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National Grange Representative Betsy Huber, National Master Betsy Huber is a member of Ches-

ter-Delaware County Pomona Grange #3 and Goshen Grange #121. She started her Grange involvement at a very young age as a member of the Juvenile (now known as Junior) Grange. She has held numerous positions with her local Grange and with the Pennsylvania State Grange, including serving eight years as President, the first woman to hold that position. As the National Grange President, Ms. Huber works with the National Grange staff to advance Grange policies in Washington D.C.; as well as overseeing the day to day operations of the organization.

The Grange, legislative work, and agriculture have always been an important part of her life. She previously served as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Grange (chairperson 2007-14) and is also the executive secretary for the Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association.

She has served her community as township supervisor for Upper Oxford Township for 24 years. She has also served the Avondale Presbyterian Church as Elder, Deacon, Trustee and choir member. Ms. Huber was elected to the Penn State Board of Trustees by the delegates from agricultural societies in 2005 and serves on committees for them. Number 3

State Grange Banquet Friday, October 27, 2017 at 6 p.m. The Margate, Laconia, NH Buffet Style \$35.00 per person Whole roasted turkey with dressing gravy & cranberry sauce Chef carved baked ham **Fresh whipped potatoes** Fresh butternut squash **Carrot relish Cold pickled beets Cranberry chutney Cole slaw** Garden salad with two dressings Fresh baked rolls & butter **Dessert: Apple crisp** Kid's Meal is Chicken Tenders with Mac & Cheese for \$14.99 Vegetarian options will be available upon request as well as any food allergy accommodations. Deadline for reservation is Oct. 13, 2017 No late reservations will be accepted. **Respond to: Kerriann Heath** 426 Winnacunnet Rd # 4 Hampton NH, 03842 603-703-4912 email: 1kerriann@gmail.com Come help us celebrate the 150th

Birthday of the Grange!

Celebrate 90 Years of Junior Grange on Saturday, Oct. 28 at State Session

Calling all past Junior Grange members, Deputies (or Juvenile Deputy in old days), Superintendents (now called Directors), and lastly all the Leaders and Assistants that made the Junior Granges work in New Hampshire over the years. We would love to spend time with you at State Grange on Saturday and hear of some of your favorite activities, games, and field trips that made your Juniors excited. If you know of any past Juniors please let them know of this special 90th Birthday that is going to start our 91st year.

September

The Kempters Free Concert

Submitted by Dawne Hugron and Beth Merrill

On Thursday, October 19th, the town of Antrim will be blessed with a stop in the fall concert tour of The Kempters, a multi-talented family of six bringing their own brand of vintage gospel music all the way from Slapout, Alabama. While Chaz & Danielle had a bit of a head start, the remaining Kempter children decided to "catch up" and picked up an instrument the summer of 2008. The rest is history! Since that time they have served many a Sunday morning parishioner, homecoming celebrations galore, and plenty of good ole-fashioned Sunday night singings. They have crisscrossed this beautiful country to share their talent, smiles, and message. The concert will be held, following the Community Supper, at 7 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church. In lieu of an admission fee, a love offering will be passed during the concert.

The Kempters are coming to Antrim upon the recommendation of Dawne Hugron and Beth Merrill who attended Kempters' concerts twice in previous years and are excited to bring them to town for our friends and neighbors to hear, see, and enjoy. Please mark your calendars now for October 19th and treat yourself to an evening of fine music! For a preview of what the family can do musically visit their website at www.thekempters.com/kemptertv. According to the website, there are two other NH concerts scheduled: October 18th in Bethlehem, and October 23rd in Richmond. Check it out, Grangers!





I hope that all of you have been enjoying your summer. It looked like we were going to have a wet summer but Mother Nature finally brought us some warmer weather and drier days. I hope that you have all been busy enjoying time with family and friends. Now that fall has arrived it's time for Granges to get back into the swing of things. I hope that your Granges have been participating in the fairs and showing the public that the Grange is still alive. I also hope that you have all been out there getting new members for your Granges. I have been keeping busy going to many Grange events and promoting Grange wherever I go.

At the end of this month, Grange Day will be observed at the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield. September 24th is the date, and I encourage all of you to come and attend. Grange will be honored in the parade and we are encouraging everyone to come down and walk with Grangers from around the Northeast. Be sure to wear your Grange t-shirt and bring your sash to wear proudly. The parade starts at 5 p.m. near Gate One and if you are coming, you should plan to be there 15 minutes early.

State Session is right around the corner, and there are some changes this year. This year it will be held at the Margate located in Laconia, NH. The dates for session are October 26th through the 28th. On Thursday evening we will have some volunteers doing the Fifth degree. If you would like to be a part of this, please notify myself or State Secretary, Jerry Leclerc to say what office or role you would like to help out with. On Friday we will be having our State Grange Awards Banquet. The reason behind this is so that more people will be able to attend the Sixth Degree which will be held on Saturday night. The reason for moving the degree to Saturday night is so that more people can attend the degree. Friday night is hard for a lot of people as they

have to work and getting to State Session to take the degree can be difficult. I hope be held in Stowe Vermont. We are still that with this change, more people will be looking for volunteers to make crocheted able to attend and possibly still take the snowflakes for this year's session. They degree.

State, more people will plan to attend.

Please remember that any resolutions that Penny Lane Barrington, NH 03825. have to do with changing by-laws on a state or national level needed to be to the Grange Session t-shirts available for sale. State Secretary by September 1st. All oth- We have a variety of sizes and the costs er resolutions can be taken by your del- are t-shirts \$10 and long sleeves \$15. You egates to State Session. Please be sure to can contact myself or Kerriann to claim a bring at least 125 copies with you as the shirt. We can work with you to collect the State Secretary will not have the means to monies and get your merchandise to you. print out enough copies for the delegates. Remember that each Grange that has paid of those Granges that have invited me to their dues for the quarter ending in June their meetings. It is so nice to get out and is eligible to have two delegates at State visit each and every one of you. I know Session. The delegates are responsible for that those Granges that I have had the voting in new officers, passing or failing pleasure to go to have really enjoyed the resolutions, and acting on any other busi- time spent. I have rekindled many old reness that comes before the body. They lationships and created so many new ones have a very important role at State Ses- along the way. One of the things I have sion. Most of the work of the State Grange really enjoyed is handing out memberwill be done on Saturday so I encourage ship awards. I applaud those Grangers everyone to attend.

be representing the State Grange at Na- commitment and unfailing support have tional Session which will be held in Spo- been what has kept our Granges going. kane, Washington. Session will be one We all need to learn a lesson from these day shorter this year which means more members who have provided 25, 30, 40, work for us while we are there. We look 50, 60, 70 or even 80 years of service. forward to the challenges that we will They are setting the example for us and face in making decisions for the future of we need to do our part to keep things gothe Grange. We hope that our choices are ing. what is best for the Grange and will make us stronger headed into the next year.

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National Session next year will need to be no larger than 5 inches and Even though we will be exemplify- should not all be the same. We are coming the Fifth Degree on Thursday, we will mitted to take 50 with us and so far only still do the obligation prior to the Sixth have 15. These are going to be used as degree Saturday. I hope with the Ses- promotional material at the 2017 National sion being somewhat in the middle of the Session to entice more people to attend. If you know someone who could help us I hope that you have been work- reach our goal, please encourage them ing on your resolutions for State Grange. to send the finished products to me at 28

We also still have 2018 National

In closing I would like to thank all who have dedicated many, many years to In November, Kerriann and I will our organization, Your countless hours of



Northeast Youth Conference Kathy Yardley, Emilie Leclerc, Adam Terrill, Beth Merrill, State Master Chris Heath, Youth Director Sarah Leclerc



Project Night Night is now renamed to Nighty Night Hugs. I hope you have all been working on this project. There is such a great need. It was the plan to have all of you please work on these sacks which have a blanket, a book, and a stuffed toy for a child in a sack which can be handmade this year. We distributed nearly ninety sacks to eleven 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

Hope everyone is having a great summer. We are off and running to our fall projects and culmination of our Grange work for the year! Before you know it State Grange will be here and we will be starting another Grange year.

Project Night Night

to please continue to make the fleece nosew blankets which typically take about $1\frac{1}{2}$ 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. If you prefer to bring these to State Grange that is fine too - I will see to it that they are distributed. 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 is typically all they have to call their own when they arrive at the shelter.

Mountain of Mittens

We are continuing this project.

many children going to our public schools email: dickdebpatten@comcast.net need mittens, hats, and gloves. They go to Virginia Clark - (603) 352-4887 school with none. The school nurses/prin- Cheshire County Pomona cipal's offices are very happy to get these Ann Leger - (603) 466-3831 - email: out our state. We divide them up so the mona entire state gets a few pair for each gen- Deb Stone – (603) 543-3272 – email: drknitting hats and mittens and either hold Pomona them and bring them to State Grange in Cam Twiss - (603) 673-5359 - email: October, 2017, or you can call me at 603-228-1803 and we can arrange for me to ough County Pomona get them and hold them for you.

Needlework Contests

Judging took place on August 11. The winning entries from each category Linda Phelps - (603) 455-9896 -email: England judging. All items will be displayed at State Grange and can be signed Patricia Izzo - (603) 778-0429 -email: out for return to their owners on Saturday of State Grange in October.

Baking Contest

Reminder that the winning entry of Blonde Brownies or Congo Bars from each Pomona should bake again and bring their winning entry to State Grange at the Margate in Laconia on Friday, October 27, by 12:00 noon. Please bring the entries to me when you arrive with them.

Report Form

Mistakenly, Dick and I never included the annual report form for Family & Community Services in your packet. The form was sent the week of August 7 to all Family & Community Service chairpersons. Please have your reports back into Dick and me no later than September 15.

Fudge & Trail Mix for State Grange

Once again I am asking for fudge, trail mix (aka Party Mix), cookies, brownies, etc. to sell at State Grange. This is an easy fundraiser for our committee and most all attendees of the convention look forward to purchasing a snack. Hotel employees and guests often times stop by. So I am asking all Granges to send goodies along with someone from your Grange to help support this effort.

Family Services Committee

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

This is a very well received project. So Debra Patten, Director – (603) 228-1803

to distribute to children in need through- philfarm@netzero.net-Northern NH Po-

eral area throughout the state. Please keep 35stone@gmail.com – Mascoma Valley

grammytwiss@gmail.com - Hillsbor-

Mary West - (603) 568-3287 - email: marymwest612@gmail.com - Suncook Valley Pomona

will be sent to Eastern States for the New LKphelps56@yahoo.com - Pemigewasset Valley Pomona

> pa93055@gmail.com – East Rockingham Pomona

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



Junior Grange Birthday, August 12.



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

about the August conference my consult- budget in NH. We here in this state should up a booth at a local event in town or a ing partner and I are planning for north- feel pretty good about our state's budget neighboring community. This will get you east agriculture and rural legislators. Not because you should care about the confer- Five of the northeast states did not pass a ence, but the topics being discussed are important to us as Grangers and advocates for northeast agriculture and rural development. Currently the hot topics that legislators are worried about and the topics in Delaware. Some states have very se- the state to come and help man the booth. that our conference will address are:

The Next Farm Bill

input for several titles including funding for conservation, SNAP, clean water E. Please go to the Big E on Grange Day community that others know so it is imprograms, specialty crop grants, Dairy Margin Protection Program, chicken and ber 24. March in the 4:00 parade with us. grain processing, and rural broadband. Did you know that in terms of last year's can be handed out to passers-by who may We have the lead staffer from the US Sen- attendance, the Big E is the 3rd largest ate Agriculture Committee speaking.

Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) rules implementation

The rules are significant and not only affect many farms, but state govern- you to go to at least one of our great fairs You can contact any member of the comments. It will require states to either perform inspections or turn the inspections over to the federal Government. Only two of five years of cost are covered by ture, but consulting on Agriculture Policy ple about the positive effect that we have the feds at this point. It may mean hiring in state government and new costs to the states. Commissioner Ball of New York is that we are not in Concord and are enjoy- today. Invite them to come to your meetspeaking on this topic

Renegotiation of NAFTA

of Agriculture to speak, or send a stand- at the Margate. in from DC. It is going to be a huge issue for negotiators from the US, Canada, and Mexico. We are talking about our biggest trading partners on this one. Dairy and Forest Products have already come up as significant negotiating issues. Both the US and Canada are lodging allegations of the other countries protectionist policies.

I could not write this without mentioning budgets, both federal and state. Federally for the USDA, the Trump administration has presented what can be referred to as an austerity budget. There

already is a lot of pushback and Congress your Grange. Let's help them learn the will determine where the budget ends up. lessons of the Grange and bring it into the Do not expect it to be as presented.

At the State Level, New Hampshire has a budget. It is balanced and has a small keep saying, membership is everyone's increase in spending. Spending priorities responsibility. Who will be there to carry were not met for either party, which prob-First I will let you know a little ably means we have at least a reasonable and it being balanced and passed on time. budget on time and either shut down government service or ran on executive or- Grange is not only for farmers. ders. I know Legislators that worked on Sunday to keep budget negotiations going help organize some Grangers from around rious revenue shortfalls. One state, that I won't name, has a short fall currently that to come to your event or an event in your Inside of the farm bill will be our is bigger than our entire budget.

> at the fair. This year it is Sunday, Septem- portant for you to be there to help. fair in the country? Come check out the Membership Department has some other farm animals, eat fair food, see the sights and support the NH State Grange.

and support local agriculture. I will be at mittee and they can help secure the items both Hopkinton and Hillsborough County you need. fairs. As you know I am not in the Legislawith state legislators across the northeast. Both my consulting partner and I are glad rich history and what we are involved in ing our new gig as consultants and in a ings and see how the Grange works. Make non-partisan job. See you all at the NH We have invited the US Secretary State Grange Annual Session in October



Hi Grangers, the Membership Department hopes that you have enjoyed your summer and are getting ready for the harvest. We know that you all have been working really hard on membership and gathering those new "Do'ers" to join next century.

As we have said before and will on Grange traditions if we don't get new members and share with them? Try to set good exposure and you will most likely see people that you know. Talk with them about our values and remind them that the

The Membership Committee could We have volunteers who would be willing town and help you talk to people about Let me put my plug in for the Big the Grange. You are the people in your

We have promotional material that potentially be your next member. The resources available to you to help recruit new members, but you need to ask for It is fair season here in NH. I urge them. We do not know who needs what.

> Remember that we need to tell peoon the community. Share with them our sure you take time to learn what their interests are and maybe incorporate some of that into your program or future projects.

> Make sure that you are welcoming and friendly. People like to be around positive people, and if you are not they will be turned off. Remember that someone asked you to join the Grange and now it is your turn. Remember that family members can also join your Grange. We hope that you will continue to gain new members and encourage them to learn as much as they can. Some ways that they can learn are to attend meetings at other Granges and also State Grange sponsored events. Keep positive and Grow the Grange!



It doesn't seem possible that we are Thanksgiving. dry spaghetti, macaroni etc. heading to September and getting ready Tickets are available for the State His-Please bring gift cards for the for a State Grange Session. I am hoping torian, Community Service and Family State Project, Santa Remembers Teens Granges are working on their booklets Activities Luncheon at State Session on at Christmas. The gift cards can include for community service. Please be sure Friday, October 27, at the Margate in La- movie tickets, Best Buy, Wal Mart, Taryour booklet contains only photographs, conia. I am pleased that Governor Chris get, McDonald's, Dairy Queen, Burger newspaper write-ups, and other informa-Sununu has tentatively accepted the in- King, Pizza Hut, Sears, or Penny's. Teention pertaining to your projects. Please do vitation to be a special guest at our lun- agers are always the last to be taken when not include photographs about last year's cheon. The tickets are \$19.00 each featur- there are lists posted at churches or super State Grange Session such as the Sixth ing a Hot Turkey Sandwich with potato, markets, and department stores. People Degree Court of Flora, State Banquet, or vegetable, cranberry sauce, beverage and love to buy for babies, or small children, other happenings at the session. All bookdessert. We are not making any money but when it comes to teens the feeling is lets are due to me by August 31st. They on the price. I realize many people might they don't care. That is untrue. Everyone will be judged by panel of non-Grange not eat out much unless it is a fast food no matter what age loves to receive a gift people. The winning booklet will be sent restaurant, but when enjoying a sit down at Christmas unless they don't celebrate to National Grange. The National Grange meal, the cost is a little more, plus the tax the holiday. Again as in the past, gift cards will send to each state four money prizes and tip. donated from different areas of the state consisting of first, \$100; 2nd place, \$75; I have an idea for a Community Service will go back to that area through Opera-3rd place, \$50; and 4th place, \$25 dollars. Project if your Grange would like to do tion Santa Claus or Friends of Forgotten These will be presented at the State Sessomething for our US Troops. The Pease Children. Both agencies have been very sion during my report. Greeters are looking for some assistance appreciative of the donations they have I am still accepting suggestions

asking people to donate Santa Christmas received. for Law Enforcement (includes Depu-Stockings for our troops. The Santa stock-Thank you to everyone including ty Sheriff, State Police if a community ings must be red, white, and blue. They my committee for all the work you have does not have their own police departwould like you to put 4 items in a small done. Believe me, it has not gone unnoment; Firefighter; Educator (includes sandwich bag that folds over, and tie with ticed. elementary, middle school, high school, curling ribbon, red/white or blue (zip lock charter school, Christian school, catholic bags do not tie well). Some of the items schools); Citizen (must be a non-Grange they would like are: big red gum, chickmember, and Public Service (awarded to lets, breath mints, small bag pretzels, Granger or non-Granger). I am still looksmall beef jerky chews, packs of peanuts, ing for First Responder. As of today, I raisins, cranberries, men and women's dehave not had any suggestions. This can odorant, small hand sanitizer, chap sticks, include a citizen, nurse, doctor, EMT, small packs of cookies, drink mixes for firefighter, police officer, child, or anywater bottles, men's & women's razors, one who does something that saves a life nail clippers, nail polish, tea bags. These or helps in an emergency, reporting it or are needed by October 17 and sent to helping. JoAnne Schottier, PEASE GREETERS, If you are looking for possible local Member of Board of Directors, Care community service projects, you might Package Coordinator, 63 Winnciutt Road, talk to the local schools to see if there are Stratham, NH 03885. Thanks to Roberta any students who started the new school Sliva from Hampton Falls Grange for letyear whose family couldn't afford new ting us know about this great project.

items. Many students today need everything from clothes, school supplies such as a backpack, folders, pens, pencils, note paper, or lunch food items.

It is time for the card season with Halloween fast approaching and then Veterans Day. Please remember to send

cards to senior citizens who especially are Make A Difference Day in Laconia, alone in nursing homes or hospitals. I am canned food items for the local food panstill sending cards to the homeless veter- tries. The cans must not be rusted and ans at Liberty House in Manchester. They must not be out of code. The Food Pancontinue to enjoy cards and Christmas tries are in need of peanut butter, canned Stockings, which we will be doing after tuna fish, canned chicken, canned spam,

If you have a newspaper or a news reporter that helps your Grange promote your activities, please let me know. We appreciate good publicity with our Community Service Projects.

Please bring to State Grange for our

A Hearty Grange Welcome to	
New Members	
Rebecca Huntoon	Blazing Star
Joshua Adgutart	Concord
Larry Kontos	Concord
Michael Marquis	Concord
Geraldine Harrington Concord	
Clark Reed	Concord
Janet Wall	Concord
Zoie Little	Concord
Mark Mockarzle	Concord
Gov. Chris Sununu Concord	
Kevin Jordan	Concord
Howard Pearl	Concord
Harold Patten	Concord
Charles Souther	Concord
Diane Souther	Concord
George Sellinger Tuftonborough	
Valerie Twiss	Watatic

Visit the State Grange website at www.nhgrange.org



Major foundation work is underway at Antrim Grange Hall! As with any old building, the project started with a discovery process and quickly escalated from there. In preparing for the replacement of two sills at the north end of the hall, the entire stage area has been gutted and part of the west wall has been removed (see photo). The work is under direction of local mason, Andras Lazar. Thus far, a number of local businesses have contributed labor and/or materials, which is helping to keep the cost down somewhat.

Built in 1785, the original Town Hall was located on Meetinghouse Hill near the cemetery. In the 1830's it was moved down the hill to its current location at 253 Clinton Road, where it continued as the Town Hall until 1894 when the new one was built in Antrim Village. That same year, Antrim Grange purchased the hall from the town and continues to have regular meetings in the hall to this day.

Antrim Grange provides many services to the community. For example, we built a community garden behind town hall that benefits the Antrim/ Bennington Food Pantry and other citizens who need fresh food. We host an annual Art Show to promote local artists. We purchase and hand out dictionaries to all 3rd graders in the ConVal District. We sponsor a Meet the Candidates Night in the winter. We have awarded scholarships to local students, and we host a variety of public educational programs throughout the year.

Members and friends of the Grange have done little things through the years to keep the building cosmetically sound, but now the repairs are beyond our expertise and bank account. We hope you will consider making a donation to help us meet our goal to raise \$35,000 for these and future repairs. This may include such projects as repairing the stone foundation and installing a new support beam, rebuilding the back house and fire escape, and re-shingling the roof. We are seeking assistance to reach our goal as soon as possible so we can complete these projects in a timely manner.

Donations in-kind are also appreciated (materials, time, expertise). If you can donate any of these, please contact Renee Mercier-Gerritsen at 547-5144. For the convenience of digitally-connected supporters, a "Go Fund Me" page can be found on the Antrim Grange Facebook page. Larger, tax deductible donations can be made payable to the NH Grange Foundation and sent to Andrew Savage, Treasurer, 86 Church St. Unit 4, Rochester, NH 03839. These donations must be accompanied with a note stating that the funds are dedicated to the Antrim Grange Building Fund. And, finally, donations can be sent directly to Antrim Grange, c/o Beth Merrill, 107 West Street, Antrim.

Andrew Cushing, Field Representative for the NH Preservation Alliance, toured the Grange Hall in early summer and has offered many ideas for our current and future renovation projects and fundraising efforts. As a result of that meeting, we have selected the date of September 2nd to hold a workshop on maintaining windows of old buildings. The workshop is open to the public and will provide a hands-on opportunity to learn how to properly glaze a window. Contact Renee Mercier-Gerritsen for more info on the workshop.

Notice

Golden Rod Grange # 114 is now meeting at the Hope Chapel on Route 12 in Keene. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Support the Granite State Granger with your donation.

Grange Bulletin Board



Watatic Grange

Silver Star certificates were presented to Watatic members Melissa (Standley) Lynch and Brian Twiss. Both have been Grange members since age 5 when they joined Brookline Junior Grange. Watatic Master George Standley presented the certificate to his daughter Melissa, while Brian's was presented by his mother Camilie, Master of Hillsborough County Pomona. Jerry Leclerc, who was Director when the recipients were active in Junior Grange, sent congratulations.

Children of Melissa and Brian who are all presently Junior members worked on the "Something from Nothing" project resulting in some unique creations. They are all fourth generation Grange members. The afternoon ended with games for the children and a bountiful meal. Congratulations Melissa and Brian!



events.





Come One, Come All Flea Market Halloween Grange October 14th 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 32 Hobart Street, Concord

Concord Christmas Tree Lighting

The Concord Christmas Tree Lightheld at the State House Plaza.

There will be horse drawn wagon if donations are received to fund them. liver Santa Claus to the State House Plaza will be at 5:59 p.m. with fireworks to light imagination. the skies over Concord, again if donations featured singing holiday tunes at 4 p.m.

Concord Grange # 322 provides in honor of our troops. The Creche is a joint Grange and Knights of Columbus project. Dick Patten has been coodinating this display for 45 years. Please call him at 496-2917 for information on both



Deadline

The next issue of the Granite State Granger will be mailed in December, 2017. Please send items for the paper to Hannah West on or before November 8, 2017. Report on events of September and October. Look ahead to events of January, February, and March.

Concord Christmas Parade

The 66th annual Concord Christmas Parade organized by Concord Grange # 322 and chaired by Dick Patten (46 years with co-chair James Cusano) will ing Celebration is scheduled for Friday, be held Saturday, November 18, at 9:30 November 24, the day after Thanksgiv- a.m. The parade is held on the Concord ing, with activities starting at 3:30 p.m. Heights starting with formation at 8:30 All the activities except the fireworks are a.m. at the parking lot of the Department of Transportation on Hazen Drive.

The parade theme this year for the rides, pony rides, petting zoo, and more, First Division is Red, White, and Blue in honor of our troops who won't be home The Concord Fire Department will de- for Christmas. The theme for the remaining divisions is Christmas Colors of Red, at 5 p.m. The countdown to light the tree White, Blue, and Green. Please use your

The parade will feature governare received. Brian Waldron will again be ment dignitaries, bands, floats, decorated vehicles, animals, and Santa Claus! Boys and girls, bring your letters for Santa the lights for the State House Plaza tree, Claus. The parade route is Hazen Drive the Concord Heights tree at the intersec- to Loudon Road marching east ending tion of Airport, Loudon, and Pembroke at Old Loudon Road. Pleaae join us and Roads, and a special tree in Eagle Square help get the holiday spirit going.



Richard Patten provides the flags and plantings each year for the Grange Memorial stone at the Veteran's Cemetery in Boscawen as a project of the **Community Service Committee.**

Some parents say it is toy guns that make boys warlike. But give a boy a rubber duck and he will seize its neck like the butt of a pistol and shout "Bang!" ~George F. Will

Calendar of Events 2017 Sept. 1-4 - Hopkinton State Fair Sept. 5 - Emergency Preparedness hosted hy Harmony Grange 7 p.m. Sanbornton Town Library Sept. 9- Danbury Grange Fair **Activities Dawn to Dark** Sept. 15-Oct. 2- Eastern States Expo. West Springfield, MA Sept. 21 - Blueberry Pie Day, Big E Sept. 24 - Grange Day at the Big E Sept. 26 - Room reservations due for **State Session at The Margate** Sept. 28 - Oct. 1 - Deerfield Fair **Oct. 1 - Youth and Lecturer's Contest Entries Due** Oct. 13 - Reservations due for **State Grange Banquet** Oct. 14 - Halloween Grange Flea Market, 32 Hobart St. Penacook **Oct. 19 - Kemplers Concert** Presbyterian Church, Antrim Oct. 26-28 - State Grange Session at The Margate in Laconia Nov. 7-11 - National Grange Conven tion, Spokane, Washington Nov. 18 - Concord Christmas Parade 9:30 a.m. Concord Heights

Nov. 24 - Concord Christmas Tree Lighting, State House Plaza



At the annual picnic of Eastern NH Pomona #2 and Suncook Valley Pomona #12 there were 6 Subordinate Granges represented with 42 people in attendance. A fun and enjoyable evening was had by all.

Membership awards were presented to the following Grangers. Back row: Dan Bascom, Past State Master; Mary Bordeaux-50 years; Rob Robinson-30 years; Jean (Leone) Robinson-40 years; and State Master Christopher Heath. Seated: Ann Stearns; George Stearns-70 years; Marion Woodworth-25 years; and Roland Watson Sr.-60 years.



I would like to thank State Master Chris Heath and his assistant for bringing up the 50 boxes of Grange records that have been in the cellar for years. Due to my limited mobility, I am unable to go down stairs into the cellar. I went to the State Grange Building and started to go through and couldn't believe what I found. I found Lebanon Grange, Dover Grange, and Hiram R. Roberts Grange which I have been looking for. I have sent Androscoggin Grange records to the Milan Historical Society. I sent the Lebanon Grange records to the Lebanon Historical Society, and Bow Lake Grange records to Center Strafford Historical Society. I received letters from all thanking me for these important history books.

I received a call from a gentleman from Salem asking If I was looking for Enterprise Grange records. I said, "Yes, I was". I told him that the books should come back to the NH State Grange to be catalogued. However, he sent me 50 pages of photo copies of Enterprise Grange Roll Books. He thinks he might have Salem Grange, but as of today I have not heard from him, so I will be following up. I have been doing a lot of research for our State Junior Director as she is getting plans together for the 90th anniversary of the first Juvenile Grange in NH, which was Mountain Laurel Juvenile Grange in Northwood. I also found some Juvenile-Junior Grange records in Hooksett. I am still looking for Bartlett Junior Grange records. I will have them on display at State Session.

The NH State Grange lost a great Grange member recently when Past State Flora Edith Anne Emery passed away. Edith Anne was a member for most of life at Monroe Grange. When that Grange closed, the membership went to White Mountain Grange in Littleton. White Mountain Grange closed, but many of the members never received demits. Edith Anne joined Concord Grange #322 to continue her member-

ship. Edith Anne Emery had served as a member of the State Education Committee and was elected State Lady Assistant Steward in 1967 and served foyr years. She was elected State Flora in 1971 to a 4-year term. She was quiet, but very talented. She served as State Flora with membership including the Mayor of Lagrace and dignity. I didn't realize she was a piano teacher until Debbie mentioned she took lessons from her in Woodsville. Edith also played for and led McClure's Band in parades and concerts.

is Past State Pomona Kathlyn Quig, who served in the mid 1950's. She was also unaware that White Mountain Grange had closed. She asked to join Concord Grange as well.

when the NH State Grange held its 65th annual session at the Colonial Theatre in Laconia from December 13 to December 15. I was reading the State Master's Address and enjoyed his comments about Community Service. State Master William Neal stated, "No organization can hope to survive that does not render continuous service to its membership and the community in which they live." The State Secretary reported twenty Pomona Granges with a membership of 9,940 members. Eastern New Hampshire Pomona was the leading Pomona with 1,062 members. Merrimack County Pomona had 958 members; Hillsborough County Pomona had 868 members; East Rockingham Pomona had 790 members and Cheshire County Pomona, 686 members.

The Subordinate Grange Member- dates. ship with 280 Subordinate Granges featured 26,262 members. Pilot Grange of love history and researching something Stark was reactivated during the year. There were thirteen Subordinate Grang- history and I enjoy sharing the story with es with a membership of 200 or more: anyone. Rochester, 482; Capital of Concord, 315; Uncanoonuc of Goffstown, 272; Advance of Wilton, 253; Nashua Grange, 248; Cheshire Grange, 243; Narragansett Grange of Bedford,243; Bow Grange, 238 members; Dover Grange, 229 members; Winnipesaukee Grange, 220 members; Hillsboro Grange, 218 members; Jaffrey Grange, 212 members; and Chester Grange, 204 members. Looking at that list, Rochester Grange is the only one left that is active.

The Juvenile Grange membership in 1938 was 800 boys and girls with 1,171 honorary members. Fremont Juvenile Grange and North Hampton Juvenile Grange were organized during that year.

There were 218 applications of conia, Honorable Edward J. Gallagher. I found Past State Master Carl S. Adams as a candidate for the Sixth Degree in 1938.

I was reading the State Grange Journal of 1952, the year I was born on The oldest lady State Grange officer July 17. I found the official publication of the Granite State Granger made its initial visit in May. The State Grange returned to Laconia to hold its 79th annual session at the Colonial Theatre. The State Secretary reported a membership of 32,497 mem-I decided to see what happened bers. However, for the first time, 1434 members were either suspended, or lost to death, or demits. This was the largest loss in the history of the NH State Grange. The largest Subordinate Granges were Rochester, 616; Lebanon, 305; Nashua, 295; Pelham, 271; Uncanoonuc of Goffstown, 248; and Capital Grange of Concord, 247 members.

> The Juvenile Grange membership was 2,467 boys and girls. The Pomona Grange membership was 13,607. The past year saw the Pomona Granges being reorganized with new Pomona Granges formed.

> The Sixth Degree found 411 initiates taking this special degree. I found Ina and Anbarth Andersen, Woodrow Allard, Carl Patten (my great uncle), Velma Pope, and John L. Saturley on the list of candi-

I could go on and on as usual. I just special. The NH State Grange has a rich

See you next time or better yet at the next State Grange Session. I have boxes and boxes of Secretary Minute Books if you are able to assist in getting these to the Historical Society of a town that used to have a Grange. My budget amount for this coming year is gone.

Before you put on a frown, make absolutely sure there are no smiles available.~Jim Beggs



We attended the Junior Summer Day at Youth Rally, painting Socks for Seniors, attempting string art, planting dry egg shells with dirt and flowers that can be planted outside once they start to germinate. We enjoyed a wonderful hike around the woods watching for footprints, flowers, trees and even found the old tire playground that my children had enjoyed when we went there for Junior Camps. We had four juniors and one future attend the very warm day. Thank you to the Youth for allowing us to join in and to Camp Spaulding for the delicious lunch.

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on projects.

On August 12, 15 Juniors and 15 Adults arrived at the State Grange building to celebrate 90 years of Junior Grange with a day of fun. Brian Twiss took on the project of building birdhouses. He precut enough lumber to make 15 houses, and he and his girls pre-painted the boards white so that the Juniors could paint and decorate them. He set up three tables at the back of the parking lot for a work station, covering the tables so clean up would be easy. Soon State Master Chris arrived and set up the Pop-up tarp for shade over the painting area. Then Brian and Norman Brandt patiently assisted little hands to hammer nails. Looking at the nice boards and a baggy of nails and screws and a dowel for the perch, Brian spent many hours getting the bags of boards ready with even a hole for the birds to enter their houses. A big thank you to

Stratham Fair had a Junior Display receiving a red ribbon, and I will try again at Deerfield. If there is anyone willing to help set up a fair display for me, please contact me and I will get you the needed items for a display and a photo to help set

Family weekend was a wonderful day. We had one child working on crafts while others had found the rides and swimming pool. I like to be available even for the one that will come to work

house a reality.

The children were divided into Brian worked with birdhouses outside. I or just watch over the children. know the schedule was mixed up but the Styrofoam beanbag toss with a hole in the found elsewhere in the paper. shape of a Junior Grange Sneaker. Bean ing with this.

man.

We held a Junior Grange opening, niors can see them. flag presentation and closing with the asparty. We closed and went outside to test State Secretary with the quarterly report.

the Twiss family for this task. Oversee- our boats. The judges, State Master Chris ing the painting I found Tricia Taylor with Heath and Wilbur Heath had a difficult the Juniors. We even found rocks to paint. time judging 12 boats as they all floated I must thank the State Grange Founda- and the judges had to review the worktion for their assistance to allow us to ask manship and design of the boats. Winners Home Depot for funding of the purchase were: age 4 ¹/₂ - 7: !st – Rebecca Boivert of wood, nails and paint for the birdhous- and 2nd -- Mallory Enman; age 8-11: 1st es. We greatly appreciate their assistance – Cole Enman and 2nd – Isabelle Brandt; in making learning to building a bird- age 12-14: 1st - Ava Twiss and 2nd - Genevieve Twiss

Cake and Ice cream ended our partwo groups. Some went inside and made ty before cleaning up and heading home. Bead Angels with Sherry Bokousky while A big thank you to all who came to assist

The Juniors and their birdhoues children were having fun. Norman made a are pictured below. Other pictures can be

I hope to have current Juniors come bags were tossed into the hole. Timothy, to State Gtrange on Saturday, if parents our future Junior Granger, enjoyed play- will come and join us with them and have them take part in the Flora's drill team. I Meanwhile two ladies, Cam Twiss will have games, crafts and at supper, we and Sandy Binette, found their way to the will order pizza for all before we dress for kitchen, found the food in the refrigera- the drill team. Please let me know if you tor, and began preparing lunch. We had and your children will be able to come and hotdogs, chips, salad, veggies and dip, participate October 28, 2017, at the Marcorn on the cobb and watermelon. Han- gate in Laconia. Remember that the nah West assisted with husking corn with Boats were judged at the Party in August Genevieve and Ava Twiss. After lunch, but all other contests can still be worked those not bringing their boat to float had on and sent to State Grange on Friday by time to build a boat, assisted by Lois En- someone in your Grange to have judging and ribbons ready by Saturday so the Ju-

Please feel free to contact me if sistance of many parents and grandpar- you have questions, and remember it ents. The children were able to fill offices only costs \$1.00 per year in dues for your and adults sat with those needing help. It children to be a member. Dues are payis so rewarding to see how we all worked able to your own Grange secretary and be together to make this the best day for a sure the children's names are sent to the





In June, the youth headed to Camp Spaulding in the Concord area. We had a small number of youth in attendance for the weekend's activities, but I think for speak everyone when I say that we had a great time! We enjoyed fellowship over board games and coloring pages, but the highlight of the weekend was certainly the three activities that were run by camp staff. We enjoyed the low ropes course, canoeing, and archery, and we had a great time. Next year, I hope that we can have even more people join us in the fun that we had!

In July, six of us from New Hampshire traveled down to Umass Amherst to attend the Northeast Youth Conference. Massachusetts was a great host for the weekend, and though our numbers were small, we were certainly represented well! Emilie Leclerc represented NH in the Jeopardy contest, and while she was not the victor, she did very well! Adam Terrill showed off his talent in the public speaking contest on Saturday afternoon. He achieved not only first place in his age group, but he received the best of show overall and will represent New Hampshire at National Session in the Evening of Excellence. Beth Merrill performed her sign-a-song "One Tin Solider". She, too, won first prize AND best of show, and will be performing her sign-a-song at the Evening of Excellence. I am so proud of all three of them for representing New Hampshire so well.

Looking forward to the future, we have a few events that I want to mention so you can mark your calendars. On September 23rd, the youth will head to Beech Hill Farm Stand for a corn maze and ice cream! We're still trying to plan something for October, so look for information about that, too! November will have a game night, and in December, we're planning on going to You're Fired! once again. Look for a communication from the committee very soon!



I hope you have all had a successful year in your Granges and have had some enjoyable programs. If you've had a program that you think others might enjoy, please send it along to me so that I can share it for other Granges to use.

Contests

Just a reminder to be thinking of your entries for the contests and your reports. Your end of year report is due to me by October 1st. This in the checklist of items you completed during the past Grange year for "Education is the Key". Your Honor Lecturer Report is also due. A copy of both of these is in your lecturer's packet for 2017. If you need one, please let me know.

Contest entries due on October 1st are: Photography, Create-a-Card, and Creative Writing. The categories for Photography are: covered bridges, flowers, family, and the four seasons. Do not confuse these categories with the National Grange contest that is also in the packet. Please remember to back your photos, but do not use glass as a covering.

The categories for create-a-card are: Baby, Halloween, and Anniversary. The Creative Writing categories are: Poetry: Haiku with the subject of family, Tell the Story with the subject "Memories From My School Days" and Read the Book, answering the question in 500 words or less, "Why did I enjoy this book?"

The due date for the Art contest is Thursday of State Session by 3:00 pm. The date is October 26th at The Margate in Laconia. The Art categories are: Oils and Acrylics, Watercolors, Charcoal, Pastels, Markers and Pencil, Mixed Media and Coloring pages. Please check the program book for all the rules and guidelines.

North East Lecturer's Conference

The North East Lecturer's Conference was held in Vermont at Castleton University in August. We had a small but loyal group of Grangers there, and I truly appreciate their support. Thank you to Gary Ford, Judith Chase, Beth Merrill,

Joyce Martin, Jozi Best, Gwen Yardley, Hannah West, and Carolee Davison for coming and helping with my program and to Chris Heath for being there for Spirit Night. Chris presented me with my Lecturer's Gift and again I am overwhelmed with the generosity of our Granges and Grangers who donated. Thank you so much!

The theme was School Days and my program was on Driver's Ed. Evervone seemed to enjoy the what I had planned and it went very smoothly. I will have a few copies of the program available at State Grange. If you would like one prior to that, please contact me. We also had some great workshops on Technology, Chair Yoga, Agriculture Education, Crafts for the Big E and Wellness. Our Spirit Night was the culmination of the conference with all the states in their colors, waving shakers and making noise with their noise makers. We had a magician entertain us.

The 7 state lecturers made a decision to not have the North East Lecturer's Conference in 2018. We will take next year to rethink our purpose and decide on what to do from there. Will there be a conference in 2019? I cannot say yet. Time will tell.

Talent Fund

I've received donations to the Talent Fund from many Granges, but if your Grange has not donated and would like to, it's not too late. We will be sending Ava Twiss, junior member of Watatic Grange, to National Grange in Spokane, Washington this November. Please help to defray her cost if you can.





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Summer is coming to an end. It does not look like I'll be doing the open Farm Awards day as my time and funding to schedule it is short. I will be talk-Service chairman to see what would be spring. the best place to put it in at State Ses-

Wingold Grange put on a Rabbit July 8th they had speakers from Poulin Grain, 2 local Rabbitrys and the NH State

NH State Grange Ag Committee put in an exhibit on Rabbits (with information from Wingold's program) at the Stratham Fair. We got a nice blue ribbon and some money for our department. I just got done finishing the skins that were left over from the food at the Rabbit Program and have returned the furs to the

My neighbor that I've been helping with his gardens for the past few years has been really, really excited this year as it is the first year his corn has grown large enough to get ears. He brings everyone back to where he planted his corn and talks over how he has always had trouble growing corn. But this year he had acquired 12 grain bags of animal waste (a combo of goat, chicken, duck and geese) to add to his areas and now he has 10' tall corn stocks. Sadly, in early August, right about the time to start harvesting his corn, he came over to have me come and tell him what was going on with his corn. Upon getting a few yards away I had to inform him he has a family of raccoons. I could tell by the way they climbed over the fences and there were many broken tops of corn stocks and a few broken bot-

This isn't the first time he's had problems with the wildlife. Earlier this summer he had broccoli and cauliflower that was being eaten down. His fences around the Raised beds didn't seem to be

damaged yet every morning more of the plants were missing leaves and stems. After close inspection it was found that a wood chuck would push between the fence and board to get in and return the fence to its original position when it left. He added a few more hooks on the board and the damage stopped that night.

Some Hints for Fall

Time for a second crop of peas.

We can now plant some more parsing with the State Master and Community nips to overwinter for a sweet crop next

be harvested next June.

Add some compost or animal by program, though not well attended. On product to drop dress your gardens after removing all diseased crops so that the nutrients can be distributed though the garden for planting next spring.



Our committee met in July to review and award scholarships. I am sad to report that only one application was received this year.

THOMAS PERRY of Londonderry Grange # 44 will be attending Quinnipiac University in Hamden, CT. for his second year. He plans to become a dentist. He has a long road ahead of him and State Grange wishes him well.

The scholarship that was awarded to Thomas was available from the interest earned from the committee's invested funds for the Educational Loan Fund (ELF). Our committee accepts contributions from individuals or a Grange any time during the year. Our thanks to all that have a donation.

National Grange benefits information is available on their web site at www. nationalgrange.org. Please check it out and share with your Grange members.

I hope your Grange will be represented at State Session in Laconia, NH at the Margate on October 26-28, 2017. Please speak to me if you have any questions or concerns that our committee can help you with.

Danbury Grange & Community Fair

Mark your calendars for the 103rd Annual Danbury Grange & Community Fair on Saturday, September 9. The fair is the highlight of the year in Danbury and people come from far and wide to enjoy it. The day opens with a pancake breakfast at the Danbury Elementary School from 7 - 9:30 a.m. Lineup for the parade begins at 10 a.m. on Restful Road with all welcome to participate. The parade kicks off at 11:00 with the route going along Rte 104 and ending at the Grange Hall Garlic can be planted (October) to on North Rd. This year's parade theme is 'Remember When.'

> Highlighted daytime events include children's author Mary Lyn Ray, the Traveling Barnyard children's petting zoo, and Lindsey Schust and the Ragged Mountain Band. Traditional, crowd-pleasing events include bed races at 12:00, a baby show at 12:30, and a Dutch Auction at 2:00. Events beginning at 1:00 include a tractor pull held at the corner of North Road and Spa Road and a horseshoe tournament at Independence Park. The day's activities also include an attic treasures sale. A silent auction with many great prizes will run throughout the day and into the evening.

> The evening is a great time to continue enjoying the fair. It begins with a ham and home baked beans supper including homemade salads and pies. Served family style in the historic Grange Hall from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m, the cost is only \$9 for adults, \$4 for children under 12, and children under 3 are free. Live bluegrass music by Cardigan Mountain Tradition will be featured at 7:00 p.m. A live evening auction sure to entertain will follow. The evening will wrap up with a raffle drawing.

> All activities are held in or around the Blazing Star Grange Hall at 15 North Road unless otherwise noted. For a complete schedule, visit www.blazingstargrange.org. For questions or more information, email lisa.m.windsor@gmail. com, or call/text 603-252-4440.

> > Cats seem to go on the principle that it never does any harm to ask for what you want. ~Joseph Wood Krutch

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Annual Convention The New Hampshire State Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry The Margate on Winnipesaukee Laconia, NH

October 26 ~ 28, 2017

Special & Invited Guests Betsy Huber, National Grange Master Chris Sununu, Governor of NH Edward Elgler, Mayor of Laconia

Thursday, October 26, 2017 Registration opens at 6:00 p.m. (\$10.00 Registration Fee each Delegate) (\$5.00 Registration Fee other attendees)

Opening Session ~ 7:00 p.m. Procession of State Officers Opening in the Sixth Degree Calling the Roll of Officers Grange lowered to the Fourth Degree Calling the Roll of Granges Introduction of Special Guests Conferral of the Fifth Degree Closing the Grange

Friday, October 27, 2017

Morning Session ~ 8:00 a.m. Opening in the Fourth Degree Calling the Roll of Officers Calling the Roll of Granges Reading the Minutes from Thursday Announcement of Session Committees Reading NEW Resolutions & 2017 Convention Rules Reports: Family WeekendRobert Trombi Session Coordinator....Gerald J. Leclerc Fundraising......Kimber Bascom Trustees of Trust Funds....Diane Collins Eastern States Trustees...Robert Trombi Webmaster.....Sarah Leclerc

Grange Memorial Service ~ 11:00 a.m. Chaplain, Matthew Clark (Gates and Registration will be closed) Afternoon Session ~ 1:30 p.m. State Master's Address Christopher E. Heath Reports:

Treasurer.....Daniel P. Bascom Secretary.....Gerald J. Leclerc Executive Committee...Robert Trombi General Deputy....Andrew Savage Lecturer....Jane Trombi Historian....Richard Patten LegislativeRobert Haefner AgricultureNorman Brandt

The New Hampshire Grange Foundation ~ 3:00 p.m. Annual Meeting by Foundation Directors and Officers

Note: All Delegates please be present. Evening Session ~ 6:00 p.m.

State Grange Banquet

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

Saturday October 28, 2017

Morning Session ~ 8:00 a.m. Opening in the Fourth Degree Calling the Roll of State Officers Calling the Roll of Granges Reading the Minutes from Friday's Session Informational reading of Convention Rules Reports: Youth Director......Sarah Leclerc Junior Director.....Joann Brandt Granite State Granger......Joann Brandt State Grange Building...Anne & Marty Boisvert Grange Services.....Lois Enman

9:30 a.m. Election of State Officers

Chris Heath
Debra Patten
Richard Patten
Richard Patten

Afternoon Session ~ 1:30 p.m. Budget 1:30 p.m.

Reports:
Resolutions CommitteeTara Sad
Master's Address
Credentials CommitteesEmilie Leclerc
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3:30 p.m. Closing the Grange

Fifth Degree Obligation ~ 7:10 p.m.

Evening Session~ 7:30 p.m. Conferral of the Sixth Degree Introduction of Guests Introduction ~ Assembly of Demeter Members Parade of Deputies Closing in the Fourth Degree (State Officers receiving line following the closing)

Community Service and Family Activities Luncheon Friday, October 27 The Margate in Laconia. Hot Turkey Sandwich, potato, vegetable, cranberry sauce, beverage and dessert Special guest Governor Chris Sununu Tickets are \$19.00 each from Richard Patten 30 Pinewood Trail Concord, NH 03301 Tel. 496-2917

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