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Sesquicentennial

Logo Contest

In 2023, The New Hampshire State Grange will be celebrating 150 years of service to the Communities in New Hampshire. A Committee is currently planning activities and events to celebrate this milestone. Fundraising will be a major focus prior to the actual kickoff of the celebration.

The committee is sponsoring a Sesquicentennial Logo Contest. This is open to ALL members. The winning Logo will be announced at the 148th Annual Session in October 2021. The creator of the winning entry will receive \$50 and a ticket to the Celebration event in 2023.

Rules

No larger than 8 1/2 X 11

Hand drawn or Computer generated (if the selected entry is hand drawn, it may be remastered as a computer image for printing purposes).

Must include the words **150th** or **Sesquicentennial**

Must include **New Hampshire State Grange**

Can be submitted in Color or Black and White (if in color, make sure no detail is lost if it is printed in black and white.)

May contain a slogan

Only one entry per member

All entries are due by June 30, 2021 and are to be sent to Jerry Leclerc, 14 W Stearns Avenue, Hooksett, NH 03106.

Please include the below label information with your entry.

Name: _____
Address: _____
E-mail: _____
Grange Name: _____

Junior Grange Fun Day

New Hampshire State Grange Building
10 Riverside Dr, Hooksett, NH

June 12, 2021

Schedule:

- 9:30 a.m. Arrival and Registration
- 9:45 a.m. Craft 1 Pinecone Foxes
- 9:45 a.m. Craft 2 Decorate Ornament for Big E.
- 10:15 a.m. Nature search
- 10:15 a.m. Bean Bag Toss
- 10:45 a.m. Set up for Grange meeting
- 11:00 a.m. Grange Meeting and floor work

If you bring a friend that wants to join, we can Obligate them. Please let Joann know if coming.

12:00 – 1:00 Bring a Bag lunch.

Fruit and Popsicles will be provided.

Cost: Free Donation box available for Adults

1:00 p.m. (Still in works for topic)

2:00 p.m. Clean up and head home

Help from adult Grangers would be welcomed.

This issue of The Granite State Granger is dedicated in loving gratitude to John A. Burnett, Jr.

John passed away on May 6, 2021. He was 87 years old and had belonged to the Grange for 72 years. He and his wife Marjorie, who predeceased him in 2019, were strong supporters of The Granite State Granger. Their generous annual donations, which John continued after his wife's passing, did much to defray the costs of this paper in recent years. More than just financial support, the Burnett donations conveyed affirmation that the NH State Grange quarterly newsletter was read and appreciated. Thank you, John. May the perpetual light shine upon you.

State Grange Executive Committee Update

While the committee met via Zoom for most of the last year we did decide to meet as a committee in February at the NH State Grange Hall in Hooksett. The reasoning behind this decision had to do with the extent to which both the basement and the Museum room were overflowing.

Over the years the basement has been the repository for much of the belongings of Granges that have closed or consolidated. As most of you know, there have been a number of Granges closed in past years. Several years ago the Executive Committee reduced the number of Grange records that would be collected from these Granges which has helped but didn't deal with the items that had taken up residence in the basement. So the decision was made to spend the morning of the meeting day going through the many boxes and other containers in the morning to determine what we needed to save and to hold our meeting in the afternoon.

So far we have had two successful days working at the State Grange Building with some of us working in the basement and some starting on the museum. We have a third day planned to continue this work. The basement still needs some organizing and some more decisions made about what we are keeping. The Museum room was overflowing and difficult to move around in but there has definitely been progress made there although there is still more to do.

The State Secretary has been busy sorting through the Record books from the various Granges. The plan is to continue Brother Richard Patten's work of getting these books to the hometowns of these Granges by reaching out to Historical Societies.



*From the
Driver's Seat*

**Robert Trombi
State Master**

Greetings Brothers and Sisters!

I hope all of you are staying warm, healthy, and positive in these difficult times. The sudden passing of our Past State Master, Richard Patten, came as a shock to us all. Richard had a lifelong dedication and passion for Community Service, and particularly the Grange! His passion will be missed by many. To Richard I say, "You will be greatly missed, and 'Well done good and faithful servant!'"

In the face of the challenges of these times, we need to remain diligent in our efforts to serve our community, using our creativity and the tools and technologies available to us. Congratulations to the Youth Department for the creative effort presented by Youth Director, Rachel Scanzani for a Covid-safe virtual February Youth Rally! I have recently communicated with Rachel, encouraging her to create a safe idea for an interactive summer Youth activity. Other successful efforts include "To Go" fundraising meals, and virtual meetings, using conferencing technologies (like "Zoom").

The State Grange has a Zoom account, that can be used by Granges, by scheduling with State Overseer Tricia Taylor. Another use for this technology is being done by Walpole Grange, who hosted a "Meet the Candidates" Zoom meeting in their community. I encourage everyone to try this in your community, and stir up your creativity, to find new ways to serve and educate your neighbors! The National Grange used Zoom Conference Technology to hold workshops for a "Virtual Presidents Conference."

I encourage all Grangers to embrace the gradual easing of Covid restrictions. Recently, the Centers for Disease Control released a statement, encouraging all who are fully vaccinated, to begin going out in public without masks.

To all of my Grange Family, I wish you a safe, fun, and productive summer.

National Grange News

The online registration form for the 155th Annual National Grange Convention is live on the National Grange website. Check it out to see what will be happening November 9-13 in Wichita, Kansas. If you plan to attend, you should register right away and reserve your airline ticket as soon as possible. Prices are going up quickly now that people are feeling more comfortable to travel.

The **Good Day!** magazine, which should be in your mailbox any day now, has a featured story giving much information about the convention activities and the sights to see while in the Wichita area.

A special added attraction to the convention this year is attendance and performance by the Peterson Farm Brothers, three young men who operate a 2,000-acre fifth-generation family farm near Assaria, Kansas where they primarily raise beef cattle (about 1,000 head at a time) in a backgrounding feeder operation. They also have a small cow/calf herd and grow corn, alfalfa, and forage sorghum as feed for the cattle, along with wheat, milo, soybeans, and sunflowers for cash crops. Their mission is to promote agriculture. They have produced 18 music videos that are ag-related parodies of popular songs—you really need to check them out on YouTube!

The Convention will include all the usual programs such as the Seventh Degree on Saturday, Youth Officers opening on Friday, Celebration Banquet Saturday evening, and —special note — the Evening of Excellence will be Saturday evening following the Banquet. Check out the revised schedule on the website nationalgrange.org to be sure you don't miss what's of interest to you.

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Junior Grange
Joann Brandt, Director
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Here we go, I hope. It looks like we will try the Junior Fun Day on June 12 from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. We will be at the State Grange Building in Hooksett. Bring a bag lunch, and I will bring fruit and ice cream. Check out the schedule for the day and let me know if you are coming so we will have enough activities for all to enjoy.

I was excited to have 14 Juniors at the Bowling in March and glad the State Lecturer was able to have us together. Thank you, Matt, for the great job in setting us up with the new beginning. It's been a long time without gatherings, and it was great that everyone was using masks. First place winners were: Connor (Ages 4-9); Seth (Ages 10-12); and Trevor (Ages 13-15). Trevor was the top Junior Bowler this year. Congratulations!

A Planting packet was given to all along with a certificate and charts of when to plant seeds inside or outside. I planted Marigold seeds the week before bowling to bring and show and forgot it. This week they have actually flowered in the pot.

August 6-7 weekend is the Family Weekend in Contoocook that 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.




**Agriculture
Department**
**Norman Brandt and
Adam Terrell, Co-Directors**

Well, I've been busy lately. I had garlic that was about eighteen inches tall. Then the turkeys found it, and now it's about three inches tall. On the bright note I had some nice baby turkeys hatch, and more are in the incubator. I also got a shipment of turkey semen extender and between my brother and me, we got the tom milked and artificially inseminated all the broad-breasted white turkeys. Now we have a bunch of their eggs developing in the incubators.

I understand there is a meat chick/chicken shortage so far this year. I can only assume that those people who raised and tried their own fresh chicken have now become spoiled.

My onions at this time are well over five layers and still growing. My swiss chard has made it up and past the turkeys so far as well as the parsnips. I surprised my neighbor the other day with a hand full of shiitake mushrooms that were growing off of one of the logs we had inoculated two years ago! One of his friends was over and wanted to walk through the garden areas.

When we got to the grape vines he was like, "I think he killed them, John." John laughed and said, "Three years ago when he first did my fruit trees I was scared when he finished.. Now I am just in amazement on the amount we get out of the little he leaves, more than we were getting before he started cultivating." I pointed out to his friend that when you give the grape vines and peach trees too many options for production they just try using every option and find they can't feed all they are trying to make. You say, "Here, these stems will hold your fruit," and they produce larger healthier fruit. Then I joked around saying, "One of these days I will take lessons from the fruit pruner and try not to stretch myself so thin."

Meanwhile I have lots of tomato plants up and ready to turn fertile ground,

golden sun and water into food for us. Most of the tomatoes I grow are Indeterminate, meaning they never stop growing and ripen all season long. Tomatoes come in Indeterminate and Determinate. Determinate tomatoes grow to a certain height and then the fruit ripen all at once. These are the commercial varieties allowing for all at once harvest. When you look at your seed packages they tend to say Determinate or Indeterminate right on them.

The only other garden plant I know that are Determinate and Indeterminate are potatoes. Yet it always surprises me that it is so hard to find out what type of seed potato you are buying. The benefit of planting an Indeterminate potato is that if you hill them they grow roots all along the stem, allowing potatoes to be grown from the bottom to the top - great for bucket planting or bin planting.

If you use a Determinate potato and you hill them up high and deep, on harvesting you have to dig down to the bottom to collect your harvest. That's really great if you don't like to spend time hilling your potatoes to keep the sun off them. Just drop them down in a deep hole and let them grow. Where you set the seed is where the potatoes will be. Not as much time is needed to produce the tuber.

But, to find out what type is what was hard! Luckily, Google allowed me to find a list of both Determinate and Indeterminate. With these lists I went to Walmart, Tractor Supply, Lowes, The Home Depot, Dodges Agway, and Ocean State Job Lots, and was surprised to find out that Dodges was the only one selling Indeterminate. Out of the eight varieties they carried, two of them were Indeterminate the rest were Determinate.

My first Gilt (female pig less than 1 year or has not had babies) became a sow with 11 piglets. Now comes the work of keeping her from killing them. I'm sure some parents relate to that goal :). The first night she had stepped on one of the babies' hind legs, tearing the skin deep enough to see the tendons. A few days later I went up to find a rip in one of the piglet's shoulder. Luckily the mom is understanding and has been nice enough to let me pick up the babies right in front of her without becoming aggressive. My

next Gilt is due to upgrade her title on June 11th. She only allowed 1/2 a dose so I'm not sure what I'm going to get.

This year I tried getting bi-father litters. It was something I had tried in the past using the information the Department of Ag representatives had told me: Pigs let their eggs down at two different times, so that is why you need to have them bred twice. For a long time I had used one boar the first time and a second six hours later and was always disappointed that the babies came out from only one of the two possible dads. I was explaining this problem to the company that I buy the male bottles from (jokingly call them the Navy boys). They said, "Oh, if you really want a bi-dad litter you have to mix the bottles together and dose her with a mixed-dads bottle. So, this past litter I had three black and white and eight pinks, my first bi-dad litter. Three were from a boar named Big Sexy, and eight from Boomer. The next gilt is supposed to have Rise Up/Hostage babies - spotted babies with large ears or black and white Oreo cookie babies. I can't wait until June.

So far Stratham Fair has canceled but it sounds like the rest of the fairs are planning on going on. My brother's children are already starting to talk about what animals they want to train to use for the fairs. I just can't wait for them to start.

Well, my clock just changed to 12:35 a.m. and I need to get some sleep before everything starts screaming for attention tomorrow morning. I hope everyone is doing well. And take some advice I miss out on all the time from the fruit pruner. Don't try doing more than you can do. If you try, you will find yourself overwhelmed and disappointed in the end.

Deadline
The next issue of the Granite State Granger will be mailed in September, 2021. Please send items for the paper to Hannah West on or before August 10, 2021. Report on events of June and July. Look ahead to events of September, October and November.

It's not enough to know how to ride – you must also know how to fall.
Mexican Proverb

Antrim Grange

What's up at the Grange? To mere passersby it would seem that there is little activity at the Antrim Grange Hall, which underwent the start of a modest foundation project in 2017 that quickly morphed into a multi-faceted rehabilitation of the entire building. The term "rehabilitation" is one of the four distinct approaches to the treatment of historic properties found on the website of the Department of the Interior/National Park Service. The website lists Standards and Guidelines, which, together, provide a framework and guidance for decision-making about work or changes to a historic property. The Antrim Grange Hall was formerly the Antrim Meetinghouse that was originally built and located atop Meetinghouse Hill.

In the early days of the project, we were assisted by the NH Preservation Alliance, which, last year, awarded Antrim Grange a matching grant to have a Condition Assessment report created and then provided contact information for historic preservationist Mae Williams of Unlocking History, and historic architect Brian Gallien of Ironwood Restoration, LLC who collaborated on the Assessment report, which was finalized in January 2021.

It is a comprehensive read for anyone interested in the early development of the town of Antrim, the history of Antrim's Meetinghouse and its journey down the hill to its present location, and the changes and additions made by the Grange since it purchased the building in 1894. This document can be accessed from the Antrim Grange Facebook page. The NH Preservation Alliance manages a very competitive matching grant program for specific construction projects on behalf of the 1772 Foundation, for which Antrim Grange has applied twice and been declined twice. We are beginners in the grant writing process but hope to be more successful in the near future!

With the guidance of the Assessment report, the real work begins as we start to address several of the steps laid out for us. Tops on the list are creating drainage and moisture mitigation around and under the building, the location of which creates a unique challenge with lots of run-off water from the hill above

and limited real estate on which to control it. Also of immediate concern is installing a foundation in the North Bay and resetting some of the foundation stones that have slipped out of plumb.

The Grange is considering applying for an LCHIP grant that would help to put on a new roof in the spring of 2022. A rough estimate calculates that 3,000 gallons of rain comes off the Grange Hall roof in a one-inch rain storm. Knowing this, Antrim Grange hopes to collaborate with Soak Up the Rain (<https://www4.des.state.nh.us/SoakNH/>) to help promote the idea of engaging home and small business owners to voluntarily help protect the state's waters from the negative impacts of stormwater pollution. A site visit is scheduled for June 1st, with a follow-up public forum to be held sometime later in the month. Stay tuned for more details on that.

Here is a wish list of a few big items that would help us progress with the work that needs to be done: mini excavator operator, historical architect, site engineer, fundraising ideas and assistance, professional advice/recommendations. Please do not hesitate to contact Beth Merrill (588-6615) if you have any thoughts or questions in this regard.

Antrim Grange is grateful for the continued financial support of generous community members who are making tax deductible donations to the New Hampshire Grange Foundation, c/o the Antrim Grange Hall Rehabilitation account. These can be mailed to Andrew Savage, Treasurer, NH Grange Foundation, 837 Bennett Way, Newmarket, NH 03857.

Fair Exhibits This Year?

Watch the NH Fairs website as fairs are talking about opening. Stratham Fair will not be held, but Deerfield is planning on opening (unless things change), which means Grange displays will be needed.

Check with your local contacts to know if your near-by fair will be happening this year.

When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves.~Victor Frankl

Grange Bulletin Board

Walpole Grange

This is an ABC poem that Walpole Grange composed at their April virtual meeting. It is the creative writing poetry for the lecturer's contest. Can you or your Grange do as well?

**Alphabet Poem or
Abecedarian
By Members of Walpole
Grange #125
SPRING
April showers
Bring May flowers
Colorful
Daffodils
Ever
Fragrant
Green Grass
Hyacinth
Iris
Jack in the Pulpit
Kites Flying
Lambs born on
Memorial Day
Night
Owls hooting
Peepers peeping
Quails nesting
Robins
Searching
Time changes
Umbrellas
Violets
Worms
Xtra
Yellow
Zinnias**

Remember Your Donations

The usual and customary donations to Youth funds, Education Loan Fund, State Lecturer's gift, State Grange Building Fund, Kelley Farm, etc. are still being collected this year. If your Grange is not meeting, your Master and Executive Committee may authorize the expenditures. If you have approved a budget, your Grange may make the payments with no vote.



In Memoriam

**Bernard Stone Blow-Me-Down
April Farewell Blow-Me-Down
Charles Watson Chichester
John A. Burnett, Jr. Wingold**

From the General Deputy Arthur Merrill

As more of us get our vaccines, I hope Granges are starting to meet in person. I know some of our Granges have been meeting electronically and continue to do so. That is better than not meeting at all. But, one of the best parts of the Grange experience is the social interaction we get from gathering together. I encourage Granges to meet in person if possible.

Your General Deputy has visited a number of Granges this spring: Eastern NH Pomona, Suncook Valley Pomona, Mohawk, Wicwas Lake, and Rockingham. I have heard of some deputies that have also made in-person visits. Some have also made visits via Zoom.

I have a few other visits scheduled for June. If your Deputy or General Deputy can be of help to your Grange, do not hesitate to contact me.

148th New Hampshire State Grange Session

October 21-24, 2021
Best Western ~ PLUS
Keene, NH

We are hoping to return to a full session this year with Memorial Service, Reports, Banquet, 6th Degree Conferral, Displays and Hospitality Room.

More information as well as any change in schedule due to the pandemic will follow as we near the event.

Support the ELF!

Please send your
Educational Loan Fund

donations to:
Patrice Lawlor
PO Box 386
Pelham NH 03076



Harmony Grange

Mark your calendars to attend Sanbornton's 250th celebration on Saturday, July 10th. Due to Covid in 2020 the celebration has been held over to 2021. Harmony Grangers invite you to join in the fun with the dual theme: "Sanbornton is Strong & Togetherness".

The Fair starts at 9 a.m., on the Town Square, highlighting the annual parade at 10 a.m. and fireworks at the Town Park at dusk. There will be a multitude of local crafters, food vendors, wildlife programs, and magicians for the young & young at heart.

Harmony Grange will be selling raffle tickets to include: one gallon of NH maple syrup from Granger Omer Ahern, one home-grown fresh Birch Hill turkey, a \$50.00 gift certificate to Surowiec's Family Farm, weekly fresh hand-picked bouquets of gladiolas from fellow Granger Ralph Sellers (for approx. 6 wks), and a \$100.00 gift certificate to Steele Hill Resort in Sanbornton, NH. Tickets are available from any Harmony Grange members \$5.00 for one ticket or three tickets for \$10.00. It is not necessary to be present to win.

So, come enjoy and share the day visiting with fellow Grangers and making new memories beyond Covid!

See You There?

**Grange Family Weeknd
August 6-8, 2021
Sandy Beach RV and Camping Resort
377 Clement Hill Road
Contoocook, NH
Tel. 603-746-3591**

RV sites with full hook-ups and tent sites as well. A military discount is offered. Call soon for reservations. Say you are with the Grange group reserved by Shawn Scanzani.

If you have questions call Shawn Scanzani at 603-318-5143.

Aurora Grange

Aurora Grange in Pittsburg has been holding its regular meetings every month and feel thankful that we have not had to miss meetings due to COVID. In March we had Richard Lapoint, one of our selectmen, come to speak to us about the various warrant articles that were coming before the voters at the town meeting.

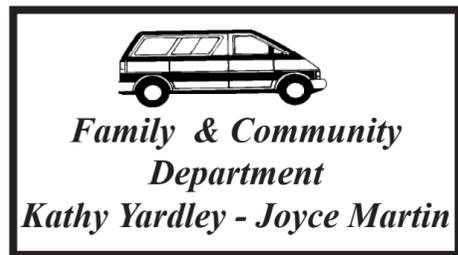
One of Aurora Grange's service projects is the Stamp Ministry which gathers canceled stamps to sell to stamp collectors. The Stamp Ministry group then donates the money to Third World countries to buy Sunday School materials for children. So far the group has earned more than \$8,000 already in 2021. Aurora just sent in a big box of canceled stamps to help with this important project.

Now that winter is behind us, Aurora Grange is back to meeting in our Grange Hall again. We were pleased to have Les Avery come to our May meeting. We are hoping that we can attract some new members, but we haven't had much luck yet.

Lower Intervale Grange

Neil MacDonald couldn't resist snapping photos of the work that is being done to the former Lower Intervale Grange Hall by its new owners.





Now that things are starting to open up and get back to semi-normal, we hope Granges are again able to get together and become more active in their communities.

Hopefully, while following all the CDC guide lines you were able to work on some of the needlework projects so that we can have them displayed at our State Grange session which appears to be a go for this year. If you are able to have your meetings in person you still have time to have your Oatmeal Cookie baking contest.

While dealing with the Pandemic, I had more time to spend at home and thus spend some time sorting through paperwork that had piled up. I found an article from the 4-H Extension of Lancaster County, Nebraska entitled "366 Community Service Ideas". There are 14 various categories with several suggestions in each. Although these are suggestions for 4-H aged children, nothing says we as adults couldn't do them also. Most of us are "kids at heart" anyway. So I thought I would share a few ideas from each with you. Perhaps some of you are doing them already.

General Ideas

- Volunteer to lead a club of youth
- Make birthday cards for the elderly
- Volunteer at a health fair

On the Calendar

- Recognize veterans in your community
- Trim a mitten Christmas tree to donate mittens to local schools and homeless shelters
- Organize a coat drive in which old and or new coats are donated for use by needy people.
- Contact a local tree farm about donating a Christmas tree to a nursing home, homeless shelter or needy family
- Decorate a Christmas tree at a nursing home, hospital, school or homeless shelter

Make Spring baskets for seniors' residential facility, neighbors or homeless shelters

On Johnny Appleseed Day in March, deliver apples to homeless shelters.

Children, Family & Friends

- Design a game for young children
- Read a book to a young kid, a blind person or an older neighbor.
- Knit or crochet baby blankets
- Collect old clothes and donate them for a dress-up area at a daycare.

Safety

- Create a play that teaches young children how to stay safe at home
- Offer a safety workshop prior to July 4th
- Sponsor a drug free post prom event

Crime Fighting

- Join a community crime prevention organization such as DARE or MCGruff Program

- Sponsor a TV blackout event where kids spend time with their family rather than watch TV

School Activities

- (these would be good for Grange youth)
- Volunteer to be a teacher's aid during your study hall

- Hold a used book sale and donate the money

- Collect school supplies to give to kids who need them

- Make drawings and decorations for senior citizens

Government

- Provide a voter pick up or transportation service for seniors
- Contact your legislators on issues close to your heart.

- Contact a local organization about donating flags to public institutions.

Helping the Hungry and/or Homeless

- Help cook and/or serve a meal at a homeless shelter
- Organize a food scavenger hunt to collect food for the needy
- Make "I Care" kits with combs, toothbrushes, shampoo, etc. for homeless people
- Make a care package with mittens, socks, T-shirts, etc. for a child at a homeless shelter

Support the Granite State Granger with your donation.

For Those with Special Needs

- Raise money for Braille or large print books for blind or visually impaired people

- Make gifts with friends for kids in the hospital

Neighborhood Enhancement

- Volunteer to clean up trash at a community event or county fair
- Distribute leaf bags during the fall encouraging residents to clean leaves from their streets and yards.

- Organize a local blood drive with the American Red Cross

Performing Arts & Sports

- Serve as an usher at a sporting event
- Serve as a coach for a youth sports team
- Get a martial arts or dance class to give a demonstration at a youth center, nursing home or school

The Environment

- Clean up trash along a river or in a park
- Participate in the National Audubon Society's Backyard Wildlife Habitat Program

- Adopt a highway and clean up litter

Senior Citizens

- Adopt a "grandfriend"
- Visit a nursing home
- Offer to read to people in a nursing home

Helping Animals

- Set up donation centers for animal products to be donated to needy
- Volunteer at an animal shelter. Help clean up, play with the animals, or do whatever is needed to make the shelter a nicer "temporary" home for the animals.

These are just a few suggestions. So have fun and help others.



It's almost summer which means that it's time to get outside! Thank you to all of you who participated in our Virtual February Youth Rally! I hope that you found some of the activities fun and interesting. Perhaps you even learned a new skill or talent.

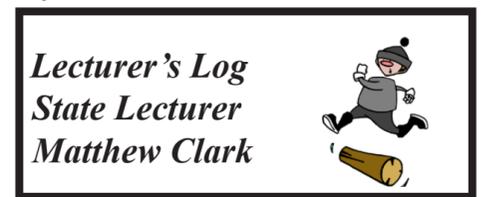
The last year has taught us many things about ourselves. Many of us tried things that we hadn't before but had always wanted to, simply because we had the time. Others pulled out long-forgotten hobbies or projects that we could finally finish. It is time for us to dig deep and to find ways to share what we enjoy with others.

Over the next year, think about how you could use and share the talents and skills you have, both old and newly acquired, with others. Could you volunteer to lead a workshop or teach a class? Could you perhaps mentor a young Granger who is just learning how to sign their name using sign language? Do you have a large enough kitchen to host a small group to teach them the best ways to make entries for this year's baking contest? Maybe you've discovered that you have a real knack for growing vegetables and would love to share with others how to get them started in the spring? As we get 'back to normal', whatever that may be and look like, let's take the time to continue to learn, try, and share what we love.

This summer the Youth Department will have two events going on so be watching your e-mail as more details emerge about dates and times. The Northeast Region, in conjunction with the National Youth Director, have decided to hold the annual Northeast Youth Conference virtually in July this year. While Vermont would love to host everyone, the restrictions were still too constricting when plans needed to be finalized to feel confident that a conference could be held. As details are finalized with dates,

times, and links, information will be sent out in June.

We will also be hosting our annual trip to Chucksters for mini-golf and ice cream! Again - watch for information in late July for details as we get closer! If you have any feedback, thoughts, or are willing to share something you've learned with others, please reach out to Rachel Scanzani (rscanzani@nhgrange.org) at any time.



As I watch the seasons change once again, I am reminded of the lessons we learn from the degree work. I watch the cherry tree in my front yard go from barren branches to full pink bloom. The trees fill with leaves, the grass grows and needs to be mowed. The birds fill the air with their songs. Farmers prepare their fields and plant the seed having faith that God will provide an abundant harvest. I encourage everyone to look around and try to find the little reminders every day of the lessons we have learned in all that we do.

This last year has been a challenging time for all of us. As we see the light at the end of the tunnel and make our way back to a more normal way of life, I look forward to seeing many of my Grange friends. We still have a ways to go, but if we persevere, we will overcome.

With all that has been going on I am pleased to say that on March 14th we had 28 adults and 14 juniors along with several other helpers attend the annual



Grange bowling event at Lakeside lanes in Manchester. It was great to see many Grangers and fun was had by all. The following is a list of all the winners.

Women Class A

- 1st - Hannah Rogier
- 2nd - Lucia Savage
- 3rd - Melissa Lynch

Men Class A

- 1st - Arthur Merrill
- 2nd - Brian Twiss
- 3rd - Matthew Clark

Women Class B

- 1st - Goldie French
- 2nd - Becky Rogier
- 3rd - Megan Ricker

Men Class B

- 1st - Andrew Savage
- 2nd - Lawrence Brandt
- 3rd - Wilber Heath

Women Class C

- 1st - Emilie Leclerc
- 2nd - Ava Twiss
- 3rd - Beth Merrill

Men Class C

- 1st - Blaze McMullen
- Age 6-9 - Connor Scanzani
- Age 10-12 - Seth Clark
- 13-15 - Trevor Clark

As guidance loosens up and people start to feel more comfortable with gathering, I will be planning an event to celebrate and hold the talent showcase. As I said before, I look forward to seeing many Grangers in the very near future. I hope this last year has given many of you an opportunity to work on entries for the Lecturer's Contests. Please reach out to your Grange lecturer or myself if you need details on the contests. I look forward to seeing all the work and displaying it at state session this fall.

Junior Grange Bowlers

Grange Crafters

During the covid pandemic, monthly crafty sessions at the State Grange Building have been enjoyed by a dedicated group of careful, social-distancing Grangers. New skills are shared and resources, materials, and tools are demonstrated and loaned to aid in the completion of personal projects in addition to various projects intended for Grange fundraising purposes.

In a previous issue of the Granite State Granger, we asked for members to send us their old Christmas cards, and we did receive collections from several members. A special day was organized in April by the Family and Community co-chairs to start making these into tags and Christmas cards to be donated to the general store at the New England Grange Building. Over the course of a few hours, a number of packages were put together in assembly line fashion. There are still lots left to do, so keep your eyes and ears open for announcement of future work days, if you think you'd like to join in this fun, no-skills-needed project!

The group collaborated in the creation of a Jacob's Ladder quilt top that is ready to be professionally quilted. Most recently we were asked to make a quilt to be raffled as a fundraiser for the NH Grange Sesquicentennial Committee.

After some brainstorming it was decided that we would invite all NH Grange quilters to participate. In heeding the in-

struction of the Chaplain in the Second Degree to "diligently seek and bring back the straying and those that are cast out", we are asking members to search through sewing rooms and locate your "orphan" blocks. You know; the ones that for whatever reason, never made it into a finished project. They can be any color, pattern, or size. You may give/send them to any of the ladies listed below by August 1st and they will be put them to good use.

The group looks forward to the challenge of uniting the individual blocks, both old and new, gathered from near and far, and creating something beautiful and comforting, not unlike the role the Grange has played in members' lives for almost 150 years! The Sesquicentennial Quilt Raffle will become part of the historical celebration leading up to the actual anniversary in 2023. **Quilt blocks may be given to: Kathy Yardley, Joyce Martin, Jane Trombi, Doris Mitton, Jane Heath, Alice Tuck, Pat Bailey, Pat Lawlor, or Beth Merrill.**



Grab a Roster

The 1895 NH State Grange Roster is three and a half inches by seven and three-quarters inches. Inside the cover are 24 pages of small print.

Nahaum J. Bachelder of East Andover was Master. He was a farmer and a Republican politician who served one term as New Hampshire's governor (1903-05). He died on his farm in East Andover in 1934 and is buried in the Proctor Cemetery in Andover.

Do any of the following officers come from your hometown?: Overseer J.E. Shepard (New London), Lecturer E.J. Burnham (Manchester); Steward Elery E. Rugg (Keene), Assistant Steward H.B. Holman (East Tilton), Chaplain Rev. George W. Patten (Dublin), Treasurer J.M. Taylor (Sanbornton), Secretary E. C. Hutchinson (Milford), Gate Keeper Adam Dickey (Manchester).

The female officers were wives of male officers: Ceres Mrs. N.J. Bachelder, Pomona Mrs. J.E. Shepard, Lady Steward (sic) Mrs. E.C. Hutchinson. Flora was Mrs. Alonzo Towle of Freedom, wife of the General Deputy.

Executive Committee members were Charles McDaniel (West Springfield) who served as secretary, Wm. H. Stinson (Mont Vernon), and John M. Carr (Wilmot Flat). The State Master served as Chairman and the State Secretary was an ex-officio member. The State Secretary was a busy Granger. He was also a special deputy.

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