



The Granite State Granger

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June

Junior Grange Fun Day

Saturday, June 16, 2018

Chichester Grange Hall

54 Main Street

- 9:30 a.m. Registration and craft time
- 10:00 a.m. Drive to Live and Let Live Farm
20 Paradise Lane, Chichester
- 11:00 a.m. Return to Grange Hall
Work on Big E Planter Craft
- 1:45 a.m. Clean up for Lunch
- 12:00 Noon Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Community Service - Decorate
Christmas Stockings for Pease Greeters
Christmas Project
- 2:00 p.m. Drive to Chucksters Fun Park for Mini Golf
and depart for home from there

Parents/Grandparents/Family are needed
for transportation for your children.

Cost: \$7.50 per person Cost could change
depending on number attending

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

Count for the day is needed by June 10 to reserve golf

Bring: Water, Sun Screen & Insect repellent

Things to pack: Extra socks along with boots depending
on weather and extra sweatshirt or jacket
Hat for sun or weather appropriate attire

Celebrate Grange at the Tillotson Center, Colebrook, NH



From 1931-1965 the Tillotson Center was the Colebrook Grange Hall. This summer the Center is celebrating the days of the Colebrook Grange with a Summer Festival. The celebration includes music from the 1930's through the 1960's when the Colebrook Grange was active. In 1965 the Colebrook Grange was merged with the current Mohawk Grange and the Colebrook Grange became a storage barn until 2006 when a local non-profit organization purchased and restored the building.

For more information on the history of the Tillotson Center visit their website at: <https://tillotsoncenter.wildapricot.org/History>

Upcoming events for the Colebrook Grange Hall summer festival include:

Thursday, May 31, at 7 p.m.

Chris Hadsel - Curtains without Borders talks about how the Colebrook Grange Hall Curtain was restored. Christopher Heath, NH Grange Master, will speak about the history of the Grange and the importance of the Grange in rural America. Donations accepted.

Friday, June 22 at 7 p.m.

Swing North Big Band-Features music of the 1940's.
Admission \$10/students \$5

Friday, July 27, at 7 p.m.

Studio Two, Beatles Tribute Band- Features music of
1950's & 1960's.
Admission \$10/students \$5

Sunday, August 26 @ 2 p.m.

The Sky Blue Boys & Cookie
Features old timey music of the 1930's.
Admission \$10/students \$5

The phone number for the Tillotson Center is 603-237-8576.

Associate with men of good quality
if you esteem your own reputation;
for it is better to be alone than in bad company.
George Washington, 1732 - 1799



*From my pad
to your pad*

**Christopher Heath
NH State Grange Master**

Hello, Fellow Grangers,

It is hard to believe how fast this year is going by. Seems like only yesterday we were digging out from one of the four Nor'easters that hit us this year. Now it is the springtime of the year and the flowers are blooming, the trees are budding and the pollen is starting to flow. I hope that you are busy working on your gardens and enjoying Mother Nature in all her glory.

I have been doing some traveling around to Granges, and I am always welcomed with open doors, smiling faces, and plenty of food. It is always good to connect with all of you. I want to let you all know that I am greatly humbled by your support and encouragement.

I want to thank Lecturer Jane Trombi and Executive Committee member Beth Merrill for putting on a great Spring Fling. Taylor Community is a great facility, and they are very accommodating. The workshops were great and the speakers were well educated and knowledgeable about the topics they were covering. A big thank you goes out to Wicwas Lake Grange for hosting the Grange Month Banquet. Jane and Bob Trombi provided an excellent meal that was enjoyed by all who attended.

Make sure to get out to all the upcoming events and support your State officers and directors. The State Grange leadership puts in a lot of volunteer hours, energy, and money to put on these events. If you don't attend, you're missing out on the great activity and fellowship that goes along with the event.

It is getting to be time for people to sign up to volunteer to work at the Big E in September. We are looking for people to help with Blueberry Pie Day and also to help man the Grange Store and State Room at the New England Grange Building on the grounds of the Big E. if you or any other members of your Grange would like to help, I need to know no

later than June 30th. I have to get the list in to the coordinator so that tickets and parking passes can be set aside for you.

We are also looking for a list of people who would like to attend Grange Day during the Big E. I also need to have this list ready for June 30th. So if you are available and would like to attend the fair for Grange Day, please let me know.

We are finalizing plans to have the "town meetings" concerning the future of Pomona Granges. If you are passionate about them or would like to hear what other members feel about them, please make it a point to attend one of these meetings. A letter with the dates and locations will follow this publication. Make sure to get out and make your opinion known. You are the voice of the Grange and if you don't participate in these discussions, you only have yourself to blame if you don't get out to the meetings.

By now most of you should have had your spring visit from your Deputy State Master. I hope that they have shared with you the information concerning insurance for your Grange and your hall. If you need any further assistance with these forms or the process, please let your deputy know so that we can assist. The insurance company is owned and operated by Grangers and they are authorized to sell insurance in New Hampshire. They are very helpful and will be sure to answer all your questions and concerns. I hope that their prices are competitive with other companies that you may have already been in contact with concerning your insurance.

The National Lecturer has partnered with a couple of other National organizations to get the Grangers involved in different programs that are already in place. In the next quarterly report from

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***(However, donations are accepted.)**

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Postmaster or anyone else:

**Please send all related correspondence to
Hannah West
3 Depot Road
Chichester, NH 03258**

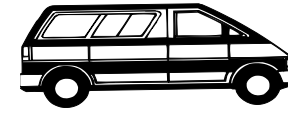
the State Secretary, there will be some information that will explain more about these programs and give your Grange resources to contact to get involved. I encourage those who are interested to jump on board and go gung ho. They are very worthwhile projects that have something for everyone. Be a part of something bigger and be involved.

I hope that you are all working on your resolutions for State Session. Remember that the resolution has to be in a certain format and must have something to do with an issue or change on a state or national level. These are the only resolutions that the delegate body can work on during State session. Any resolutions that have to do with changing the State or National Grange bylaws must be in to the State Secretary by September 1st. The resolution process is what our organization uses to change, modify, and create policy. If there is something you want to see changed, submit a resolution. If you need assistance with writing your resolutions, please reach out to any of the State Grange leadership and we will be happy to help or find you a resource that can help.

I wish the best for all the Granges out there. I want to see our organization grow and become the powerful force that it once was so many years ago. Society today really needs the Grange's presence and could really benefit from all the knowledge that Grangers possess. We as Grangers need to promote all the good things we do and encourage others to join us in making our communities, State, and Nation a welcoming place for all of us.

We need to be the ones to start this process and keep everyone moving in the right direction. Try to make sure that you share this with everyone in your community. Together we can make a change for the better.

**Goodness is always an asset.
A man who is straight, friendly and useful may never be famous, but he is respected and liked by all who know him. He has laid a sound foundation for success and he will have a worthwhile life.
Herbert N. Casson (1869-1951)**



**Family & Community
Department
Deb Patten**

Spring has sprung! Finally we are having some good weather. I hope everyone is well and able to think about planting and getting outside for some fresh air. When you are relaxing, hopefully you continue to work on knitting hats and mittens, work on your needlework contest entries and especially work on making blankets for our Nighty Night Hugs project.

Nighty Night Hugs

It is the hope that your Grange continues to work on filling sacks for this project again this year. The shelters really can use these. Look for good sales on fleece if you want to make them or look for bargains on the fleece blankets from Walmart. I was able to purchase quite a few for \$2.50 each and some were \$5. Put a book with it and a new stuffed toy in a sack and there you have it. I hope this continues as the Grange gets good community recognition by continuance of projects and the need is so great.

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. I was able to purchase sacks from Miles Kimball for \$1.00 each.

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 go 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. I recently learned that school bus drivers really appreciate having a supply on their buses too, as many children board the buses without them.

Needlework Contests

The contests are the same for 2018 as they were last year. In February I 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 or crocheted 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 2018 at the end of the State Grange session.

In addition there are State categories:

Woodworking

Adult Garment - sewn

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 Banana Bread. 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) 499-8305 – Cheshire County Pomona

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

Deb Stone – (603) 543-3272 – email: dr35stone@gmail.com – Mascoma Valley Pomona

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

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

Linda Phelps – (603) 455-9896 –email: LKphelps56@yahoo.com – Pemigewasset Valley Pomona

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

Contact Deb Patten for Eastern NH Pomona

**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)**



**Agriculture
Department**
Norman Brandt, Director

that we can set up an awards day at a farm in August. If you have any questions feel free to e-mail me at Fishbra955@aol.com or call me at 642-5074 and leave a message. E-mails work 98% of the time. Phone about 4% of the time.

Now a little update on what's going on in my neck of the woods, I currently have 14 goslings hatched out. I have one more goose sitting to hatch some due any day now, and another one just starting her nest. I also have my pigs tilling my gardens, and am now getting ready for piglets due in 12 days at the time of writing this.

My neighbor and I just finished planting the corn and pole beans, This year we made sure it was human corn not field corn! We moved our mushroom impregnated logs out under a pine tree and have been harvesting Button mushrooms and Portobello mushrooms. Man, are they good eating right out of the soil!

Well, to keep myself from taking over the paper again or becoming too well winded I'm going to stop right about here, I hope you are all having a good spring and start of the summer and keep an eye open for updates from the Grange Grapevine.

Well, we had it! Our program put on by King Street Vineyards on pruning and general fruit and grape care had about twenty people for a nice long talk. I was a little disappointed to only have five Grange members present, but you all missed out on it. Not only did he demonstrate three methods of grape vine pruning but also talked and showed us different methods of growing grapes. Followed by pruning peaches, blueberries, blackberries, raspberries, plum and apple trees. Then talked a little on oranges, lemons and limes. All followed by a raffle for six Grape vines (free) and a Grape juice tasting from different varieties he grows and sells there at his house. You can see his place on his website <http://www.kingstreetvineyards.com/>. I personally learned so much at this program. Thank you, Scott Burns, for setting this up for us.

I'm hoping that your Grange is voting for a local farm to get recognition and sending it to me. Currently, I have yet to get one nomination sent to me. I'm hoping to have them by the end of June so

Grange Historical Fact

This will be the 65th anniversary of the Century Farm Awards.



2018 Fair Dates



Stratham Fair: July 19-22, 2018

Francisco Marin
Phone: (603) 772-4977
www.strathamfair.com

North Haverhill Fair: July 25-29, 2018

David Lackie
Phone: (603) 989-3305
www.nohaverhillfair.com

Cheshire Fair: August 2-5, 2018

Laurie Burt
Phone: (603) 357-4740
info@cheshirefair.org

Belknap County 4-H Fair August 11-12

Earl Leighton
www.bc4hfair.org

Cornish Fair: August 17-19, 2018

Wayne Gray
Phone: (603) 675-5714
Vendor: (603) 543-3836
www.cornishnhfair.org

Lancaster Fair: Aug. 30-Sept. 3, 2018

Lisa Tetreault
Phone: (603) 788-4531
www.lancasterfair.com

Hopkinton Fair: Aug.31-Sept.3,2018

Administrative Office
Phone: (603) 746-4191
www.hsfair.org
admin@hsfair.org

Hillsborough County Fair: September 8-9, 2018

Danielle Deyo
Phone: (603) 641-6060
www.HCAFair.com

Rochester Fair: September 13-16, 2018

Phone: (603) 332-6585
www.rochesterfair.com

Seacoast Country Fair September 13-16, 2018

Ken Churchill
280 Exeter Rd.
Epping, NH 03042
www.Seacoastcountryfair.com

Deerfield Fair: September 27-30, 2018

Administration Office
34 Stage Rd.
Deerfield, NH 03037-0156
Phone: (603) 463-7421

Community Service Thoughts



Richard Patten

I can't believe in a matter of a few weeks summer will be here. Memorial Day is a great time for Grange members to help people in your neighborhood go to the cemetery to place flowers at a grave of a loved one or just to say a prayer. Your Grange might consider participating in your town observances. If your town is not having any observance, perhaps your Grange could organize a ceremony honoring those who have passed away. You might invite the American Legion, VFW, Disabled American Vets, Gold Star Mothers, or Scouts, to participate.

Memorial Day Weekend is a great time for your Grange to do a Community Beautification project. You might plant geraniums, petunias, marigolds, and other types of plants. You might ask a local florist to give you ideas of what to plant.

I like to call May, June, and July the Patriotic Season with Memorial Day, Flag Day, and Independence Day. Flag Day has become almost a forgotten day. Here is another chance for your Grange to have a public /Flag Day program.

Don't forget Father's Day in June as well. Be sure to remember your dad, uncle, or grandfather on this special day. This is also a great time to visit a local retirement home to visit men who have no family or feel they have no reason to smile because their family members live too far away or have deceased. You might consider taking over a fruit basket for all the men to enjoy or send greeting cards. Everyone loves getting a greeting card. It shows they are not forgotten.

Another big day in the community is Graduation Day. Boys and girls started their education in kindergarten, moved on to the first grade, then Junior High School (now called Middle School in some communities), and then high school. Where did the time go as parents watch their children grow into young ladies and men? Your Grange might offer to provide refreshments to the high school following graduation. In today's

world, some places are having graduation ceremonies for children going from preschool to first grade. Some schools have graduation ceremonies for students going from eighth grade to ninth grade.

Don't forget to have your Grange offer assistance to the local Old Home Day Committee. Many communities still have Old Home Day celebrations ranging from a weekend full of events to a day of events to an afternoon picnic following a Sunday Church Service.

This is an election year for Governor, US Representatives, Governor's Council, State Senators, State Representatives, County Officers, and more. The filing period opens June 6 and closes June 15. The State Reps and State Senators earn \$100.00 a year minus taxes and with mileage, unless you live in Concord and get no mileage. There are many meetings from January to June with general sessions held on Thursdays and possibly a Wednesday as needed. You can register at your town clerk's office or with the Secretary of State. There is a small fee to register to file to run for a state position.

Now back to Grange information. I sincerely hope Granges are going to submit names for police officer (deputy sheriff, state police if your town does not have a police department), firefighter (part time or full time), educators (primary, secondary, college, charter, or private schools). I realize the news many times portrays police officers in a bad light due to questionable actions, but for the most part these men and women have no idea what will happen when they respond to a call. It may seem innocent-sounding, but who knows what is going on.

I am also looking for community citizen, public service, and Granger of the Year awards. Please send these **as soon as possible**, to me, Dick Patten, 30 Pine-wood Trail, Concord, NH 03301. The final date for all entries is September 1. I realize many Granges don't meet in the summer months and Grange work gets forgotten. The winning entries selected will be honored in Keene during our State Grange Session.

I hope Granges have been collecting their Loose Change for Grange Community Projects. This helps with expenses incurred with awards etc. If you have

a newspaper or reporter that gives great publicity to community events, please send me their name and name of the newspaper.

I hope your Grange is working on a booklet indicating all the community activities that your members are involved in. Please do not report or have photographs of the State Grange Session, Sixth Degree, or a regular meeting of your Grange.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at 496-2917 for information. I would welcome any telephone calls for information. Have an enjoyable and restful summer and get ready for a busy Grange autumn.

Chichester Grange #132

May is a busy month for Chichester Grangers. It starts with our Awards Night, held this year on May 2. With about 45 people in attendance we honored a firefighter/EMT, a postal worker, an educator, an outstanding youth, a local business, and our Community Citizen – Holly MacCleery.

The next activity was to spread fresh mulch on Memorial Park, an area next to the Grange/Town Hall. The Boy Scouts were there to give us a hand, and what a help they were! Nine yards of mulch was spread in record time. Petunias have been planted in seven half-barrels, two near the memorial stone at the front parking lot, and four in the area near the Town offices. The daffodils have gone by, but the lilacs are in full bloom and the Park will look very special for Memorial Day.

The final May event will be a Memorial Day observance on May 30. Chichester Grange uses the "traditional" Memorial Day, so as not to interfere with other celebrations in the area which are held on the Monday holiday. With help from the Chichester Historical Society this year's program will feature Henry Sanborn, a Civil War veteran. A descendant will read some information about Henry Sanborn, and there will be a display of some of his memorabilia. The Boy Scouts will place a memorial wreath near the stone that honors all the branches of the military in which Chichester veterans have served. The wreath will remain in place until Flag Day in June.



Please join us for the 152nd Annual Convention of the National Grange hosted by the Northeast Region! Come join your Grange friends from across the nation at Stowe Mountain Resort & Spa located in Stowe, Vermont.

November 13 – 17, 2018.

**National Grange Schedule
Tuesday, November 13**

Legislative Luncheon (Tickets \$25)
Opening of the 152nd Annual Session
Session opens in the Fourth Degree
National Master's Address
Friendship Dinner (Tickets: \$40)

Wednesday, November 14

Salute to Ag Luncheon (Tickets: \$25)
Showcase/Mercantile opens
Distinguished Grange Awards
Youth Check in and Orientation
Youth Get Acquainted Party
Youth Officers Practice

Thursday, November 15

General and Youth Tour (Tickets \$40)
Past Delegate Luncheon (Tickets: \$25)
Memorial Service
Jr. Grange Sign-A-Song Contest
Assembly of Demeter Business Meeting
Youth Costume Party/Dance

Friday, November 16

Youth Activities & Workshops
Communications Workshop
Junior Grange Tour (Tickets: \$15)
Installation of Officers
GROW Club Dinner (Tickets: \$40)
Evening of Excellence
Youth Program

Support the Granite State Granger
with your donation.

Saturday, November 17
Junior Grange Breakfast (Tickets: \$20)
Lecturer's Workshop
Youth Workshop
6th & 7th Degree Conferrals
Junior Grange Activities & Awards
Junior Directors meeting
Grange Celebration Banquet
(Tickets: Prime Rib \$40 |
Roasted Pork \$40
Vegetarian \$40 | Children (2-12) \$20)

The Seventh Degree

Have you received the lessons of the Seventh Degree? This degree is very different from the other six. It is a stage degree, and candidates simply witness it from the audience with their Grange family and friends.

National Grange is meeting in the Northeast Region this year, so now would be a good time to take the Seventh Degree or witness it again.

Saturday, November 17th | 1:00 p.m.
Location: Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center, 122 Hourglass Drive, Stowe, VT 05672

Tickets: \$30 (Includes transportation)
The degree is free to witness for current seventh-degree members.

National Grange Tours

General and Youth Tour
Thursday, November 15th |
Tickets: \$40 (all ages)
9:00 a.m. Leave the Stowe Mountain Resort & Conference Center for Montpelier, VT
10:00 a.m. Arrive at the Vermont State House and the Vermont History Museum
12:30 p.m. Leave Montpelier for Cabot, VT (bag lunch on bus)
1:15 p.m. Arrive at the Cabot Creamery Visitor Center
3:00 p.m. Leave Cabot for hotel
4:30 p.m. Arrive back at Stowe Mountain Resort & Conference Center
Junior Tour
Friday, November 16th |
Tickets: \$15 (all ages) – Lunch is included
10:30 a.m. Leave the Stowe Mountain Resort
11:30 a.m. Arrive in Burlington, VT – Echo Lake Aquarium and Science Center
1:30 p.m. Leave Echo Center
2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory
4:30 P.M. Arrive back at Stowe Mountain Resort & Conference Center

Grange Bulletin Board

Rochester Grange
Past Masters / Past Lecturers Night
Membership Awards & Scholarship Presentations
Also a speaker for the James Foley Foundation
June 16, 2018 7:30pm
21 Charles St. Rochester, NH 03867
For More Information – Contact Lois Enman, secy. 332-4033



The only picture taken at Game Night.

In Memoriam

Rachel Frye	Gilman
William Veroneau	Halloween
Brenda Paquette	Mohawk
Raymond Goddard	Mt. Livermore
John Goodrich	Riverside
Carroll Leone	Rochester
Florence Conckran	Wingold

NH State Grange Department Directors
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Youth – Sarah Leclerc
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Chair – Diane Collins

Wingold Grange
Ham & Bean Suppers
All suppers are at the East Kingston Elementary School, Andrews Lane
June 23, 2018
5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Includes 2 types of beans, spiral ham, cole slaw, potato salad, rolls
homemade pies and beverages
\$9.00 adults \$5.00 children
Questions call 603-642-5074 or 603-642-5932

Stratham & Deerfield Fairs
Stratham Fair is July 19-22, please let Joann Brandt know if you plan to place a display on Wednesday, July 18, 3-7 p.m. or let her know if that time will not work. The fair starts Thursday.
Deerfield Fair is the end of September, but check the website for application deadline to the fair.

Blow-Me-Down Grange #234
Blow-Me-Down Grange #234 in Plainfield, NH, welcomed a group (pictured below) from the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Dartmouth on April 26th to view the Mural by Lucia Fairchild Fuller on display in our Grange building. The visit was the result of a request by Mary Keeler (in center of picture, 6th person from the left), who was teaching a course about Women Painters of the Cornish art Colony,

The Mural is available to see most Saturdays between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. while 'THE ATTIC SHOP' is open or by appointment. Info: 603-448-0773.



A Hearty Grange Welcome to New Members
Lisa Braley Blazing Star
Juliette Adams Blazing Star
Donna Phelan Blazing Star
Linda Knowles Hampton Falls
Marcia Huckins Lower Intervale
Joe Wiggett Mount Hope
Arianna Garabedian New Junior Member
Centennial

Lower Intervale Grange #321
We have a new member. Marcia Huckins is the wife of long time member Dale Huckins. We are planning on having an Awards Night, tentative for the August meeting. Dale MacDonald will be awarded her Golden Sheaf certificate, and quite a few members are due 45 year membership awards.

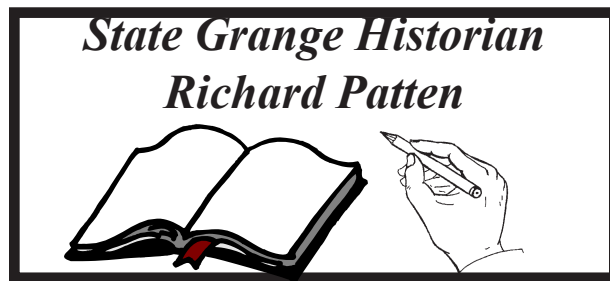
Blazing Star Grange
Chicken BBQ
Saturday, June 23
5 to 6:30pm.
1/4 chicken, assorted salads, baked beans, strawberry shortcake
Take outs are available.
\$9 adults, \$5 children under 12
children under 3 free

Mt. Pistareen Grange
Mt. Pistareen Grange is running a cereal drive from May 10-June 15th for their local food pantry. After reading an article about how difficult it is for many parents to feed their children during the summer when they do not receive reduced school meals, members felt the need to contribute to their community. After checking with Joan's Pantry, it was determined that cereal is always in short supply and especially needed during the summer. Grange members will be collecting cereal donations at their Grange Hall. All donations will be matched by Village Children's Center of Spofford. We hope this project will make a difference to our community and its children.

In 1898, Rural Free Delivery was to receive the first Rural Free Delivery route in New Hampshire in the vicinity of Pittsfield. This had been long advocated by the Grange.

Calendar of Events 2018
June 16 - Junior Grange Fun Day
Chichester Grange Hall
June 23 - Wingold Grange Ham & Bean Supper, 5-6:30 p.m. East Kingston Elementary School
June 23 - Chicken BBQ 5-6:30 p.m. Blazing Star Grange, Danbury
July 1 - Scholarship and Loan Applications due to Lois Eman
July 1 - Farm Awards Applications due to Norman Brandt
July 15 - Quarterly Report due to State Grange Secretary
July 19-22 - Stratham Fair
July 25-29 - North Haverhill Fair:
July 27-29 - Grange Family Weekend
Gunstock Campground
Aug. 1 - Needlework entries due to Deb Patten
Aug. 1 - JG planter craft due to Joann Brandt
Aug. 2-5 - Cheshire Fair
Aug. 11-12 - Belknap County 4-H Fair
Aug. 17-19 - Cornish Fair
Aug. 30-Sept. 3 - Lancaster Fair
Aug. 31-Sept. 3 - Hopkinton Fair
Sept. 1 - Grange Awards nominations due to Richard Patten
Sept. 8 & 9 - Hillsborough County 4-H Fair, New Boston
Sept. 13-16 - Rochester Fair
Sept. 13-16 - Seacoast Country Fair
Sept. 14-30 - Eastern States (Big E) W. Springfield, MA
Sept. 27-30 - Deerfield Fair
Oct. 1 - Card, Photo, and Creative Writing Contest entries due to State Lecturer, Jane Trombi
Oct. 6-8 - Sandwich Fair
Oct. 15 - Quarterly Report due to State Grange Secretary
Oct. 25-28 - NH State Grange Annual Session, Keene
Oct. 31 - Quilt Block Contest entries due to National Lecturer
Nov. 13-17 - National Grange Convention, Stowe, VT

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**State Grange Historian
Richard Patten**

I have enjoyed going to State Grange Session. It was a time to see friends whom you had not seen since the last Session. When I became Junior Director, Gerry and I would start counting the days in April to State Grange.

I was thinking back to where State Grange has met during my years in Grange. I know we have been to Concord, Laconia, Littleton, Lancaster, Gorham, Colebrook, Claremont, Lebanon, West Lebanon, Keene, Conway, Rochester, Manchester, Nashua, and Hudson. They may have met in Plymouth and Dover, but I am not sure as I am missing some journals.

I looked at the 1968 State Session being held in Conway. The last State Officer from that year, State Lady Assistant Steward Miss Edith Anne Emery, passed away this year. State Master John L. Saturley was presiding over his first session as State Master. In the Memorial Service the names of 107 deceased members were read, including State Steward Randall Richardson, who passed away on December 28, 1967. He was a very active Grange member and a Youth Fund has been established in his memory.

State Lecturer Ralph Emerson reported 700 Grange members enjoyed a three hour cruise on the Mt. Washington as it traveled around Lake Winnepesaukee. The John R. Thompson Memorial in Littleton was dedicated on June 15 with over 100 Grange Patrons attending. National Master Herschel Newsom and Sister Newsom along with National Grange Lecturer Wiliam Brake and Sister Brake were among those attending. White Mountain Grange of Littleton served a delicious lunch to everyone.

There were 103 Grange Patrons receiving lessons of the Sixth Degree in 1968. I also noticed in the reports that The Home Economics Committee was now known as Women's Activities Committee.

I decided to visit 1958 as it was

holding its 85th annual session at the Palace Theare in Manchester with State Master George Clement presiding. I enjoyed State Master George Clement in his Master's Address stating that "the Community Service Committee is the key to a forward Grange today." They had 179 Granges send in an entry card for the Community Service Contest with 147 reports submitted. It was estimated that 62,885 volunteer hours were reported.

It was reported that "the Home Economics and Agriculture Committee will work together to sponsor the Dairy Princess Contest. The Pomona Granges in NH are to be congratulated for the interest in this contest." There was a real effort between the NH State Grange, American Dairy Association, Extension Service, Farm Bureau, NHA Breeding Association, NH Milk Dealers Association, State Planning & Development Commission, and Grange Insurance Companies.

The first Bowling Tournament was organized by B. Franklin Hayes and held in Rochester. A Juvenile Graduation was held by the Derry Juvenile Grange #90. The 20th annual State Grange Banquet was held with 300 in attendance. The Centry Farm Awards were presented. The Sixth Degree was conferred on 176 candidates. There is so much I could talk about, but it is time to close the books for this time.

I have been getting questions off and on as to do you know where this person is or has this person passed away? Ernie Jones Jr. of Ezekiel Webster Grange in Boscawen, also a Past State Prince; James Hadley, another active member in the 1969-1972 area; Barbara Robinson, Patricia Valliere, Elaine Nichols, Bill Gerald, Gerry Grenier, and his sister, Lorraine. If anyone knows where they are, please let me know.

Thanks for all your nice comments. I try hard, I just really enjoy researching our great history

NH Grange Historical Fact

It was December 23, 1873, in Manchester. The New Hampshire State Grange was organized in the G.A.R. Hall with representatives of sixteen of the original Granges present.

Thirty Subordinate Granges were organized in 1873.

Blazing Star Grange

The Blazing Star Grange held a kids' bread baking workshop in April. With the help of several adult volunteers, seventeen kids made bread dough from scratch. Part of their dough was used to make pizza for lunch. They got to take some rolls home, and some rolls were donated to the Danbury Food Pantry. In between bread risings, they enjoyed snack and activities, including working on some Junior Grange Projects.



**Junior Grange
Joann Brandt, Director**

How was your Spring? Did you take the children to any exciting activity during Spring Vacation? I think how I used to find some place to go even if money was tight. We would go to the Beach or take a ride and visit a park or even go to the school playground to play.

Next is the time of fresh fruit to start in June with Strawberry picking and then Blueberries. Of course, you have to pay for them; but to teach children how our fruits are grown is a fun time to spend, and they usually don't fight but try to find the biggest one.

I am excited to hear of two new Juniors being obligated by our State Master, Chris, in Croydon. Welcome to our State Junior Grange! This will help as we have 6 graduating this year, and I hope they will be working in your Grange.

We all enjoyed Bowling on March 18 at 12 noon. Twelve Junior age children came to bowl. Some came as a friend and four came with their parents but joined us. Eight were members with the winners as follows. Ages 4-7: 1st Mairenn, 2nd Elle, and 3rd Rebecca. Ages 8-10: 1st Cole, 2nd Salem, and 3rd Mallory. Ages 11-14: 1st Natalie, 2nd Bella, and 3rd Blaze. Congratulations and yoyos were given to all, along with a certificate for the children to start a scrapbook.

I heard Blazing Star Grange was having a bread making project for the Juniors and that the bread was going to the food pantry. It was opened up to all. Did anyone else go to this fun day? I would have if I didn't have our Grange Ham and Bean Supper and was making pies.

I visited Watatic Grange. They are always working with their Juniors, and Cam Twiss had a folder for each of the children with craft, art paper and lined paper to write about the person they were making a card for. Such a great idea for any Grange having Juniors attend their meetings.

We will meet June 16 for a Fun Day at the Chichester Grange (Town Hall) at

9:30 a.m. and will take a field trip at 10 a.m. At 11 a.m. we will return for craft time and lunch. We would like to make our Planter Craft or bring one made: **Create and decorate a planter using any material including craft sticks, plastic canvas, duct tape, clay, etc. decorate any way. Size not to exceed 6 x 6 x 6 inches. No live plants please.** If not completed at the Fun Day, I will need them by August 1 to be judged and sent to Eastern States Exposition to be judged there and be on display during the Big E. We will end with another field trip and families can head home after the Miniature Golf. I will be sending to all families with final details. The more that come the lower the cost for Mini Golf.

July 27-29 weekend is the Family Weekend. Bob Trombi needs reservations for camping by trailer or tent. I will plan on attending Saturday with some crafts available.

I know we all have other events and can't always attend every one, but I hope to see you somewhere in my travels. Remember I am willing to visit your Grange when you send me an invitation. Tell me what we can do for your Juniors: Jbrandt774@aol.com

**Don't let yesterday use up too much of today.
-- Native American Proverb**

Aurora Grange

Aurora Grangers in Pittsburg enjoyed a visit from local selectman, Richard Lapoint, at their March meeting. Mr. Lapoint spent time going over all of the warrant articles that were due to be voted on at the March town meeting. It was a very informative meeting.

In April, in an effort to gain some new members, Aurora Grange published a short article in local newspapers about the history of the Patrons of Husbandry and about some of Aurora's service projects. Members collect postage stamps to send to a company that sells them to stamp collectors and uses proceeds to purchase Sunday School materials for children in Third World countries. In addition, Aurora members recently collected needed items for a homeless shelter in Lancaster, NH.

In May, Aurora was visited by deputy, Jean Abbott, who did spring instruction, and by Doris Mitton, who had a lovely display of cards that she had created.



Lecturer's Lines
State Lecturer
Jane Trombi



It's hard to believe it's already time to think of summer! You still have plenty of time to work on your entries for the different contests. All contest entries (except for Art) are due October 1st, but you can get them to me anytime before that. Be sure to look at the contest rules for 2018.

Bowling Tournament

On March 18th, 39 bowlers met at Lakeside Lanes in Manchester for our annual bowling tournament. We had a great day. I hope we can get more next year, so save the date now of March 17, 2019. A list of winners is printed on this page. The High Triple for men and women, as well as the winning Grange team will bowl for free in 2019. Congratulations to all winners! Thanks to all those who participated.

Grange Month Event

Our Grange Month/Spring Fling event was held on April 7th at Taylor Community in Laconia and then the banquet at Wicwas Lake Grange in Meredith. We had a small turnout, but we had great workshops and fellowship. Many thanks to those that put on workshops: Gloria Davis, Mark Collins, Adam Terrell, and Hannah West for taking care of the penny sale. Also Katie Robinson from Cooking Matters (NH Food Bank). Katie spoke of eating and cooking right. Here are a few websites that she shared to help us eat better. I hope you find them useful.

www.choosemyplate.gov

<https://cookingmatters.org/>

<https://www.eatright.org/health>

<https://www.budgetbytes.com/>

<https://www.leannebrown.com/>

We had our banquet at Wicwas Lake Grange Hall. Many thanks to Jeanne Lowrey for setting up the hall and prepping our meal. Two awards were presented that night. First the Community Service Award was given to Wicwas Lake Grange for their outstanding service to the community of Meredith. The second award was to Mark Collins for being The Best Tech Guy!

We also had our open mic time for talent entries. Adam Terrell of Walpole Grange will be representing NH at the Night of Excellence at National Grange in November. Congratulations to Adam. I know he will represent us well. It's not too late make a donation to the Talent Fund to help defray the cost for Adam to go to National. Checks should be made out to NH State Grange Lecturer. Send your donation to:

Jane Trombi
 794H Court St.
 Keene, NH 03431.

State Grange Bowling Winners 2018

Men's High Triple

Class A: Wayne Condon
 Class B: Richard Russell
 Class C: Lawrence Brandt
 Class D: Ralph Russell

Women's High Triple

Class A: Mary Dowes
 Class B: Judy Bailey
 Class C: Laura Sevene
 Class D: Melissa Coulombe

Men's High Single

Class A: Wayne Condon
 Class B: Richard Russell
 Class C: Lawrence Brandt
 Class D: Ralph Russell

Women's High Single

Class A: Mary Dowes
 Class B: Lois Enman
 Class C: Laura Sevene
 Class D: Anna Murphy

Grange Teams

First: Rochester Grange A 1060
 Dan Bascom
 Wayne Condon
 Lois Enman
 Judy Bailey
 Second: Wingold 912
 Norman Brandt
 Lawrence Brandt
 Martha Fowler
 Lucia Savage
 Third: Henry Wilson B 906
 Joan Garland
 Ralph Russell
 Pam Warden
 Tony Sibiki

NH Grange Historic Fact

This year marks the 60th annual State Grange Bowlers Tournament.



Grange Services

Lois Enman, Director

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

This is my Big push for the Grange Scholarship application that any Grange senior or a returning college student may apply for. If you have been accepted to a post-secondary educational institution you should complete the application form and follow the other requirements that are needed to complete the application. These two (2) forms are on the NH State Grange website at www.nhgrange.org or contact a Grange Service Committee member. The scholarship grants criteria used in judging applications; form 202 was printed in the March issue of the Granite State Granger.

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

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

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

National Grange is offering Membership Matters ZOOM meetings on the computer. They will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month until January 15, 2019. Please check the e-mail from Hannah West on the Grange Grape Vine.

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

Deadline

The next issue of the Granite State Granger will be mailed in September, 2018. Please send items for the paper to Hannah West on or before August 8, 2018. Report on events of June and July. Look ahead to events of September, November, and December.



Membership
Christopher Heath

The membership committee hopes that everyone is having a great Spring and that you are taking advantage of the great outdoors. We have been busy traveling around the state visiting Granges, and our message to those Granges we have been to is membership. The department is starting a new initiative and that is to give every member a membership application.

We are challenging everyone to take a membership application and talk to someone about the Grange. Tell them about the good things that you do in the community. Talk to them about the experiences that you have had in the Grange. Tell them about the opportunities that the Grange has provided to you during your membership. Talk about the fellowship and projects that you have been a part of. Talk about the good things that you and your Grange have done. Make sure that you are positive when telling people about the Grange.

Once you have finished telling them about all the wonderful things that you do in the Grange, hand them the application and ask them to join the Grange. This is the most important step of the whole process. You have to say the words. Just handing them the application is not enough. Don't be afraid of rejection. You will most likely get one of three responses from them. The first being that they are not interested in joining the Grange. If that is the case, thank them for their time and get your application back so you can give it to the next person. Second that they will have to think about it and get back to you. If this is what happens to you, remember to take their contact information so that you can follow up with them. Sometimes all they need is a little encouragement and they will eventually come to join you. Third, they will say yes, have them fill out the application, provide you with the initiation fee and some payment of dues and encourage them to be at your next meeting.

When they are there, make sure to obligate them right away. Teach them the basics of your meeting. Get them involved in your projects and activities. Make sure the Lecturer gives them a program for the year. Remember that they may also have other things that they are doing so don't expect them to be there for everything you're doing. Those who come out and tell you no will most likely never join the Grange or any other organization. Those who say they will think about it will require you to follow up and keep checking in with them occasionally. Don't let them go easily. They decided to take the application and look at it. Those who decide to sign on the dotted line right away are going to need your help and guidance. Remember that they are joining because they want to. Give them something to do. Don't let them be idle because they will quickly lose interest and you will no longer have them as a member.

Everyone must do their part to grow the organization. If you find that you are in need of membership applications, please reach out to the committee so we can send you some. We wish you all the best of luck growing your Grange and remember, if you don't ask them to join, they won't ask you!!

Congratulations to Sarah Leclerc, State Pomona, for receiving her Master's Degree from Southern New Hampshire University.



GRANGE YOUTH NEWS

Sarah Leclerc

This year Pete Pompper, the National Grange Community Service Director, is partnering with the National Grange Youth and Junior Directors to recognize Grange Youth and Junior groups who do a community service project in their communities. Details for reporting a youth project are printed below.

National Grange Youth Community Service Project Report

This page should be the cover page for your report.

Grange Name: _____

State: _____

Point of Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name/Type of project: _____

of Youth members: _____ **# Youth members involved in project** _____

Important information to include in your report:

Report should be no more than 3 pages (front and back) not including this cover page.

Date and location of the project,

Number of people impacted,

Names of other groups who helped,

Number of non-Grangers who helped,

No more than 4 photos,

1 or 2 newspaper articles about event,

No more than 3 thank you letters.

Report must be returned to the NG Youth Grange Director by October 1.

Charlene M. Shupp Espenshade

213 Black Swamp Road

Bainbridge, PA 17502

Reports will be judged at NG session.

Remember: Always walk in the light. And if you feel like you're not walking in it, go find it.
Roberta Flack, c. 1937-

Londonderry Grange #44

At our March meeting we welcomed Deb Paul, the editor of our local newspaper The Londonderry Times, as our guest speaker. She shared so much valuable information about how to get a Farmers' Market started and ways to ask for help with some of our building needs like roofing and H/VAC options as well as sewer and water options. She also reinforced the idea that we need to develop a Strategic Plan 5 years out moving forward with a mission statement. She offered insightful food for thought, and we really appreciated her input and gracious offer of access to some information she is happy to forward to us which comes across her desk about our town, legislative and agricultural events.

Our Lecturer Emily Perry provided fruit kabobs as an option for something we could offer at our upcoming Old Home Days town event in August of 2018. She also had ideas and recipes for a smoothie bar and/or fresh fruit popsicles.

On Monday, April 9th, we had our Banana Bread contest. The winner was Gladys Woodin, our oldest member.

Event was held on Saturday, April 21st, the day before Earth Day. Boy Scouts from Troop 521 were on hand to unload items. This event keeps electronics safely out of our landfills, and the small fees we re-coup from Recycle, USA, go directly toward a fund to replace our roof on the north side of the Hall. It repeatedly fails

which results in water damage inside the Hall to our Historical vaulted ceiling. In spite of very windy weather, the day was successful.

Our annual Mother's Day Plant Sale was a success with many hands making the work light. Sales were steady right through to 3 p.m. This was a blessing as we weathered several downpours during the event. Louis Turcotte of Troop 521 hosted a bake sale to raise funds for his Eagle Scout Project. He will make 20 double-sided fleece blankets geared to teens specifically for the well-publicized Linus Project.

We are continuing to make plans for Old Home Day in August. Londonderry Grange will also be hosting a lunch in October for the National Syrup Producers on the Tour Day of their annual convention, which will be held in New Hampshire this year.



**Gladys Woodin,
Banana Bread Contest Winner**

2018 Grange Family Weekend July 27 – 29

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.

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 play grounds, 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/>. Sites are filling up fast!

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