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Dictionary Project

If your Grange participates in The Dictionary Project, you need to know that prices have risen slightly again this year. The price is now \$90 for a case of 24 books which means that a single book will cost \$3.75. This is still an excellent value for the money. Granges may order dictionaries directly on The Dictionary Project website at www.dictionaryproject.org . or order through Suncook Valley Pomona Grange (gowest@tds.net). Be sure to touch base with your school(s) to make sure they wish to participate in the project and to confirm the number of dictionaries needed. Most Granges have sponsors such as local businesses or other organizations who assist with the cost of the books.

State Grange Officers Duties

Do you aspire to become an officer of the New Hampshire State Grange? Have you ever wondered exactly what State Officers do? In this issue of The Granite State Granger we will provide a list of the officers' duties as found in Appendix Q of the NH State Grange By-Laws. Follow the page numbers as this article unfolds.

Note: The duties listed here are in some cases (such as Master, Secretary, Treasurer, Lecturer, Executive Committee) only a synopsis of the many responsibilities of the office.

Duties of All State Officers:

Attend the annual session

Be active participants in their Subordinate Grange

Attend other Granges by invitation

Attend Officers, Deputies & Directors training meetings

Participate in state sponsored events

Participate in Sixth Degree Conferral at State Session

SEE State Officers Duties, page 3

Visit the State Grange website at www.nhgrange.org

Danbury Grange & Community Fair Sat, Sept 10

Outside Activities @ 15 North Road, Danbury NH

8:30am-1pm

Breakfast Sandwiches, Fried Dough, Burgers, Dogs, Drinks

9 AM - 1 PM

Attic Treasures Sale @ Legion Hall

10 AM - 2 PM

Games, Veg Exhibit, Crafts, Author-Mary Lyn Ray

10am

Parade Lineup @ Restful Road

11am

Parade- Theme: Wild West

11 AM - 2 PM

Lindsey Schust & the Ragged Mountain Band

post parade-2pm Ice Cream Social @ the DCC

NOON

Bed Races

1 PM

Tractor Pull @ Spa Road

1pm

Horseshoe Tournament @ Independence Park

3 PM

Dutch Auction

5-6 pm

Outdoor Concert by Cardigan Mt Tradition- bring a chair

5-6:30 PM

TAKE OUT BAKED BEANS/HAM SUPPER, salads, roll,pie

Seeking Volunteers at the New England Grange Building!

The time of the annual Eastern States Exposition, commonly known as The Big "E", is upon us this month. Your Grange friends at the New England Grange Building are in need of your support to assure the smooth and successful operation of our General Store, quilt raffle supervision, and hosting fair goers as they stop by our own NH room upstairs. These tasks are all low-tech, easy to learn, and fun to do! If you've never visited this, the New England "state fair", perhaps 2022 is your time! If you've never volunteered, we sure could use your help this year!

We especially are in need of room hosts on Friday, September 23rd, and Sunday, September 25th. There are gate and parking passes available for our volunteers and even a hotel room if you meet the criteria for that convenience. Won't you please give some consideration to this plea and contact Noel Miller, the New England Grange Building Manager, and make arrangements with him to set a date and reserve your passes? 860-742-8839 or executive5@ctstategrange.org.

2022 New Hampshire State Grange Banquet Saturday October 29, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn ~ Downtown Concord
\$35.00 per person

Your Choice of:

Chicken Condon Bleu with
Mashed Potatoes

OR

Stuffed Shells with Marinara Sauce
Included with your Entree choice is:

Tossed Salad with Dressing,

Rolls and Butter

Seasonal Vegetable, Chocolate Cake

Water, Coffee, Tea, Soda

Reservations must be made by

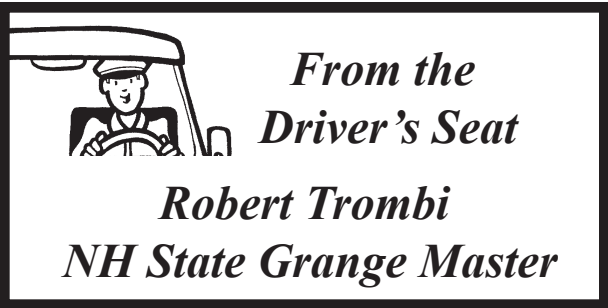
October 15, 2022

Contact State Ceres, Jane Trombi for
reservations.

trombi.jane@gmail.com

or 603-762-2922

For more information about
the New Hampshire State
Grange Annual Session,
see pages 6 & 7.



It's hard to believe that another Grange year is coming to a close and that State Session is right around the corner. As I close out my term as Master, I wish to give a heartfelt thank you to my Directors and State Officers who have served with me for your tireless efforts and support.

Unfortunately, this was not the way I had hoped my term would end. This last year has been a difficult one to say the least. I feel I have not done all that should have been done, and I hope you will all forgive me for that. I have enjoyed my short time in the "Driver's seat"! Please continue to support the incoming Master.

As you have heard, we will not be doing the Sixth Degree at session this year. In its place we plan to have something fun for everyone and a time to socialize with fellow Grangers. Don't forget to make your hotel reservations and banquet reservations.

It is an election year, so be sure your Grange has delegates to attend. Another important part of our session are resolutions. I hope your Grange has worked on a resolution(s) to submit. If you didn't get yours in by September 1st, you can still submit one at the beginning of State Session. Check with the State Secretary on the number of printed copies to bring to be distributed. Our National Representative will be Lynette Schaeffer, National Grange Executive Committee Chair and President of the Illinois State Grange. I hope you will welcome Lynette and her husband, Don, to our state.

Summer has been a quiet time for Grange events, but I was pleased to attend Family Weekend, even if only for the day. Thank you to Shaun Scanzani for a great time. It's a wonderful opportunity to socialize and get to know other Grangers. The date and location are already set for next year, so even if you are not a camper, plan on coming for the day and stay for the potluck. You won't regret it!

The Big E is fast approaching and may have started by the time you are reading this. I hope many of you can attend Grange Day, which is Sunday, September 25th. Grange members have a chance to march in the parade. The New Hampshire room in the New England Grange Building will be open on NH day as well as Grange Day. This is the first time the room will have been open to the public for many years. The room will be manned by NH Grange members. So, if you are there on either of those days, be sure to stop in.

We are finding that many Granges are getting close to or already below the legal number of members to constitute a Grange. If your Grange is in this category, it's time to look for some new members. Remember that membership is everyone's responsibility, so make sure you are asking community folks to join and help you with projects that are meaningful. Remember that the person you haven't asked, may just be waiting to be invited.

I hope to see many of you at State Session in October.

Remember Norman Brandt's piglet from the June issue of the GSG? Here he is again at 125 pounds.



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This is a free* publication to keep Grange members informed of past and up-coming events.
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Hannah West
3 Depot Road
Chichester, NH 03258



Did you know that staying active and social are two great ways to stay young and youthful? A great way to stay active and social is to participate in activities that are available to all Grangers. Your participation is crucial to the success, growth, and sustainability of this great organization that has helped to build generations of youth into great leaders.

How are you staying active and social? Do you participate in your local Grange's youth activities? There are still ways for you to participate and stay active. Youth contests are still available for you to participate in and must be submitted to the Youth Director by October 1st. I am excited to see the creativity that so many of you have that can be shown through your entries. The Social Media contest is a great way to share what you do with your community.

Contest entries will be on display at State Session in October so please prepare your poster and wreath entries with your name and Grange.

Poster Contest

Create a poster of any material around the theme of "Moving Forward." Use your creative talents to create an engaging display of your interpretation of the theme. Posters should be no larger than 20"x 24". All entries must be to the State Youth Director by October 1st.

Wreath Contest

Create a decorative wreath that can be hung on a wall or a door from any suitable material. One entry per category and no larger than 24" in diameter please! Wreaths must be hand-made by the person submitting and cannot be from a kit. Categories include: A) Holiday/Season, B) Grange, C) Open/Other. All entries must be to the State Youth Director by October 1st.

I was going to make alligator stew for our next Grange potluck, but all I had was a crockpot.

Walpole Grange #125
Walpole Grange held its annual community awards night on Tuesday, August 16th, under the tent at Alyson's Orchard. Master Adam Terrell and members Kathy Yardley and Jane Trombi presented awards to several very deserving people. The Educator award was given to Laurel Perron who teaches first grade at Walpole Primary. Laurel accepted the award and acknowledged the very dedicated group of teachers that she works with, saying it was as much for them as it was for her. Serena Rathke was recognized as the recipient of the 2022 Walpole Grange Scholarship. She will be studying agriculture business at SUNY Cobleskill this fall.

The Tsitsonis family, owners of Diamond Pizza, accepted the Business award for their hard work and efforts to keep the business open during the pandemic and for providing so many local youth with a positive first job working experience. Steve Dalessio and Peg Pschirrer honored Cheryl Mayberry with the Community Citizen award. Cheryl recently received her MBA from Southern NH University, going to school while working full time as a grant writer for FMRSD and serving as selectwoman for the town.

Walpole Grange Steward Kathy Yardley was recognized for 40 years of continuous Grange membership. The program was followed by refreshments and socializing.



Edward Gowdy received the Young Farmer award from Walpole Grange President Adam Terrell. Edward is a senior at Fall Mountain this fall and is very involved in his family's farm, helping with forage production and the dairy cows.



Walpole Grange's very first Quilt of Valor presentation was made to a very surprised **Chas Street**, shown here with Adam Terrell and Jane Trombi. Chas Street served in the US Air Force from 1976 to 1999, retiring as a Lt. Colonel. The Grange is planning a second Quilt of Valor presentation this fall.

Calendar of Events
This calendar is a work in progress. Please check to be sure the events are happening before you make plans.
Sept. 1-5 - Lancaster Fair
Sept 1-5 Hopkinton Fair
Sept. 9 - Early Registration deadline for National Grange Convention
Sept. 9-11 - Hillsborough County Fair
Sept. 10 - Danbury Grange & Community Fair - Danbury, NH
Sept 13-25 - Granite State Fair, Rochester
Sept. 15 - Family & Community Contest Entries and Reports are due
Sept. 16-Oct. 2 - Eastern States Exposition West Springfield, MA ("Big E")
Sept. 17 - Antrim Home and Harvest
Sept. 23 & 25 - NH Grange staffs NE Grange Building at the Big E
Oct. 1 - Youth Contest Entries due
Oct. 1 - RSVP for 5th Degree and Supper (see page 8 for details)
Oct. 15 - 5th Degree & Supper - State Grange Building, Hooksett 5:30 p.m.
Oct. 19 - General Registration Deadlnt for National Grange Convention
Oct. 28-30 - State Grange Convention-Holiday Inn, Concord
Oct. 29 - Blueberry Muffin Entries due at 12 noon
Oct. 29 - State Grange Banquet 6 p.m.
Nov. 15-19 - National Grange Convention Sparks, Nevada

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State Officers Duties
Master

Be responsible for maintaining the overall well being of the NH State Grange as well as the Pomona, Subordinate and Junior Granges within its jurisdiction as well as ensure compliance to Grange Law as per the By-Laws of the NH State Grange and the National Grange Digest.

Conduct Leadership & Training conferences as needed

Attend local, State, Regional and National functions (including but not limited to: delegate to National Grange, Regional Leaders Meetings, State Grange sponsored functions)
Be responsible for making State appointments (deputies, directors, committee members)

Oversee and support all State Grange committees and departments

Appoint liaisons to interact with other organizations and agencies to maintain the best interests of the Grange

Maintain regular communication with the Grange population through various methods such as the Granite State Granger, Grange Website, etc.

Attend Executive Committee Meetings as Ex-Officio member

Send invitations to all Past Male Officers of the NH State Grange for seating at Special Court during exemplification of the 6th Degree

Recognize all Past Male Officers present at the close of the 6th Degree

Invite dignitaries to attend State Session

Report in writing at National Session the well-being of Granges in New Hampshire

The Master acts for and in the name of the NH State Grange at all times

Overseer

Act on the Master's behalf when requested or in time of need

Attend Executive Committee meetings as required and act as a non-voting ex-officio member

Lecturer

Prepare and maintain an annual budget and expense report in conjunction with the Executive Committee

Maintain communication with the Pomona, Subordinate, and Junior Granges within the State Grange to keep them abreast of activities, functions, etc. within the Lecturer's Department

Participate and/or contribute to local, state, regional and national conferences, meetings and programs

Promote involvement and awareness both within the Grange and our communities of all National and State sponsored projects and contests (this would include arranging for judging when necessary as well as providing the necessary awards and recognitions)

Prepare the necessary reports to the National and State Grange as required

Antrim Grange #98

Antrim Grange has been busy as always. We had a huge turnout for our 'donations only' Yard Sale on Memorial Day weekend. With the donations from that day and a few after sales, we raised approximately \$1000!

In June, we had our Community Awards Night at the Town Hall where we honored the following people for their hard work and dedication to our town: Marshal Gale, Celeste Lunetta, Andras Lazar, Old Pound Road Sugarhouse (Charlie Levesque and Galen Kilbride), Karen Weisswange, Rich Cahoon, and Mike Genest. It was very well attended, and we hope to do it again next year.

Steady progress continues at the Grange Hall this spring and summer. Many hours have been spent doing the backbreaking work of clearing dirt from under the hall to allow for more air flow and better drainage. Two loads of crushed stone, generously provided by Steve Jones Construction, have been spread across the current foundation work area.

Local mason, Andras Lazar, has been laying the first layer of stones for the north foundation of the building with assistance donated by Pete Ryder and his excavator. Grange Hall neighbors, Bob Niven and Felicia Martin, had a survey of the property lines completed last year, and now we know where to have a retaining wall built to permanently define the boundaries. Friends and colleagues from The Stone Trust will assist Andras with its construction in late September into early October.

Construction of both the foundation and retaining walls requires a tremendous amount of field stone. We thank Bob Bethel for his donation of stone dug up during a recent yard project and also thank Mark Murdough for providing the transportation of that stone. We are still in need of more field stone, so please let us know if you have any to offer.

The original issue with the back sills was that after they moved the hall down the hill from next to the cemetery in the early 1800s, they then put the addition on the back (our stage downstairs and kitchen upstairs) but placed the sills directly on the ground. The sills were

made of wood so after the excessive rain coming down that hill for 100 years, it rotted them away and made the structure unstable in places.

We still have the main beam to replace where the floors met the old addition. That may have to wait until next year but we will see if things fall together. Our new roof was originally planned for this fall, but with the uncertainty of the foundation being completed in time before snow, this will wait until spring. This also gives us more time to reach our matching LCHIP grant for our roof. We are currently at \$4000 but need \$15,000 to reach our goal.

Our grant is \$10,000 but with the cost of materials up since we received our quotes and grant, we need to go a little bigger. We do have a “buy a bundle” donation campaign going on still. It is as follows: \$60 buys a bundle of shingles, \$200 buys a bundle plus underlayment materials, and \$600 buys all for 100 sq ft of the completed roof. Please send checks to: Beth Merrill West Street Antrim NH 03440 if this is the way you choose to donate.

We have big restoration fund fundraisers coming up next month! On Saturday, Sept 3 9am-3pm we will host our annual Penny Sale on the Antrim Presbyterian lawn. For those not acquainted with a Penny Sale, you buy sheets of tickets and distribute them among items you may like to win. We draw numbers at the end of the day, and if your number is drawn, you win! You do not need to be present to win because when we sell you the ticket, we take your phone number and will call you that afternoon if you are chosen to see if you want to pick up winnings then or at the Grange Hall on Sunday.

At Antrim Home and Harvest on September 17th, we have graciously been asked to do the Antrim Historical Society's Apple Crisp Social to reap the benefits for our restoration project. We will be using their 'secret recipe' so no worries of not getting what everyone loves!

Also at Home and Harvest, we are holding a Silent Auction with absolutely wonderful prizes for those that bid highest. The Silent Auction will be a one-and-done opportunity to bid on some unique items. To date, we have the following do-

nations ready to go: a full-size crocheted afghan, a hand-crafted granite bird bath, USDA beef, and a certificate for a one room, Moses Eaton, Jr.-style wall stenciling by a local craftsman. Check our Facebook page often to see other items as they are added and for details on how you can place a bid during the auction. Start saving your pennies now for the best chance to win some fabulous prizes. Again, you will receive a call at the end of the day to arrange pickup if you win!

If you have questions about the Grange, our fundraisers for our hall, or we can help you with anything in our power, you can message us on the Antrim Grange Facebook page, call/text Master Renee Mercier-Gerritsen at 603-547-5144 or email renee_mercier@yahoo.com.

Currently we are meeting at our 'under reconstruction' Grange Hall on Route 31 but after the inevitable October cold hits, we are hoping to meet at the Antrim Presbyterian Church or the Town Hall. Please feel free to contact us to verify location.

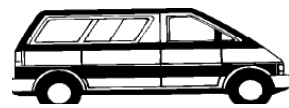
As always, we appreciate everyone's help in our projects and the support of our 150+ year old organization.



The Dick Patten Bench

On June 21, 2022, Concord Grange hosted a bench dedication at Keach Park on Concord Heights. Grangers, City of Concord dignitaries, and members of the “Heights family” gathered to remember all that Richard Patten had done for the area he had lived in all his life. There were speeches and recorded music and refreshments provided by members of Concord Grange.

The bench is located near the basketball court a few steps from the parking lot near the children's playground. Stop by and sit a while and think of Dick enjoying himself in “the great Grange above.”



Family & Community Department

Kathy Yardley - Joyce Martin

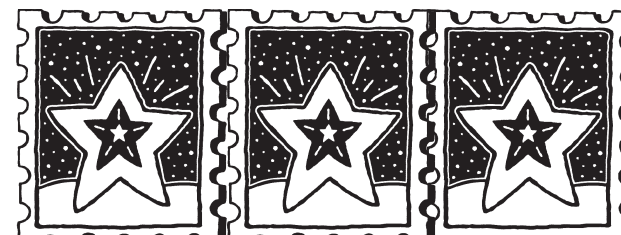
We hope you have had a great summer. We received some very nice entries in the needlework and craft contests with the winners in each category going on to the next level of judging at the Big E this month.

There is still time to submit your entries in the state crafts categories – if you quilt, do woodworking or make other crafts you can send them to us by September 15th. Remember, these categories are also open to non-members so please encourage them to enter. (We are happy to make pick-up arrangements if mailing is not an option). Also, we will accept your handmade items for the Grange Store at the Big E up until September 14th.

We hope you all have been practicing your blueberry muffin-baking skills! If you were the lucky winner at your Subordinate Grange contest then you are invited to bring your muffins to State Grange by 12:00 noon on Saturday, October 29th, for judging. Cash prizes will be awarded! Junior Grange entries are welcome as well.

Have you or your Grange been enjoying our “shapes” activity? The first quarter was hearts, last quarter was squares, this time is DIAMONDS. See what kind of things you can create using a diamond shape. Display them in your home, Grange Hall or donate them to a nursing home/senior center. Most importantly, send us a picture of your creations. We would LOVE to see them.

Your Grange's Family & Community report form is due to us by September 15th. If you need a report form let us know. We encourage your Grange to put together a report in notebook form with news articles, photos, etc. of the year's activities to submit to us for judging. The top booklet goes on to National Grange for judging there. National Grange pays out \$100 to the top placing booklet, \$75 to second, \$50 for third and \$25 for fourth place.



A Little History in Support of Our 150th Anniversary

Is there a better way to celebrate and honor the accomplishments of all the Grangers that have influenced our State Grange since 1883, than in the creation of a quilt? Patchwork quilts symbolically represent the connection between the past and present, kinship, resourcefulness, and a celebration of creativity. They also represent the enduring legacies of families and their generational struggles to survive and succeed in America.

In the spring of 2021, a group of NH Grange crafters and sewers, meeting at the State Grange Building since before the pandemic, was asked to create a quilt that could be raffled as a fundraiser to benefit the upcoming 150th anniversary of the NH State Grange's founding. An appeal was placed in the June Granite State Granger asking quilters to send in their “orphan blocks”, that they might be used to create said quilt.

Orphan blocks are extra blocks made to test block patterns or blocks that were made for quilts or projects that never got used. Apparently, there were lots of “orphans” in NH needing a new home/purpose because the response to our request was plentiful! We received large blocks and small blocks, new blocks and old blocks, blocks made with modern fabrics and blocks with vintage fabrics, machine-assembled blocks and hand-sewn blocks, and blocks made in a variety of patterns. Once they were laid out, the search was on to choose a color scheme.

As there were quite a number of pink blocks, eventually that was chosen in deference to the color of the State Grange. Using a LOT of math equations, the varying sizes of blocks were arranged and stitched together using a dark green, texture-print fabric for the sashing and borders. Once the quilt top was completed, it was taken to the Wicked Quiltah in Antrim, and professionally quilted by Kristy Boule. There was an unveiling of the quilt at the 2021 State Grange ses-

sion in Keene. Various State Officers and Deputies have been provided raffle tickets and a photo of the quilt so that Grangers and friends they meet during their travels around the state can purchase a chance to win this quilt.

Check with your deputy when he/she comes to your Grange for the fall visit, or contact the State Secretary and Sesquicentennial Committee member, Jerry Leclerc (leclercjerry@aol.com), to purchase your chances.

Up close, you might notice each individual fabric, different from one another like (Grange) people. But then from afar one can see a beautiful color collaboration that represents all of us coming together to make a difference (for the Grange). That's how this quilt was created and is now a fitting, symbolic way to honor this anniversary, wouldn't you agree? Good luck to all ticket holders when the winner is chosen at the State Grange Session this October!

A Special Note from An Orphan Block Donor

Dated July 10, 2021

“A package of quilt blocks is enroute to your house.

I joined Dudley, MA Grange at the age of 15 in 1934 – hence I am 102 years old but belong to Dorchester Grange, NH since 1995.

I have been a quilter since 1975 – thus many ‘orphan’ blocks have come my way also yards of free fabric.

Quilting is all by machine as I have a overused thumb that does not like holding a quilting needle.

My latest idea is to sew rough-size 40”x60” or thereabouts and many baby quilts using picture fabric cut-out 6” blocks – to be a story time quilt – very popular at our church craft fair and bazaar.

I hope you can use what my daughter sent to you.

I still live alone without a cane, etc. ...As for the good of the Grange, I do make pies for our Grange when needed and I can still play piano when needed.

Evelyn Brown

Note: Evelyn Brown turned 103 this spring! She still lives alone in her own home, and is very active. She recently participated in The Dorchester Old Home Day parade.



Lynette Schaeffer, chair of the National Grange Executive Committee, and her husband Don will be our guests at the NH State Grange Session in October. Lynette was elected to the National Grange Executive Committee at the 151st National Grange Session. She served as Secretary of the Executive Committee for a 2-year term. Lynette also served as Secretary and is now the Vice President for the National Grange Foundation.

She is a 50-year Grange member, serving as President of the Illinois State Grange since 2013. Lynette originally joined Floraville Community Grange in 1971, after having been a Floraville Community Junior Granger from 1960-71. After marrying Don, she joined Shiloh Valley Grange in 1975.

She has held many different offices and directorships on the State Grange level. Lynette has been the Illinois State Grange Junior Director, Pomona, Historian, Secretary and President. In 2020, Lynette retired from the USDA-OCIO-CTS doing computer support for USDA offices, in nine counties in southern Illinois.

Outside of Grange, Lynette plays in a bell group at O’Fallon United Church of Christ and now serves as a part-time business manager. Lynette also serves on the O’Fallon Township Zoning Commission.

Don and Lynette have two children and five grandchildren. They were honored as a legacy family in 2017, recognizing five generations of Schaeffer’s that have been Grangers. They are active in farming by raising cattle, corn, soybeans, and alfalfa.

“Sometimes your joy is the source of your smile, but sometimes your smile can be the source of your joy.”
--Thich Nhat Hanh

**149th New Hampshire State Grange Session
October 28th ~ 30th 2022**

**Holiday Inn ~ Concord
Downtown
172 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301
603- 224-9534**

**Rates:
Thursday, October 27th ~
\$119.00 plus 8.5% room tax
Friday, October 28th ~
\$119.00 plus 8.5% room tax
Saturday, October 29th ~
\$119.00 plus 8.5% room tax
The above prices
are for two adults.
Additional adults will be
charged \$10.00 per person
per night.**

When making your reservation be sure to inform the staff that you are with the New Hampshire State Grange.

**These prices will not be offered after September 27th.
Check-in time is 3:00 pm and
checkout is 11:00 am.**

**Deadline
The next issue of the Granite State Granger will be mailed in December 2022. Please send items for the paper to Hannah West on or before November 8, 2022.**

Register for the 156th National Grange Convention
By Samantha Wilkins, National Grange Operations Coordinator

The Western Host region is excited to invite Grangers and friends from across the country to the Silver State! We are just a few months away from the opening of the 156th Annual National Grange Convention, to be held in Reno-Sparks, Nevada from November 15 through 19, 2022.

This year, you can expect to see some new things happening around the convention. Participants in the Nevada Grange Youth Fair Program will have activities and interactive displays showcasing their projects completed in the youth fair program. Throughout the Convention, they will be presenting their projects and talking to attendees about the benefits of the program.

You can also expect to hear from some amazing guest speakers on topics such as mental health awareness and substance abuse. Attendees will also have the opportunity to receive certification in dispensing Narcan, a life-saving medication that can treat a narcotic overdose in an emergency situation.

You also do not want to miss out on the opportunity to get an ‘experience pass.’ This year instead of going off-site for a tour we are bringing a taste of the region to you. Members who register for an experience pass will have the opportunity to participate in two days full of hands-on activities from painting barn quilts, cultural dancing, mining, and much more.

**Early Bird Registration - \$32
is open until 9/9/2022
General Registration - \$37
is open until 10/19/22
Late Registration - \$42
closes for meal options on 11/1/22
Registration on Site - will be available at the late registration cost.
However, you will not be able to obtain tickets to any meals**

**A person should be like a watch--open-faced, busy hands, well-regulated, and full of good works.
Roy B. Zuck**

**149th Annual Convention
The New Hampshire State Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry
Holiday Inn ~ Downtown
Concord, NH
October 28 ~ 30, 2022**

Special & Invited Guests
Lynette Schaeffer, Chairman of the National Grange Executive Committee
Husband Don Schaeffer
Chris Sununu, Governor of NH
Jim Bouley, Mayor of Concord
Thomas G. Sink, President, Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce
**Friday, October 28, 2022
Morning Session – 8:30 a.m.**

**(\$10.00 Registration Fee each Delegate)
(\$5.00 Registration Fee other attendees)**
Procession of State Officers
Opening in the Sixth Degree
Calling the Roll of Officers
Grange lowered to the Fourth Degree
Calling the Roll of Granges
Introduction of Special Guests
Announcement of Session Committees
Reading NEW Resolutions & 2022 Convention Rules

Reports:
Agriculture ReportNorman Brandt
Trustees of Trust Funds....Diane Collins
NE Grange Building.....Beth Merrill
Session Coordinator....Gerald J. Leclerc
Webmaster.....Christopher Heath
State Grange Building Committee.....Beth Merrill

**Grange Memorial Service
11:00 a.m.**

Chaplain, Kathy Yardley
(Gates and Registration will be closed)

**Afternoon Session
1:30 p.m.
State Master’s Address
Robert Trombi**

Reports:
Treasurer.....Daniel P. Bascom
Secretary.....Gerald J. Leclerc
Executive Committee...Tricia Taylor
General Deputy.....Arthur Merrill
Lecturer.....Matthew Clark

**Friday Evening
7-10 p.m.
Special Activities for all Members
Saturday October 28, 2017
Morning Session ~ 8:30 a.m.**
Opening in the Fourth Degree
Calling the Roll of State Officers
Calling the Roll of Granges
Reading Minutes from Friday’s Session
Informational reading of Convention Rules
Reports:
YouthDirector.....Rachel Scanzani
Junior Director.....Joann Brandt
Granite State Granger.....Hannah West
State Grange Building....Anne Boisvert
Grange Services.....Sherrill Bokousky
9:30 a.m.

Election of State Officers
Reports continued:
Membership Directors.....James Tetreault & Gloria Davis
Family & Community Directors.....Kathy Yardley & Joyce Martin
**Afternoon Session ~ 1:30 p.m.
Budget 1:30 p.m.**

Reports:
Resolutions Committee.....Tara Sad
Master’s Address Committee
Credentials Committee....Emilie Leclerc
Unfinished Business

**The New Hampshire Grange Foundation ~ 3:00 p.m.
Annual Meeting by Foundation Directors and Officers
Note: All Delegates please be present.
3:30 p.m. Closing the Grange**

**Evening Session ~ 6:00 p.m.
State Grange Banquet Program
Recognition Awards**

**Sunday, October 30, 2022
9:00 a.m.
Grange Church Service**



State Grange Officers Duties
Steward

Maintain the Equipment of the NH State Grange in working order
Be responsible for setting up the meeting rooms for the Annual Session in conjunction with the Assistant Stewards
Ensure that the working property of the State Grange is in proper working condition by repairing and replacing pieces as necessary
Oversee the transportation of the working property/equipment necessary for conducting the Annual Meeting, Grange Memorial Service and Exemplification of the Sixth Degree in conjunction with the Assistant Steward, Lady Assistant Steward and Flora
Prepare and maintain a budget and expense report to ensue proper maintenance and transportation of said equipment in conjunction with the Executive Committee
Maintain an inventory of Grange equipment as well as a report on the overall condition of said property

Assistant Steward & Lady Assistant Steward
Assist with the transportation of the working property/equipment necessary for conducting the Annual Meeting, Grange Memorial Service and Exemplification of the Sixth Degree in conjunction with the Steward and Flora
Assist the Steward in setting up the meeting areas for Annual Session
Assist the Steward in the maintenance of Grange property when needed or required
Select marching candidates for the Sixth Degree

Chaplain
Conduct Annual Memorial Service
Participate in/planning New England Go-to-Church Sunday

Treasurer
Receive and deposit all monies
Be responsible for all accounts payable
Maintain detailed reports for all accounts receivable and accounts payable transactions
Prepare reports and financial statements as well as appropriate tax returns as required and file same with appropriate agencies (IRS, Accountants, State agencies, etc.)
Review and balance all monthly statements
Attend all Executive Committee meetings as required and act as a non-voting ex-officio member
Prepare a detailed report for presentation at the Annual Session outlining the financial condition of the Grange
Prepare and present quarterly income and expense report to the Executive Committee
Prepare a budget for the ensuing year prior to State Session in conjunction with the Executive Committee

**State Officers Duties Conclude
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Grange Bulletin Board

Lecturer's Log State Lecturer Matthew Clark



As I sit down to write this in August, I am packing and preparing to leave for Florida for a Disney vacation with my family. I look forward to sharing my memories of this trip as well as our road trip to National Grange last November with you in my report at state session.

Speaking of state session, I hope everyone has been busy getting your entries ready for each of the department contests. Please check each department program for the due dates of the entries. The Lecturer's department entries are due to me by October 15th. I look forward to seeing all the great work you have done this year.

Save the Date

Hillsborough County Pomona #1 will be presenting the Fifth Degree on October 15, 2022. This event will take place at the State Grange Building.

Wattatic Grange will be providing a supper at 5:30, and the meeting will follow at 6:30.

Interested in being part of the degree? We have a few offices that need to be filled.

If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to Sarah Leclerc via email at sleclerc417@gmail.com by October 1st. **We are looking forward to seeing you!**

A Hearty Welcome to Our New Members

Joining Baker's River Grange #290

Kim Ganley

Joining Joe English Grange #53

Karina Allayne

Rebecca Robinson

Joining Watatic Grange #36

Alayna Twiss

(Junior Grange graduate)



In Memoriam

Marion Jordan	Arlington
Richard Henry	Arlington
William Butynski	Arlington
Charles Farmer	Arlington
Carrick Crampton	Arlington
Wayne Wigman	Arlington
Paul Wright	Aurora
Dennis Dearborn	Blazing Star
Louise Sawyer	Blow-Me-Down
Annie Rice	Hudson
Mary Plourde	Pembroke
Claire Gagne	Pembroke
Joan Kimball	Tuftonborough



Rockingham Grange #183 in Epping is preparing its first community garden! Pictured here are Sally Brocato, Wendy True, and Elisabeth Gustavson planting the new garden to provide fresh vegetables for the Epping Community Church food pantry this summer! Many members contributed vegetable plants and seeds, and Bruce Gatchell, Christa Weaver, and Wendy True did a lot of work preparing the soil for this endeavor.

Barbara Perry is chairperson of the Garden Committee and won the blueberry muffin contest held at the Grange Hall last month. Barbara will go on to compete in the State Grange blueberry muffin contest this fall! Congratulations, Barbara!

Mohawk Grange #217

On Monday evening, August 15, many members of Mohawk Grange gathered at Stephanie Lyons' front porch for a great picnic supper. Everyone brought something for all to share. It was a great gathering on a very nice weather evening.

Editor Wanted

Hannah West will be retiring as editor of **The Granite State Granger** after the December 2022 issue.

The State Master and Executive Committee would like to see the GSG continue.

Is there someone out there who would like to take on the task of writing, publishing, and distributing a NH State Grange paper or leaflet or bulletin?

If this activity appeals to you, please contact the State Master ASAP!

Good Advice?

A financial planning article talks about the final stages of retirement as life. It says as you are planning you should ask yourself three questions:

Who will change my lightbulbs?

How will I get an ice cream cone?

Who will I eat lunch with?

It goes on to explain that your answers will tell you where you might live, what you will do for transportation, and whom you will socialize with.

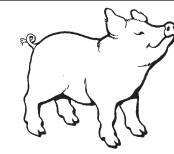


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**Agriculture
Department
Norman Brandt and
Adam Terrell, Co-Directors**

Back on July 8th Harmony Grange members and I went to the Barks Family Farm in Sanbornton, NH to deliver a Century Farm award. As I have said in the past, giving the award in the community in my opinion is better than forcing the recipients to come to the State session to receive it. In this case the patron of the farm was getting up in years and the family did not want to wait too long and definitely did not want to travel with him.

I had invited Shawn Jasper to come and represent the Department of Agriculture. He was unable to come, so he sent a representative to fill in. It was great having someone from the Department of Agriculture there for the award. The family was so happy we were able to work around their schedule. I loved being able to go see the farm, hear the stories, see some pictures and enjoy the evening. Thank you Scott Burns and Harmony Grange for working this out for me. I still have two I need to deliver from past years but time always seems to be fleeting.

I have an applicant submitted for young farmer of the year. I've sent it on to my co chair and we'll be working on our next steps once we can talk to each other. It is really nice having Granges taking the time to look in their community to reveal the hidden farms in their community.

It is amazing how much prices for everything have gone up. I'm happy to say I am seeing gas prices below \$4 a gallon. It will be so much better if we can get below \$3 a gallon. I know the gas prices have added much to the price of trucking produce to stores causing the produce prices to rise. but what concerns me the most is the droughts around the world that have been going on.

With the lack of rain, grains have dried up in the fields. Hay has stopped growing, fields have turned brown, and choices are being forced upon farmers. The price of beef at auction in the Midwest has been dropping, as ranchers have

been selling stock to keep them from dying in the field. Some of these stocks are animals that were going to produce the beef for coming years so I am expecting beef prices to drop a bit, then sky rocket a few months later.

I am becoming more concerned on how Agriculture in the USA is changing. Consolidating farms down to factory farm setups to produce more for less is just a setup for disaster. One bad drought, fire, flash flood, earth quake, or disease out-break and the cards will fall. Yet with support directed at these too large to fail farms/businesses the small farms are being forced out of business. Protections for small farms are very weak, with this I am talking about the Right to Farm laws. Even though they provide some protection, the loop holes that were put into them allow towns and police the ability to pressure farms to close. Honestly, the cost to defend yourself from side attacks are so high versus the amount of money a small farm makes in a year.

Growing up and going to public schools the talk of Lady Liberty holding a double-edged sword was always drilled into me. Yet with Qualified Immunity and public funding for lawsuits is that sword double-edged any more? Two terms I would like Grange members to study on are Qualified Immunity and Civil Asset Forfeiture. I would love to hear what people think of these two terms.

**Past Floras of the
New Hampshire State Grange
pictured below left to right:: Diane Collins,
Kimber Bascom, Lois Enman, Kerriann
Nightingale (current Flora), Patricia Bailey,
Joann Brandt.**



Century Farm Award

New Hampshire State Grange has presented such dedication with the Century Farm and Bicentennial Farm award. We do this as our ritual teaches; "Since God placed man on earth, Agriculture has existed. There is no occupation that precedes it, no order or association that can rank with the tillers of the soil. Before literature existed, before governments were known, Agriculture was the calling of man" and all has grown from it.

The Auger and Barbour family have demonstrated this in 1914 when Gaspard and Hortense purchased the farm after leaving Canada. They passed the love of Agriculture to their son Jean; who passed it to his daughter Carol; who distilled it to their son Kier that still farms with his wife and three sons.

The land has gone from Dairy, to lumber, firewood, and still continues with hay, chickens, and beef cattle.

With such dedication it is an honor to present this Century Farm Award today, July 8, 2022, to the Barks Family Farm in Sanbornton, New Hampshire.

The Thompson Marker

Before

After



In Littleton, NH, there is a marker for John Thompson, one of the Seven Founders of the Order. White Mountain Grange maintained the area around the marker for many years, planting flowers, cutting grass, and keeping up the white picket fence. After White Mountain Grange closed the area was neglected. The State Grange Youth took on the project briefly. At the 2021 NH State Grange Session the delegate body voted to put the care of the Thompson Marker in the hands of the State Officers. State Secretary Jerry Leclerc made the journey to Littleton on Memorial Day Weekend and did some sprucing up and planted some flowers.

State Officers Duties

Secretary
Keep and maintain minutes of meetings (Annual Session, etc.)
Prepare, publish and distribute Annual Journal of Proceedings & NH State Grange Roster
Receive, copy, and distribute all resolutions to be considered at State Session
Collect and accurately record all dues and fees collected on behalf of the State Grange
Prepare quarterly and annual reports as required
Transfer all funds as necessary to the State Treasurer
Attend Executive Committee Meetings as Ex-Officio member
Receive & distribute correspondence to appropriate person/department and reply to same where applicable
Maintain all records and databases (such as GSG distribution list, Grange Membership lists, committees, etc.)
Maintain a record of all bonds, real estate, etc. owned by the State Grange
Receive and process all supply requests to State Grange Supply Dept. and maintain an inventory of supplies
Prepare books for annual audit by Executive Committee
Be responsible for receipt of Sixth Degree applications as well as prepare membership cards and certificates and report same to National Grange

Maintain communication with Granges within the State (quarterly reports, annual session committees, Memorial Service, et.)
Prepare and present annual report for State Session
Gatekeeper
Coordinate display space at Annual Session for Lecturer and Departments requesting space
Serve as liaison with hotel staff and hold key to display area if needed
Ceres
Assist Flora with Memorial Service
Assist Flora with set-up and removal of the Sixth Degree Court
Secure two court ladies as attendants for the Sixth Degree
Store and maintain Ceres and Attendant robes and regalia
Select acting Ceres for 6th Degree when necessary
Coordinate State Grange Banquet and provide table favors

Pomona
Assist Flora with Memorial Service
Assist Flora with set-up and removal of the Sixth degree Court
Secure two court ladies as attendants for the Sixth Degree
Store and maintain Pomona and Attendant robes and regalia

Flora
Assist Chaplain with Memorial Service
Coordinate set-up and removal of the Sixth Degree Court
Assist Steward in the maintenance and transportation of Court equipment as needed
Select two Personal Attendants and up to six Court Ladies for the 6th Degree
Select Soloist for the 6th Degree
Select coordinator/coach for Rose Drill for the 6th Degree
Store and maintain Flora and Attendants robes and regalia
Order roses for 6th Degree and other appropriate flowers (carnations) for Memorial Service in conjunction with the State Secretary
Maintain history/journal of all attendants and Rose Drill participants
Acquire and present token of appreciation to Rose Drill coach and participants
Send invitations to all Past Lady Officers of the NH State Grange for seating at Special Court during nnaul exemplification of 6th Degree
Recognize all Past Lady Officers present at the close of the 6th Degree

Executive Committee
In conjunction with the State Master, oversee the financial and operational status of the State, Pomona, Subordinate and Junior Granges
Conduct and attend all regular and special meetings of the executive Committee throughout the Grange year
Provide support and guidance to all officers, departments, committees, as well as individual Grangers within the State
Be responsible for all State Grange budget proposals as well as oversee all financial accounting and reports of State Officers and Departments
Act for and in the name of the Grange between Annual Sessions

Musician
Select appropriate marches to enhance the floor work of officers
Aid the Lecturer in musical portions of the program
Aid the Chaplain in musical portions of the Memorial Service



It is almost September and school is starting. I hope all families have had a wonderful summer. That heat was more than I wanted with a broken arm. I wanted to do a Junior fun event, but on June 3 I broke my right arm and I am still waiting for the bone to heal. I learned that the humerus bone is the second largest bone in our body. Thank you for all the notes sent to me well I recuperate and heal.

I hope parents have worked on junior crafts with their children so they can send them to State Grange to be held in Concord this year. I just received information on the 2023 National Junior program. Some of the information will be in this coming year’s New Hampshire Junior program. This year is a State Grange election of officers and committees may change, so keep an eye out for who is elected and who have new committees.

We also need to grow our Junior membership as we have had some drop out, and many are graduating out of Junior Grange and joining our Subordinate Granges. Do you have any questions that I can answer to help you and your Grange bring new Juniors into your Grange?

It has been exciting to be your State Junior Director and work with all the children. Thanks to the Youth and adults who have supported the Juniors. We all have learned about the stations of the Juniors and hope they are helping all Granges by filling your empty stations. Encourage them and support them to grow your Granges as this is a great way to keep going. Think back to when you were a new member. We were once there and know we could have decided to learn about Grange or choose to go elsewhere. I have been very pleased to have stayed and traveled, visiting other Granges and attending many Northeastern Conferences, State sessions, and National Grange. National travels to a different state each year and you meet so many people.

Hope to see you at state session.

The End of The Agate

The Agate was organized on April 24, 1954, in Kingston, NH. A group of twenty-nine Grange members from that section of the state gathered at the Kingston Inn for a dinner and to plan and to form a Past Masters’ Association. Brother Everard Horr of Madbury Grange and Great Bay Pomona was a leader in the group. Past State Master Charles Eastman was there to give advice. Randall Richardson (of Youth fund fame) was present as well. At that time there was one other such association in the state, located in Cheshire County.

Those present unanimously voted to form a Past Masters’ Association, elected a Present, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer, and appointed three committees: By-Laws, General (to line up programs and places of meetings and to appoint an entertainment committee), and Membership and Dues. The Association would hold a meeting every two months. Membership would consist of Past Masters and their wives or husbands. All names received on or before the August meeting would be placed on the list as Charter Members. There would be an initiation fee of fifty cents with no dues to be collected thereafter.

Two dollars per person would be the standard fee for a dinner, and if the amount was not necessary the difference would be turned over to the entertainment committee. The Secretary was to send notices of the next meeting to the members, and those who wished to attend the dinner would respond by the 10th of the month, including the two dollar dinner fee in the request for the reservation.

What did two dollars buy at a restaurant in the mid 1950’s? The second meeting was held on July 26th at the Manus Diner on School Street in Concord. The menu was Chilled Fruit Cup, Individual Chicken Pie, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Apple Pie and Ice Cream. The By-Laws were discussed and amended.

It was apparently difficult to decide on a name for this association of Past Masters. At the first meeting they called it “Granite State Past Masters’ Association of the Grange.” By the second meeting

it was “Past Masters’ Social Alliance.” Other suggestions were “Patrons of Husbandry’s Past Masters’ Association,” “Past Masters of P of H,” and “P of H Past Masters’ Association.”

On September 25, 1954, at Simpson’s at Dover Point, the new organization was finalized. The name “The Agate” and the by-laws were incorporated. A charter list of 111 members was read. A five-member Board of Directors was established with four elected members plus the President. Elected directors would serve for a two-year term with two being elected at each annual election.

The purpose of the association as stated in the first by-laws was “To promote community improvement through united effort”, but from the beginning The Agate was a primarily a social organization. By the end of the first year, meeting places had shifted from restaurants to Grange Halls. Discussions could be held more easily in that environment, arrangements were easier to make, and Granges could benefit from the proceeds of the “banquet.” One of the main orders of business at each meeting was taking in new members. Each applicant was voted upon by paper ballot (three negative votes could reject a candidate.) Collective balloting was permitted, but if the ballot was negative each candidate would be voted upon individually.

Over the years The Agate continued to meet although active membership was declining. Hosting an Agate meeting became much less lucrative for the hosting Grange. As Grange Masters remained in office longer, the pool of potential members declined. An aging group of members found it difficult to drive at night or to drive at all. Meetings were held only two or three times a year. The efforts of Paul Davis, John West, David Boynton and others to make the group more vibrant were not successful.

Even before the Covid lock-down The Agate had not met in some time. At the end of August, 2022, the remaining officers of The Agate agreed to disband the organization and to donate the funds left in the bank account to the NH Dictionary Project, administered by Suncook Valley Pomona.

Grange Family Weekend 2022

Family weekend was held July 29-31 at Davidson’s Countryside Camp-ground in Bristol, New Hampshire. With many laughs, games, and food there was never a shortage of fun. There were camp-fires with lots of stories and memories. The annual potluck dinner on Saturday night was delicious as always. Sorry you missed it? Plan to attend next year.

Family weekend will be held next year at Davidson’s Countryside Camp-ground July 28-30, 2023! Make your res-ervations now to be able to reserve your site. (Davidson’s Countryside Camp-ground, 100 Schofeild Road, Bristol NH 03222, 603-744-2403)



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