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October 26 - 28, 2017

The Margate
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Triple \$134.00

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*Praise God from whom
all blessings flow!*

NE Go To Church Sunday

June 25, 2017

3:00 p.m.

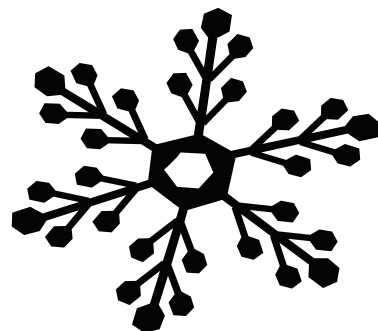
**Cathedral of the Pines
Rindge, NH.**

National Grange Returns to the Northeast Region in 2018

The Northeast Region will be hosting National Session in Stowe, Vermont, in November, 2018. With National being so close to home, our State Master is encouraging anyone who wants to take the seventh degree to come to State Session this year, or next, to get your sixth degree.

State Ceres, Kerriann Heath has volunteered to be the New Hampshire coordinator for the 2018 session. She is looking for 50 crocheted snowflakes to send to this year's National session as promotional items to encourage Grangers from around the country to attend the 2018 National Session. As of the writing of this article, she has 11 snowflakes. This means another 39 snowflakes are needed. There are some great handiwork creators in our state. Remember that snowflakes are unique and no two are the same. There is no standard pattern required and the size limitation is 5 inches. If you need the material to make the snowflakes, please let Kerriann know and she will be sure to get some to you.

We also are selling t-shirts/ and long sleeve shirts for the 2018 National Convention. The cost of the t-shirts is 10 dollars each and the long sleeves are 15 dollars each. State Master Chris Heath has a limited supply on hand, so get your shirts soon. There may be another order placed in the future but only after the current inventory has been sold.



Come Help at the Big E

by Chris Heath, State Master

The New England Grange Building Trustees are hoping to have Grangers from around New England attend Grange Day at the Big E on Sunday, September 24th, and to march in the parade at 5 p.m. I am hoping that we will have a large contingent from New Hampshire. If we can get 35 people to commit to going, I would be willing to arrange a bus to take us to and from the fairgrounds in West Springfield, Massachusetts.

The trustees have stated that they are going to make this Grange Day attendance a contest, and the state that has the most people in attendance will receive a plaque/award. My dream is that New Hampshire will win the first year of this contest, but that will require all of you to help. Please remember to provide me with your name before June 30 so that we can get you a ticket into the fair. Let us show the people from around New England that there are still Grangers out there, and we are proud to be recognized.

We are also looking for volunteers to work in the Grange store during the duration of the fair. A room will be available for you to use the night before your shift. The fair runs for 17 days, and the store needs to have adequate staff for this entire time. If you interested in helping, please let me know so I can discuss the dates and times that we need help.



*From my pad
to your pad*

**Christopher Heath
NH State Grange Master**

I hope that you have had a chance to enjoy the few days of springtime that we have had this year so far. It seems like Mother Nature is trying to renew herself this year from the droughts last year. With the late snow and over-abundance of rain this year, maybe we will be lucky and not have a drought this year. I hope that your Granges have been out in your communities doing great things. I hope that you are sharing your experiences with non-members and inviting them into your halls.

I assume that by now most of you have had your spring deputy visits. The fall reports will be coming in your June quarterly packets. Remember to fill them out and return them to your deputies when they come in the fall. I have been very busy travelling across the state to visit Granges. It is always nice to hear the stories and see old and new friends along the way.

I really enjoy when I attend a meeting where the Grange does the ritual. The ritual is what makes us different from many of the other many organizations that are out there. We should be proud of it and try our best to learn it and perform it at every one of our meetings. We should take the time to give a general explanation of it to visitors at our halls.

I want to thank everyone who attended the memorial service for Stephen Tracy. Thanks to Merylene Simonds and the members of Blow-Me-Down Grange for hosting this event. Family, friends and Grange members gathered to remember Steve and all the great things he did for the communities he was in and the Grange. Thanks to the state officers who showed up to honor Steve. He was very active on the state level for the past six or more years and it was nice to hear all the good things that they had to say about him. He was a great promoter of our organization.

I want to encourage every Granger to get out to a State Grange sponsored event. The State Grange officers and directors provide these events/programs for everyone. If Grangers do not attend, then it seems like there is no interest. Is this truly that no one is interested in going? If this is a fact, then I am saddened. I can remember a time in the not so far past, when we would have packed halls and people standing around because there were not enough seats. Are those times now gone? I sure hope not because my dream is that we will get back to those times again.

We all need to show the commitment and dedication that the Grangers past showed when it came to this organization. The Grange has been around for 150 years and we need to be around for the next 150 years. During this time of political unrest, social deprivation and community concerns, the Grange needs to rise and become that group of leaders who make a difference. Are you one of the Doers in your Grange or are you just going to let things fade away? Who is going to continue in your place? Only you can find the Doers for the future of your Grange.

Do not let your Grange just fade away into non-existence. Make a difference and build your Grange. Get the Grange back into the spotlight/lime light of your community. It is up to you and all of us to make a difference. This starts at the community level but needs to go beyond. If you are not active in your Pomona Grange, find out when the next meeting is and plan to attend. If you have a neighboring Grange that you have not been to in years, there is no better time than the present to get out there and visit. Show each other that we care about each other and are willing to show our support

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of each other. If you have not been to a State sponsored event in a long time, now is the time to go and show your support. The officers/directors/committees who put on these events put lots of time, energy and funds into doing them and if no one shows up, it feels like a waste. We as Grangers are not wasteful. We as Grangers find value in most everything and by not supporting these events, are we not contradicting ourselves?

I hope that your Grange has been working on resolutions for State Grange. Please remember that a resolution to change the bylaws, state or national, must be to the State Secretary by September 1. If you need help with writing or researching the information for the resolution, please contact Robert Haefner or myself for assistance. Remember that a resolution should be a call for change within the State Grange or National Grange. Issues with local implications are nice to share with others but are not applicable to all Granges around the state.

If your resolution is actually a directive for the State Master, officers or committees, these should not be resolutions. These should be suggestions made to the person or group directly, not brought up during State Session. If your resolution has something to do with supporting legislation, current policy, changing policy or some kind of action to be taken by the State Grange, these are acceptable resolution topics. If you question whether a topic is valid for a resolution, please do not hesitate to ask.

In closing, I hope to see more of you during my visits in the future and if your Grange is holding a special event or would like to have a visit, please let me know. I have and, as long as I am State Master, always will have an open door policy. If there is something that you need to talk about or share, please do not hesitate to contact me. I try my best to get back to everyone and am always here to lend an attentive ear.

I hope the best for all of you during the summer and hope to hear from you about coming to the Big E in September to march in the parade or work in the store. Please see page 1 for more particulars.

**Lecturer's Lines
State Lecturer
Jane Trombi**



Welcome spring! It seems like winter was never going to end! I hope during those cold, snowy months that you had time to work on your contest entries for the Lecturer's department. There are lots of ways you can participate and there is something for everyone. Entries are due Oct. 1st, except for art entries, which are due by 3 p.m. on Thursday of State Grange Session in October.

Bowling

On March 19th 54 adults and 22 juniors met at Lakeside Lanes in Manchester for our annual bowling tournament. Thank you to everyone who came out to bowl and all those who helped out. Many thanks to Joann Brandt for taking charge of the Juniors. Bowling for 2018 will be on Sunday, March 18th.

State Grange Bowling Winners 2017

Men's High Triple

- Class A: Kevin Belval
- Class B: Wayne Condon
- Class C: Wilber Heath
- Class D: Steve Klapyk

Women's High Triple

- Class A: Dianne Hoitt
- Class B: Lucia Savage
- Class C: Mary Condon
- Class D: Marion Woodworth

Men's High Single

- Class A: Kevin Belval,
- Class B: Wayne Condon,
- Class C: Wilber Heath
- Class D: Steve Klaypyk and Armond Gerritsen

Women's High Single

- Class A: Mary Dowes
- Class B: Lucia Savage
- Class C: Ruth Russell
- Class D: Jessica Coulombe

Grange Teams

- First - Rochester Grange (Dan Bascom, Annette Lemieux, Lois Enman, and Judy Bailey)
- Second - Henry Wilson Grange (Wayne Condon, Richard Russell, Sarah McKenzie, and Tony Skibiki)
- Third -Wingold Grange (Norman and Lawrence Brandt, Gabby Decatur, Lucia Savage)

Grange Month Celebration

Our Grange Month Celebration was held on April 29th. We had a small, but faithful group of Grangers who came for the penny sale, banquet, awards and talent. During down time members were able to work on a coloring entry for the art contest. Many thanks to Hannah West and her helpers for setting up the penny sale and to Kevin Belval for being the MC for our penny sale. Thanks also to Sherrill Bokousky and her team of Brian Twiss, Sandra Marcoux and Eric Marcoux, as well as others who jumped in to help out to prepare a delicious meal!

Thanks to Dick Patten for giving out the following Granger awards: Unsung Hero Award to Gloria Davis, Good Humor Award to Gary Ford, Granger Appreciation Award to Gwendolyn Yardley. These dedicated Grange members are well deserving of the recognition.

We had three acts in the "Open Mic" time: Watatic Junior member Ava Twiss, Walpole Grange member Bob Trombi and Antrim Grange members Beth Merrill and Dawne Hugron. Our Best of Show went to Ava Twiss who sang and played the keyboard. She will have a chance to go to National Grange in Spokane, Washington. All the proceeds from the evening will go to help pay Ava's way. Talent Fund Donations will be accepted and appreciated and can be sent to me. Please make checks payable to the NH State Grange Lecturer.

Northeast Lecturer's Conference

Northeast Lecturer's Conference will be held on July 31st, August 1st and 2nd at Castleton University in Castleton, Vermont. All the information went out to Pomona and Subordinate Lecturers in April. You can also find the information at nhgrange.org. The registration deadline is June 30th. There is a registration card and \$10 due to me and there is a full registration form along with payment due to Linda Sanderson. New Hampshire's program will be on Driver's Education and I will be looking for participants to help out. Our rehearsal is on Monday night at 7:30 and our program will be at 9:00 am on Tuesday. Spirit Night will be Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Remember to wear your purple to show your NH pride!



**2017 Grange Family Weekend!
July 28-30**

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 (followed by a campfire) on Saturday evening. Enjoy Bingo, Cribbage, Campground activities, and relaxation with your Grange friends.

Our group has a block of campsites reserved in the "Boardwalk" area. To make your reservation contact Bob Trombi (603) 762-2971 or robert.trombi@gmail.com Sites are filling up fast!

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.

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

Hope to see you there!

Deadline

The next issue of the Granite State Granger will be mailed in September, 2017. Please send items for the paper to Hannah West on or before August 10, 2017. Report on events of June and July. Look ahead to events of October, November, and December.



It has finally started to warm up and we see all the flowers on trees and in yards. This time of year has lots of work to do cleaning up the yards and assisting friends and neighbors, which is community service for all. Did you get to the Maple weekend to see how Maple Syrup is made and enjoy some pancakes? I attended Journey's End for pancakes and syrup and even purchased syrup to bring home.

We are planning a fun day at the June Youth Rally on June 10, while adults can attend the events of the Youth program at Camp Spaulding, 210 Bog Rd, Penacook, NH. There will be activities, hiking, marching and working on crafts. Do you have activities you would like me to include? As we didn't hold Spring Fling, we have not finished the socks for the elderly and hope to finish these.

Has your Grange done anything special for the Juniors in your Grange? I would love to hear from you and include your activities in my Junior report at State Grange. We need to keep growing so that we will still have Grange in the future. It is great to let the children fill in officers' stations and to rotate them so they can find an office that they like. I visited a Grange where the Assistant Steward was absent and a Junior filled in. I could see her excitement being able to fill in.

Bowling

I have included a photo of our Junior bowlers from bowling in March. It was great to see all the red shirts on the Juniors, and to have 22 bowling was great! We should continue wearing the red shirts in our Junior activities like Junior Rally at Youth Rally, Family Camp Weekend, and, of course, August 12 at the Birthday party at the State Grange Building in Hooksett.

Family Weekend

I will bring some crafts for any Junior age children to work on during the day Saturday.

Junior Grange Birthday
I will be putting out the August 12 Birthday schedule by email and sending to all Junior Parents as soon as it is finalized. We will also be finishing off our Birthday year at State Grange in Laconia in October. It would be great to have many Juniors attend the State Grange session and participate in some of the activities. I will have crafts to work on and we would love to have Juniors march in for my report.

Our State Flora has asked if the Juniors would work up a drill for her Flora's Court when the sixth degree is held. This would be a great time for parents to join and take the sixth degree. Of course, you should look into joining the Pomona Grange in your area before coming to take the sixth degree but they do obligate at State Grange any who are not fifth degree members and want to join. Remember National Grange will be in Vermont in 2018, and they will be doing the seventh degree.

I hope to see many of you along our travels and hope your school studies are making the best students of you all. If you get bored once school is out, check out the contests in the Youth, Junior, Lecturer, and Family and Community Service committees and see if you can make something to enter in the contests.

Remember that you can make a difference in our world. We want to do to others as we would want to have done to us.



Junior Grange Summer Rally, June 10, 2017 Camp Spaulding, 210 Bog Rd., Penacook, NH

Please bring your children to participate while you attend the Youth Rally events. Come to all events or what you are able to attend. If you would like to assist me with the Juniors, please let me know.

Saturday, June 10

- 9:00 a.m. Registration, Rules of the Camp and Games
- 10:00 a.m. Hike and Nature walk
- 11:00 a.m. Painting Socks for Seniors – Community Service Project
- 11:45 a.m. Clean up for Lunch
- 12:00 Noon Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Nature Crafts
- 2:30-3:30 p.m. Workshop: What can we do for a Birthday?

Bring Sun Screen & Insect repellent, extra socks along with boots depending on weather, extra sweatshirt or jacket, Hat for sun, weather appropriate attire. Parents are welcome to visit us at the Junior Camp any time.

Cost: See Youth Rally Saturday only schedule for day cost.

Registration: Joann Brandt 603-642-5074 or Email: jbrandt774@aol.com

**The man who graduates today
and stops learning tomorrow
is uneducated the day after.
Newton Diehl Baker, 1871 – 1937**



I hope Grange members are busy in their communities. Most Granges have adopted spaces to make their communities better. Whether it is planting flowers, painting their fire hydrants, or doing colorful murals on abandoned buildings, Grangers are busy. Please be sure to check with your city councilors or town selectmen before you do your project.

You should also spruce up your Grange Hall, making sure the grass is cut, tearing out dead flowers and weeds, and making your Grange Hall look busy, and full of activities. There are some Grange Halls that need a good paint job.

I hope your Grange was involved in some type of Memorial Day observance. Following Memorial Day is Flag Day, another special day that has gone unnoticed. You might check with the veterans to see if they have a Flag Day program planned. Flag Day used to be an important day. In many cases, communities would have parades, speeches, and presentations on the history of our flags. Possibly you could speak to the principal of the school in your town about your Grange sponsoring a patriotic essay contest.

Don't forget Father's Day by sending cards to residents in the nursing homes, hospitals, or homeless shelters. Father's Day is like Mother's Day, it can be a lonely day if your children are not nearby or have passed away.

I would like to remind all Granges as they get ready to recess for the summer to send in their nomination forms for Law Enforcement Officer, Firefighter, Community Citizen, Educator (can be from public, parochial, Christian, OR charter schools), and for Pomona Granges, Public Service Award nominees. I am also looking for nominees for Granger of the Year. If you need forms for these, please let me know and I will be happy to send them.

I am hoping that Granges will try to submit entries. If you try and get prob-

lems from your town departments, please let me know. It is sad that every day when we listen to the news, read the newspapers, and watch the television, the Police are always to blame. But, there are always two sides to every story. I know when we need help, whether it is the local police, deputy sheriff's department, or state police, they are there to support us. When these individuals leave their homes to report for work, they have no idea if they will see their family after they are done with their shift. If your Grange is worried about paying for their banquet ticket, don't let this stop you from sending in a nominee.

Please send in these nominees as soon as possible. They are due by August 1, 2017. These are to be sent to Dick Patten, State Community Service Director. 30 Pinewood Trail, Concord, NH 03301.

I hope you are working on your Grange's annual report booklet. Please send these in by September 1, again to my address, so they can be judged. If you don't send a booklet in, please send in the report form and include as much information as possible. These will be judged with appropriate prizes awarded.

I will close for now. Have a great summer and please don't forget to send in all the items mentioned above.

Antrim Grange

Five members attended the recent Grange Bowling Tournament in Manchester. It was lots of fun, but we hope for better luck next year for our team!

We hosted the May meeting of the Hillsborough County Pomona Grange, during which the program, "Global Banjo: International Voices in Antebellum Banjo Music", a NH Humanities-sponsored event, was presented to members and guests alike.

The Community Garden behind Town Hall will be planted with vegetables for the third year this spring.

Antrim Grange purchased the original Town Hall for its meeting space in 1894. Members and friends have been diligently working to restore and maintain this lovely hall for the last 20 years or so. Currently, we are looking into doing some work on the foundation.



Summer is just around the corner, and I think I speak for many when I say, "Finally!" Warm weather is on the way, and I'm sure by the time summer is over, we'll all be praying for a little relief from the heat.

The youth have been busy since youth rally back in February. We had glow bowling at Boutwell's in March, with 15 people in attendance. We had to reschedule our April game night because of the snow storm on April 1st. In May, the youth and young at heart came together for a game night! We had nine people come out to Chichester for a night of snacks, games, and laughs. We braved the Oregon Trail and laughed about Apples to Apples, and overall, we had a great time. Thank you to Chichester Grange for opening their hall to us; we would definitely love to do this again soon!

Looking forward to July, we have Northeast Youth Conference at UMass Amherst on July 7, 8, and 9. Granges will be receiving communication about this soon, so stay tuned!

The committee is talking about holding a mini golf day sometime in August, and a corn maze sometime in September. We're currently looking for suggestions for a corn maze location, so please send them our way if you have any ideas!

We're excited to see what the next few months have in store for us.

A positive thinker does not refuse to recognize the negative, he refuses to dwell on it. Positive thinking is a form of thought which habitually looks for the best results from the worst conditions.

**Norman Vincent Peale (1898-1993)
Cleric and writer**

Support the Granite State Granger with your donation.



I have heard many reports from Grangers around the state that they are bringing in new members. This is great news for the Grange in New Hampshire. This is also great news for the many communities supported by the Grange. I think this goes to show that you never know if someone is willing to join or not.

At a recent Grange meeting that I attended, a new member application was accepted and the candidate was accepted. On the way home from that meeting, I got a phone call informing me that another Grange that met that night had also taken in a new member. A few days later, I received an email informing me that another Grange had received six applications for new members. All of this Grange growth is encouraging.

If your Grange has not been looking for new members, there is no better time than the present. The membership department is willing to assist you in pursuing this endeavor. All you have to do to get help is ask. We have literature, volunteers and other aids to help you be successful. We have found that the best time to have the membership drive is when there is another event happening in the community where there will be many people in attendance. Your Grange members will need to be there to help, as you are the faces that the community knows. Membership begins with you and the people in your community. We are all responsible for growing Grange in our community.

If your Grange finds that, you are in need of applications, membership brochures, new member welcome kits or any other membership materials, please let us know so that we can get them to you in time for your event. If you need help, please let us know plenty of time in advance so we can find others to help you.

If you have already asked someone to join you and they haven't yet, ask them again. Invite them to just come to

a meeting and see what you your Grange does. Make sure that you are friendly and welcoming when they arrive. Greet them when they come in, answer any questions that they have. Tell them what the raps of the gavel mean. Do your best to make them feel at home. Take time to learn about them. Listen to what they say and try to associate their interests with something that your Grange does in the year. We hope that you will work harder to grow the Grange in your community and beyond.

The membership department has had to postpone the scheduled May Degree day to September. The two possible locations to hold the event were unavailable for the proposed weekend. We will be sure to get the information out to the Granges this month so people can plan to bring all of these new candidates to receive the degrees.

**Stratham Fair
July 20 to 23, 2017
Exhibit set-up July 19
Contact Joann Brandt if your
Grange is planning to exhibit.
jbrandt774@aol.com
603-642-5074**

Hillsborough County Pomona
Hillsborough County Pomona recently observed Community Service Night where they assembled Birthday Bags for the local Food Pantry. Birthday bags contain a cake mix, frosting, candles, birthday themed plates and cups and several small gifts. The bags are enthusiastically received by the food pantry staff who tell heartwarming stories about making them available to families

Pomona members also signed birthday cards for nursing home residents in various towns and contributed nonperishable items for "Fill an Empty Plate."

Support the ELF!
Please send your
Educational Loan Fund
donations to:
**Patrice Lawlor
P.O. Box 386
Pelham, NH 03076**



Grange Bulletin Board

Harmony Grange
Harmony Grange #99 is hosting a free public program on "Emergency Preparedness" September 5th at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the Sanbornton Town Library located at 27 Meeting House Hill Road in Sanbornton. The presenter for this informative program of important information for everyone will be the Sanbornton Fire Chief, Paul Dexter.
Light deserts and beverages will be available on a donation basis.

**State Historian & Family
Activities Luncheon
Friday, October 27
Tickets \$19.00 each
Hot Turkey Sandwich with gravy,
cranberry sauce, vegetable,
dessert, and beverage.
Price includes tax and tip.
Tentative guest speaker is the
Honorable Chris Sununu. He will
also assist in presenting a few awards.
The deadline is October 7 to reserve
and pay for your tuckets.
Please contact Dick or Debra Patten
at 496-2917 or 228-1803 or
email dickpatten7@gmail.com
for ticket information.**

Suncook Valley Pomona
Suncook Valley Pomona Grange will host Eastern NH Pomona at an Exchange Picnic to be held at Journey's End Maple Farm, 295 Loudon Road, Pittsfield, NH, on Wednesday, July 12, beginning at 6 p.m. Bring meat to grill and an item to pass. Everyone is welcome to bring a few "treasures" for a Penny Sale to benefit the 2018 regional hosting of National Grange.

**A Hearty Grange Welcome
to Our New Members**
Carl Helander Coheco
Mary Lynn Condon Rochester
Wayne Condon Rochester
Lisa Morejon Rockingham
Marie Brackenridge Wicwas Lake

**Wingold Grange
Ham and Bean Supper
June 24, 2017
5:00-6:30 p.m.
Two types of beans,
Spiral Ham, Cole Slaw
Home made Potato Salad and Pies
Rolls and drinks
East Kingston Elementary School
Andrews Lane**

Aurora Grange
Aurora Grange in Pittsburg has been having its regular monthly meetings. In March we had one of our selectmen, Steve Ellis, visit and go over the warrant articles for the town meeting. We always appreciate having a chance to learn more about the things that we will be voting on.

In May, at our Youth Night, Aurora Grange members welcomed six young ladies from Pittsburg School. The girls and their advisor are members of the Junior Student Council. They represent their peers and did a wonderful job explaining some of their projects and the initiatives that they will be presenting to the School Board.

A hedge between keeps
friendship green.-- German Proverb

In Memoriam
Phyllis Pierce Coheco
Ruth Whittier Concord
Elizabeth Dudley Concord
Royce Riddle Concord
Fred Hall, Jr. Crown Point
Jennie Penniman Dorchester
Karen Letman Dorchester
William Kenney Hampton Falls
Donald Cameron Henry Wilson
Lucian Schofield Lower Intervale
Alice Cate Pembroke
Brenda Greenlaw Sunapee Lake
Alice Gove Sunapee Lake
Dr. Edythe Craig Sunapee Lake

Calendar of Events 2017
June 2-4 - June Youth Rally
June 16-18 - Antrim Grange Community Art Show
June 17 - Chicken Barbecue Blazing Star Grange, Danbury 5-6:30 p.m.
June 24 - Wingold Ham & Bean Supper 5 - 6:30 p.m.
East Kingston Elem. School
June 30 - Registration Deadline for NE Lecturer's Conference
July 7-9 - Northeast Youth Conference Massachusetts
July 19 - Set up for Stratham Fair
July 20-23 - Stratham Fair
July 25 - Grange Night in the Park, 6 p.m. Keach Park, Concord Heights
July 28-30 - Grange Family Weekend Gunstock Campground
July 31- Aug. 2 - NE Lecturers' Conference Castleton, Vermont
Aug. 1 - Needlework Contest entries due
Aug. 1 - Names due for Community Service Awards at State Session
Aug. 10 - Copy deadline for Sept. GSG
Aug. 12 - Junior Grange Birthday Party State Grange Building, Hooksett
Aug. 12 - Antrim Grange "Summah Suppah" 5--7 p.m.
Aug. 31 - Sept. 4 - Lancaster Fair 516 Main St., Lancaster
Sept. 1 - Community Service Reports due
Sept. 1-4 - Hopkinton State Fair State Fairgrounds, Contoocook
Sept. 5 - Harmony Grange hosts "Emergency Preparedness" program 7 p.m. Sunbornton Town Library
Sept. 15 - Oct. 2 - The Big E West Springfield, MA
Sept. 19 - Hotel reservations due for NH State Session
Sept. 24 - Grange Day at the Big E
Sept. 26 - Room reservation deadline for State Session.
Sept. 28 - Oct. 1 - Deerfield Fair Route 43, Deerfield
Oct. 1 - Youth & Lecturer's Contest Entries Due
Oct. 26-28 - State Grange Session at The Margate in Laconia
Nov. 7 - 11 - National Grange Convention, Spokane, Washington

**Chicken Barbecue
Saturday, June 17
5 - 6:30 p.m.
Blazing Star Grange Hall
Danbury, NH
1/4 chicken, baked beans, assorted
salads and strawberry shortcake
\$9 adults,
\$4 under 12 yreas
free for under 3years.**

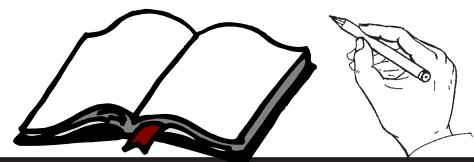
Concord Grange #322
Concord Grange #322 is doing a "Welcome to a Grange Night in the Park" on Tuesday, July 25. Everyone is invited to come and meet the members of the Grange, enjoy a free steamed hot dog(s), chips, beverage, and homemade Grange desserts. This event will be held at Keach Park on Concord Heights, use the Newton Avenue entrance off Pembroke Road. The event starts at 6 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket to sit on the grass. Then at 7 p.m. listen to a wonderful concert by the popular Nevers Band. Nevers Band has been a tradition for Concord's concerts for 150 years dating back to the Civil War. You will hear marches, Broadway tunes, popular music of today, and more. Please come one come all.

Contact Dick Patten, Master of Concord Grange, at 496-2917.

**Antrim Grange
Community Art Show**
This year is the Crystal Anniversary of the annual Community Art Show at Antrim Grange Hall.. For fifteen years Antrim Grange has been sponsoring the Art Show which is open to community artists, both professional and amateur. Some pieces may be available for purchase, but many are just for display. If you've never visited during viewing hours before, please consider dropping in for a few minutes to see for yourself the variety of work of the inspirational and creative folks that live in our community.

As a special feature for this anniversary year, we are offering a Coloring Page Contest in two age divisions to anyone interested in participating. All viewers will get to vote for their favorite coloring page and artwork, as we present People's Choice Awards at the close of the show. Much work is expended in transforming our beautiful, historic building into a lovely, mini art gallery, and after the three show days it is sadly dismantled and gone forever. If our viewing hours are incompatible with your schedule, please contact Beth Merrill to arrange a private viewing opportunity. Viewing hours are as follows: Friday, June 16th, 2-5 p.m. and the Evening Gala 7-9 p.m.; Saturday, June 17th 10-3 p.m.; and Sunday, June 18th, noon - 4 p.m.

**State Grange Historian
Richard Patten**



If you have a computer, check out the State Historian's page on Facebook. I have enjoyed finding tidbits as I read journals or writing about memories that I have thought about in my 51 years as a member.

I found a copy of the New Hampshire State Grange Journal in September of 1926. I found it very interesting that several Granges observed Old Home Day at their meeting. Derry Grange talked about the plans they had been working on. They were going all out for this celebration on October, 7, 8, and 9 featuring a full program of sports and a huge mid-way. "There will be an open air dance hall that will be constructed. A dining hall will be open, 30 x 50 feet that will be constructed. Exhibitions of agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, sewing, cooking, fancy work, and basketry will be on display. In addition there will be a huge display of fireworks."

Old Home Day was observed in Graylawn Pines in North Haverhill with the following Subordinate Granges participating: Mount Gardner of Woodsville, Pink Granite Grange of North Haverhill, Haverhill Grange of Haverhill Corners, Pike Station Grange of Pike, Moosilauke of East Haverhill, Ammonoosuc of Swiftwater, and Pine Grove of Bath. Sixty took part in a picnic lunch, a series of games for men and a separate series of games for ladies.

Ceres Night was observed by the young people of Pinnacle Grange. The program featured a piano solo by Frances Herrick. A fine Grange paper was prepared and read by Phyllis Fletcher. There was a tableau, in which all participated.

Pomona's Night was observed at Friendship Grange of Northfield. The program featured the Grange song, "Work for the Night Is Coming", roll call asking members which fruit did they like the best"; a song The Harvest Song, ; an Address by Clarence Conner about his trip to Philadelphia; and a recitation.

This has been a busy time as I have been doing research for Dover Grange. However, as of this time, I can't seem to locate their roll books. If anyone knows where they might be please let me know.

I have been following a project a group of State Legislators have been undertaking raising funds for a statute to be created in the memory of the late Governor John Winant. State Representative Steve Shurtleff, who is also a member of Concord Grange # 322 has been active in raising the needed funds. The statute will be placed on the lawn of the New Hampshire Library near the corner of North State Street and Park Street. We have had many governors, senators, and other members of the government who were members of the Grange. I remember former Governors Sherman Adams, Meldrim Thomson, Walter Peterson, and Styles Bridges to name a few. I decided to do some research and found that former Governor Winant was a member and Past Master of Capitol Grange of Concord. When I informed Rep. Shurtleff, he was very surprised. I showed him the information.

It doesn't seem possible that NH State Grange Session will be here in five months. I am planning to have a State Historian Luncheon with Family Activities on Friday, October 27. The menu is a Hot Turkey Sandwich with gravy, cranberry sauce, vegetable, rolls beverage and desert. The cost is \$19.00 per person. I am very happy to announce we will be presenting some awards and our honored guest is the Honorable Governor Chris Sununu, who tentatively has accepted his invitation. He is going to give us a surprise. I am hoping that as many as possible will try to come and support this luncheon. The tickets must be reserved in advance. Please contact me by October 22 to purchase tickets.

I am still looking for the 1980 State Grange Journal of Proceedings if someone has one they are not using. I am also trying to find Grange Rosters in the 40's, 50's and 70's

In matters of principle, stand like a rock; in matters of taste, swim with the current.
~Thomas Jefferson



John Bruno, from PBS' Market Warriors, surveys a clock brought to Antrim Grange's Appraisal Night.

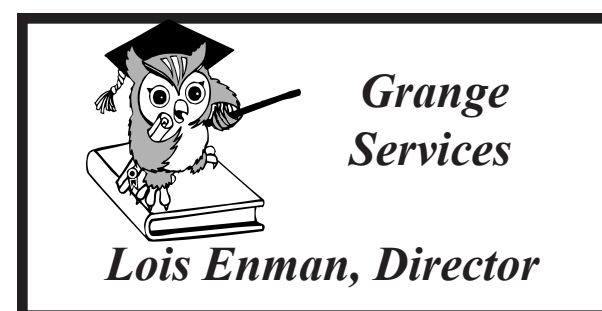
Antrim Grange

Members and guests of Antrim Grange have been enjoying a variety of interesting and informative programs throughout the spring. We've learned about Dragonflies and Damselflies from Antrim photographer Frank Gorga. Some wonderful artifacts brought in by audience members were shown and reviewed at our Antique Appraisal Night, featuring guest speaker, John Bruno, from PBS' Market Warriors television show.

As a culmination of National Grange Month, our fortunate audience was delighted with the historical and musical expertise of Jeff Rapsis as he played live accompaniment to two Buster Keaton silent movies. As Jeff pointed out, films were intended to be viewed in public with an audience and thus, the movie experience is greatly enhanced when groups such as ours provide this opportunity to the community.

Recipients at our 2017 Community Awards Night in May were: Antrim 2020 Committee, Community Spirit Award for their organization and successful execution of a town-wide visioning session last fall, which has resulted in new, active groups focusing on specific project benefiting the town of Antrim.

The Community Citizen Award was presented to Peter Lamb in recognition of the years of dedicated care and maintenance he has performed at Shea Field. Special service recognition awards were presented to Brian Beihl, retired scout leader; Kathy Chisolm, retiring librarian; and Sidney Smith was recognized with a Trailblazer award for her work and support during the formative years of The Grapevine.



Attention Seniors, college students or members looking to advance their education: An application for a State Grange scholarship will be due **July 1, 2017**. This scholarship is for Grange members with a year or more of membership. The complete application with CURRENT letters of recommendations are due July 1, 2017. The forms are on the State Grange web site (www.nhgrange.org) under Grange Services Committee or from your Secretary, Master or any Grange Service Committee member.

Criteria Used in Judging Scholarship Applications

1. The applicant must be a Grange member (minimum 1 year membership).
2. Applicant must be enrolled in an accredited post secondary educational institution.
3. The application must reflect the importance of education to the applicant.
4. Financial need – this information is input by the applicant in the appropriate areas of the form.
5. The part the applicant has played in Grange work and how they have fulfilled their obligations.
6. **Application Is Complete Only With All Requested Information;**
 - a. The application form must be completed and signed by the applicant.
 - b. A letter of recommendation from an academic staff member, an employer or manager from the applicant's place of employment, or a member of another community organization.
 - c. A letter from a Grange Officer, (non-relative) which provides information on the applicant's involvement in Grange activities. This is not limited to your Subordinate Grange.
 - d. A letter of intent by the applicant which states his/her educational aims.
 - e. Transcripts of grades from the high school or college last attended. (This is not required if the applicant has been out of school for more than 5 years.)

5. The scholarship money will be provided for a future school term and will be assigned to the student and the school the student will be attending.

**Application Deadline Is July 1st.
(Applications Received after July 1st Will Not Be Considered)**

Completed and signed applications must be sent to the Director of the Grange Services Department:

**Lois Enman
9 Blake Street
Rochester, NH 03867**

A reminder that if you or your Grange has not donated to the Educational Loan Fund you still have time as we accept these donations any time during year.

I hope Spring has arrived and Summer will follow soon. Please travel safe.



Spring has fully sprung. My geese eggs have started hatching. One of my incubators is full of eggs scheduled to start hatching every Sunday for at least the next month. As long as the Turkeys keep laying I'll keep adding more eggs. Currently in the incubator I have duck eggs, Phoenix eggs, white face black Spanish eggs, Buttercup eggs, Turkey eggs and partridge eggs. With Stratham Fair coming around the corner in July even more eggs will be added to have them hatching in the 4H building.

Soon I'll be working on having a NH Grange at a Farm Day for this summer/fall. It will be where I'll be presenting the Ag Awards, so if you have any suggestions feel free to send them to me. The Form is in the Ag book and should be on the NH State Grange Website. Keep an eye open for letters or emails for more information on NH Grange Farm Day.

Wingold Grange #308 will be putting on a Rabbits for Fiber, for Meat, for Pets and for Show program on July 8th at the East Kingston Town Hall. It is a free introductory program on keeping and breeding rabbits. If you are interested in more information on this please email

Norman @ fishbra955@aol.com. If you have any Ag related programs please let me know and I will work on advertising them.

Tips for the Upcoming Months

If you have problems with Squash Borer either plant your plants after mid June or keep the squash plants covered with a floating cover until after June. June is when the beetle comes out of the ground near where the Squash plants had died last year looking for a squash plant to lay its eggs on.

When incubating eggs Muscovy ducks and swans take 35 days. Geese, peafowl, some pheasant species, Turkeys and other breeds of ducks take 28 days. Partridge take about 23 days. Chickens take 21 days. Depending on the Quail species they take 16-25 days to hatch.

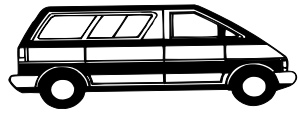
Fruit trees can be sprayed with a general insecticide after the last petals fall off the tree, this protects the growing fruit from all insects.

If you have Grub problems and you have not treated your property with Milky Spore be a nice neighbor and give your neighbors some Beetle traps. By placing the traps away from your garden you will lure the beetles out of the garden away from your fruit trees to your neighbors where a portion will be trapped and killed.

That will do for now and hope to hear from you all soon.

Chichester Grange

Forty-nine people attended the annual Awards Night on May 3. Philip Arnone, a police officer who played hockey for the Police Team in the Battle of the Badges to support the Chad of Dartmouth program; Shirley Sullivan, a rural carrier associate at the Epsom Post Office; and Brian Beaverstock, Principal of Chichester Central School were recognized. Elaine Coffey was given the Community Citizen Award for her numerous volunteer efforts in the area. The Outstanding Youth award was presented to four girls who, as members of the Teen Group at the Chichester Town Library, had done an Oral History project by interviewing several of Chichester's older residents and recording their thoughts and memories. The recordings were then edited and put on tape to preserve them for posterity.



**Family & Community
Department
Deb Patten**

Hope everyone is well and able to think about planting and getting outside for some fresh air. When you are relaxing, hopefully you are knitting hats and mittens, working on your needlework contest entries, and especially making blankets for our Nighty Night Hugs project.

Nighty Night Hugs

Project Night Night is now re-named to Nighty Night Hugs. We are continuing this project this year as it was so well received. It is amazing and extremely sad to learn how many families are residing in homeless shelters in NH. We distributed nearly 90 sacks to 11 shelters in NH. The shelters we distributed to were Concord, Manchester, Nashua, Rochester, Portsmouth, Plymouth, Littleton, Lancaster, Berlin, Keene and West Lebanon/White River Jct. which was distributed at State Grange.

This year we are asking Granges to please continue to make the fleece no sew blankets which typically take about 1 ½ yards of fleece for a child size blanket or make crocheted afghans to fit a child (not baby) or purchase the fleece blankets. We ask that a NEW stuffed toy be put in the sack together with a children's book (no religious books please). Please make the sack out of a pillow case or sew a sack to put these in with a drawstring running through it.

Please deliver these to the committee representative for your Pomona as outlined below. She will deliver the sacks to the shelter in her area.

Very Important: Please keep track of how many are turned in to the committee so we will have an accurate count of how many children's hearts we are warming by these sacks which are typically all they have to call their own when they arrive at the shelter.

Mountain of Mittens

We are continuing this project. This is a very well received project. So

many children going to our public schools need mittens, hats and gloves. They go to school with none. The school nurses/principal's offices are very happy to get these to distribute to children in need throughout our State. We divide them up so the entire State gets a few pair for each general area throughout the State. Please keep knitting hats and mittens and either hold them and bring them to State Grange in October 2017 or you can call me at 603 228-1803 and we can arrange for me to get them and hold them for you.

Needlework Contests

The contests are the same for 2017 as they were last year. I recently mailed a pamphlet of the category lists and any rules associated with each category to each Family Services chairperson. The categories are:

Class A: Afghans – must be at least twin size

Class B: Doilies – knitted, crocheted or tatted

Class C: Embroidery – Back of work must be visible

Class D: 3 Piece Baby Set – Bonnet, booties, sweater – any three pieces but it does not include an afghan

Class E: Plastic Canvas

Class F: Counted Cross Stitch – back of work must be visible – can be framed or matted but not in glass frame

Class G: Adult Garment – knitted, crocheted or sewn but does not include hats, caps, mittens, gloves, scarves, socks, collar, belt etc. These are accessories – not a garment.

Class H: Latch Hook

Class I: Quilted Wall Hanging – must be designed to be hung – not just a lap robe style

Class J: Stuffed Toy – must be child safe – may be stuffed with polyfil

Class K: Baby Afghan – suitable for baby – choice of color, size etc.

The above classes of needlework will be judged in August and are due by August 1 or shortly thereafter. Please work with your Family Services person listed below or call me to arrange for your items to be delivered to me for the judging. The first place winners will be sent on for New England judging at Eastern States. Then all items entered in all categories will be returned in October 2017 at the end of the State Grange session.

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In addition there are State categories: Woodworking and any other category that doesn't fit into the above named categories

VERY IMPORTANT: Please invite non-Grange members to participate as well. All are welcome! This could be a good way to get new Grange members.

Baking Contest

This year the contest is Blonde Brownies or Congo Bars. If you use nuts please be sure to indicate that. Hopefully your Grange has held the baking contest at your subordinate level and the first place winner has been sent to your Pomona for further competition. The winner from each Pomona is asked to bake again for judging at NH State Grange in October.

Family Services Committee

Please see list below for the committee representative in your area. Always feel free to reach out to me directly as well:

Debra Patten, Director – (603) 228-1803 email: dickdebatten@comcast.net

Virginia Clark – (603) 352-4887 – Cheshire County Pomona

Ann Leger – (603) 466-3831 – email: philfarm@netzero.net – Northern NH Pomona

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Cam Twiss – (603) 673-5359 – email: grammytwiss@gmail.com – Hillsborough County Pomona

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Patricia Izzo – (603) 778-0429 –email: pa93055@gmail.com – East Rockingham Pomona

Alice Tuck – contact Deb Patten for now – Eastern NH Pomona

I cannot give you the formula for success, but I can give you the formula for failure, which is: Try to please everybody. ~Herbert B. Swope

**Home Grown Politics
Across New Hampshire Farmland
to Concord and Washington
Bob Haefner
Legislative Director**

First I will report on this year's Grange Day in Concord. We held it on a Thursday instead of the Wednesday because Session days at the NH House have been moved to Thursday. After setting the date, there was no session. We have had, I think, six Grange days at the State House. This year we decided to do something different.

On May 11 we kicked off Grange day with lunch at Tandy's in the basement of the former Eagle Hotel, Dutch treat. From there we met up with the rest of the Grangers at the NH Fish and Game Building on the Heights. We toured the wildlife displays on the first floor and basement, including the Discovery Room. Lt. Heidi Murphy met us downstairs and was very informative. We heard a number of times, "What animal is that?" I still think Fish and Game Headquarters is the neatest building in NH Government.

From there we drove the two blocks to the NH Supreme Court Building. We had a tour of the Law Library, which is the only Supreme Court Law Library in the Country and has 100,000 volumes. Upon entering "your" Supreme Court Chamber we were greeted by Carole Alfano, Public Information Officer. She gave us a tour of the courtroom and an excellent explanation of the court's process. We do have a Proclamation from Governor Sununu for Grange Month 2017.

I am sure you will hear from Norman Brandt about the success of the NH Grange Booth with not only a second place win for educational booths at Farm and Forest, but with lots of visitors. Again it was fun to work the booth for a couple of hours and to greet and talk with Expo goers. I also had the opportunity to work the NH Made Expo in the Eastern States Exposition Booth and promote the Big E and the NH Building on the fair grounds.

Let me, as usual, push the Big E and Grange Day at the Big E. Come to the fair on Sunday, September 24, for Grange Day at the Big E. Check out the livestock, see the fair, eat lots of fair foods and stay to march in the parade with us. Right now stop reading, get up and put 9/24/17 on your calendar to join us at the Big E. You now have plenty of Notice. Now you can finish reading this column.

Fair season is coming, pick out your favorite NH Fair and go enjoy the experience of a country fair. I will be at both Hopkinton and Hillsboro County and maybe Deerfield.

The NH Legislature has once again killed a casino bill. Senator D'Allesandro's legislation passed the Senate, but not the House. The House also failed to pass a state budget. Senate Finance has now taken on that task to pass the budget. It will be interesting to watch the process when the Senate Budget goes to a committee of conference with the House, since there is not a House position. NH has passed Marijuana decriminalization for the first time, as have several other states. I should not give an opinion here, BUT, I think we are going to regret this someday.

The NH House and Senate have passed a Dairy Farm Drought Assistance bill that will provide assistance to bovine licensed dairy farms for crop losses due to the drought of last summer. That bill was a result of first the recommendation of the Milk Producers Emergency Relief Board that I chaired at the time. That recommendation was then taken up late last year by a dairy task force that authorized the drafting of the bill. I was also on that committee. I sponsored a bill last term to open the State House on summer Saturdays for tours, that bill passed and last year late in the season, we were able to open on three Saturdays. This year the openings are happening now. The State House Visitors Center tells me that the Saturday openings are going well and that visitors seem to be happy that we are doing it.

The last thing that I will report is about the new role Sister Tara Sad and I have taken on as the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Policy Consultants to the Council of State Governments. We are in

the midst of planning the Agriculture program for the CSG meeting in August. We have been writing two blogs a month and also participating in the annual Capitol Visits to the eleven north eastern states. What a great experience to see so many state houses and the history and tradition that goes with them. Every legislature does the exact same thing, but with different processes to do the work. Speaking with Agriculture Legislators is always fun and rewarding.

Grange Day in Concord

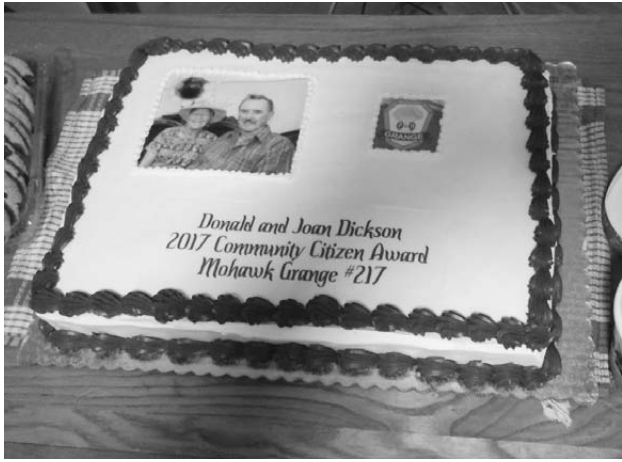
by Dawne Hugron, Antrim Grange #98

Grange Day in Concord was May 11, 2017. I would like to thank Gloria Davis, for calling me and asking if I would like to go with her. Of course I said yes. The day was great and very educational. We visited the New Hampshire Fish and Game and spent time viewing scenery of all of the wildlife here in our wonderful state, plus history of the department.

Then we went to the Supreme Court and visited their library. We asked questions about the court and procedures of daily goings on. In the court room, they have this beautiful fireplace, and the word "beautiful" is an understatement. It is a working fireplace, and they do use it at times. When we visited the library it is very impressive, and quiet. We spoke with the librarian and she answered our questions and told us about the history of the library. We asked her what the oldest book was that they have. She said the date of the book is 1650 and it is not on the shelf. It is under lock and key.

What a wonderful day! Thank you to Bob Haefner for organizing the outing.

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Mohawk Grange # 217

In honor of National Grange Month Mohawk Grange #217 of Colebrook as part of the lecturer's program had Donald Dickson talking about the Tree of Love that the Kiwanis Club of Colebrook has sponsored since the early 1990s. This program was the brainchild of Bob Moore as a way to raise funds and allow people to remember loved ones who had either passed or moved away. They would start out with all red bulbs on the tree, and as people sponsored names a bulb would be changed to clear or white and have the name or names attached to it. The donation would be up to the person submitting the name. The Kiwanis sponsors three Key Clubs, two Builders Clubs, and a new K-Kids Club. Kiwanis is for the children.

After Donald had given his presentation the Lecturer had Donald's wife Joan come up and join him and the Lecturer in the center of the hall. Donald and Joan Dickson were presented with the Grange Community Citizen Award for all they do in the community. The Dickson's were told there was someone who was waiting to bring them something and into the hall came their children Susie and Dana to present the flower pins for the award.

During the presentation it was mentioned that this couple did everything together and, as Forest Gump so eloquently said, they go together like peas and carrots. When they go on their walks they pick up trash. They are members of the Northwoods Center for the Arts. Donald was also in the Jaycees where he was President. He also was past President and Lt. Governor of Kiwanis along with being a charter member of the Colebrook club. He has been on the Tree of Love Committee since it started and also on the 4th of July Parade Committee where he is now an advisor there. Through all this Joan has been right there helping out and giving back to the community.

**Each day provides its own gifts.
-- American Proverb**

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served along with a cake with their picture and the announcement of them being Community Citizen of the Year 2017.

The Community Citizen award was started at Mohawk Grange in 1982 with Dr. Gifford, who was instrumental in getting the hospital built in Colebrook.



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