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Farm & Forest 2018

by Norman Brandt

This year Farm and Forest had the theme of “Solid Past Expanding Future,” Adam Terrell came up with a great idea of doing a tree for the back drop with Past Agricultural practices on the bottom and new practices at the top. He did a great job finding pictures and writing up a description for each one. We sent the material to Chris Heath as Membership Director to get it printed off to put on the booth.

Also, I had an idea of doing a little on the history of poultry, so I brought an old Wood incubator, the newer Styrofoam incubator, and then the new Plastic with automated Egg turners, humidity readings and alarms for when things go wrong, it also keeps a count of the number of days the eggs have been in the incubator. As a precaution (mostly due to the type of eggs I was hatching), I also brought in baby chicks of all walks of life to allow the public to handle. I've always been disappointed that an exhibitor would bring a group of baby chicks and wouldn't use them to engage with me. Not us, we are the NH State Grange Ag and Membership Department! Not only could you handle the chicks, but we would talk a little bit about each breed we had there, and we also had Black Sex Link chicks of assorted sexes. (See **Black Sex Link**, page 6)

Thanks for Les and Teresa Avery, who took the long drive from Stewartstown to Manchester a day early to help set up the exhibit. If it wasn't for them and Joann Brandt, I would have missed the Hampton Falls #171 Grange meeting as I would have gotten done much later than the 3 hours it took to set up the display. Set-up means bolting the backdrop boards together, then stapling the back drop up. Then adding the Velco to the signs and hanging them up. We run Grange Commercials on the side so we have to set up all the electronics and test them. Then we set up the tables and determine how we would like the flow to go. Anne Boisvert and her crew had a lot of work in the past that I don't think many of the Grangers recognized.

While at Farm and Forest, the Governor came to the Grange booth. He got to learn how to sex Sex Links, and held a few baby chicks with lots of photo ops. I also got to chat with our new Agriculture Commissioner, Shawn Jasper.



In the end we had lots of Grange members help with manning the booth. I even had chances to walk away as they educated the public. The helpers this year were; Theresa and Les Avery, Leroy Watson, Gloria Davis, Joann Brandt, Pat Izzo, Bob and Jane Trombi, Wilbur Health, Scott Burns, and Adam Terrell. Between talking about baby chicks and watching people handle the chicks we got to chat with people about Grange and the program going on March 10th in Milford, NH.

Grange Month/Spring Fling

Join us on Saturday, April 7, 2018

Taylor Community Center, Laconia, NH

435 Union Ave.

12:00 pm Registration & Penny Sale drop off

Please note times of workshops or topics are subject to change.

12:30 – Lecturer's Workshop or Agriculture Workshop

1:15 – Knitting with a Loom or Simply Parliamentary

2:00 – Snack break provided by Taylor Community

2:15 – Crafts for the Big E or Photography

3:00 – Healthy Eating

4:00 – Wrap-up, Penny Sale Drawing

6:00 – Grange Month Banquet at Wicwas Lake Grange Hall

150 Meredith Center Road, Meredith, NH

Ham, Scalloped potatoes, vegetable, salad, rolls, dessert, drinks

Cost: \$15 adults \$7 (ten and under)

Following dinner: Open Mic & Grange Awards

The Open Mic time will be for any member to perform a talent or variety act to be considered for Best of Show to attend the Night of Excellence at National Grange in November 2018.

Reservations for the meal are requested by April 1st to:

Jane Trombi

749-H Court Street

Keene, NH 03431



*From my pad
to your pad*

**Christopher Heath
NH State Grange Master**

As we all know, April is Grange month, and each one of us should be promoting Grange in our communities during this time of the Grange year. We, as an organization, are 150 years old, and we need to make sure that people in our communities realize this and how important it is to have a Grange in their community. We have been and still are advocates of Rural America with interests in agriculture, family, home, community service, legislative issues, young people, and many other interests that many people are involved in. We teach morals, leadership, fellowship, and many other important social skills that a lot of people are lacking in this day and age.

The Grange needs to be the leading organization in getting back to the way society should be acting, and not what we have become. We all need to make this a part of our interactions with the public. We, as Grangers, need to set the example and let our actions rub off on those we come into contact with every day.

As some of you know we had a resolution submitted to State Session to close all Pomona Granges. We were very fortunate that this resolution did not pass by a vote of the delegates. If it had, I wouldn't be speaking to you about it now, and all Pomona Granges would be closed.

As a result of this resolution, I have decided that we need to have some serious discussions about the future of Pomona Granges in NH. I am going to hold three area "town meetings" around the state to have an open discussion about Pomona Granges, what they are doing for their districts and what they could do in the future.

I am hoping to start holding these meetings around the end of May and the beginning of June My goal for having these meetings is to allow Pomona members to attend and openly discuss

what their feelings are about the future of their Pomona Granges. This is your opportunity to express your views, thoughts and feelings about this division of the Order. If you have any interest or passion for Pomona Granges, please attend and speak up and out. Your opinions are important and will affect the future of Pomona Granges so please plan to attend.

I hope to see many of you at upcoming State Grange sponsored events. I am hoping to do a lot more visiting in the coming months now that the weather is starting to change again. Please remember that if you would like me to attend a special meeting or help with presenting awards, you need to let me know in advance so that I can plan to be there to assist. I wish the best health and well-being for all of you for the coming months and look forward to seeing you soon.

Chichester Grange #132

Chichester Grange started 2018 with the annual Soup Supper in January. The Boy Scouts were our guests, enjoying the meal and staying through the opening of our Grange meeting.

Our Penny Sale in February raised \$140 for Operation Santa Claus. We should be able to sponsor two teenagers this year when the holiday season arrives.

In the month of February, because a storm pushed the meeting from the first to the third Wednesday. We enjoyed a program about George Washington and made our usual effort to guess the annual word. It took three letters this year before someone figured it out.

At our March meetings we will make plans for our Awards Night at the beginning of May and our Memorial Day celebration on May 30. Both are public events and are enjoyed by the community.

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This is a free* publication to keep Grange members informed of past and up-coming events.

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

This paper is printed quarterly.

Postmaster or anyone else:

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



We are almost half way through our Grange year and I hope that you are working on growing your Grange. As was stated in the 2017 Master's Address, membership is everyone's responsibility. How can our Granges survive into the next century if we don't do something about our Grange membership?

Please remember that the Membership committee has tools and promotional material that can assist your Grange in promoting itself and entice people to join your Grange. We can help man a booth or table at a town function or event, but your members need to be there also. You and your members are the faces that people in your community will recognize and will be working with once they commit to come and be a part of the Grange.

Your Grange needs to provide programming and an open environment that is conducive to attracting and retaining members. Make sure that, when you do have visitors, you explain to them the basics of the Grange meeting. Explain the ritual that your Grange will use while they are there. Tell them about the use of the gavel and how we respect the flag. This should make them feel more comfortable with what your Grange is doing and leave them less likely to feel out of place.

In closing, I would like to remind all Grangers that if they need any applications, promotional material, training tools or other membership-related material, they can contact me and I will get it to them.

A Hearty Grange Welcome to New Members

Darcy Hoisington	Blazing Star
Teresa Leclerc	Blazing Star
Gary Storms	Cocheco
William Akridge	Cocheco
Frank Wolf	Meriden
Cheryl Wiggett	Mount Hope

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**Family & Community
Department
Deb Patten**

Can't wait for Spring!! How about you? Oh well, we live in New England so we need to expect rough winter seasons. I hope everyone is avoiding the flu.

This time of year is a great time to work on needlework projects, knit mittens and hats, work on fleece blankets for our Nighty Night Hugs project or items for Eastern States.

Nighty Night Hugs

We are continuing this project this year. It is amazing and extremely sad to learn how many homeless families are residing in Homeless Shelters in NH. We distributed nearly 90 sacks to several shelters in NH. We ask that Granges continue to make the fleece no-sew blankets which typically take about 1½ 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. Walmart has had these fleece blankets/throws on sale for \$2.50 to \$5.00 each.

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

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

Mountain of Mittens

We are continuing this project. This is a very well received project. So many children going to our public schools need mittens, hats and gloves. They go to school with none. The school nurses/principal's offices are very happy to get these to distribute to children in need through-

out our State. I also recently learned that the school buses can use them. We divide them up so the entire State gets a few pair for each general area throughout the State. Please keep knitting hats and mittens and either hold them and bring them to State Grange in October 2018 or you can call me at 603 228-1803 and we can arrange for me to get them and hold them for you.

Needlework Contests

The contests are the same for 2018 as they were last year. I will be mailing 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. 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 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

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

All Subordinate Granges should be holding the baking contest which is **Banana Bread** (no special recipe). If you choose to use nuts please indicate as such when you bake for your subordinate con-

test. The first place winner at each subordinate should be submitted to Pomona. There should be a judging at Pomona for all first place subordinate winners. The winner from each Pomona is asked to bake again for judging at NH State Grange in October.

Family Services Committee

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

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

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

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

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: marywest612@gmail.com – Suncook Valley Pomona

Linda Phelps – (603) 455-9896 –email: LK-phelps56@yahoo.com – Pemigewasset Valley Pomona

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

Contact Deb Patten for Eastern NH Pomona

Watatic Grange #36

Watatic Grange in Amherst hosted a holiday party for six Junior Grangers in mid-December. The children made greeting cards for the residents at Pillsbury House in Milford and also fashioned candy houses to take home. Lunch was served, and the weather permitted some outdoor time for games. Attending were Genevieve, Ava, and Alayna Twiss; Lily and Caden Lynch; and Jacob Scanzani.

Adults organized thirteen handmade layette sets for Our Place in Nashua, which is a support agency for young families and single parents. Also, dictionaries were sorted and labeled for third graders in Temple, Mason, Amherst, Gate City Charter School for the Arts, Jaffrey, and Rindge.





**Agriculture
Department**

Norman Brandt, Director

What? The NH State Grange Agriculture Department is doing a program? Yes, Brothers and Sisters, we have heard some crying about how the NH State Grange doesn't do enough. Here we are! Show us we are on the right track and attend the program.

The program is **Grange Pruning Workshop and Demonstration at King Street Vineyards LLC on Saturday, March 10, at 9:00 a.m., 25 King Street, Milford, NH.** Call (603) 672-7000 for any directions or questions. Open to any Grange member and to the public. If anyone knows of any farmer or any neighbor wanting to come, please invite them.

Though I originally thought that it was just grapes and vineyards, Scott Burns (the committee member that was willing to take this workshop by the roots) told me he does fruit trees also. That opens us up even further on the scope of what the program is going to be.

Typing on the subject of programs, Spring Fling is coming up in April - April 7th to be exact, I know this as I am not able to be there this year. Sadly, I had a program going on with another organization that we scheduled last September, and to be fair for each organization I belong to I hold a rule, First on the Calendar is the one you go to, unless that one gets canceled. The second date you know of fills the space if the first falls through. It doesn't matter if I would rather be at the other Organization's program more, or feel I would be happier at the second one, It is who said, "We want you on this day at this time," first.

Now having said that, Jane Trombi asked if the NH State Grange Ag committee would be able to get a program for her, and I am waiting to hear back from the Giant Pumpkin Grower's Association to see if they can have someone put on a program. As their pumpkin plant by that time is almost in the ground or has been in there for some time, I'm hoping they can come and do a 30-45 minute program,

and it will be well attended. If for some reason my pumpkin dreams get smashed, I'll try to get a buzz going on a bee program, either keeping bees or a how to attract bees to your garden. Either way it should be good.

There are a few bills coming up in the NH Legislature I would like to bring to your attention. I cannot advise you on the Grange's stance on any of these topics, but, as individuals, we have the right to make our own choice and notify our rep on our opinion. I strongly urge you to contact your representative and tell them what you think. I know mine has told me that they tend to hear from hundreds to thousands to hundreds of thousands of people before they make their choice and he will disregard all the out of state people if one person from his state and his district actually tells him, "I like it or don't." He told me that normally he doesn't hear from anyone other than me in his district and seldom from his state.

First is HB1289 <https://legiscan.com/NH/text/HB1289/2018>. This bill will make it a chargeable crime if your fowl are free ranging and leave your property,

The Second Bill is HB1231 <https://legiscan.com/NH/text/HB1231/2018>. This bill will increase the dog license fee by \$.50 for seniors making it \$2.50 for anyone 65 or over to register their dog.

Next we have HB1394 <https://legiscan.com/NH/text/HB1394/2018>. This bill will make it legal for anyone to break a car window or damage property to rescue an animal inside if they feel the animal is in danger. My personal opinion is that this law can be abused by people with vendettas, and all they need to do is call the police, have a friend there to witness and say they saw a fly dying in the car, It does not mandate what the type of animal in the car is. Just keep an eye on it.

There is also SB569 <https://legiscan.com/NH/text/SB569/2018>, This bill labels anyone selling, trading, bartering a household pet of any kind as having to have a license and be subject to inspection from anyone that deems the need of an inspection. Rescues are exempt.

The last one I'm going to notify you all about is HB1474 <https://legiscan.com/NH/text/HB1474/2018>. I'm sure this one was probably introduced by school kids

but I love it so much I had to let everyone know. This bill will make NH have a State Poultry, in this case the NH Red. A little information on the NH Red is probably needed so I found some nice information from a farm called Dare to Dream Farm and it reads, "The New Hampshire Red was originally created by farmers in New Hampshire who wanted a chicken similar to the Rhode Island Red that matured quickly and could be a great source of either meat or eggs. Rather than starting a program of cross breeding, they used a process of selective breeding with Rhode Island Reds that took 30 years to perfect. The breed was admitted to the Standard of Perfection in 1935 and although it had wonderful laying ability and meat quality, it took a long time to gain recognition as the Rhode Island Red was already proven and popular.

"Temperament: New Hampshire's are a docile, calm, and friendly breed that do well in backyards and gardens. They are known to go broody and make great mothers. Like the Rhode Island Red, they have a reputation for having the occasional aggressive individual - but this quality is much rarer in New Hampshire's. Most are curious, trusting, and personable.

"Production: When New Hampshire Reds were first standardized by the American Poultry Association, it was recorded that they laid nearly 340 eggs in a single year. Although this high level of production has not been maintained, you can still expect close to 200 eggs per year. Some strands of New Hampshire's lay a darker brown egg."

I can even tell you what town developed and sold the most NH Reds, and that would be Kingston, NH. The property is about 5 miles from my house and there is no sign whatsoever that chickens were ever there.

I'm looking for applications for the Farm awards by July 1st. This will give us time to schedule a fall awards event at a farm.

Stratham Fair is July 19-22 so set up is the 18th. Make us seen and put up a booth. (Maybe make some money for your Grange!)

If you want to contact me feel free to email at fishbrandt@yahoo.com or call 642-5074.

Community Service Thoughts



Richard Patten

I hope everyone is keeping safe and healthy this winter as there is so much going on with the flu, colds, and winter weather. I hope Granges throughout the State are making plans for spring projects and celebrating Grange Month in April. This will be a great time for the members of your Grange to put your best foot forward in the community. This would be a great time to gather around a table and plan what you can do.

I hope your Grange is contacting your police department or the Sheriff's Department or NH State Police if your town does not have a police department. Don't forget to contact the Fire Department, the principal at the local schools, and a deserving citizen in your community who does so much but doesn't get any recognition. The Citizen of the Year cannot be a Grange member. I am also looking for a First Responder nominee. This can be a doctor, nurse, an employee in a grocery or department store. It could be a police officer, firefighter or someone in the armed forces. Please support this program as I know the recipients have appreciated the recognition.

If your Grange is going to have a night to honor individuals in the community, be sure to welcome all your visitors with a smile and a big welcome to your Grange. Please ask all the members to go and speak to your visitors. Make them feel welcome and you are so glad they have come. If you are having an Open Meeting, please have the Bible on the altar followed by a prayer, presentation of the U.S. Flag and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Please make sure to introduce your State Grange dignitaries as well as your town/community dignitaries such as the fire chief, police chief, mayor or other public officials.

Easter is on the horizon. Perhaps your Grange could organize a neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt for the children. How about having the Easter Bunny visit a local retirement center or local hospital? I am sure they would enjoy some

homemade Easter cookies and cards. If you have members in your Grange or neighborhood that observe Passover or Orthodox Easter, you might invite them to join in.

Don't forget the homeless shelters. There is a huge need for canned food items, Easter baskets for the children, or Easter items for dinner.

Your Grange should start to plan an outside cleanup once the snow melts. Whether it is outside the Grange Hall or an Adopt a Spot in the community, the members could meet with everyone bringing rakes, hoes, shovels, outside garbage bags, and gloves. If you have a sign that promotes your Grange doing the cleanup, it would be nice to have out there.

Please try to send in your news to the local newspaper about your project. If you are having problems, send me your news and I will submit it to your newspaper.

Looking ahead, May is coming up and remember Mother's Day is nice time remember those who have passed away. You might take homemade cookies to a local nursing home. Your Grange might offer rides to senior citizens who would like to go to the cemetery to place flowers on the graves of their loved ones. Many towns or cities have Memorial Day parades or a program in the town square. Your Grange might try to participate either with a float in the parade or offer to do refreshments for everyone to enjoy.



Londonderry Grange #44

At our December 2017 meeting, the report from our annual Wreath Sale and Craft Fair showed an excellent response to our "Shop Local Raffle". Patrons also signed many Christmas cards for homeless veterans transitioning into the community through Liberty House in Manchester. The cards and a complimentary decorated wreath were dropped off to them the following week.

Then it was time for our Christmas Party. We held an ugly sweater contest. The winners were Kim and Tony Herrera. Our newest and youngest member-Emily Perry age 14 - has been elected as our Lecturer. She conducted our first annual Cupcake Wars! We were teams of three tasked with challenges to create cupcakes in three categories. A Yankee swap was enjoyed by all, and we shared some finger foods and hot cocoa.

Londonderry Grange has agreed to host The NH Syrup Growers Association in October of 2018. New Hampshire is hosting sugar gatherers from all over the United States and Canada. We will offer luncheon for their group as a fundraiser on the day of their tour of local attractions.



In Memoriam

Olive Colburn	Antrim
Nancy Bean	Antrim
Gladys Greenlaw	Aurora
Marcia Swett	Blow-Me-Down
Roland Barrett	Golden Rod
Joann Dutton	Hampton Falls
William Humphrey	Hampton Falls
Edwin Huckins	Harmony
David Swain	Harmony
Mildred Shaw	Harmony
Evelyn Merrow	Pembroke
Catherine Keaton	River Hill
Mary Luongo	Rochester
Mary B. Craigue	Tuftonborough
Florence Goldwaite	Wingold
Norman Freeman	Wingold

Black Sex Links (from page 1)

What are Black Sex Link Chickens? Black Sex Links are a Cross between female Barred Rocks and a Male RI Red or NH Red. In this cross, the hens do not receive a barring gene (the barring gene is only located on the male chromosome). The cockerels will inherit one barring gene from the mother's male chromosome "Z".

When the chicks hatch from this breeding, the males will have white dots on their heads, females will have all black heads "ZW." It's kinda reversed from us XY being male and XX being female. As they grow, the males will look like Barred Rocks with some odd red feathering. Hens will appear mostly black with some red in their neck feathers.

When breeding this sex link, you should use heritage chickens in your parent lines. Most hatchery grade chickens have crosses that mess up the sex link properties. In your red rooster parent, look for red earlobes and dark feather coloring free from any white spots and light colored shafting. Your hen should show no signs of red feathers, and carry a decent quality barred pattern. Sex link characteristics will not carry through if you try to breed the offspring.

So why do we breed for Sex Linking? There are two good reasons: 1) It is cheaper and easier to have someone pull chicks with white dots off of a line of baby chicks than it is to hire a trained professional to sex them. 2) You get Hybrid Vigor - a bird that can stand a wider range of environments and will produce better than their pure bred moms and dads.

**NH State Grange
Department Directors**
Agriculture – Norman Brandt
Community Service – Richard Patten
Family– Debra Patten
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Junior – Joann Brandt
Legislative – Robert Haefner
State Grange Building - Anne Boisvert
Youth – Sarah Leclerc
Trustees of Trust Funds
Chair – Diane Collins

Grange Budgets

Does your Grange have a budget? Perhaps you should. With a little advanced planning you can save time at meetings and be more efficient in managing the affairs of your Grange. As a side benefit, budget construction is a useful life skill for your Youth members to acquire.

With a budget your Grange does not have to vote every time there is a bill to pay or a donation to be made. If the item is in the budget, the Secretary simply writes an order on the treasurer, the Master signs it, and the Treasurer pays it. Financial transactions can be made between meetings if that is convenient. If your meeting lacks a quorum, money matters do not have to wait. If a situation arises which is not covered by the budget, bring it to a vote at a meeting.

Every Grange has usual and customary expenses: utility bills if you own a hall; rent or donation for use of someone else's space; per capita paid to the State Grange; secretarial supplies and postage: donations to Grange causes; donations to community causes; coffee and paper plates. There are also usual sources of income: dues, an annual fundraiser, an annual donation from a benefactor, rent from other groups who use your hall, fair exhibit premiums.

Gather your information and set up a budget with a list of expenses and a list of income. If the sides do not balance, make a balanced budget by adding an amount for Savings (more income than expenses) or Fundraising (more expenses than income). The Treasurer usually puts the budget together, but anyone can do it. Provide a copy for everyone, discuss the budget, make changes, and then vote to approve it.

The annual planning meeting is a good time for the budget discussion. Your Grange can take the opportunity to think about projects you might want to try, and, at the same time, plan for how you are going to pay for them. Is there something that you need to be saving money toward?

Remember that a budget is only a tool. Numbers can always be adjusted by votng members. Your Grange budget is supposed to make your life easier, not smother you with restrictions.

Grange Bulletin Board

**Joe English Grange
Turkey Supper
April 14, 2018
5-7 p.m.**
New Boston School Gym
\$10 – adults
\$8 Seniors and children 6-12
Children 5 and under Free
Family of 4 (2 adults, 2 children) \$30
Proceeds to benefit Scholarship Fund

**An Invitation to
Awards Night at Concord Grange**
Concord Grange #322 would like to invite you to their annual Grange Month Celebration and their Recognition Awards Night on Monday, April 19, at 7 p.m. at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Hall, 48 Airport Road. The hall is located across from the Civil Air Patrol Building, National Guard Armory.

The Grange will honor a police officer, firefighter, Community Citizen, and Educator, and present Grange membership Awards. This is an Open Meeting with the Bible opened on the altar and the Flag presented. This will be Richard Patten's 47th year of coordinating the Community Awards, and he hopes you will please come and help celebrate Grange Month. We have so much in our 104 years at Concord Grange to be proud of. Refreshments will be served prior to and at the close of the meeting.

Notice
Beginning March 1st
Golden Rod Grange # 114
will be meeting at the
First Congregational Church
Old Homestead Highway (Route 32),
Swanzy, NH.
Meetings will be held on the first
Thursday each month except Jan./Feb.
Meetings will begin at 6 p.m.

**Grange Pruning Workshop
and Demonstration**
King Street Vineyards LLC
25 King Street, Milford NH
Saturday March 10, at 9:00 am
Call (603) 672-7000 for any directions
or questions.
Open to any Grange member
and to the public.
If anyone knows of any farmer or any
neighbor wanting to come, please
invite them.



Aurora Grange #235
Aurora Grange #235 in Pittsburg has distributed dictionaries to both the third graders at Pittsburg School (seen above) and Stewartstown Community School. The students were very appreciative and have been making good use of them.

Aurora Grange had a Christmas party and gift exchange in December and rang in the new year in January with a pot luck supper and a toast with sparkling grape juice. Currently, they are collecting items to give to a local homeless center in Lancaster, NH, as a service project.

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

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

**Wingold Grange
Ham & Bean Suppers**
All suppers are at the East Kingston Elementary School, Andrews Lane
April 28, 2018
May 26, 2018
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
\$6.00 adults \$5.00 children
Questions call 603-642-5074 or 603-642-5932

Information Needed
State Grange Historian Dick Patten is in the process of writing a Grange history book He is looking for Grange members who were teachers in elementary, junior high, or high school. Please send names, years of teaching, schools taught at, major courses taught and a funny remembrance. He is also looking for unique Grange names such as Honor Bright or Nubonsit, and why they were chosen. Please email dickpatten7@gmail.com or call him at 496-2917. Thanks for your help.

**State Grange Bowling Day
Sunday, March 18, 2018
12 noon**
Lakeside Lanes
2171 Candia Road
Manchester, NH 03109
Cost = \$14.00
\$10.00 for Juniors
(3 strings & shoes)
Make checks to:
NH State Grange Lecturer
Registrations due by March 10th.
Send to Jane Trombi
794-H Court Street
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Calendar of Events 2018 (a work in progress)

- March 10 - Pruning Workshop
9 a.m., Milford, NH
- March 10 - Bowling Registrations due to Jane Trombi
- March 18 - Grange Bowling 12 noon
Lakeside Lanes, Manchester
- March -24 & 25 - Maple Weekend in NH Sugar Houses
- April 7 - Spring Fling - 12-4 p.m.
Taylor Community, Tilton
- April 7 - Grange Month Banquet
6 p.m. Wicwas Lake Grange,
Meredith, NH
- April 14 - Joe English Grange
Turkey Supper, 5-7 p.m. New
Boston School Gym
- April 14 - Youth Dept. Game Night
Chichester Grange Hall
- April 15 - Quarterly Report due to
State Grange Secretary
- April 19 - Concord Grange Awards
Night. 7 p.m. 48 Airport Road
- April 28 - Wingold Grange Ham &
Bean Supper, 5-6:30 p.m. East
Kingston Elementary School
- May 8 - Copy Deadline for
Granite State Granger
- May 26 - Wingold Grange Ham &
Bean Supper, 5-6:30 p.m. East
Kingston Elementary School
- June 23 - Wingold Grange Ham &
Bean Supper, 5-6:30 p.m. East
Kingston Elementary School
- 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 27-29 - Grange Family Weekend
Gunstock Campground
- 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. 15 - Quarterly Report due to
State Grange Secretary
- Oct. 31 - Quilt Block Contest entries
due to National Lecturer



the Bylaws of the New Hampshire State Grange adopted in 1874 and amended in 1902. I found a section that I had heard about, that being “The Grange Not Partisan.”

Quoted: We emphatically and sincerely assert the oft-repeated truth in our organic law that the Grange –National, State, or Subordinate—is not a political or party organization. No Grange, if true to its obligations, can discuss partisan, political or sectarian religious questions, nor call political conventions, nor nominate candidates, nor even discuss their merits in its meetings.

Yet the principles we teach underlie all true politics, all true statesmanship, and if properly carried out, will tend to purify the whole political atmosphere of our country, for we seek, the greatest good to the greatest number.

We must always bear in mind that no one, by becoming a Patron of Husbandry, gives up that inalienable right and duty which belongs to every American citizen, to take a proper interest in the politics of his country.

On the contrary it is right for every member to do all in his power legitimately to influence for good the action of any political party to which he belongs. It is his duty to do all he can in his own party to put down bribery, corruption and trickery; to see that none but competent, faithful and honest men, who will unflinchingly stand by our industrial interests, are nominated for all positions of trust and to have carried out the principle which should always characterize every patron, that ‘The Office Should Seek the Man and not the Man the office.’

We acknowledge the broad principle that difference of opinion is no crime and hold that progress toward the truth is made by difference of opinion while the fault lies in bitterness of controversy.

We desire a proper equality, equity, and fairness; protection for the weak; restraint upon the strong; in short, justify distributed burdens and justly distributed power. These are American ideas, the very essence of American independence, and to advocate the contrary is unworthy of the sons and daughters of an American Republic.

We cherish the belief that section-

alism is and of right should be dead and buried with the past. Our work is for the present and future. In our agricultural brotherhood and its purposes we shall recognize no North, no South, no East, and no West. It is reserved by every Patron as the right of a freeman to affiliate with any party that will best carry out his principles.

That is a little bit of history as to why the Grange doesn’t endorse candidates. I remember in 1980 that Pineconia Grange was asked if we could open our hall for George Bush to meet people. I told them the Grange was non-partisan. I spoke to Past State Master John Saturley about it, and he gave us the okay to allow the use of the hall.

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!



Lots of activities for Junior Grangers are available if you have the opportunity to work with your children. When going to your Grange and knowing there are young members, bring something for them to work on while attending the meeting with your members.

Encourage the Youth and Junior Grangers to help with the program. They can lead a song, game, or even just read something to help keep them interested in coming to the meetings.

Did you know this coming year I have six Juniors who will be Graduating from Junior Grange, and I have heard four are already interested in joining their Subordinate Grange. Now watch out Youth committee, as they are ready to continue in our programs and adults are still needed to transport them to activities. It may get more difficult when some need to go to Youth and others to Junior activities. We may be looking to spread out our activities so parents can get them to both programs.

Does anyone have any ideas on how we can grow our Juniors and watch them grow into the Youth of your Grange? This is not the Junior’s responsibility, it is all of our subordinate members’ responsibility to search for families that can add to the membership as well as grow their Granges.

We held the Junior Rally on February 10 in Hooksett. We had seven Juniors come, and I know the flu time has stopped more from coming. They were happy decorating cookies to be eaten at lunchtime, and filling pill bottles with pins, buttons, safety pins, and thread to be delivered to the food bank with Allissa Estes working on the labels as the children finished filling bottles. I believe they filled about 40 bottles.

Time on the schedule worked out almost to the minute as once we finished one project, we had another. Gloria Davis talked about three different Merit Badges that were easy to complete. Do you know

anything about New Hampshire, or the National Grange Host state (this year to be in Vermont)? The children did well on answering the questions Gloria asked.

We set up the hall for a Grange meeting and all took an office with adults filling empty ones. We had our State Master Christopher Heath, and State Overseer Bob Trombi escorted to the front to speak to us. Two applications from Blazing Star and Barrington were obligated into the Junior Grange so they can participate more. Games were played until lunch was ready.

Lunch was enjoyed by all, thanks to State Gatekeeper Norman Brandt, Youth Director Sarah Leclerc, and Youth Committee members Emily Leclerc and Kevin Belval. The children were proud of the cookies they decorated.

The afternoon session started with State Lady Assistant Steward Kathy Yardley, showing everyone the alphabet. They all tried spelling their names. She then gave them animal signs and led to “Old McDonald Had a Farm.” One child asked about doing “Twinkle Twinkle Little Star” so Kathy looked up the signs and they sang along with signing it. I taped some of it on my phone and played it back to them, and they seemed surprised how well they did.

The day almost over, we had one more workshop on making a card. State Executive Committee member Beth Merrill and State Lecturer Jane Trombi led this great workshop on a Valentines card. Jane reminded us all that the “Valentines Card” is one of the Lecturer’s Contests and hopes to have some entered in the contest. (See picture)

A big thank you goes to all Workshop leaders along with the others who came and helped: State Flora Lois Enman, Sandy Binette, State Executive Committee member Tricia Taylor, Rachel Scanzani and Amy Schuneman. Without everyone’s help our day would not have been a success.

We are planning to be at Bowling on March 18 at 12 noon. All Juniors are encouraged to wear Red T-shirts so we will stand out so adults can find us. Reserve with the State Lecturer’s letter to your Lecturer. Call me and come if you have forgotten to reserve so Jane will

know how many lanes to reserve.

Spring Fling is planned for April 7, in Laconia. Unfortunately I have had this date saved since last October and will not be able to attend this year. If you have children coming with you, let me know and I will be sure to have someone going to do a workshop with them. I will be in Auburn at the Birds of a Feather Bird club my husband had started, and it is an all-day event for those interested in birds.

I am working on a Fun Day for the Juniors in June. Keep watch for emails and letter to all letting them know place and date. We are working on this now.

July 27-29 weekend is the Family Weekend that 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. Snow will be gone soon and spring will soon come.



Claremont Grange #9

Claremont Grange #9 planned and prepared a free community Christmas Meal for nearly 200 area residents on December 23, 2017. We partnered with other area organizations: Claremont Women of the Moose #629, Hiram Lodge #9, Woodman Aurora Kimball Summit Eastern Star #26, Woodbury Rebekah #61, and Claremont Masonic Association. Donations to help defray the cost were received from various local businesses and organizations. This was our third annual Christmas Meal.

Grange events coming up this spring are the Family & Community Services Night with Baking Contest judging on April 20 and Youth Night on June 15. All are invited and welcome to attend. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m.

Lecturer's Lines
State Lecturer
Jane Trombi



If you're stuck in the house because of the weather, I hope you have been working on your contest entries for the Lecturer's program. Have you read a book and written in 500 words or less why you enjoyed the book? Or have you written about why you joined the Grange in 500 words or less? This is a great time of year to do this. Have you colored your coloring page? Maybe made a card? Remember you can make cards on the computer.

I hope you are planning on attending the Grange Bowling Tournament on March 18th. The high triple winners, in both male and female classes and the Grange team (4 members) with the highest score will bowl for free next year. The cost this year is \$14 for adults and \$10 for juniors. Registrations and money are due to me by March 10th.

Look in this issue of the GSG for information on Grange Month and Spring Fling. There will be a Lecturer's workshop that day. If you are a Lecturer, want to be a Lecturer, used to be a Lecturer, or are just a member interested in programs for your Grange, this is for you. We will take time to see what is working and what is not. We will share ideas and hopefully learn something new.

National Grange Quilt Block Contest: This is open to everyone, including non-members. Entries are to be sent directly to the National Lecturer, not to me. All the information you need is right here on this page.

2018 Quilt Block Contest
RULES

A. The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to both members and prospective members.
 B. All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by October 31, 2018. Send entries to:

Christine Hamp, National Lecturer
16418 N. Birdie Road
Nine Mile Falls WA 99026

C. Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged. However, all entries received will be exhibited at the 152nd National Grange convention in Stowe, Vermont.

D. The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you.

E. There is no limit on the number of quilt blocks a person may submit, but choose one quilt block per person to be judged.

F. All entries will be retained by the National Grange to be made into finished quilts and will be sold at a later date to raise funds for the Grange Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity. You will receive a donation letter from the Grange Foundation acknowledging your donation.

G. **A 2018 Quilt Block Contest Entry Form must be completed for the block to be judged.**

Groups

Group I – Adult (Age 14+)

Group II – Junior (Age 13 and under)

Prizes

Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in both Groups.

Ribbons will be awarded to all entries.

2018 Quilt Block Contest
Tender Heart

(Credit to: Missouri Star Quilt Company)
 Sherbet Pinks / Oranges - 4 colors, 2 light and 2 dark – prints or solids

Cut 4 strips, 2½" x 10" (one of each color).

Sew strips together (ALL seams are ¼"), along the long side, to make a strip set.

Strip set should measure 8½" x 10". Press all seams.

Cut strip set in half, length-wise, to make 2 rectangles. Each rectangle should measure 5" x 8½".

Flip one rectangle around so colors are reversed.

Use 100% cotton, solid white for the corners.

Cut 4 squares, 2½" x 2½".

Cut 2 squares, 5" x 5".

Constructing the Quilt Block:

Fold the four 2½" white squares once on the diagonal and press the crease to mark a sewing line.

Place a creased 2½" white square on one corner of a 5" x 8½" strip-pieced rectangle with right sides facing. Stitch on the sewing line, then trim the excess fabric ¼" away from the sewn seam (A).

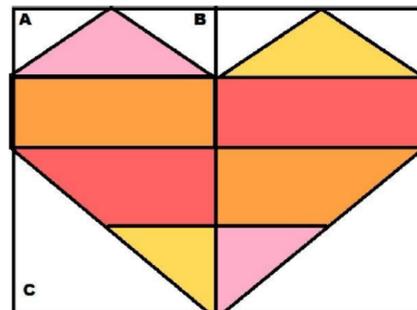
Repeat for the adjacent side of the rectangle (B). Make 2 and sew them together vertically.

Fold the two 5" white squares once on the diagonal and press the crease to mark a sewing line (C).

Place a creased 5" white square on top of one lower corner of the block with right sides facing. Stitch on the marked sewing line, then trim the excess fabric ¼" away from the sewn seam.

Repeat for the other side of the rectangle to make the bottom of the heart.

Unfinished Block is 8½" x 9½".



The year has started off on the quiet side for the Youth Department. We had a quiet and snowy January, that opened into our first event of the year in February. Our Winter Youth Rally was held on February 10th at the State Grange Building. We started our day with lunch, but the Juniors had been working all morning on all kinds of activities.

After lunch, we had a few different workshops, including coloring pages for the State Lecturer's contest, code reading, and Grange Pictionary, led by Kevin Belval. I think I can speak for everyone in attendance when I say that that was the most challenging moment of the day, trying to decide how to draw specific Grange terms for other people on your team to guess. The game was followed by the Grange Knowledge Test, prepared by Jane Trombi and Beth Merrill. We will anxiously await our scores to be revealed in October, so stay tuned!

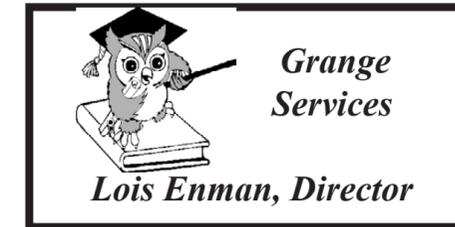
After a dinner consisting of a taco bar, we decided to forgo the Youth Association meeting, due to the low attendance. Our goal for next year is to double our attendance from this year. We would love to see the same old familiar faces, but we would love to add to our ranks, too. Please help us spread the word!

In April, we plan to have another game night, hosted by Chichester Grange. On April 14th, please join us for pizza and a variety of board games. Pizza will be provided by the Youth Department, but you're welcome to bring your own snacks, beverages, and games! We had a great turn-out last year, and we're hoping that the addition of pizza will entice more people to join us!

In May, we're looking to attend the Granite State Escape. For those unaware, this is a giant escape room, where you use logic and your team to find your way out of one of three scenarios. The date is to be determined but stay tuned for more information. This is an event that we need

an RSVP for, so when the information is available, please contact someone on the youth committee ASAP.

Finally, if you're having a Youth Night, we'd love to know! We're looking forward to the next few months as the Grange year gets rolling. We hope to see you in our travels around the state!



I hope as you read this that Spring is showing its signs. Our annual Educational Loan Fund (ELF) appeals letter from Patrice Lawlor has been sent to all Subordinate and Pomona Granges, and I hope your Grange will be able to make a donation. These donations help this Committee to provide scholarships to our members who are trying to advance their education. We are also able to offer loans to them that must be paid back after they have completed their college degree. Individual donations are also accepted.

Now I need our high school seniors and college students to download the application form for this scholarship and collect the required paper work needed to complete it. The 2 application forms are on the website: www.nhgrange.org. Completed applications are due by: **July 1, 2018**. I am including the Criteria used in Judging Applications, form:202.



Members of Cheshire County Pomona delivered Holiday Goodie Bags to the 70 residents of Applewood Healthcare in Winchester, NH. They were very much appreciated. Pictured Left to Right: Matthew Clark, Gwen Yardley, Jane Trombi, Carol Fassett, Barbara Plumley, and James Tetreault.

Visit the State Grange website at
www.nhgrange.org

Scholarship Grants Criteria
Used in Judging Applications

Whereas the Grange has always promoted education, citizenship and cooperation, the Grange Services Department will use the following criteria for judging each application:

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

Completed and signed applications must be sent by July 1, 2018 to:

Lois Enman,
9 Blake Street,
Rochester, NH 03867

Joke from the Internet

"My dad told me he accidentally swallowed a Scrabble piece and he wasn't looking forward to his next vowel movement."

2018 Quilt Block Contest
ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Grange Member: Non-Member:

Grange Name: _____ No. _____ : State: _____

Group I (Age 14+) Group II (Age 13 and under)



NH Poultry History

by Norman Brandt

Are you aware that New Hampshire was one of the largest poultry states in the USA? So what happened to the NH poultry farms? Back before the 1970's NH was a large exporter of baby chicks. Kingston, NH, had two of the largest operations: the Nichols Farm over by Kingston State Park currently, and the Christy Farm.

At one time 500,000 New Hampshire chicks were being hatched and sold each week out of Newton Junction, NH. (There is still a Grange in Newton Junction, though I have not heard much from them lately.) Eggs were supplied by over 50 farms located in Mass, NH, and Maine.

By the late 1950's and early 1960's the poultry industry here in NH was hit by a plague called Marek's disease, a relative to Herpes in chickens. The stronger strains killed as much as 80% of all chicks that were exposed to it within 10 days, causing lesions and tumors and neurological problems. The virus is able to live outside of chickens for over a year and a half. By the time the disease went through its course the poultry industry in NH was on its way out. Then in the 1970's a vaccine was made for Marek's which is still used to this day.

So now that you have a little history on this it will get us into the Vaccine. During Farm and Forest Expo someone was playing with the baby chicks (which are Marek's Vaccinated) and talking about

how they will never get chicks again after what happened this past year. It turned out they purchased six from a hardware store and raised them up nice, large and healthy. They already had 12 chickens that they got from other people over the years and decided, "Let the new ones live with the old ones. They have plenty of room." Within ten days the last of their new six were dead.

After many questions, I started describing the symptoms of Marek's. To their surprise I knew how their babies were acting as they were dying. At that point I had to tell them, "Sorry to tell you, your other chickens were Mareks vaccinated and then exposed to Mareks and are now carriers."

Sadly, the vaccine is what is called a leaky vaccine. It completely protects the birds who are vaccinated, but allows the birds to become infected and then pass it to other chickens until they find a bird that isn't vaccinated. The really strong versions of the virus are so hot it kills 80% of the birds infected within ten days. That is hotter than anything we as humans have ever had in known history.

There are a lot of arguments about do you vaccinate or let the virus take its course. The problem with a leaky vaccine is that it extends the amount of time it takes to get an outbreak under control, I, knowing I live so close to Kingston, vaccinate all my chicks (which must be vaccinated within 36 hours of hatching).

Blazing Star Grange #71

15 North Rd • Danbury, NH

Upcoming Events • Come One, Come All
March

3 - Danbury Winter Farmers Market
9 a.m.– 1 p.m.

Locally grown and produced items
Breakfast & Lunch served
at the Blazing Star Bistro

17 - Local Business Meet and Greet
10 a.m. -noon

17 - By Order Only Farmers Market
Pickup 9 a.m.-noon

(preorder items by Thursday, March 15,
at noon at the Danbury Winter Market
Page at Harvesttomarket.com)

17 - Classic Silent Movie Night 7 p.m.
Two comedies with Irish theme for St
Pat's Day w/ live music by Jeff Rapsis
\$5 suggested donation

April

7 - Winter Farmers Market 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

14 - Poetry Night 7 p.m.
cohosted with the Friends of the Library

21 - By Order Only Farmers Market

21 - Gardening Workshop & Stampin Up
Class 9 a.m - noon

21 - Chicken Pie Supper, 5 – 6:30 p.m.
& Dutch Auction w/ the United Church

26 - Apple Grafting Workshop
Thursday Evening

28 - Teaching Kids to Bake Bread
9 am – 2 pm Jr Grangers Invited
advance reservations required

Program sponsored by King Arthur Flour
Rolls will be donated to Danbury Food
Panty.

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