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John Plank, National Grange Assistant Steward

John and Susan Plank will be our guests at the NH State Grange Annual Session in October. John is a third generation Granger. At age 5 he started out in Deacon Junior Grange, and after his 14th birthday he joined Deacon Grange #2315. John is now the National Grange Assistant Steward, President (Master) of Indiana State Grange, co-editor of the Indiana State Grange newsletter, member of Union Pomona #50 and Pleasant Grove Grange #2338. He and Susan, his wife of 36 years, are very active in Grange and their church.

John retired from Saint Joseph's College in 2014 after 26 years as the Electrical/HVAC Supervisor. After retiring from SJC, he started working part-time for a local electrical contractor and enjoying more time with his family.

Together the couple has three children, four grandsons and a granddaughter and in November they will have grandchild number six. Susan and John enjoy their yearly summer trips with their whole family and someday soon hope to start taking each of their grandchildren on trips.

A Grange Outing

Members of Harmony Grange #99 of Sanbornton "hit the road" for their August meeting night for a "mystery ride" organized by Vicki Hussman, Past Master. Members met and formed a caravan in Sanbornton and headed to the Gilbert Elk farm in Belmont, NH. Informed that their end of the day feeding would be approximately 6:30 p.m. the herd eagerly greeted the Grangers.

The group learned many interesting habits and facts about the elk and their longevity at the farm. Seen here is long time Granger, Richard Currier, making a new friend (with a little help from a loaf of bread)! Also in the picture is Ralph Sellars, Assistant Steward of Harmony Grange.

The mystery ride continued with a trip to local Jordan's Ice Creamery on Rte 106 also in Belmont.

NH State Grange Session

By Chris Heath, Master

Our Annual State Session will be held early this year due to a scheduling conflict at the hotel. We will be meeting in Lebanon at the Fireside Inn and Suites. The dates for the session are October 17th through the 19th. I hope that many of you will join us. I hope that we can have a great session and get excited about the Grange.

There is going to be a presentation made by the Barn Preservation Alliance as well as a Foundation meeting and the Sixth Degree. If you do not have the Sixth Degree or haven't see it for a while, I encourage you to join us on Saturday night. The Banquet will be Friday night.

Our national representatives this year will be John and Susan Plank from Indiana. Let's do our best to welcome them to the Granite State.





*From my pad
to your pad*

**Christopher Heath
NH State Grange Master**

Fellow Grangers, I hope that you have been enjoying your hot summer, spending time with family and friends, traveling and enjoying outdoor activities. Hopefully you and your Grange have been continuing the great work of our organization around the state. Now that September is here it is time to start getting ready for the kids going back to school, the harvest, and the oncoming of winter.

Resolutions

Hopefully, you have submitted your by-law change resolutions to the State Secretary so that they can be considered by the delegates at the upcoming State Session. Remember that all other resolutions can be submitted to State Session as long as you have 150 copies for the delegates. Please remember that we had to change the venue for this year's Session. We have been to the Fireside Inn and suites in recent past years and it is a nice place to hold our annual meeting.

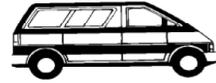
Summer Events

I want to congratulate the Junior Director, Youth Director, Membership Directors and Lecturer for the great programs they provided to the members of the State Grange throughout the summer. It was nice to see most of you at these various State Grange events. I specifically want to thank the Membership Directors for all the hard work that they provided to our membership by hosting the membership conferences. The guests that came to our state to help us with membership were awesome. If you missed the conferences, you really missed a great time.

The Big-E

At the end of this month, I hope that you will all join me at the Big-E in West Springfield, MA. Grange Day is September 22nd and at 5 pm the Grange members will take part in the parade. New Hampshire is also responsible for helping out in the Grange store on September 28th and 29th. Please contact Beth Merrill if you would like to vol-

unteer to cover a shift. There have been many changes and improvements to the fair and the New England Grange Building over the past few years so get down there and check them out.



**Family & Community
Department**

Kathy Yardley - Joyce Martin

We hope you have been enjoying your summer! It's that time of year now, when reports and contest entries are due. We are excited about all the beautiful needlework entries we have received, and it's evident how busy you all have been in the cooler months this past winter and spring. Thank you also for the wonderful items you have been creating to be sold at the New England Grange Building at the Big E. If you forgot to send your items in, please let us know. There's still a few weeks to get them in and we will be happy to arrange a way to get them from you and deliver them in time for the fair.

As we head into fall, here are some reminders for you:

Report Forms

All reports and booklets are due to us no later than September 15th.

Baking Contest

The winning entry of brownies from each Pomona Grange will be judged at State Grange session. Please bring your entry to the Family & Community table by 12:00 noon on Friday, October 18th, (at the Fireside Inn & Suites, West Lebanon, NH).

Mountain of Mittens

We are again collecting mittens, hats and gloves to distribute to children

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up-coming events.**

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in need around our state. We will divide them up and see that they are distributed to children in need around the state. Please bring your items to state session or give us a call and we will be happy to arrange to get them from you.

Fudge and Trail Mix and other goodies for State Grange

This is a long-standing tradition of our state session! Most attendees of the convention look forward to purchasing a treat (or two) from our table, and this is an easy fundraiser for our committee. Sometimes even hotel employees and guests stop by for a treat! We are asking all Granges to send goodies along with someone from your Grange to help support this effort. Fudge, trail mix (aka party mix), cookies, brownies, etc. would be gratefully accepted.

Woodworking Contest

If you have an entry for the woodworking contest we will accept them up until September 1st. Again, if you need to make arrangements to get them to us don't hesitate to call.

Program for 2020

We are starting to put together our program for next year. Any suggestions you might have for any changes or comments on things you really are enjoying in the current program are most welcome. We would love to hear from you!

Dictionary Project

How much are the dictionaries this year? They cost the same as last year - \$3.00 a book from the warehouse, which means \$72.00 for a case of 24. There are somewhat less expensive options on The Dictionary Project website www.dictionaryproject.org, but A Students Dictionary with the gazetteer in the back provides so much to enhance student learning that it is well worth paying for.

You may order books through Suncook Valley Pomona Grange or directly from The Dictionary Project website if you prefer.

If your Grange can no longer provide dictionaries to a school or town, please make an effort to find another sponsor. The Dictionary Project is not specific to the Grange, and there is no shame in finding another organization to co-sponsor or even take over the project.



**Agriculture
Department
Norman Brandt, Director**

I'm looking for direction from this year's State Session that I will sadly be missing. I am looking to see if the Granges want me and the Agriculture Committee to go out on our own to find Agriculture award recipients, or should we only accept applications that are submitted by Granges - not just Grange members but the Grange themselves. That would mean that only the farms, friends of farmers, etc. selected by Granges are to be considered on a State level to be recognized.

I have always personally believed that the Grange grows from the ground up, meaning the individual Grange member is the foundation of the Grange. You as an Individual choose what you think is best for your Grange. You bring it up at a meeting in the form of a motion, discuss it, and vote on it. The vote reflects your Grange's stance. When it comes to an Agricultural nomination, I feel a meeting should sound like this:

"I move that we recognize Corn Cob farm for Century Farm. I have found they are XXY number of years and feel they do our community well".

Someone will say, "I second that motion".

The Master will say, "Any discussion?" and here is where, as a group, you are weeding out problems.

Someone may stand up and say, "I agree to give them the award from our Grange and send it to the State Ag Committee to be recognized. Just last week they donated 100 pounds of chicken gizzards to the food bank."

Someone else may stand up and say, "Yeah, but those gizzards were green and tough and couldn't be given out as they left the box in the sun the day before donating it."

Or someone will say, "I've always had good experiences when dealing with them," and so on and so forth.

Then vote and give them a certificate from your Grange stating that you appreciate everything they do for your

community. Make a big deal out of it. Invite people to a meeting when you give them the certificate, put it in the newspaper, etc. From there you write up why you want them recognized on a State level and send it to me and my committee. We will look it and discuss if they deserve to be recognized on a state level.

Why is it that I think this is the best way and not just take single member's nomination? If it is openly discussed at a meeting, any problems with the nomination will be hopefully flushed out, and the nomination will not make it to State Grange. Think how it would be if someone nominated Joe Smoe from Hidden Cave, NH, for the Friend of a Farmer award and instead of bringing it up at their Community Grange they sent it to me and my committee. Getting only Joe submitted for the Friend of a Farmer award, the committee decides to invite him to an award ceremony and give him an award. They put it in the newspaper and then find out that Joe was a member of the zoning board and had been spearheading very controversial zoning ordinances to restrict allowing people to grow any animal for any purpose other than a companion animal?

You can say, "Well you can't weed out everyone." But in the past, there have been people that got recognized at different times only to find out that they had been charged with very serious crimes afterwards. The few times I heard of problems occurring with people that received a State Grange award, it was people that were submitted not by Granges but by Government body heads, based on how they felt these people were serving the community. Even as we were giving the award at the banquet, I remember hearing people from that area saying that they couldn't believe that person was being recognized. This is the reason I believe that the best way to give out awards is by accepting only recipients from pre-vetted applications.

I often hear, "If nobody nominates it should be the committee that makes the nomination and gives out an award." This makes me request the NH State Grange and its representatives to talk about this at State Session this year and give all of us committee heads some guidance.



A Special Fund Raiser

Past Master, Judi Abbott of Harmony Grange #99 in Sanbornton passed away in April. Fellow Granger and longtime friend of Judi, Priscilla Bodwell, initiated a Dog Rescue Fundraiser in her honor.

Judi's love of dogs led her to foster over 500 dogs adopting five for her very own. Her generosity of time and genuine care of dogs was Priscilla's inspiration for the fundraiser.

Priscilla collected tea cups and other go-with items to create place settings called "A Cup of Tea Solves Everything" for a donation of \$20. She thought that Judi would be so proud to be recognized for her work.

Pictured here is one such place setting displayed at the Sanbornton Public Library and highlighted by local photographer Ian Raymond. All monies raised will benefit local animal shelters in honor of Judi.

New England Grange Building

The NE Grange Building on the grounds of the Big E in West Springfield, MA is owned jointly by the State Granges of the six New England states who are responsible for its upkeep. Originally each State Grange paid an annual assessment, proportionate to its membership.

As costs increased and membership declined, a plan was formed to make the building self-supporting. It is now a place where items made by Grangers and private-labeled food items are sold. The Grange Store has been a financial success and the State Granges are no longer billed for the upkeep of the building. Now their responsibility is to keep the building staffed for the 17 days of the fair.

New Hampshire is responsible for two days, September 28 and 29. Can you help? Entrance tickets and parking passes are provided. Contact Beth Merrill at 588-6615 or abmrd@mettelecom.com



We have just completed three very successful membership conferences in Antrim, Rochester and Blazing Star in Danbury. Thank you to Joe Stefenoni and TJ Malaskee for doing a great job as our speakers. Congratulations to Ida Hutchins, who was the winner of the membership attendance raffle of two nights at State Grange. Be looking for an exciting membership event next year!

Thank you to each of the Granges who hosted us and provided a delicious lunch at each event. In my years of Grange membership I have never had a bad meal at any Grange event I have ever attended. (Well, maybe I wasn't crazy over the oyster stew one night at Cold River Valley Pomona.)

As the fall Grange season begins, let's begin to look at our Granges. Do our meeting nights and times meet the needs of our members? Does your Grange need a change of leadership? One of the greatest opportunities of Grange is the opportunity for leadership! Does your Grange need a reinvention? If the answer is yes, what are you going to do to help reinvent it?

Next year be looking for some exciting opportunities to help grow your Grange in 2020.



Our Summer Youth Rally pictured above was planned to be fun. When was the last time you did something for fun? No obligations. No regrets. Simply doing something for the sake of having a good time. Children do it everyday and the Junior Department does a wonderful job of bringing joy to children. The Youth Department is aimed at providing opportunities for Grangers, young and "seasoned" to have fun. I hope that you are a part of our activities and have enjoyed them.

I encourage you all to bring the fun to your Grange meeting. Do something that is exciting, different, and creative for your program during a youth night. This is a great opportunity to think outside the box! Bring the things that you love to do in your spare time to your Grange meeting. Perhaps you all bring cameras and go for a walk around the outside of your hall to take pictures which can then be submitted to the Lecturer's photo contest. What about a book share for everyone to share a favorite book that they've read recently? Go for an adventure for ice cream, a game of mini-golf, or simply to go look at the local Christmas light displays in the neighborhood. Please don't hesitate to reach out to the Youth Department if

you need help with this. We would love to see and learn about what fun means to you and your Grange.

Finally, please take a look at the Youth Program book that is available on the State Grange website for contest entry details. We'll be collecting all paper craft and t-shirt entries by 10 a.m. at State Session for judging. If these are things that you do for fun, I hope to see your entry in October!

A Hearty Grange Welcome to New Members added to our rolls since March, 2019

Blaze MacMullen	Blazing Star
Katherine Scanlon	Dorchester
Eric Downing	Dorchester
Hannah Brown	Dorchester
Sharon Carson	Londonderry
Kathy Wagnor	Londonderry
Carol Wharton	Mount Hope
Marsha Chandler	Mount Hope
Irving Locke	Mount Hope
Paige Conroy	Mt. Pistareen
Ashley Hoard	Mt. Pistareen
Chee Chee Tyrrell	Park
Sue Stern	Riverhill
Sonny Stern	Riverhill
Anthony Hass	Riverhill
Edward Hancock	Rochester
Alan & Dora Farrar	Stratford
Audrey Clinger	Walpole
Jean Galloway Leclerc	Walpole
Marsha Galloway	Walpole



Daniel Harvey with Crystal Seward

Epping's Daniel Harvey Turns 99 yrs. Young!
by Crystal Seward

August 5, 2019 was a special day for Daniel Webster Harvey of Epping. He turned 99 years young! As one of the oldest members of Rockingham Grange #183, he has experienced over 80 years as a Grange member. Dan and his wife Louise, who passed away in Sept 2018, met at a Grange dance. They spent their lives raising 8 children and running a dairy farm in Epping for over sixty years. The Harvey family has always been generous, loving, and dedicated community members. Dan was a pilot and often would land his plane on the property. The "milk room" at the farm offered serve yourself ice cream and vegetables with an honor system to pay for your purchases. Community Grange suppers with dances and picnics were often a part of weekly life for the Harvey family. A few years back, in an effort to ensure that their land will remain untouched and preserved for future generations, Louise and Dan, agreed to a conservation easement for over a thousand acres of their land in both Epping and Nottingham. SELT (South East Land Trust) and the state Department of Environmental Services received a \$1 million grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to help

protect the Harvey's Kennard Hill Forest in Epping and Nottingham. The Harvey family has owned the land since 1755. This ensures that generations to come will be able to see the hay fields, cross country ski in the winter, and take hikes on the property with their children or dog. Last September, I had the honor of remembering Louise in Grange tradition at her graveside service at the family plot on Red Oak Hill Rd. That beautiful day will forever be etched in my mind. Billowing clouds over a blue sky with the Harvey hay field in the distance. Numerous folks made an effort to share that emotional moment with the Harvey family that day. Louise will be forever missed. It has been an honor and pleasure to call them my Grange brother and sister but more importantly my friends. Happy Birthday Dan! Here's to 100!

Deadline
The next issue of the Granite State Granger will be mailed in December, 2019. Please send items for the paper to Hannah West on or before November 12, 2019. Report on events of September and October. Look ahead to events of January, February, and March.

Dictionary Day

October 16, the birthday of Noah Webster, is sometimes called Dictionary Day. If your Grange is presenting dictionaries to third graders in October. here are a few facts about Noah Webster for you to share.

Noah Webster (1758 – 1843), was a lexicographer (someone who writes dictionaries) and a language reformer. He is often called the "Father of American Scholarship and Education." In his lifetime he was also a lawyer, schoolmaster, author, newspaper editor, and an outspoken politician.

In 1807 Webster began putting together a fully comprehensive dictionary called **An American Dictionary of the English Language**. It took twenty-eight years to complete. To evaluate the origin of words, Webster learned twenty-six languages, including Old English (Anglo-Saxon), Greek, Hebrew and Latin.

In 1828, at the age of seventy, Webster published his dictionary. His book contained seventy thousand words, of which twelve thousand had never appeared in a published dictionary before.

As a spelling reformer, Webster believed that English spelling rules were unnecessarily complex, so his dictionary introduced American English spellings, replacing colour with color, substituting wagon for waggon, and printing center instead of centre. He also added American words, like skunk and squash, that did not appear in British dictionaries.

Though it now has an honored place in the history of American English, Webster's first dictionary only sold two and a half thousand copies. He was forced to mortgage his home to develop a second edition, and his life from then on was troubled by debt.

In 1840, the second edition was published in two volumes. On May 28, 1843, a few days after he had completed revising an appendix to the second edition, Noah Webster died.

Not until just before dawn do people sleep best; not until people get old do they become wise.
-- Chinese Proverb

Grange Bulletin Board

Looking for a new project?

Operation Santa Claus is well known in the capital region, but the gifts are distributed state-wide. Perhaps you or your Grange would like to sponsor a child or help in some other way. The information below comes from a flyer distributed by the State Employees Association.

Operation Santa Claus

The State Employees Association's (SEA) Operation Santa Claus (OSC) program ensures gifts are provided to nearly 3,000 New Hampshire children in need regardless of circumstances. State employees from the Department of Health and Human Services work throughout the year to identify children who may benefit.

Each year since 1960, volunteers collect gifts and necessities for children in need. The SEA can only do this great work with the generous support from people like you. Sponsors include state, municipal, and county workers; private individuals; NH businesses and schools; community and recreational groups.

Once the gifts are collected, the National Guard arrives in December to distribute them to the 11 district offices throughout the state.

Ways to Give

Sponsor a child or children

Fundraise at work or donate goods and services that the SEA can raffle off

Make a monetary donation

Invite us to your workplace or event

Be part of the planning committee

Participate in the annual SEA Road Race and Fitness Walk, held the first Saturday of April.

Hours of Operation for OSC Headquarters

Address: 11 Stickney Avenue, Concord, (near the Concord Trailways Bus Station)

Monday and Wednesday: 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday: 12 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Friday by appointment only for deliveries of packages of 25 or more.

Saturday (November 23 & December 7): 10 a.m. – 2p.m.

Contact:

Tel: (603) 271-6530

Fax: (603) 271-6525

e-mail: seaosc@awiu1984.org



What Is It?

This object was the dinner bell for the Grange Revival. It was made from an air bottle by Duane Hamp of Washington. The decorations were done by Jane Trombi and Beth Merrill. It was auctioned off to raise money for the National Grange Foundation. It sold for \$300!

Concord Christmas Parade

Concord Grange # 322 will be organizing the 68th annual Concord Christmas Parade on Saturday, November 23, at 9:30 a.m. on the Concord Heights. Brian Blackden, a new member of Concord Grange, and his wife Samantha are excited to chair the project this year. Richard Patten will be assisting in his 49th year with the parade. Deb Patten will be treasurer and Tom Cusano, who has retained his membership, will be assisting as well.

The parade route will be Hazen Drive from the DOT parking lot coming out to Loudon Road and going East to Canterbury Road and ending at the former Sprague Electric parking lot. This is a route the police department is requesting, so we will do the best we can with it.

We do need help with the organizing if anyone would like to assist. The committee will begin by sending out letters for floats, bands, marching units etc. as well as fundraising to help defray the expenses.

Chicken Pie Supper

Saturday, October 12

5-7 p.m.

Mohawk Grange Hall

East Colebrook Road

off Rt. 26 east of downtown Colebrook

Adults \$12

Children \$5

This supper has been a tradition of Mohawk Grange #217 in Colebrook for many decades. The event happens almost always at or near the peak of Color Season in the North Country. Many tourists plan their "color trip" so they can also enjoy the supper and visit with all the locals who always come, too. Almost all of the food is locally grown, and it's all prepared by the Grangers. Some locals who can't get out to things anymore have a friend or relative get a take-out for them.

Concord Christmas Tree Lighting

The annual Concord Christmas Tree Lighting will be take place on Friday, November 29, at the State House Plaza with Brian Waldron and his band being the main musical attraction.

There will be horse drawn wagon rides by Bruce Locke of Pittsfield, Carriage Shack Petting Zoo from Derry (new this year with many animals), and more. There will be refreshments from different organizations, all free.

The activities begin at 3 p.m. with lighting of the tree at 6 p.m. WJYY 105.5 is coordinating the fireworks.

The Concord Grange and Concord Knights of Columbus will coordinate the placement and lighting of the Creche on the Plaza. This will be the 47th year in which Merrimack County Pomona Grange saved the Creche from vandals. When Merrimack County Pomona closed, Concord Grange assumed the project.

The lights on the Christmas Tree at the Plaza are provided by Concord Grange. Concord Grange also provides lights for a tree in Eagle Square that is dedicated to the military who can't be home for the holidays. They also provide lights for the Concord Heights Blue Spruce tree at the corner of Loudon, Pembroke, and Airport Roads. This 40 ft tree began as a seedling that was planted by Richard Patten's grandfather Arthur Scott Jr, who belonged to the Grange.

Volunteers are needed to help.

Support the ELF!

Please send your Educational Loan Fund

donations to:

Patrice Lawlor

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Pelham NH 03076



Visit the State Grange website at www.nhgrange.org

State Grange Banquet

October 18, 2019

Fireside Inn & Suites

Lebanon, NH

It's a Dinner Buffet!

Garden or Caesar Salad
Teriyaki Steak Tips, Baked Haddock w/ crumb topping or Baked Manicotti
Rice Pilaf and Chef Choice Vegetable
Seasonal Cheesecake for dessert
Coffee/Tea and Water
Rolls and Butter
Price: \$42 per person

Calendar of Events

(A Work in Progress)

Aug. 29 - Sept. 2 - Lancaster Fair

Aug. 30 - Sept. 2 - Hopkinton Fair

Sept. 6-8 - Hillsborough County Fair

Sept. 12 -15 - Rochester Fair

Sept. 12-15 - Seacoast Country Fair

Sept. 13-19 - Eastern States Expo (Big E)

West Springfield, Massachusetts

Sept. 19 - Family & Community Reports Due

Sept. 22 - Grange Day at the Big E

Sept. 28 & 29 - NH hosts the Grange Store at the Big E

Sept. 26-29 - Deerfield Fair

Oct. 1- Reservation Deadline for State Session Hotel Rooms

Oct. 1 - Create-A-Card and Creative Writing Entries due to State Lecturer

Oct. 12 - Mohawk Grange Chicken Pie Supper 5-7 p.m., Colebrook, NH

Oct. 12-14 - Sandwich Fair

Oct. 17-19 - NH State Grange Session West Lebanon

Oct. 17 - Art Contest entries due by 9 p.m. at State Session

Oct. 18 - Youth Contest entries due by 10 a.m. at State Session

Oct. 18 - Baking Contest entries due by 12 noon at State Session

Nov. 5-9 - National Grange Convention Minneapolis, MN

Nov. 23 - Concord Christmas Parade Concord Heights 9:30 a.m.

Nov. 29 - Christmas Tree Lighting 6 p.m. State House Plaza, Concord



In Memoriam

(Names Reported since March, 2019)

Carl Adams Past State Master – Blow-Me-Down & Meriden Granges

Gordon Covill Aurora

Victor Phelps Blazing Star

Julia Burrows Centennial

Pauline Swain Centennial

Barbara Frangione Chichester

Raymond Bailey Cocheco

Donald Murray Concord

Christine Gaitan Crown Point

Virginia Chadwick Crown Point

George Davis Jr. Crown Point

Ruby Noel Dorchester

Velma Adams Dorchester

Robert Capron Golden Rod

Richard Chevalier Hampton Falls

Judith Abbott Harmony

William Tobin Harmony

Ella Olson Hudson

Ronald Coker Jeremiah Smith

Jean Fernald Jeremiah Smith

Velma Demeritt Jeremiah Smith

Benjamin Gooch Jeremiah Smith

Miriam Steir Joe English

Ruth Brown Joe English

John Poland Mount Hope

Barbara Gould Mount Hope

Patricia Ford Mt. Livermore

Constance Carr Park

John Goodrich Riverside

Dorothy Birard Riverside

Louise Littlefield Rochester

Roland Watson Sr. Rochester

Carol Fortune Sunapee Lake

Arthur Glidden Tuftonborough

Elizabeth Hanington Tuftonborough

Harold Putnam Walpole

Aurora Grange

Aurora Grange #235 of Pittsburg held its annual picnic at the home of Chip and Eddie Evarts on August 7, 2019. Members enjoyed a delicious feast of picnic goodies and chatted about summer trips. Everyone had a great time, but had to leave earlier than planned due to rain showers that interrupted the visiting.



Junior Grange
Joann Brandt, Director
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We are starting a new school year, and I hope everyone is finishing the Junior Crafts and Contests. Our State Junior Grange exhibit received a Blue Ribbon at the Stratham Fair Display. I hope your families have visited at least one Fair to see how many craft ideas are used with 4-H and Grange. It's fun to have a picnic lunch to save money as you travel, and it shows the children a good time without using a lot of money on every excursion.

We held the June Junior Fun Day with a mix of crafts, We made Calming Bottles and glued Popsicle sticks in the shape of a flag, using glitter where the blue and red would be. The Juniors made cards for the Pease Greeters or a special person and made Christmas ornaments to be sold at the Big E. The Christmas ornaments were made by swirling paint inside of glass bulbs, and they turned out really well.

There was lunch at noon and watermelon for a snack later. The Juniors enjoyed an egg toss game in the morning, and later in the day everyone played Bean Bag Toss for prizes to bring home. Thank you to our helpers who came and supported us on this day.

Remember, Junior Grange age is 4 1/2 - 14, but Juniors can join your Subordinate Grange at 13 1/2. Bring in children at your Granges and teach them how we hold a meeting and get them involved with filling a vacant seat, reading something for the program or doing the crafts to enter in the contests in the different departments,

If you don't have a quorum, your Junior members can count but can't vote. When you pay your dues, pay for your children (\$1.00 each) to your Secretary. The fee should be sent \$.25 per quarter to the State Grange with the Secretary's report and include the names of Juniors in the report. Our State Secretary needs the list to send to me for the report I send to the National Grange Junior Director.

I liked the fun days we have had and need to know from the families what months and weekends are best to plan something. I'm in hopes to try going to an area where there is a group of Juniors and share their area with the others in the state, but it is hard to plan and find few attending.

I missed the family camp weekend again and feel bad, but I hope if you were able to go, you had a good time. Are there activities you would like me to include in next year's program to keep the Juniors interested?

We are losing graduating Juniors and must find more Juniors to fill their spots along with your Subordinate's need to find new members as well. I hope you

Be humble for you are made of earth.
Be noble for you are made of stars.
 -- Serbian Proverb

attended a Membership meeting in one of the three places and learned new ideas to help you grow.

Please email me your ideas for fun activities for the children and adults to do together. We can all grow. My Grange has had Juniors help with our Ham and Bean Suppers. How they have grown! They can now assist in setting tables or cleaning them. Setting out pies alphabetically keeps them learning but in a fun way.

I am disappointed that State Grange has changed the State Session weekend to one which conflicts with another scheduled event for me. After the Grange date had been set last October, we deliberately planned our event. Now we find it falling on the same weekend. I hope to attend some of the session, but will have to be in Manchester on Saturday as I had volunteered to chair the kitchen at the Bird Show. Bring your Junior craft entries to the State Grange in October for judging and awards.

Enjoy the changing leaves along with changes in our activities. I hope to see you in my travels. If you would like me to attend your Grange, please feel free to call or email me and I hope the date will be open to attend.

Grange Revival, July 2019 A National Grange Event



Left to Right: Bob and Jane Trombi, Wilber and Jane Heath, Beth and Arthur Merrill

Six people from NH attended the first Grange Revival that was held in Ozark, Arkansas, in July. As we all drove, there were many opportunities to do some sightseeing on the trip down and the return trip.

While there, participants were able to engage in an Olympics, participate in craft workshops and Ag in the Classroom activities, spend time socializing with others, join in many events in the surrounding area, have some delicious meals prepared over the campfire, see some skits, sit around the campfire enjoying S'mores, and get to meet other Grangers that they might not have a chance to visit with.

Jane Trombi and Beth Merrill each did a craft workshop. Bob Trombi did a geocaching workshop, and Jane Heath taught about letterboxing.

Watch for information about the next Grange Revival, which will be held in 2021!

Antrim Grange #98

by Renee Mercier-Gerritsen

Antrim Grange has been busy as always. We held a Membership Day in May for current members to learn how to find new members to join our awesome organization. We also held our Community Awards Night and handed out many well deserved certificates.

We continue to work to raise money to renovate the Antrim Grange Hall. It is still in the foundation repair process but we are hoping to get past this point soon. If you would like to donate money, materials or time to this ongoing project, please contact Beth Merrill on the Antrim Grange Facebook page to find out how.

A few Grange members went and manned the ticket booth at the Cheshire Fair gates as a fundraiser. We have done this for at least four years now. Also, at Cheshire Fair, we put up our Antrim Grange exhibit and won a blue ribbon for our efforts. We will be setting up our exhibit again at Hopkinton Fair, Deerfield Fair and Hillsborough County Fair in New Boston. Thank you, Gloria Davis and Dawne Hugron for your hard work.

We have just concluded handing out the last of our Penny Sale winner items for this year. We had a good turnout

as always. The total was twenty-nine people in attendance for our Summah Suppah and twenty-eight people who bought Penny Sale tickets.

We had a lot of first-time Penny Salers this year. One individual was so excited when I called to tell him that he had won an item, it was like he had won the lottery. He assured us he would be back next year. Peter Beblowski won our first time donation from Angus Lea of two 9-hole games of golf and was thrilled. Our 'regulars' Margaret and Kim from Washington came with lots of family in tow this year. They had their usual carload of items to go home with.

Summah Suppah was ham and beans this year. There was a delicious squash and zucchini casserole made by Beth that got many positive comments and people getting seconds. Homemade pies made by Beth Merrill and Kathy Yardley ended our Suppah nicely before the numbers for Penny Sale started being called.

Thank you to the businesses who contributed: Angus Lea, Hillsboro Aubuchon's, Saxy Chef, Edmund's Hardware, Rick & Diane's, Patten Hill Farm and Deer Meadow Farm. Individuals who donated items that we could not have done without: Cassie & John Anderson and

friends, The Storros, Marilyn Mercier, Gwen Yardley, Jerry Dumont, Janice from Gregg Lake and also, the Grange members that brought items for our sale. We look forward to next year and hope that more first-timers will come in.

Our upcoming events include the Home & Harvest Festival where we will have a table set up. Stop by to see us! We will also be part of this year's new event 'The Historical Walk'. If you would like to see the inside of our beautiful Grange Hall which is also the first meetinghouse in Antrim, please look for the schedule when it becomes available from either the Home & Harvest Festival and/or the Antrim Historical Society.

Most of our Antrim Grange members will be participating in our annual State Grange Session in October which is being held in Lebanon this year. National Grange Session will follow in November.

We will be making cookies for the Town Tree Lighting and serving the December Community Supper. As Grange members, we never sit idle very long!

If anyone would like to learn how to become a member of Antrim Grange, don't hesitate to contact us on the Antrim Grange Facebook page or you can call Renee Mercier-Gerritsen at 547-5144.



Junior Department Exhibit at Stratham Fair



Junior Grangers Can Help with Fair Exhibits

**State Grange Historian
Richard Patten**



It has been a busy summer for the State Historian. I have been writing the history for the State Grange. I have featured the NH State Junior/Juvenile Grange history which was very interesting. I have written about special nights, degree work, investigating committee as well as regular meetings throughout the year. I have asked members to send me some information about their family in their Grange area. As of this date, I have not received any. I have written about Edward Pratt, Elizabeth Cournoyer, and Marion T. Jones to name a few.

I also have received telephone calls from funeral directors and Grange members who have someone who passed away. The deceased member or family indicated they were a Grange member. However, in many cases that Grange had closed or merged with a neighboring Grange. I have done a lot of research in trying find the information. In two cases, the deceased had changed their names twice but after a few days of reading, I found the information. Thank goodness for rosters and journals with valuable information.

Let's take a visit to the Grange past. I was reading the Journal of Proceedings for the NH State Grange in 1876. The State Master appointed delegates to the following session committees: Constitution & By-laws, Finance, Good of the Order, Cooperation, Master's Address, Executive Committee Report, Claims and Grievances, Mileage and Per Diem, Subordinate Granges, Trials and Appeals, Domestic Relations, Unfinished Business, and Order of Business. That is quite the list of session committees.

I looked at the Order of Business and the State Master conducted the meeting pretty much as we do today. One order of business was a Grange protesting an organization of a second Grange in Rochester. Rochester Grange had already become a Subordinate unit, but the Grange who was protesting did not want

a second Grange in Rochester.

It was in this session that the official By-laws for the New Hampshire State Grange were presented and adopted. It was noted that the Fourth Thursday in December will be celebrated as the Birthday of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry being organized in the Nation. The New Hampshire State Grange will hold its annual session on the third Tuesday in December starting at 10 a.m. The fee to become a member of a Subordinate Grange will be \$5.00 for men and \$2.00 for women except for charter members of which it will be \$3.00 for men and 50 cents for women. It also stated in the By-laws that Religious or Political questions will not be tolerated as subjects of discussion in the work of the Order, and no political or religious tests for membership shall be applied.

Now let's take a trip to 1964 where the NH State Grange met in Claremont. Carl S. Adams was serving as Master for the NH State Grange when the session began on Friday, October 30, at 9:10 a.m. at Stevens High School. The slate of officers included: Overseer, John L. Saturley of Pembroke; Lecturer, E. Norris Hall, Nashua; Steward, George Currier, Sanbornton, Assistant Steward, Herbert West, Chichester; Chaplain, Rev. Arlington Wry, Pittsfield; Treasurer, George Frazer, Monroe; Secretary, Scott Eastman, Weare; Gatekeeper, B. Franklin Hayes, Rochester; Ceres, Mrs. Clara Adams (mother of State Master), Lebanon; Pomona, Mrs. Elsie Hall, Monroe; Flora, Mrs. Cora French, Somersworth; Lady Assistant Steward, Miss Elsie Barton, Lempster (Note: this was the place LAS was until it was moved after the Assistant Steward; Pianist, Mrs. Annie Durland, Grasmere; Executive Committee, J Thornton Tripp, Rochester; Asa Morgan, Bow; and George Clement, Landaff.

The State Lecturer announced winners in the Booster Night programs: Granges with 100 members or more: Blazing Star Grange, Danbury, Marjorie Huntoon, Lecturer; Granite Grange, Milford with Kenneth Taylor, Lecturer, and Mont Calm Grange, Enfield with Bella Huntley, Lecturer. Granges with less than 100 members: Hooksett Grange with Gladys Trevena, Lecturer; Walpole

Grange with Genevieve Boynton, Lecturer, and Sugar Hill Grange with Maxine Aldrich, Lecturer. I don't know if Booster Night is observed any more.

The State Secretary reported five Subordinate Granges closed this year: Piscataqua, Kearsage, Winnepesaukee, Madbury and Tri Peak. This meant we had 19,053 members in 234 Subordinate Granges. The Pomona Granges showed Tri County Pomona Grange closing their unit. There were 8, 395 members in the Pomona Granges. The Juvenile Grange reported no new units organized. Winnisquam Juvenile Grange surrendered their charter. There were 920 Juvenile members in 32 Juvenile Granges.

The State Youth Committee announced Mr. and Mrs. Freeland Yardley of Marlboro as the new Young Couple of the Year; The State Princess, Miss Cathleen Maiocchi of Pelham Grange, and the State Prince, Laurence Upton of Marlboro Grange, will represent New Hampshire at the National Grange Session in Atlantic City, New Jersey, November 10-14. Miss Evelyn Holbrook of West Thornton Grange has been chosen as a Youth Officer.

The Youth Officers closed the Friday session in the Fourth Degree: Master, Freeland Yardley, Marlboro; Overseer, Arthur Osborne, Sunapee; Lecturer, Mary Shea, Brookline; Steward, William Belsea, Alexandria; Assistant Steward, Emmett Tyler, Brookline; Chaplain, Mrs. Evelyn Schafer, Rochester; Treasurer, Lynda Demers, West Thornton; Secretary, Shirley Dodge, Lyman; Gatekeeper, **William Jeralds**, Brentwood, Ceres, Mrs. Gwendolyn Yardley, Marlboro; Pomona, Mrs. Marlene Osborne, Sunapee; Flora, Mrs. Elizabeth Gowen, Ashland; Lady Assistant Steward, Donna Ashford, Brookline; Executive Committee, Carol Braley, Alexandria, Barbara Jacobs, East Rochester, and Leonard Twiss, New Ipswich; Pianist, Evelyn Holbrook, West Thornton.

It is time for me to come back to 2019 and get writing my report for the upcoming State Session in West Lebanon. I hope you enjoyed reading some of the past. Welcome to Autumn. I will be in Ann Arbor in early September watching my Michigan Wolverines. Go Blue!

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

I want to thank Jozi, Beth, Gloria, Joanne, and Tara for their participation in Grange Day at the State House. We were a small group, but we represented the Grange well. We also should thank Tara for her research into Governor Winant and then sharing that with us. It is quite the story.

We had a conversation with Secretary Gardner, were introduced in the NH Senate by Senator Carson, and saw some of the House session as well as a bit of the Senate session. We also had a different tour from Virginia. After lunch, we had a tour of the NH Historical Society and heard about the Governor Winant research. The eagle in the back of the attached picture, was the original eagle that was above the State House.



**Contest Entry Deadlines
Art Contest**

Due by 9 p.m. on Thursday of State Grange at the Fireside Inn, West Lebanon, NH. [Note the time change from the packet, which stated 3 p.m.]

Photography Contest

Due by 9 p.m. on Thursday of State Grange at the Fireside Inn, West Lebanon, NH. [Note the date change from the packet, which originally stated Oct. 1st.]

Create-A-Card Contest

Due to State Lecturer by October 1st.

Creative Writing Contest

Due to state lecturer by October 1st.

2019 Northeast Lecturer's Conference

This year the conference was held at Devens Conference Center, Devens, MA. This is the first year the lecturer's conference was held at a hotel rather than a college campus. It was also a new format, with the seven State Lecturers working together to put on one program. This allowed us to have more workshop time. There was a chance for members to go on a field trip to Jordan Dairy Farm, since our theme was Down on the Farm.

We had a great Spirit Night. NH only had eight in attendance, but there

**Lecturer's Lines
State Lecturer
Jane Trombi**



Our 2019 Grange year is coming to an end. State Grange is right around the corner and that means reports and contest entries will soon be due! Each Pomona and Subordinate Lecturer is asked to fill out an end of year report, which is in the program that was received at State Grange last October. There is also the Honor Lecturer's report if it applies. If you need a copy, please contact me or go to the State Grange website and click on Lecturer's program. Both reports are due October 1st. I hope your Grange will have many entries in the different contests. Having a full display at State Grange would be awesome to see! Our members love to see how talented everyone is.

All the contest information is in the 2019 Lecturer's Program and also available on the website.

Support the Granite State Granger with your donation.

**Bob Haefner, Tara Sad, Beth Merrill, Joann Brandt,
Josie Best, and Gloria Davis enjoyed
Grange Day at the State House.**

sure was a lot of spirit! State Master, Chris Heath, presented me with the State Lecturer's gift and I would like to thank all the Granges that donated. It is very much appreciated.

It seems the new format was very well received and we will plan on repeating it in 2021 when NH hosts! Many thanks to the NH participants who came out to support me at the conference: State Overseer, Bob Trombi; Co-Director of the Family and Community Service Committee, Joyce Martin; Director of Grange Services, Linda Phelps; Deputy, Ida Hutchins; Gary Ford and Judith Chase of Concord Grange; and State Master Chris Heath, who came for Spirit Night.

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Stratham Fair Pig Scramble

by Norman Brandt, Ag. Director

It was the hottest ever July world-wide his year. I cannot think this to be a good thing, but it is a milestone, and I am more than willing to point it out to everyone.

At Stratham Fair the hatching eggs were getting too hot and to not have a really bad situation happen I had to pull the eggs from the fair. On top of that the 4-H Pig Superintendent had strongly advised that the Pig Scramble not be held due to the heat. The fair had changed the time and dates of the Scramble, but it was still in the high 90's during the 7 p.m. scramble time. Upon the fair choosing to hold the Scramble, the superintendent walked away about half an hour before the Scramble was to start, leaving the Fair scrambling on how to run it without help from the 4-H.

Having removed my favorite part of my fair job, my brother and I had stepped up to help the fair run the Pig Scramble and set up a way to cool the piglets down after the scramble to keep them safe. After the Scramble I proposed some changes to the Scramble to make sure that Identifying the pigs would be easier from now on. During the lengthy discussion I somehow volunteered to help with the second Scramble and the care of the Scramble pigs during the fair.

The next morning, after not getting to sleep until 3 a.m., I showed up at the

fair, went to the Scramble person's office and told him, "You do know it is hotter today than yesterday and the piglets cannot safely be done without some dangerous changes made to the Scramble? Mainly, the piglets would need to be cooled down during the Scramble, We would have to have sprinklers in the Scramble area and people with hoses to mist the piglets and the children running after them. There will be dangers from the mud created and bones may be broken."

After a little while the man in charge told me, "We cannot run the Pig Scramble as the danger would be too high for the piglets and we will have to just draw winners out of the box." He was extremely heartbroken over that option. I pointed out that I had another option that is Crazy but would allow a Scramble without hurting the pigs or the kids. We replace the pigs with remote control cars. If the kids can grab the ribbon attached to the back of the car they get to go and pick out their piglet. He stopped, looked at me, and said, "Where can we get the cars?"

About one hour later I was heading back to the fair from 5 Below with some cars for kids to chase. It seemed that people liked the alternative, and in the end after the piglets were picked, he pulled names from the kids that didn't catch a ribbon and gave them one of the cars as a you-tried prize. Man! I think the parents were happier to be taking a car home over a pig home. It was funny.



Newly on display upstairs at the Sanbornton Public Library's community room is an American Flag and NH State Flag dedicated to Grangers, Faith and Bill Tobin, in appreciation of their contributions to Harmony Grange #99 and the community of Sanbornton, NH - 2018.

Bill Tobin was also a former NH State Representative and unfortunately passed away in 2018. The members of Harmony Grange wanted to acknowledge him and his wife Faith for their dedication and longtime service.

**If all fools could fly, the sun
would be eclipsed forever.
Dutch Proverb**

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