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Norman Brandt, NH State Grange Gate Keeper and Chair of the Agriculture Committee is getting ready to sew some ties and Doris Mitton, a member of the Family and Community Committee and Grange Services Committee is organizing one of her many quilt projects at the January Craft Weekend.

New Hampshire State Grange,
of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry
147th Annual Session
Friday, October 23, 2020 ~ Sunday
October 25, 2020
Best Western PLUS, Portsmouth, NH
603-436-7600

2020 Convention Room Rates:
King – Double \$109
Suite - \$175

9% State room tax not included

SPECIAL NOTES: Session will begin at 9:00 AM on Friday morning. It is recommended that room reservations be made for Thursday evening if you wish to be on time for the opening on Friday. Check in is any time after 4:00 PM. When making your reservations, please indicate that you are with the New Hampshire State Grange so as to be charged the group rate.

Convention room rates will not be offered after September 22, 2020.



NH Grange Month Event April 4, 2020

Join us at the State Grange Building for a day of fun activities to celebrate our wonderful organization. We will have workshops, a banquet, penny sale, and talent contest.

The day will start at 9 a.m. with workshops. At 1 p.m. we will have a Ham dinner banquet with a cost of \$15.00 for ages 14 and up and \$7.00 for 13 and under. Children under 5 eat free. Proceeds from the banquet will go into the talent fund.

The penny sale is always a highlight of the day, so bring your new or gently used items to add to our sale. We will also present a Granger of the Year Award. Nomination forms are in the Lecturer's packet on the State Grange website, and mailed to your lecturer. Anyone can nominate an Outstanding Granger.

Our talent contest will be held following the banquet. There are three categories: vocal, instrumental, and variety. The Best of Show will be able to represent NH at the Night of Excellence in November, 2020 in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. Granges are encouraged to send a donation to help defray the expenses of our winner.

Grangers & Friends Crafting Weekends

Join fellow Grangers for some crafty time at the State Grange Building in Hooksett. Bring a friend, your crafting supplies, food to share, and even an air mattress if you want to spend the night! Come and work on those projects that need more space than a kitchen table!!

The dates are:

March 19-21, 2020

**6 p.m. Thursday to ? Saturday
Saturday Workshop 1-4 p.m.
Mixed Media Art**

April 30 – May 2, 2020

**6 p.m. Thursday to ? Saturday
Saturday Workshop 1-4 p.m.
Paper crafts**

The Saturday workshops are open to everyone, and we will have supplies for you to use. If you have something special you want to work on or with, please bring it along.



“Don’t think there is nothing for children to do...” Mary West and Alexander Belval fold copies of The Granite State Granger.



*From my pad
to your pad*

**Christopher Heath
NH State Grange Master**

What a crazy winter it has been! I am thinking that Mother Nature is not sure what she wants to do yet. The unseasonably warm weather has made things difficult for those of us who like the snow and the winter activities it brings. Thankfully the tourists/vacationers that typically come to New Hampshire are still visiting the state and helping with supporting the State's economy.

Hopefully you have been keeping cool in the warm weather and warm in the cold weather. Let's hope that this lack of precipitation doesn't affect us this summer, and we can avoid any droughts. There is some good news, though. The good news is that Spring is right around the corner, and we will soon be seeing new life beginning all around.

Coming up at the end of March, the Northeast Region will be holding its annual Leaders Conference in Albany, New York. This conference is designed for the leaders to get together to plan events, attend workshops and fellowship with each other, but anyone is welcome to attend. The dates for the event are March 27th through the 29th and information has been sent to the state leaders. If you are not a state leader but interested in attending, please let me know and I will get the information to you.

Your Executive committee has been working hard and diligently on preparing some instructions for the upcoming changes to the Pomona Granges. They have prepared a preliminary letter with some guidelines. We are also asking each Pomona Grange to come up with a plan and present it to the Executive Committee. Your Pomona Grange will soon be receiving this letter and we are requesting that each of you report back to us by June 1st. We are here to help you plan and prepare, so if you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask. We are asking that you wait until you get the letter and discuss this with your deputy

before you perform any actions towards this change.

It was announced that the National Grange theme for this year is Cultivating Connections. In order to fully understand the meaning of this theme let's define the words themselves. Cultivating comes from the word **cultivate** which is a verb that has two meanings according to Google; The definitions are; 1. prepare and use (land) for crops or gardening or 2. try to acquire or develop. The word **connections** comes from the word connect which is a noun defined as; a relationship in which a person, thing, or idea is linked or associated with something else. So now that we all know what this theme means let's all do our part to develop relationships with each other through the Grange this year. Let's do our best to get out and make our fellow Grangers in our area, feel like we have a special bond with each other because of the Grange.

During this year's Masters' Conference, Bob Trombi and I learned some valuable information about programs offered by the National Grange, membership trends in our state, and other important subjects that affect all Granges across the nation. I have some ideas to try this year to see if we can make a drastic change in our membership trend. We really need to focus our energy on Membership. If we want Grange to survive in our State, we really need to do something now. We all are responsible for growing our organization. Each of us really needs to break out of our shell and talk to people about this organization. I am hoping that we might be able to implement these ideas throughout the year and make a difference.

In closing, I wish the best for all of you and hope that each one of your Granges is successful this year. I hope

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that you will continue to work on membership, community outreach, community involvement and fellowship within your Grange, your neighboring Granges and all people in your community. Remember that we are all ambassadors of the organization and our words and actions reflect what people think about our Grange. Try to take a moment to think about what you are going to say or do before doing it. Let's make an effort to stand out in the crowd. Remember that we need to strive to be quiet peaceful citizens, feeding the hungry, helping the fatherless and the widows and keeping ourselves unspotted from the world.

Antrim Grange

As we approach Spring, Antrim Grange is working on many projects. First and foremost, our rehabilitation project on our beautiful historic Grange Hall on Meetinghouse Hill continues. Beth Merrill has been working tirelessly on applications for grants and such to help fund this enormous endeavor. We appreciate all of the local donations of support, money and services that we have received to date and hope to continue to receive.

In April, we will be celebrating Grange Month. We are currently planning to have a public event on April 1st to celebrate this special time. Keep an eye out for event details in the near future.

On May 20th we will be having our annual Community Awards Night. If you have any suggestions of any deserving person(s) that have been a huge asset to our community, please email Renee Mercier-Gerritsen by March 31st @ renee_mercier@yahoo.com with their name(s) and a short paragraph why they are deserving of an award. All recommendations will be considered.

A friendly reminder that we will be holding our annual Penny Sale and Summah Suppah August 7th & 8th, 2020. We will be looking for new/gently used items and/or gift certificates to use in our sale. If you have anything, please contact Renee Mercier Gerritsen.

If you are interested in anything the Grange does or would like more info on joining our organization, please find Antrim Grange #98 on Facebook and "Like" us.



**Agriculture
Department
Norman Brandt, Director**

You missed another Farm and Forest or, as it is now known, Farm, Forest and Garden Expo. Our Grange booth got Second place for non-profit booths, just shy of getting a free booth next year. It would be great to see what they said we need to improve on, but sadly they do not release judges scores or comments to exhibitors.

In my opinion the best scores may just be the fact that people were asking about Granges that are near them, I personally spoke to a lady that lives in Londonderry walking distance from their Grange Hall. She was wondering what type of stuff the Grange in that Hall does and if they would be interested in a new member. Having been their Deputy last year, I was able to tell about all the neat things I had seen and heard and gave her Mr. Perry's phone number. Hopefully they will get a call and invite her into their family.

When Lois Enman was standing in the booth a boy came up and said, "I remember you. You're the one that gave me my dictionary." From there he went over to make a heart hat, the activity we had this year {a suggestion from either Crystal Seward. or Sherry Bokousky from the membership committee}. Meanwhile Lois and his mom got to talk about Grange and things that they could do in Grange.

We tend to hear a lot of, "I didn't even know Granges existed anymore" or "Wow there are that many?" and of course "What do you all do?" I know I can be just as guilty as the next Granger on why it is that we get to hear this at events. I should be better at getting things out on the web, newspapers and bulletin boards in my Grange community and I'm sure I can make up 1000 excuses on why I haven't done it. But. all excuses do is soothe the soul, after not doing something you know you should be doing.

Speaking of doing something you know

you should do, I was coasting through the NH General Court bills for 2020 and found some interesting ones.

HOUSE BILL 461-FN adds moderate to severe insomnia to the Medical Hemp bill.

HOUSE BILL 484-FN-LOCAL adds the number of dogs to read "The fee shall be \$20 for [the group license] for 5 dogs plus \$1 per dog above the initial 5."

HOUSE BILL 501-FN An Act using fees from registration of commercial animal food sellers to fund the cost of care program in the Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food.

HOUSE BILL 596-FN An Act relative to eligibility for agricultural plates.

HOUSE BILL 1117-FN makes the classification of the crime of dog theft relative to the market value of the dog and makes it a crime to remove certain collars and microchips from certain dogs.

HOUSE BILL 1164 creates a special advocate for cats and dogs that are neglected or otherwise treated cruelly.

HOUSE BILL 1187 I. removes the requirement that animal shelters own their facilities from the definition of animal shelter facilities. II. Clarifies which exemptions apply to animal shelters.

HOUSE BILL 1387 prohibits the removal of claws from cats by persons practicing veterinary medicine.

HOUSE BILL 1388 defines pet store and animal rescue organization and prohibits the transfer of cats, dogs, and rabbits at retail in pet stores.

HOUSE BILL 1389-FN was thankfully killed in committee. It had a lot of restrictions on times animals could be outside, temp of water given to animals etc.

HOUSE BILL 1391-FN prohibits discriminatory practices in the sale, rental, or lease of housing against any person because he or she has an animal companion.

HOUSE BILL 1418 authorizes funds from the Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food agricultural nutrient management program to be used for increasing farm energy efficiency.

HOUSE BILL 1449 defines animal hoarding.

HOUSE BILL 1483 allows dogs on open air restaurant patios.

HOUSE BILL 1602-FN-LOCAL establishes a registry for persons convicted of animal cruelty.

HOUSE BILL 1627-FN I. Creates a database for animal health certificates. II. Authorizes the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Foods to transfer money from certain funds. III. Establishes a fee on the submission of animal health certificates. IV. Establishes a fee on rabies vaccinations. V. Requires veterinarians to send a copy of the rabies vaccination certificate to the Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food.

HOUSE BILL 1630-FN sets the limit of dogs, cats, and ferrets that may be transferred without a pet vendor license. This bill also creates an exemption from the requirement to obtain a pet vendor license for certain breeders of dogs and cats.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 11 urges the United States Congress to reschedule marijuana from a Schedule I drug to an alternative Schedule and to support the Ending Federal Marijuana Prohibition Act.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 19 provides that no person shall burn an American flag except as a respectful means of disposing of a worn or damaged flag.

HOUSE BILL 151 allows a farm to raise livestock with no intent to sell such livestock and still be considered within the definition of agriculture.

HOUSE BILL 371 increases the number of dogs and cats that may be transferred in order to qualify as a pet vendor.

This last one I found very interesting as I had written about it, my Grange had submitted a resolution on it, and oddly enough HOUSE BILL 1123 requires the reporting of a collision between a cat and a motor vehicle to the cat's owner or the police. Yep, even though I wanted it to be all livestock it would add another animal requiring a report if you hit it.

I hope you all are preparing for spring, getting seeds ordered garden plans plotted, and until I can see you all again I hope you have a good time.



We hope that with all the Town Meetings going on that Granges are using this as an opportunity for exposure in our Communities, showing the public what our great organization brings to the table. Your Grange can host a Meet the Candidates Night in your hall or meeting location. The Grange is well known for its food events. Can you provide refreshments on Town Meeting day or during the elections?

The Membership Department is pleased to announce a net gain in membership for the December 2019 quarter. We took in more members than we lost. How exciting! Thank you to State Secretary Jerry Leclerc for bringing this exciting news to our attention. Help us to continue this trend! Go out and recruit new members or see if you can get inactive members active again,

Farm and Forest was a great success. This was a joint project between the Membership Department and the Agriculture Department. We were pleased to have received a 2nd place ribbon in the Education exhibits category.

Grange month is coming up in April. What are your plans to promote your Grange in the Community?

Be looking for announcements about our upcoming Membership Event!



Grange Booth at Farm, Forest, and Garden Expo.

Attendees at the Fly-In



A Hearty Grange Welcome to New Members

Alan Bartlett	Concord
Scott Bartlett	Concord
Brian Blackden	Concord
Cheryl Correllus	Concord
Tyler Harden	Concord
Rhoda Hardy	Concord
Tyler Martel	Concord
Sandra D'attilio	Hampton Falls
Anita Harvey	Hampton Falls
Santa Dora Kirby	Hampton Falls
James Dick	Harmony
Dwight Barney	Jeremiah Smith
Sally Barney	Jeremiah Smith
Laura Gund	Jeremiah Smith
Caren Rossi	Jeremiah Smith
Erick Sawtelle	Jeremiah Smith
Tina Sawtelle	Jeremiah Smith
Joseph Stevens	Jeremiah Smith
Rebecca Stevens	Jeremiah Smith
Tammy Dugrenier	Joe English
Kenneth Holbrook	Joe English
Linda Holbrook	Joe English
Terry Shannon	Mohawk
Arthur Couture	Mohawk
Carol Couture	Mohawk
Sally Hodge	Mohawk
Kathy Raymond	Mohawk
Bruce Gatchell	Rockingham
Elaine Gatchell	Rockingham
Becca Schilke	Watatic
James Swallow	Wicwas Lake



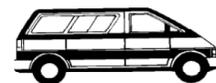
GRANGE YOUTH NEWS

Rachel Scanzani

Did you attend February Youth Rally? A small but mighty crowd spent the afternoon completing the annual Grange Knowledge Test, Youth and Lecturer contest entries, and participating in a Sign-A-Song workshop presented by Kathy Yardley. This day could not have been the success it was without the help of everyone who attended. A nasty bout of the flu left me unexpectedly out of commission for the weekend, and I am incredibly grateful for all of the help during the day.

If you missed our first event of the year, there is more coming up for you to participate in. Our Annual Youth Bowling event is tentatively scheduled for April 11, 2020, at Manchester 10 Pin. Details will be finalized in early March and available at State Grange Bowling on March 15th and available online.

Looking further ahead, June Youth Rally will be held on June 27th. Bring a team or join a team when you arrive for a fun-filled day in Concord. We will be hosting a photo scavenger hunt throughout the city of Concord. All teams are to meet at the State Grange Building in Hooksett at 10am to receive their list of items. Bring a phone or camera to take pictures, pack a lunch or plan to get lunch on your adventures, and be prepared to have fun and laugh with friends all day. All teams are due back to the State Grange Building at 4 p.m. to share pictures, enjoy a meal together at 5 p.m., and a Youth Association meeting following dinner. More details will be coming in early spring.



Family & Community Department
Kathy Yardley - Joyce Martin

Winter is flying by and soon it will be spring. Hopefully you have been staying warm and working on your hand-crafts and oatmeal cookies and planning your community awards night. We have two important notices for you to be aware of.

Baking Contest

Please Note - There was an error in the program for this year's baking contest. The item to be baked is Oatmeal Cookies, not necessarily oatmeal raisin. While you are more than welcome to put raisins in your cookies, you may also make them plain or add anything else that you would like to. Here is the correct information for the contest:

Oatmeal Cookies

There are lots of recipes available for homemade oatmeal cookies! Find a good recipe and share it at your Subordinate Grange. As always, no packaged mixes are allowed. All cookies must be made from scratch. Feel free to add any inclusions you like, i.e. raisins, cranberries, nuts, chips, etc. Remember, you can include nuts if you wish, but please mark them clearly as containing an allergen so that anyone judging or enjoying them afterward who might have an allergy is aware.

The contest should be held at the subordinate level. The subordinate winner should bake them again and submit to their Pomona Grange contest for judging. All Pomona winners will be asked to bake again for judging at State Grange and the opportunity to be the state winner in October 2020. The winning recipe will be printed in the Granite State Granger.

We apologize for the confusion and hope that this will help clear things up regarding the baking contest.

Community Service Awards

We are asking Granges to honor the very deserving volunteers of our towns by presenting them with awards at your

own awards nights and to **not** nominate them for awards at the state level. We feel that community award recognition is just that – community recognition and not State Grange recognition. So please do everything that you can to make these recipients feel honored and show them your appreciation and respect at your own awards nights. Invite the public to attend, have some special entertainment and refreshments and make it an event that the community can enjoy. If you need help creating the actual awards to be given don't hesitate to contact us, we'd be happy to help you.

Family & Community Day

New for this year, we are planning to have a Family & Community Day at the State Grange Building in Hooksett. The date for this event will be Saturday, May 9, starting at 10:00 a.m. There will be two workshops, one on food safety and one on preparing community service booklets and reports. We will also work on a community service project to be distributed in a needy community.

So bring your questions, ideas and enthusiasm! Everything else will be provided, including lunch. A full schedule with more details will be sent to your Family & Community chairperson.



In Memoriam

Ila Kenniston	Baker's River
Esther Grace	Blazing Star
Dwight Meader	Cocheco
Wesley Pierce	Cocheco
Beverly Edwards	Concord
Kathlyn Quig	Past State Pomona
	Concord Grange
Glenn Scruton	Crown Point
Rosalie "Dee" Smidt	Dorchester
Frances Blancato	Gilman
Paul Sawyer	Gilman
Dwight Wadleigh	Harmony
Joanne Blake	Lower Intervale
Pam Kimball	Meriden
Anne Woodward	Mohawk
Rejeanne Gilbert	Mohawk
Laura Sevene	Sunapee Lake
Lovella Lewis	Wingold

Family & Community Contest Winners for 2019

Class A – Afghans

- 1st – Carol Hill – Rockingham Grange
- 2nd – Katherine Umerhind – Hampton Falls Grange

- 3rd – Ida Hutchins – Bakers River Grange

Class B – Doilies

- 1st – Katherine Umerhind – Hampton Falls Grange

- 2nd – Ann Leger – Riverside Grange

- 3rd - Sherrill Bokousky – Watatic Grange

Class C – Embroidery (No entries)

Class D – 3 Piece Baby Set

- 1st – Debbie Standley – Watatic Grange

- 2nd – Theresa Rousseau – Watatic Grange

- 3rd – Beth Merrill – Antrim Grange

Class E – Plastic Canvas

- 1st – Ann Leger – Riverside Grange

- 2nd – Rhoda Davis – Pembroke Grange

- 3rd – Shelly Huntoon – Pembroke Grange

Class F – Counted Cross Stitch

(No entries)

Class G – Adult Garment

- 1st – Marie Mayranen – Rochester Grange (non-member)

- 2nd – Ann Leger – Riverside Grange

- 3rd – Ida Hutchins – Bakers River Grange

Class H – Latch Hook

- 1st – Claire Gagnon – Hudson Grange

Class I – Quilted Wall Hanging

(No entries)

Class J – Stuffed Toy

- 1st – Marie Mayranen – Rochester Grange (non-member)

- 2nd – Camilie Twiss – Watatic Grange

Class K – Baby Afghan

- 1st – Claire Gagnon – Hudson Grange

- 2nd Place – Beth Merrill – Antrim Grange

- 3rd Place – Debbie Standley – Watatic Grange

Woodworking

- 1st – Rick Bailey – Hudson Grange

- 2nd - Kaleigh Hansen - Hudson Grange

Other Crafts

- 1st – Marion Woodworth – Rochester Grange

We had three winners at Eastern States, they are as follows:

- 1st Place – Ann Leger – Riverside Grange – Plastic Canvas lantern

- 2nd Place – Carol Hill – Rockingham Grange Afghan

- 3rd Place – Katherine Umerhind – Hampton Falls Grange – Doily

Congratulations, ladies!

A little thought and a little kindness are often worth more than a great deal of money.
John Ruskin, 1819-1900

Calendar of Events

- March 15 - State Grange Bowling
Lakeside Lanes, Manchester
- March 18 - Growing a Pollinator Garden
7 p.m. Chichester Grange Hall
- March 19-21 - Craft Weekend
State Grange Building, Hooksett
- Marh 27-29 - Northeast Leaders
Conference, Albany, NH
- April 4 - Grange Day
State Grange Building, Hooksett
- April 4 - Wingold Grange Ham & Bean
Supper 5-6:30 p.m. East Kingston
Elementry School
- April 4 - Joe English Grange Turkey Supper
5-7 p.m. New Boston
- April 4 - Blow-Me-Down Grange Event
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Plainfield
- April 11 - Youth Bowling
Manchester Ten Pin
- April 20 - Concord Grange Awards Night,
48 Airport Rd., Concord 7 p.m.
- April 30 - May 2 - Craft Weekend - State
Grange Building, Hooksett
- May 2 - Wingold Grange Ham & Bean
Supper - 5-6:30 p.m. East Kingston
Elementary School
- May 8 - Deadline for June GSG
- May 9 - Family & Community Day
State Grange Building Hooksett
- May 18 - Hillsborough County Pomona
State Grange Building, Hooksett
Yard Work a.m. & p.m., Pot Luck
5:30 p.m., Public Program 6:30 p.m.
- May 20 - Antrim Grange Community
Awards Night
- June 6 - Wingold Grange Ham & Bean
Supper - 5-6:30 p.m. East Kingston
Elementary School
- June 27 - June Youth Rally - Hooksett
- July 16-19 - Stratham Fair
- July 30 - Aug. 2 - Cheshire Fair
- Aug. 7 & 8 - Antrim Grange Penny Sale
and Summah Suppah
- Aug. 21-23 - Cornish Fair
- Sept 3-7 - Lancaster Fair
- Sept. 4-7 - Hopkinton State Fair
- Sept. 11-13 - Hillsborough County Fair
New Boston, NH
- Sept. 18 - Oct. 4 - Eastern States Exposition
West Springfield, MA
- Oct. 1-4 - Deerfield Fair
- Oct. 23-25 - NH State Grange Session
Portsmouth, NH
- Nov. 17-21 - National Grange Convention
King of Prussia, PA

Growing a Pollinator Garden
Speaker: Donna Miller
from UNH Cooperative Extension,
Master Gardener program
March 18 at 7 pm
Chichester Town Hall
54 Main Street

Grange Bulletin Board

Joe English Grange
New Boston
Turkey Supper
April 4 from 5-7 p.m.
\$10.00 for adults
\$8.00 for Seniors and children 6-12
5 and under are free

Hillsborough County
Pomona Grange
extends a cordial invitation to join us
for a busy day of activities at the
State Grange Building on
Saturday, May 16th.
See page 8 for details.

Wingold Grange #308
Ham & Bean Suppers
April 4, 2020
May 2, 2020
June 6, 2020
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm
East Kingston Elementary School
Andrews Lane
Meal includes 2 types of Beans,
Spiral Ham, Cole Slaw, rolls,
homemade Potato Salad,
Beverage and Pies
Adults: \$10.00 Children: \$5.00
Questions call 642-5932 or 642-5074



Mohawk Grange # 217

At their meeting on February 17, members of Mohawk Grange brought in toiletries, baby items, and other useful things as donations for the Response to Domestic and Sexual Violence Support Center. Megan Fellows, director of the center, was present to receive the donations and to share information about what the center does. The program was organized by Linda Gaudette, Community Services Chairman of Mohawk Grange.



The Family & Community Committee fills "goodie bags" for Glencliffe in December.

Concord Grange Awards Night
 Concord Grange #322 would like to invite everyone to their annual Community Awards and Grange Month Recognition Night. This will be held on Monday, April 20 at 7 p.m. at the International Brotherhood for Electrical Workers Hall, 48 Airport Road. Concord Grange honors police officers, firefighters, citizens, state police, and community leaders along with members of our Grange who have reached special levels of their membership. Two surprise awards will also be given. This will be Dick Patten's 49th year in organizing this event. There will be refreshments for everyone to enjoy before the meeting or at the close. This will be an open meeting.

Grange History Event
Saturday, April 4
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Blow-Me-Down Grange No. 234
1107 Rte. 12A, Plainfield, NH
Learn about the Grange, enjoy the
many displays, memorabilia and
Pictures – Past & Present
(Please help identify folks
in the pictures.)
Share your stories about Grange
and/or about any events
you attended at B-M-D.
Refreshments:
Henry's Baked Beans,
Hot Dogs, Ice Cream
Bake Sale
"The Attic Shop" opens
for the season!

Mascoma Valley Pomona
 Mascoma Valley Pomona consisting of Park Grange of Cornish, Blow-Me-Down Grange of Plainfield, Meriden Grange and Croydon Grange celebrated a combined Christmas celebration at their December Pomona Meeting at Blow-Me-Down Grange.

Other visitors included Plainfield Attic Shop members and guests. A great time was enjoyed by all with a delicious Pot Luck and Yankee Swap.



Norman Brandt, Agriculture Director, with some special visitors to the Grange Booth at the Farm, Forest, and Garden Expo in February.

Deadline

The next issue of the Granite State Granger will be mailed in June, 2020. Please send items for the paper to Hannah West on or before May 8, 2020. Report on events of March and April. Look ahead to events of July August, and September.

A New Grange Benefit

by Richard Patten, Grange Servies Director
 I am pleased to announce the Grange Services and Benefits Committee will be partnering with Refurbished Equipment Marketplace at Crotched Mountain (REM). They are located on the Concord Heights at 57 Regional Drive.

You may remember the days when the State Grange Contact Committee would have walkers, crutches, comodes, wheel chairs, and other medical equipment donated by Grange members for others to use. That committee was dissolved and I have been talking with REM about a possible partnership with the Grange.

My sister and myself have gotten walkers and electrical scooter chairs from them at a very special rate. They also do repairs, and you can get much more equipment from them.

Regional Drive is located off Airport Road next to the Concord Airport and across the road from Comcast. REM is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. They have a handicapped ramp for you to use. Randy Jorgenseon and his assistant are extremely helpful in getting your needs filled. They are working with churches, schools, and other non-profit agencies to fill their needs. They can be reached at 603-226-2903 for information. They offer discounts and financial grants are available through NH Copuncil for Disability. If you can't afford something or your insurance does not cover what you need, this would be a great place to get what you need.

If you call, please state you are a Grange member and mention my name in case you get someone not familiar. Randy is normally there everyday;. Please contact me at 496-2917 for information.



We have had a cold and warm and cold winter this year. I hope you are enjoying the outside when you can. It is refreshing, and breathing the fresh air helps us keep well.

We had a fun-filled Junior Rally on February 8, starting with crafts of your choice which included String Angels, bead Angels, Bookmarks, and a mouse with a candy cane tail. The goal with the crafts was to have one to take home and one to give to the Big E ornaments to sell. We did well, and I think they all had many things to bring home. Mallory and Georgiana made dessert of brownies and sugar cookies with hearts in them.

We were happy to have 9 children attend. We had children learning how to set up the Grange Hall if they were done with crafts. Thanks to all the extra adult hands to assist in placing the collars out and filling needed stations. Each time we open the Junior Grange meeting we ask for juniors to fill a chair and then adults volunteer to fill in. We had one Junior member who had been voted into their Grange but had not had the obligation so we did the obligation on Connor Scanzani who received his pin and dues card. We closed the meeting and washed up for a lunch of soup, chowder, sandwiches, chips and desserts.

We had a special guest for lunch and then to lead a workshop on stick spinning wool, Cheryl Myers with assistance



from Sandy Dennis helped us all make a two strand of yarn in colors for a bracelet. Those waiting their turn made cards for a service man or family member. We cleaned up while the Youth were working on their workshops in the other room. I stayed for the Tacos and they were great again!

I passed out to all Juniors present the instructions for the Big E contest this year: "Something from Summer" size not to exceed 6"x6"x6". Create a 2D or 3D object or scene. You must include the following objects: Seashell, penny, sand, button, and 1 red item. No glass and no real water. These need to be to me in August, and I will give you a date in the next GSG.

It was great to have our State Master Chris with us along with Jane, State Lecturer. I can't thank enough those who filled in at the different crafts and especially Sandy who worked in the kitchen putting our lunch together and all 24 who were with us for the day's activities.

Bowling will be coming up and I hope you will all come to Lakeside Lanes on March 15. Do we want to wear Red T-shirts this year? You can check with your Lecturer to get registration in to our State Lecturer Jane Trombi so we have enough lanes.

As Grange is a family organization please work together with your Grange to make us a growing organization. Having children at your meeting can help them grow into the Subordinate Grange and assist your Grange in growing.

If you have any questions, or would like me to visit your Grange, please contact me and I will try my best to be there to help where needed. I hope to see you in our travels.



Hillsborough County Pomona

Hillsborough County Pomona Grange #1 extends a cordial invitation to join with us on a busy day of activities at the State Grange Building on Saturday, May 16th.

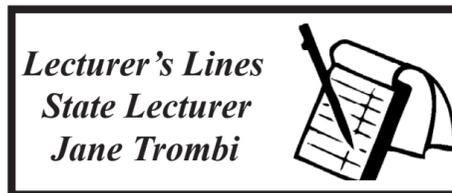
We will start the day in the morning and go through the afternoon with an outside garden/yard work session. The beautiful flower beds, set up in 2002 under the supervision of past State Masters Paul Davis and Dan Bascom and their hard-working crew, have been left to do their own thing for quite some time. A major digging-out and overhaul is needed to bring them back to their former splendor and glory. We will be happy to accept donations of labor, tools, soil, and plants to help this come to fruition. Many hands make light work, my dad used to say!

Following the work day, there will be a pot luck supper at 5:30 p.m. followed by a public program at 6:30 p.m. Margo Burns will be in attendance and bring her NH Humanities program "From Mickey to Magoo: The Golden Age of Animation" to inform and entertain the audience.

Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, Popeye, Betty Boop, Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, Tom and Jerry, Mighty Mouse, Casper the Friendly Ghost, and Mr. Magoo were every bit as memorable as the Hollywood actors who shared the marquee. Many of these cartoons were redistributed as Saturday morning shows for kids of the next generation. Burns offers an introduction to the people and studios that made these films and the changing technology, aesthetics, music, politics, and economics behind them, showing stills, characters, and clips from many of these beautifully hand-drawn films. At the end of the program the audience will be allowed to choose one cartoon and get to view it in its entirety.

Look for more information about this day-long event in early May, but in the meantime, please put the date of May 16th on your calendar and make plans to join us for a fun and productive day of Grange fellowship and service!

Each day provides its own gifts.
-- American Proverb



I hope you are happy to be a New Englander and enjoying the snow and cold! We do know that spring will be upon us and the winter will be gone once again. During this time of year, when it's harder to get outside, is a great time for your members to be working on projects for the different contests in all the departments. We count on you to spread the word and encourage your members to participate. This past year at State Grange we had a wonderful display of all the contest entries for all to enjoy. I hope to have a great display this year as well.

There is a change to the Creative Writing Contest. The Diamante poem example is incorrect, but the description of how to write it is correct.

Another correction is for the craft weekends in March and May. It states that we go from Friday to Sunday. However, there is a church that meets at the State Grange Building now, so we have to leave on Saturday night. We will start on Thursday at 6 p.m. The workshops on Saturday remain the same.

Bowling

Our annual Grange Bowling Tournament is coming right up. See the information in this publication of the GSG. Your Grange lecturer has been sent a copy of the registration form. It is also available on the State Grange website.

Craft Weekend

We had a successful craft weekend the end of January at the State Grange Building. There were five people that stayed over and we had six others join us on Saturday. We had several making quilt blocks for the National Grange quilt block contest and others working on Quilts of Valor. Many other crafts were worked on throughout our time there. We have two more upcoming craft weekends: March 19-21 and April 30 - May 2. See details on page 1.

Visit the State Grange website at
www.nhgrange.org



Colebrook third graders received dictionaries in December from Mohawk Grange. Photo courtesy of The Colebrook Chronicle.

Try the Dictionary Project

by Camilie Twiss, Watatic Grange

Are you looking for a community service project? Have the members of your Grange ever thought of becoming part of the National Dictionary Project? The rewards far outweigh the effort. Watatic Grange has participated in this worthwhile project for well over 20 years. Let me share our experience.

We first presented books to the third graders in New Ipswich, our hometown. Then, because we lived in Amherst and our children went to school there, we took on that school. Other members transferred in from Temple and we picked up the school there. Leonard was energized by the project and after his death in 2005 a number of Grangers made memorial contributions so the project could continue and grow.

As we took on more towns we realized that we would need monetary help. We approached other organizations and

businesses to support our effort and act as co-sponsors. We attach a label inside the front cover with their name and logo along with ours. Presently we give over 400 dictionaries to third grade students in eight different towns with very little cost to us.

Interacting with the children is a wonderful, heartwarming experience. We find that even in this age of technology the books are welcomed by the teachers and are put to good use..

Hannah West has been a valuable asset to this project in New Hampshire and deserves a special thank you for being our liaison between the provider and our individual Granges.

Please go on line or contact the company yourself for an exam pack and information on getting started. And thank you to all who already light up the faces of the many third graders with their special gift.



Working on crafts at Junior Grange Day in February.

**State Grange Historian
Richard Patten**



I have been compiling a list of living Past State Officers, Past State Deputies (General, Special, Pomona, Subordinate, and Junior), Past State Committee members, Past Matrons and Patrons of Juvenile/Junior Granges. I started with the 1950's, 1960's, 1970's and am now working on the 80's and 90's. It amazes me how many people I knew who are now in Grange Heaven. I have found so far the eldest Deputies are Richard Currier, Wallace Hooper, and Anbarth Anderson.

We recently lost the last oldest living State Lady Officer, Kathlyn Quig, who served as State Pomona from 1959 to 1963. She would have been 101 years old this past January. She passed away one week before her birthday. She was a Past Master of Ammonoosuc Grange of Swiftwater and Past Pomona Master of Ammonoosuc Valley Pomona Grange. She transferred her membership to Monroe Grange, then to White Mountain Grange when they closed. I was concerned when these Granges closed so I was able to transfer Edith Ann Emery, Kathlyn Quig and a few others who had been members for many years.

I am trying to locate Kenneth Moore, Past State Youth Director, Kim and her brother Terry Lafoe, Clark and Clyde Roberts, Bette Hanson, Pauline Simard, Judy Doening, Elaine Nichols, and Violet Alexander. I have many others but those are a few that I am trying to locate.

I was reading the 1991 GSG that featured State Master Paul Davis on the cover. I can't believe it was almost twenty-nine years ago. In his column, he mentioned that when I was State Lecturer I won first place at National Grange. Many thanks to Rhoda Davis who helped organize it. Gerald Leclerc won second place plaque for his work as Junior Director; Louise Barney won third place for her Home Economics notebook. Jean Robinson won first place for public speaking entry in her division.

He mentioned that former Deputy

Harry Caine had passed away. Harry was a pink sash holder for over 40 years serving as a Special Deputy and Subordinate Deputy. He installed many Grange officers in those years. The State Grange also lost Past State Master Alton Carpenter, who passed away at 59 years old. He had been at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital in Colebrook.

Does anyone know if The Agate is still meeting? It was reported in 1991 that 45 members attended a Yankee Pot Roast Dinner at Pineconia Grange. The Agate welcomed four new members, John & Doris Saturley and Harold and Roberta Frost. There were 5 charter members present. The group decided to meet at Eclipse Grange in February for a potluck dinner.

It was reported that the annual Deputy School and Leaders Conference was held at Tuftonboro Elementary School with Tuftonboro serving a delicious dinner. Uncanoonuc Grange of Goffstown won County Commissioners Trophy at the Hillsborough County Fair as the Best Fair Exhibit.

Do you remember the Grange Exchange? It was coordinated by Edward Pratt, and it was the fastest Growing Food Cooperative in the Northeast. There were over 100 families in New Hampshire taking advantage of this promotion. I had a nice talk the other day with Hugh Smith, who became a member of Junior Grange. He was involved with an Insurance Program that Ed Pratt had met. Many Grange members took advantage of this program.

There was a nice photo in the GSG showing Paul Davis presenting John West with his General Deputy sash. There was also a photo of the Pomona Deputy Force, who were appointed in 1991: David Boynton, Donald Welch, Leonard Twiss, Jesse Stone and (absent in the photo, Mrs. Carolyn Ross). Another photo showed the Subordinate and Special Deputies: Barbara Briggs, Helen Hook, Marylin Machia, Winfred Campbell, Raymond Sawyer, Richard Abbott, Wallace Hooper, Ralph Currier, Edwin Hardy, Arthur Scott Jr., Ernest Dustin, Arthur Merrill Jr, Ernest Davis Jr, and Jeffrey Bailey. Absent from the photo were Wilber Heath and Donald Ross.

Junior Director Jerry LeClerc held

the annual Junior Grange Awards Banquet at Chichester Grange. The theme was "One Enchanted Evening," It was a great evening with a beautiful backdrop for the stage. I noticed the Junior Royalty: Lawrence Brandt, Little Mister Junior Grange, Sandown Junior Grange; Princess, Michelle Willette, Antrim Junior Grange; Prince, Edwin Decatur, Sandown Junior Grange; Mini Princess, Mary West, Chichester Junior Grange. Junior Steward was Norman Brandt, Sandown Junior Grange; Junior Ceres, Sandra Bokousky, Brookline Junior Grange. The new Junior Director was Hannah West with Junior Deputies Joanne Brandt and Elsie Gauthier.

I guess I should return to 2020 and get ready for Spring, Boston Red Sox, Easter, and warmer weather. Happy Easter, Happy Passover, and (oops) Happy St. Patrick's Day.



New Chimney for State Grange Building

This summer the chimney at the State Grange Building was damaged, possibly by a lightning strike. When Crown Chimney of Hooksett was hired to repair it, they determined that the cement block chimney and the flue were severely deteriorated and really needed to be replaced. In February the old chimney was taken down and replaced with a Class A chimney made of stainless steel. The new chimney has a forever warranty and should cause the furnace to run more efficiently.

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

Another National Grange Legislative Fly-In to NH is in the books. This was either the fourth or fifth Fly-In to NH, depending on who you ask. I know it was the second that I have led and the third that I have participated in.

Burton Eller and the National Grange host a Fly-In each year in DC in the spring. It gives participants an opportunity to learn about their federal government, the Grange's legislative positions, and a chance to lobby their own congressional delegations. Once every four years, the spring visit to Washington is replaced with the Fly-In to NH. It is still a National Grange Legislative Fly-In but hosted by the NH State Grange Legislative Department. The hosts the last two years have been me and Tara Sad. We are not alone. Jim Tetreault and Jozi Best are members of the State Grange Legislative Committee and play a big part putting the event on. Many others play important roles. More on that later.

The goal of the Legislative Fly-In is to teach participants about our First-In the Nation (FITN) Presidential Primary. We in New Hampshire play a unique and important role in presidential politics. So, to that end, we invite Grangers from across the country to participate in our Fly-In to NH, timed for the Primary election. They get to learn about the primary, and while they are at it, we expose them to NH State Government and how we do things here. It is also a great social occasion. One of the activities that attendees like to do, is to work on the campaign of their choice.

The agenda for this Fly-In included a Thursday night pizza party and welcome to NH from the hosts and Burton Eller. We all stayed at the same hotel. The last two years it has been the Comfort Inn in Concord. The hotel is centrally located; they are easy to work with and treat all of us well. On Friday we had a tour of the NH State House followed by a learning session.



There was a welcome from the Speaker of the House, and a State House History lesson by the Commissioner of Agriculture, who was formerly the Speaker of the House. Finally, Bill Gardner, our Secretary of State, spoke on the History of the Presidential Primary in NH and about the Prime Sponsor who brought forward the legislation that created the primary. That legislator in 1919 was a Granger from Cheshire County.

We then went to the Legislative Office Building (LOB) and to the Environment and Agriculture Committee room to learn a little about committee work in the House. After a lunch on our own in the State House Cafeteria, we rode to Manchester for a tour of the Millyard Museum. The Director personally gave the tour. If you have not been to the Millyard Museum, may I suggest you put it on your bucket list. It is a good history of the Amoskeag mills since the 1700's through today.

Friday evening after dinner, we had a Democrat Debate party in the hotel lounge. WMUR sponsored a debate at Saint Anselms that evening.

On Saturday we started the day off with a wonderful Grange Breakfast at the State Grange Building in Hooksett, prepared by Centennial Grange under the direction of our State Master Chris Heath. The participants went in different directions to work on different campaigns that they chose to work on. Most, but not all knocked on doors for their candidate. One group went to a rally, and a couple of folks worked at campaign headquarters.

At lunch time everyone converged on the Double Tree hotel in Manchester to see the press, have some lunch, and listen to a speaker from the Keene Sentinel. He spoke about the press and interviewing candidates. We left a little after five to go to Makris Lobster restaurant for a group New England seafood dinner and then a debriefing. After that it was back to the hotel for a snack and goodbyes. We could not have moved our 27 participants without our wonderful van drivers. Kudos to Gloria Davis, and Pat and Rick Bailey.

The Legislative Committee met last November to begin the planning for the Fly-In. We worked for the next three months to put the event together. Speakers, vans, drivers, hotel, and reservations had to be made. There were a few challenges along the way, but for the most part it was just fun to make the plans and to pull it all together. The biggest challenge was probably finding campaigns and making those arrangements. Campaigns today operate differently than they did four years ago.

I think the attendees liked the event. All said that they would do it again. People seemed to genuinely have a good time, while learning about the FITN Primary and a little about NH. Burton, Samantha and Amanda from National were a pleasure to work with. Our National Master participating for the second time in a row was a bonus. Thanks Betsy. Tara and I have classified this as a success. I hope that four years from now, that there will be new faces attending from NH.





Grange Services

Dick Patten, Director

I am hopeful to have had a meeting of the committee when you receive this issue. There have been problems between the weather and schedules in trying to have a meeting. As I stated in my first article, if you have a computer or access to one, you need to go to the National Grange website. Go to the Grange Services and Benefits page. Once you are there, you must register to begin an account.

There is no fee for being a member of this site. They will have areas for you to complete such as name, a username, and email address,

I have researched this whole section and the areas where members are able to take advantage of discounts or cash back. The one I have been asking about is CVS Caremark. You can get discounts when you have the RX Pharmacy Card. The RX Savings Card allows members to go to any pharmacy. Unlike other savings plans the CVS-Caremark programs applies to 99% percent of prescription drugs. Save on Lipitor, Viagra, Plavix, high blood medications, and thousands more. Even pet medications can be purchased through the RX Card Program.

Once you are registered, you clip a card that you printed off the computer. It will have the National Grange seal on the upper left-hand corner will be the RX Savings Plus and the other card will have Minute Clinic and CVS Caremark.

It sounds complicated, but I will be talking to the stores in the Concord area about this, and I am hoping my committee members will contact these agencies in their area. If you need assistance, please contact me or the committee members, and we will do what we can to help.

There is also a section on stores that you can earn up to 3.2% cash back at Target, Staples, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Walmart, Kohls, JC Penney, The Home Depot, and Office Max, Office Depot. If you ship by UPS, they are another agency that you can qualify for cash back.

If you are traveling this Spring or Summer, think about the Choice Hotels which includes Comfort Inn, Clarion, Quality, Econo Lodge, Comfort Suites, and others. They offer discounts to Grange members as well.

I could on and on, but I am going to do a letter to all Granges explaining these programs. It is complicated as I am not very computer literate, but if you can save a few dollars, why not take advantage? However, we will need to do some leg work in contacting these stores so when you walk in they will know you.

Lower Intervale Grange #321

On November 2, Lower Intervale Grange had its annual Thanksgiving turkey dinner held at the Bridgewater Historical Society. This group meets at the town library, which is located in the refurbished, town one-room school house. We had 22 members and guests present, who all enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner with all the fixings. Some members were interested in the Grange and asked if we would put on a program for the Historical Society explaining what the Grange is about.

On November 16, seven Grange members (including four golden sheaf) attended a Historical Society meeting and put on an informative program about the Grange. A few members showed interest,

On November 11, Dale MacDonald, our 53 year, golden sheaf member, and long time secretary, now our Flora, presented two hand-made quilts to Holly Buckley, the manager of The Bridge House, a homeless shelter in Plymouth, N.H. Dale also presented fifteen hand-knitted hats to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center to be donated to cancer patients.



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