April the Pig Kansas - Dusty the Bull Maine - Jefferson the Moose Maryland - Skip the Horse Massachusetts - Isaac the Owl Michigan - Chuck the Badger Minnesota - Wendy the Wolf Montana - Bruce the Buffalo Nebraska - Bert the Baby Goat Nevada - Moe the Tortoise New Hampshire - Noel the Hamster New Jersey - Sal the Chipmunk New York - Grant the Beaver North Carolina - Macy the Raccoon Ohio - Wade the Mallard Oklahoma - Penelope the Prairie Dog Oregon - Hannah the Black Bear Pennsylvania - Ralph the Groundhog Rhode Island - Allie the Llama South Carolina - Liz the Hedgehog Tennessee - Jolene the Possum Texas - Lou the Longhorn Vermont - Gabriella the Lamb Washington - Pierce the Elk West Virginia - Sid the Squirrel Wisconsin - Beatrice the Cow Virginia - Scarlett the Cat Wyoming - Frederick the Brown Horse Alabama - Abe the Hare Arkansas - Lily the Barn Owl California - Tucker the Yorkie Georgia - Becka the Border Collie Louisana - Dalia the Alligator YOUTH - Freeda the Mouse MEMBERSHIP - Lucy the Cattledog LEGISLATIVE - June the Hog JUNIOR - Sadie the Springer Spaniel PRESIDENT - Kimber the Coyote HIGH PRIEST - Rex the T-Rex

Wingold Grange #308
Ham & Bean Suppers
East Kingston Town Hall
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
June 28, 2014
September 13, 2014
Meal Includes:
2 types of beans
Cole Slaw
Potato Salad
Spiral Ham
Rolls
beverages
Home made pies

Aurora Grange

Aurora Grange #235 in Pittsburg X155. has been holding its regular monthly meetings. Two Pittsburg selectmen discussed the town warrant articles at the March meeting to help prepare the voters for the upcoming Town Meeting.

The Pittsburg School Key Club visited for the Youth meeting in April and told the members about the many wonderful things that they are doing out in the community. Some of those things include a Pink Dance to raise breast cancer awareness, collections for UNICEF, Red Ribbon Week for the elementary students which educates young children about the dangers of drug use, and much more. The Key Club members won the first place award for their scrapbook entry at the recent DECON get-together in Springfield, MA.

At Aurora's May meeting, state deputy, Jean Abbott, was present for spring instruction. We also welcomed two new members to our fold, Jessica Marie Sandhammer and Jeremy Markus.

Wicwas Lake Membership Awards

At the Open House held on April 12th at Wicwas Lake Grange in Meredith Center the following Grangers received long term membership certificates and seals. Faith Clark was recognized for 25 years of membership; Dana Lowe for 35 years; Linda Phelps for 40 years; Wayne Blake for 50 years, Patricia Chamberlain for 55 years; Joanne Berry and Mary Chamberlain for 65 years, and Irene Greenleaf for 70 years.

Visit the State Grange website at www.nhgrange.org



Grange Family Camping Weekend July 25-27

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

Make your reservation directly with the campground by calling 603-293-4341 X155.

Make your reservations soon. The Campground is open to the public and will fill up quickly. When making your reservation, to keep our group close together, you can request a site in "Poplar Field"

Campground Amenities

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

Campsites are \$35 per night for 2 adults and up to 3 children (under 18) Complete resort information is available online at: http://www.gunstock.com/recreation/camping/

Hope to see you there! When you get settled in, stop by Site P17.

A Hearty Grange Welcome to
the Following New Members
Gary Ford Concord
Amanda Wiggin Harmony
Scott Burns Harmony
Gregory Gualtiere
Patricia Woods Pine Grove
Audrey Brady Pine Grove

Grange Bulletin Board

NH State Historian Luncheon

Dick Patten is planning to have a State Historian Luncheon at this year's State Session on Friday at 12 noon. The menu is a Full Salad Bar with hot entrees, soup, and beverage for \$13.00. It is a buffet, and you can go back as many times as you want. Dick hopes to make a few presentations during the luncheon.

Please reserve your tickets as soon as you know you are coming. There will be a deadline in early October. Contact Dick Patten at 603-496-2917 for information

Bowling Scores March 9, 2014 Men

Class A

High Single - David Hewes 112 High Triple – David Hewes 287 Class B

High Single – John Russell 107 High Triple – John Russell 280

High Single – Jerry Leclerc 90 High Triple – Jerry Leclerc 250

Class C

High Single – Ed Decatur 87 High Triple – Ed Decatur 249

Class D

Women

Class A

High Single – Lois Enman 97 High Triple – Dianne Hoitt 260 Mary Dowes 260

Class B

High Single – Judy Bailey 89 High Triple – Judy Bailey 250

Class C

High Single – Jessie Bailey 89 High Triple – Jessie Bailey 243 Class D

High Single – Paige Beckert 79 High Triple – Allissa Estes 216 Teams

1st - Rochester Grange 2nd - Halloween Grange

3rd - Henry Wilson Grange

With Honor and Respect Stephen Arkell Brentwood Police Officer

Submitted by Gilman Grange #1

Stephen Arkell was a part-time police officer in the Town of Brentwood where many will now grieve his loss. On May 12, 2014, he was shot while responding to a domestic dispute we may never fully know the reasons behind. Col. Robert Quinn, the director of the New Hampshire State Police, as quoted in the Concord Monitor said, "Arkell was not only a father, brother, master carpenter, coach and friend, he was always family first."

Officer Arkell's community was important to him, and he gave much of his time, effort and love to it. Many of the things that he did for the community were outstanding. Many times he gave of his talents to those in need by fixing roofs, building bridges and other odd jobs. He gave his life for his community that day in much the same manner that he lived it.

Gilman Grange #1 is proud to be a part of that community and feel that the example and courage of his life showed the essentials of the Grange. His family needs support now, and we would like to call out to the other Granges in the state. There has been a fund set up to help with the ongoing needs of the family. Gilman Grange has already graciously donated funds. It need not be large but every bit will remind people of the support that we can extend.

Anyone wishing to donate can do so by making checks payable to the Mrs. Stephen Arkell Fund c/o TD Bank, 53 Church St., Kingston, NH 03848. Donations can also be made at any TD Bank or online at www.stevearkell.com.

Remember, someone asked you to join the Grange. Don't forget to ask someone to share the same opportunities that you have received.



Watatic Grange

Sherry Bokousky and and Cam Twiss of Watatic Grange in Amherst made fifteen dresses for children in a program called Little Dresses for Africa. The agency provides the sundresses so that the girls can go to school. They cannot attend without a proper garment. They were assisted by two Junior Grange girls: Genevieve Twiss, who hemmed all the dresses on the sewing machine, and Ava Twiss, who made elastic band bracelets to tuck in the pocket of each dress.

Fair Time is Coming

When is your local fair taking place? Do you have your exhibit planned yet?

Fair exhibits are an excellent way to advertize your Grange and pick up a little cash as well. The exhibits are usually judged on a point system, so more than one exhibit can win a blue ribbon and take home some serious prize money.

Some fairs stick to the traditional exhibit which has strick requirements for produce, baked goods, and handmade items, but many fairs allow theme exhibits as well. Grange exhibits usually require an open Bible, an American flag, and sometimes grain. Be sure to know the items required for your local fair.

You must sign up in advance to reserve your spot, especially at the larger fairs. Some fairs now put their handbooks and forms on a website rather than mailing them out. At the smaller fairs you simply sign up with the building superintendent, but please be sure to do that.

Pick a catchy theme or assemble your traditional agricultural items. Be creative. Use color. Use "highs and lows." Include a "grabber" to attract attention. Make your signs neat and easy to read. Be sure to include contact information for your Grange.







In Memoriam

Pauline Grace Blazing Star Phyllis Taylor Blazing Star Marjorie Huntoon Blazing Star Leonard Gould Chichester **Clinton Patten** Concord **Geraldine Moulton Grafton Star Roy Taylor** Granite **Donald Chase Hampton Falls Ethel Reed** Hinsdale **Dorothy Robie** Hooksett **Betty Jane Morrill Lower Intervale** Lena Dauphinais **Mont Calm** George Farewell **Mont Calm Raymond Burton** Pine Grove **Natalie Grimes** Pine Grove **Ernest Roy** Pine Grove **Christine Woods** Pine Grove **Isabelle Sutherland Pine Grove Howard Bower** Rochester Virginia Hayes Rochester Gilbert Pinkney Sunapee Lake **Lester Bradley West Thornton**

Joann Brandt, State Grange Junior Director, has a new grandchild. A baby girl, Scarlet Jean, was born on April 19 at 1:33am to Laura and Tom Gotauco of Rhode Island. Baby Scarlet weighed 7 pounds 13 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. She was welcomed home by her brother Tristan and sister Page.



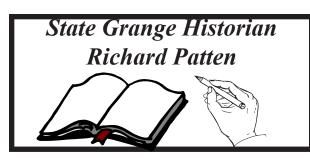
Scarlet Jean Gotauco

A Few Puns (Borrowed with thanks from the Connecticut Lecturer's Newsletter) A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.

When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.

The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine is now fully recovered.

When she saw her first strands of grey hair she thought she'd dye.



I have been told I live in the past too much. It is possible that I do, but for many reasons, I love the past. For many years of my life there have been Grange is no different. Reading the State Grange Journals I find something new every time. I can't believe that the annual State Grange Session is only five months away. The City of Nashua had two wonderful Granges in the past. Nashua Grange and Gate City Grange were very active and accomplished so much. It was a shame when Nashua Grange merged with Granite Grange of Milford, and Gate City Grange merged with Brookline Grange. It was known as Degree. Brookline at the time, although now it is Brookline-Wilton.

Grange Journal and found something I had never heard of. The city of Laconia was hosting the 61st annual session, and there was a parade to open the session. began in 1938. Reading from the State Master's Address, he stated "the Pomona and Subor- nal and noticed among the 183 candidinate Granges of Belknap County, representatives of the various other Pomona Granges of the State and the Deputies of the State Grange formed a parade, and led by a platoon of police and a Belknap County Grange Band, marched through Main Street, returning to the Colonial Theatre. The twenty-one Belknap County Grange units were represented by their officers in full regalia, and carried ban- Chaplain, Elden Bucklin participating. ners giving the name of each Grange and the number of members. The visiting Pomona Grange representatives wore regalia and carried banners which bore the name and number of members of Huntoon have left our circle. It will be each Pomona. The State Grange Deputies were in full regalia and carried the State Grange Banner. After marching into the theatre, the entire audience sang one verse of the Star Spangled Banner. This feature was the first welcome demonstration of its kind ever sponsored by a host Grange in our State. Four hundred

eighteen people, representing some forty Granges, participated in the parade."

remember the Centennial Parade of the State Grange in Exeter in 1973. It was a windy, sunny day but a great time to celebrate this special time. Many Granges held parades to celebrate events and some still do. It is a great way to show the community the Grange is alive.

The Sixth Degree class of 1944 times when I wish I could go back. The featured as its candidates, Richard Currier, Ruth Goodwin, and Lucille Patterson (Patten) who are still living. Richard is an active member while Ruth and Lucille have dropped their membership. The class of candidates also included the late Elizabeth Currier Cotsibas, Annie and Phillip Estes, Harold Frost, Dorothy Gillingham, Everett and Mildred Poore, Wendell Rogers Jr, and former Governor Sherman Adams. There were 221 candidates receiving the lessons of the Sixth

Did you know the Century Farm Award Banquet which now is combined I was reading the 1934 State with State Recognition Community Awards is older than I thought? I found out the first Century Farm Banquet was actually called the Farmer's Banquet and

> I was reading the 1954 State Jourdates for the Sixth Degree were Antoinette Martel, Ralph Pugh Sr. and Ralph Pugh Jr. In 1954, the first Go To Church Sunday was held at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge. The estimated attendance at this first annual event was 5,000 Grange Patrons. The event was organized by Sister Hazel LeMay with State Chaplain Austin Reed and Vermont State

Since the last GSG, we have lost Grangers to the Great Master of the Universe. It doesn't seem possible that Virginia Hayes, Phyllis Taylor, and Marjorie very difficult to replace these wonderful Grange sisters. I was very honored to offer an eulogy at Phyllis's memorial funeral and at the calling hours for Marjorie, both were in the same funeral home In New London. Both Marjorie Huntoon and Marion T. Jones served on the State Youth Committee in the late 1960's and

early 1970's. They served their Granges well and wore their Pink Sash with honor. Speaking of parades, I will always Virginia Hayes passed away in Florida and her memorial service was held recently. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend, but I have many fond memories of her. She was the first State Junior Director I served as Junior Deputy . She always had a smile and spoke to everyone regardless of who they were or where they were from. I can't believe how many we have lost this year. I will close for now, back to reading the journals and writing my

Blazing Star Stage Curtain

Conservation of 90-year old handpainted stage scenery will take place in Danbury, NH, this summer, and visitors are welcome to view the process. Blazing Star Grange Hall in Danbury, NH, has a unique collection of historic stage scenery painted by Manchester, NH, scenic artist Egbert L. Foster in 1921

Curtains Without Borders, a Vermont-based non-profit conservation team under the direction of Christine Hadsel, will be repairing, cleaning, and re-rigging the curtains and other scenery that have been in constant use since they were installed around 1923.

These historic treasures will make their debut at the 100th Danbury Grange Fair on September 9 at 1:30 p.m. in the hall where Ms. Hadsel will give a talk and slide show detailing the conservation pro-

Visitors are welcome to drop by to observe the restoration team at work on the following days: June 23 – 25; July 14 - 16; and August 4 - 6. The Grange Hall is located at 15 North Road near the junction of Routes 4 and 104 in Danbury across from the fire station.

Information and photos can be seen at <danburygrange.org>. For more details on visiting the site, please call Charlotte at 768-5501 or email <mapakittlenh@





Junior Grange Joann Brandt, Director

It is June and there is a lot the Junior Grangers can do to keep busy with Grange work. There are still contest entries to be completed for all ages. Did your Juniors try to make the Eastern States (Big E) entry yet?

Recycled Plastic Lid Craft

May use one or more plastic lids from items such as margarine tub, coffee can, 2 liter bottle, spray can, etc. May decorate with any medium (paint, yarn, buttons, fabric, etc.). Not to exceed 10" x 10" x 6". If hanging type, must have hanger, magnet, etc. for display. NO KITS. Must be to me by August 1, 2014 or before.

On a warm day the Baking Contest entry can be tried with your children, and by State Grange in October they will be able to make another batch and bring 6 on a plate to State Grange for competition. (List name, age, and Subordinate Grange and tape to plate.) If you are unable to come to State Grange, ask your Master or your delegate to State Grange to bring them for you. Due at State Grange Saturday Morning.

No Bake Oatmeal Cookies

(6 on a plate) Open to ages 3-14 Ingredients:

2 Cups rolled Oats 3/4 C White Sugar

3 Tbs. unsweetened cocoa powder

1 Tablespoon water

½ teaspoon vanilla

2/3 Cup Butter, softened Directions:

In a large bowl, combine the oats, sugar, and cocoa. With clean hands, mix in the water, vanilla and butter to form a dough. Wash hands, then roll the dough into balls 2 inches in diameter. Roll balls in confectioners sugar until thickly coated (or they will become crusty). Chill 20 minutes before serving.

Bowling brought out nine children of all ages and they all had a great time, I obligated another Junior who was unable to get to activities.



Win a weekend at the Philbrook Farm Inn in Shelburne, NH! Check the membership department column on page 11 for more details.

I attended the Spring Fling and two children participated in some crafts and an Easter egg hunt.

Parents should remember to review the State Grange Website www.nhgrange.org to find all the contests that all of the Junior Grangers are able to enter. I am again planning a Junior Area Meeting in August in a different area of thestate to see if we can bring together more of our Juniors. Stay tuned to the Website, and if you want a direct email, send me your email address using the Subject of "Junior Grange."

Our Juniors want to take part in our meetings. If you have an absent officer, invite a Junior to fill the station. It makes them feel important and makes them observe a real Grange at work.

I visited Harmony Grange and we now have a new Junior member. I hope you will continue to let me know if you would like me to come to your area.

Junior Grange Camp Weekend for June 6-8 is ready for all to attend. I have received some donations for Camperships. If your family is unable to attend due to funds, please let me know.

This year New Hampshire will be hosting the Northeast Regional Youth Conference on July 11-13, 2014, at Rivier University in Nashua and entries in the Sign-a-song, Alphabet signing and other contests will be performing. Be sure to let me know by June 25 if you plan to attend.

Let's keep growing our Junior Grange members. They will be our new members if we give them encouragement and support their needs.

Enjoy the Summer. I will see you in my travels.



Spring has sprung and I hope we are our way to WARMER weather.

This is my Big Push for the Grange Scholarship application that any Grange senior or a returning college student may apply

If you have been accepted to a post secondary educational institution you should complete the application form and follow the other requirements that are needed to complete the application. These two (2) forms are on the NH State Grange website at: www.nhgrange.org or contact a Grange Service Committee member.

Your COMPLETE application is due by JULY 1st. So you still have time! Applications should be sent to:

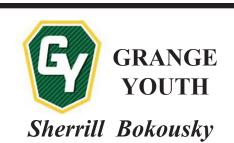
Lois L. Enman NH State Grange Service Director 9 Blake Street Rochester, NH 03967

Students returning to college may also apply for a loan from our committee. The loan is at 4% while in college and after graduation it becomes 6%. This loan needs to be repaid.

On April 26th at the State Lecturer's Variety Program a representative from Sam's Club came and spoke about their Partners with Members Program. If you have not joined yet you can get the needed certificate on the Grange website under Grange Services or check with your Grange Secretary. Then bring your current dues card to a Sam's Club to become a member. The program is active until January 2015. You may also renew your past membership with this certificate.

I hope to see you during the summer at some of the planned Grange events.





This time of year it is easier to travel and get out to Youth Nights around the state. I have missed a few but will try for visits with them as soon as possible.

There are a few things in the program that are for youth only, but a lot of it is for ALL. The Youth Program has the contests and rules listed for them. The two state contests are Recycled Art and Christmas Ornaments. Please know that everyone can participate in these contests. We also have the 2014 Photo Scavenger Hunt.

We have more events happening this year and the information and scheduled dates have been sent out to all Granges. You will also find the youth program, the Scavenger Hunt and all registration forms on the NH State Grange Website.

It is time to look at the Youth Report to see what you can do before time runs out. We have a lot of activities that you can participate in whether you have youth or not.

One of the events we planned for all is the Glow Bowling event that was held on March 22 at Merrimack Ten Pin. This is also for the Caroline Hall Grangers Care Fundraiser. Each bowler receives pledges for bowling and these funds are given to the NH Food Bank (75%) and the National Grange Youth Leadership Fund (25%). If you want to sponsor a bowler please let me know by July 20th.

Here are some Youth Events to remember:

Summer Youth Rally
June 6-8, 2014
Copper Cannon Camp, Franconia
Cost \$48.00 full weekend
\$12.00 Saturday only

Northeast Regional Youth Conference
July 11-13, 2014
Rivier University, Nashua
Cost \$112.00 Full weekend
\$33.00 Saturday only (meals included)

We will continue to send emails, Facebook posts, and try to contact as many folks as possible. Mailings sent out to Granges should be read at your meetings by the youth chairman or secretary. If you receive a message about an event please let us know if you can make it or not. I thank you in advance for your help as it will help me and the Youth Committee to make better plans for future activities.

2014 Youth Photo Scavenger Hunt

It's not too late to take a camera and prepare your entry for this contest which is open to all Grangers. The clues are listed below.

- 1. Where can you get a book to read?
- 2. You can make deposits, cash checks or make change here.3 When I go here I bring my reusable
- 3. When I go here I bring my reusable bags to carry items home.
- 4. I go to meetings here once or twice a month.
- 5. This is a place where there are alleys, lanes, and special shoes to wear.
- 6. People gather for these, bring food to eat outside and use grills to cook with.
- 7. A place people go to on Sunday morn ings for worship.
- 8. Maintenance is needed when the grass grows too tall.
- 9. A place to stop at for a cold sweet treat during the warmer months.
- 10. These bloom in springtime and are sometimes made into bouquets.
- 11. A place where tents and sleeping bags are used.
- 12. I go through one of these when I want "fast food."
- 13. I stop here for gas to fill my tank.
- 14. I have to clean a path through the white stuff so I can start my car.
- 15. You can see boats here tied up or moving over the water,
- 16. Usually found on buildings this tells me what time it is.
- 17. This place has red trucks here.
- 18. Children visit here to play on swings and teeter totters
- 19. This is the place to visit to pick your own berries or apples.
- 20. A visit here will show a display of fruits and vegetables for sale.

Support the Granite State Granger with your donation.

Assumptions

The following useful hints come from a June 2009 membership column by Rusty Hunt, former National Grange Membership/Leadership Director. He found them on line at http://www.walk-thetalk.com.

Assumptions You Can Make

☐ The e-mails you send will be seen by more people than those they're addressed to and intended for.					
☐ Things said "just between you and me" won't always stay that way.					
☐ In all of your dealings with team members, what goes around WILL come around – back at you.					
Your employees CANNOT read your mind. If you don't tell them what you're thinking, they'll assume they know and there's a good chance they'll be wrong.					

	Problems you choose to avoid wi
usual	ly get worse.

	"As long as you don't hear from	1
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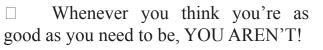
	Treat one team member poorly, an
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you	r boss and Employee Relations.

☐ Your ability to get another lead
ership position will be directly relate
to how well you do on the job you hav
now.

	Whenever	you	think	"no	one	wi
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	Whenever you think "no one wil
care,	'someone WILL.

	Whenever	you	think	"it will	neve
be	missed," it WI	ILL.			





Happy spring! Hope you are enjoying the weather and looking forward to summer as much as I am. I love this time of year – planting flowers, family barbeques, picnics, etc. Just don't like the mosquitoes and black flies!

Hope you are all working on your needlework. It is due by August 1. We will be sending out new rules for submitting your needlework this year. We will not be accepting items in the mail. All entries will be receipted for by the committee member in your area who will collect these items. No items will be accepted without a signed receipt between you and the committee person who accepts them on your behalf.

Hopefully you are hard at work on Eastern States items, which will also be due to me by August 1 so I can ensure I have all items for sale to Eastern States on time. I know how much these items are appreciated.

Even though it is spring – I hope you are continuing to work on mittens – knitting them so we can collect and make a mountain of mittens by October this year. We want to continue to warm lots of little hands in the State of NH.

Don't forget your Galoshes from Grangers. Now is the time to get winter boots on clearance at Walmart. I picked up a few pair for \$7 each. So it should be easy for each grange to provide 2 pair of boots in October this year.

The baking contest should be well underway in your Subordinate Granges. No bake pies is the contest theme this year. This is very easy to do and hopefully generates a lot of participation. The winner from each subordinate should go to their Pomona Grange. The winner of each Pomona should bring their entry to State Grange in October.

Enjoy your summer! Stay well and stay tuned for more information as we get closer to the end of summer and the due date for needlework entries.



A big thank-you is due to Walpole Grange for hosting our May 10th Degree Day. In charge of finding officers for each degree were: 1st – Antrim Grange, 2nd – Youth, 3rd – Cheshire County Pomona, 4th – Deputies. Lester Gibbs brought his keyboard and played for all four degrees, which was wonderful. We initiated two new members, and others were able to renew their acquaintance with the first four degrees

A fall degree day in the Northern part of the state has been suggested. If your Grange would be interested in hosting, let me know. The only job of the host Grange is to provide a hall for the day. It has been customary for the host to also arrange for a meal either before or after the event as a fundraiser for their Grange.

You may recall that at State Grange last fall the Master announced a membership promotion running this year. Anyone who asks someone to join the Grange simply needs to fill out a postcard stating who they asked and what the result was. These postcards can be sent to:

Anne Boisvert 295 Loudon Road Pittsfield, NH 03263

All postcards will be put in a drawing for a weekend at the Philbrook Farm Inn in Shelburne. The promotion will span the current membership year which began July 1, 2013 and continues to June 30, 2014. The winner will be drawn at the 2014 State Session.

That June 30th deadline is coming up quickly and to date I have received very few postcards. There are specific postcards available for this, but a plain postcard available from any post office will be just fine. Simply write on it your name and address, your Grange name, who you asked to join, and what the result was. If you asked someone to join last fall and never sent a postcard in about it, it is not too late. If you haven't asked anyone to join in the Grange membership

year so far, it is not too late for that either. Postcards can be sent any time until October 1, 2014 though the person should have been asked to join by June 30th.

In June I will be sending out a mailing which will include a list of fair dates and contacts as well as some tips for fair exhibits. Exhibiting at your local fair is a great way to make your Grange known and perhaps to tell passers-by a little about the Grange as well. A local farmers' market may also let you set up a small information table. Let me know if you need brochures for either purpose.

The membership department can provide up to 250 of any of the recent National Grange brochures at no cost to your Grange. Brochures include: "The Grange: You Belong" - a membership application with National Grange info, a Junior Grange info brochure, a Grange Youth info brochure, the Grange mouse comic book, membership rip cards, "The Grange and You" - a detailed introductory booklet for new members or those very interested who want more specific information, Declaration of Purpose brochures. the National Grange benifit brochure and update sheet. The NH specific application brochure and an application brochure with benefits listed are available at www. nhgrange.org on the membership department page so that you can print your own. If you need to have some printed and sent to you, that can be arranged as well. I can be contacted at the address listed earlier in this article or by e-mail at aboisvert@ nhgrange.org

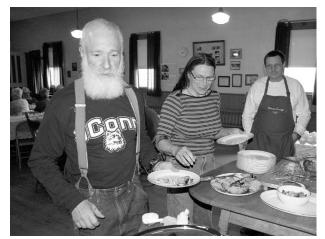
Colebrook Academy 1963 classmates paused to visit during the Ham & Bean Supper on May 3 at Mohawk Grange in East Colebrook. (from left to right) Jon Lang, Paul Fournier, Grange member Lynda Gaudette and Terry Rosi. (Photo courtesy of The News and Sentinel, Colebrook, N.H.)



Hampton Falls Grange #171 & Seabrook Lions Club Deliver Dictionaries to Third Graders at Seabrook Elementary School.

On April 18th members of Hampton Falls Grange and the Seabrook Lions Club delivered 72 dictionaries to the Seabrook Elementary School's 3rd graders. As usual, there was a lot of excitement among the children upon receiving the books, as you can see from the expressions on their faces. The Grange was aided in the cost of the books this year by the Hampton & Seabrook Lions Clubs. On April 17th the Grangers and Lions delivered 144 ditionaires to Hampton Marston School. On May 30th they delivered thirty books to Hampton Falls' Lincoln Akerman School and brought thirty-nine to the North Hampton School. Bobbie Sliva, Katherine Umberhind and Lucy Woodes, along with Lions Club members, so enjoyed those visits to the schools to share in the joy of the children.

Mohawk Grange Ham & Bean Supper, Saturday, May 3 Photos Courtesy of The News and Sentinel, Colebrook, N.H.



Dr. Bruce and Emmy Katz, with Granger Clint Brooks in the background



Granger Sonja Sheldon--much-revered cook and baker in the area--carves a ham for serving.



Granger Ann Woodard serves diners.

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