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The past several years of hard work by the Hosting Committee of the Connecticut State Grange will come to fruition later this month when the 142nd Annual session of the National Grange meets in Cromwell, Connecticut. The planning has taken every aspect of the session into account and we believe all will go well. It will be here the week of November 10th to the 16th so come and be a part of this great event. At its completion there will be a giant sigh of relief in the state.

Our own 124th Annual

Session is now history. Some of the events that happened will be in this issue. Although we have a short break between State and National sessions our work will begin in earnest on the 22nd of November. That is the date that I am calling for a Pink Sash meeting.

It will be at Cheshire Grange hall and the Deputies and Committees of the State Grange will meet at 12:00 P.M. There will also be a regional meeting of the CWA Committee at 1:00 P.M. so many of you can get in two meetings in one day.

All Committee Chairpersons should make plans with their members for the coming years activities so they can be finalized at this meeting and the information gotten to the printer, for the Blue Book, as soon as possible. Some time after 2:00 P.M. we will

have lunch, sandwiches, cupcakes and cookies and hopefully by 3:00 we can have the general meeting. The luncheon and general meeting are open to all who want to attend. This is your State Grange and you should be interested in what it is doing.

Once again the Connecticut State Grange mourns the passing of one of its Past Voting Delegates. Sister Peg Prelli entered the Great Grange Above at the end of September. We all send our condolences to the Prelli family. Sister Prelli was a long time member of the staff of this newspaper and did much to guarantee its existence into the future. She will be missed by all.

As we all remember our loved ones this holiday season Sister Marge and I wish all a Happy and Joyous Thanksgiving. Please remember those less fortunate than ourselves.

124th Annual Session of the CT State Grange



George Russell installed as State Gatekeeper

The *Connecticut Granger* goes to press shortly after State Session, making it impossible for the State Master and the various committee chairpersons to report on the results of the session for the November issue. There will be more complete coverage in the December issue. In the meantime we will provide you a basic outline of the Session's activities.

At the Pre-Session Banquet on Wednesday evening, three Scholarships were presented by the Student Loan and Scholarship Committee. The recipients were Jennifer Schermer, Ashley Hermonot and Jenny Pianka. More applications were received but were disqualified because they were incomplete. The committee regrets having to disqualify any application but the rules are very clear. Applicants should review the application and rules carefully when applying.

The Agriculture Committee presented two awards. The Outstanding Professional Farmer award went to Diane Matsusaki. The Outstanding Farmer award went to Richard & Dorothy Wingate who own the Studio Farm in Voluntown, CT. Studio Farm is a certified organic grower specializing in a wide range of vegetables: corn, salad vegetables, various squashes, potatoes, tomatoes (38 varieties) and rhubarb. Fruits include blueberries, strawberries, and raspberries.

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A successful Legislative year



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The Legislative Committee has continued to carry forward the work determined upon by the delegate body, often working in close coordination with our Grange counterparts in nearby states and also with organizations not affiliated with the Grange. I have received many compliments on our articles in *The Connecticut Granger* where we try

to keep the membership informed of everything that is happening in both Hartford and Washington. Our major accomplishment this year was the passage of the Face of Connecticut Act which creates a fund for local and regional open space programs, farmland conservation and stewardship, affordable housing, revitalization of urban parks, historic preservation and clean up of contaminated properties. It encourages both the preservation of our rural lands and the redevelopment of our decaying industrial areas, thus reducing the demand for industrial sprawl. At first glance these programs appear to be quite diverse,

but they all contribute to preserving our heritage and the quality of life in Connecticut as we know it. Although no funds were appropriated for the Face of Connecticut program this year, this is not a major problem. Even if money was available now, the steering committee has to get itself and the programs organized before it is ready to move forward with any of the programs authorized in this act. This all takes time, so most likely the General Assembly will be working on the 2009-2010 budget by the time the committee is ready to move forward with its programs.—

Another important act was passed to help
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All Roads Lead to Connecticut!

November 11-15
Crowne Plaza Hotel
100 Berlin Rd.
Cromwell, CT

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Studio Farm gained its unusual name from its 20th century purpose. In 1915, movie director, Joseph Totten bought the farm and made silent movies on the premises. It has been known as the Studio Farm ever since. The farm dates back to pre-Revolutionary war times with parts of the original carriage road still evident on the farm. The date on the deed for the farm house is 1753. An article in the *Providence Journal* (1938) states that George Washington spent two weeks at the farm, but no further evidence of his stay has been found.

The Connecticut State Grange was also pleased to welcome the new Dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Connecticut Dean Gregory Weidemann spoke on the current program at UConn and plans for the College of Agriculture moving forward. He succeeded Kirklyn Kerr, who retired during the last year. Dr. Kerr spoke at the 2007 Pre-Session Banquet.

State FFA President Emily Kalenauskas and Sentinel Alex Tremblay received a check in the amount of \$500 from the Connecticut State Grange. The amount was raised from donations made by Subordinate Granges in the state during the year. Heifer Project will also receive a check in the amount of \$135 raised from Subordinate Grange donations.

Delegates worked on nearly 35 resolutions during the session. Details will be provided in upcoming issues and in the Journal of Proceedings, when it becomes available.

This Election of Officers resulted in no changes in the elected officers for the new term. Brother Gordon Gibson's term expired this year and he was re-elected to a brand new three year term on the Executive Committee. There were some vacancies on various committees and the State Master plans to announce new appointments at the Pink Sash Meeting to be held on November 22 at Cheshire Grange Hall.

The Honor Subordinate Grange for 2008 is Ekonk Community Grange No. 89 and the Honor Pomona Grange is East Central Pomona No. 3. Congratulations to both Granges for their hard work.

Friday evening featured the conferral of the Sixth Degree with Katie Molodich and 34 candidates receiving the degree in full form. Fifth Degree members will have another chance to receive the Sixth Degree (and the Seventh) this month when the Connecticut State Grange confers the degree again on Saturday, November 15 at 10 A.M. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel during the National Grange Convention. The Seventh Degree will be conferred at 1:00 P.M. on the same date at the Bushnell in Hartford.

The work of the session concluded with the Installation of Officers conducted by Rhode Island State Master Scott Sherman and his team.



Scott Sherman, Master of the Rhode Island State Grange served as the installing officer for the Installation of Officers on Saturday afternoon.



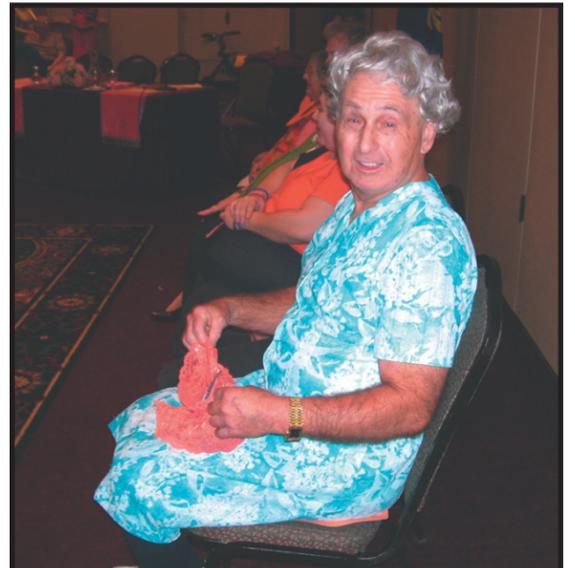
Gregory Weidemann, Dean of UConn's College of Agriculture & Natural Resources



Scholarship recipient Jennifer Schermer



State Master participates in the State Lecturer's program on Thursday evening.



Walter Forrest also takes part in program.



Robert Sendewicz, installed for a second term as Master of the State Grange.



State Secretary Edith Schoell escorted by John Waterhouse.

Southern Connecticut Past Masters
Our next meeting will be on Saturday, November 8, 2008 in Oxford Grange Hall with a Potluck Supper at 6:30 P.M. followed by our meeting at 8 P.M. and our program entitled "Let Us Be Thankful." Please remember the Country Store!

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NORTH HAVEN GRANGE #35

Corr: A. Tolette

Nov. 4: What's Next? Bring food for Food Closet

We had a nice installation at Totoket with Edie Schoell and her team doing a fine job.

The apple harvest program was a good one. It is surprising, to me, how many kinds of apples so popular now, were not heard of when our family had an orchard.

As for the What's in the Bag program the CWA will enlighten us.

OLD LYME GRANGE #162

Corr: Barbara Kulisch

Nov. 14: November Things

Nov. 28: Omit- Happy Thanksgiving

Our September 26th picnic, which was sent indoors due to the weather, was enjoyed by 12 of our

members at the home of the Stithams at Point O'Woods Beach.

In October, we hosted New Haven County Pomona #5 in the Wallingford Grange Hall. Henry & Barbara Kulisch now hold the Assistant's chairs in Pomona.

Our Master, Ross Stands & Lecturer, Barbara Kulisch will have been to State Session as our Delegates and we will be listening to their report of the session. What awards would we bring home this year?

We are busy getting our NEW community service projects underway and will be looking forward to know what the new CWA projects will be this year.

We wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Remember, our door is always open.

New London County Pomona No. 6



- Lebanon No. 21
- Colchester No. 78
- Pachaug No. 96
- Preston City No. 110
- ✓ N. Stonington No. 138
- ✓ Lyme No. 147
- ✓ Stonington No. 168
- Norwich No. 172

NEW LONDON COUNTY POMONA #6

Corr: Nancy Weissmuller

Dec. 9: The Twelve Days of Christmas, Preston City Grange

Jody Cameron's team traveled to Lyme Grange on September 11 to install Daniel Mutchler and his slate of officers. Jody and Jeff Barnes work together as installing officers, and a more impressive ceremony would be hard to find. After the meeting we enjoyed the delicious refreshments prepared and served by the lovely ladies of Lyme.

We look forward to sharing the holidays with everyone at Preston City Grange on December 9th. The meeting starts at 7:30. Debbie has a great program planned, I'm sure. As long as that Christmas tree doesn't tip over...

It's a new year for Pomona

With all that it portends

Let's put the past behind us

And, please, let's all be friends.

N. STONINGTON GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy Weissmuller

Nov. 7: "Puttin' on the Ritz" Neighbor's Night

Nov. 21: "Man of LaMancha" TBA

Our little food booth has been busy this summer and fall. Many thanks to the loyal crew that helps raise money for the Grange. Without this supplemental income our dues would have to be much higher. And speaking of dues, they remain at \$26.00 (plus \$4.00 if you are a Pomona member). As soon as you send your check you will receive a copy of this year's program along with your receipt(s).

National Grange comes to Connecticut this year. If you have not taken the Seventh Degree, this is the time to do it. If you would like to volunteer to help at National, your time would be truly appreciated.

Jody Cameron and his team installed Robert Miner and his slate of officers on September 12th in a lovely candlelight ceremony. Our Chaplain, Marge Anderson, decided it was time to retire after 14 years. We wish her well and hope to see her at many meetings. As Jody presented our retiring Master, Cindy Anderson, with her Past Master's pin, Marge, a past Master of Richmond Grange, presented her own past Master's pin to Cindy as well. We bet we know which one Cindy will wear.

Programs for the year look interesting. Hope many of you will choose to visit on a second or fourth Friday. We miss you all. And if this rain will only decide to let up for a few minutes, next time we'll tell you all about ornate October.

LYME GRANGE #147

Corr: Dick Chapman

Nov. 6: Vacationing in Texas

Dec. 4: Christmas in Connecticut

Calvin Coolidge was President when Virginia M. Gardner became old enough to join Middlefield Grange. She valued her membership and soon became very active holding many offices in local and Pomona Granges. Her journey would take her to Clinton, Madison, and East Haddam Granges due to Grange closings and in 1994 she came to the Lyme Grange.

An 80 year congratulatory letter from the National Grange President Ed Luttrell was recently presented to Virginia at her home with her daughter in East Haddam by Lyme Grange Master Lois Evankow and secretary Marita Rand. During the visit she fondly recalled her experiences as a Trumpet Girl along with her sister in the Seventh Degree when National Grange met in Hartford in November of 1934. It took several conferrals to take in the 12,679 candidates (that was not a misprint!).

Sincere congratulations and best wishes go out

to our friend Virginia M. Gardner.

Wonderful wise words: What you do today is important because you are exchanging a day of your life for it. Make it a good one!

STONINGTON GRANGE #168

Corr: Jeff Barnes

Our officers were installed at our October meeting, so a new year officially begins.

We are very proud that

Central Office settles into Good Will Grange



Edith Schoell
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The month of October has been busy, and now we head toward hosting National Grange.

Seventh Degree tickets are available at the Central Office. Cost is \$20.00 for the degree to be held at the Bushnell in Hartford on November 15th at 1:00 P.M. You need your receipt and passwords to

be admitted.

I want to again thank Brothers Sendewicz, Bergquist, Legg and Gibson for their labors in moving the boxes to Good Will Grange Hall. It was a combined effort to get the cabinets into the hall.

Please make a note of the new mailing address: P.O. Box 1393, Glastonbury, CT 06033. (No street address).

Thanks to the secretaries for getting their reports in promptly. It is greatly appreciated.

OUR NEW ADDRESS:

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Phone Number is the same: 860-633-7550

Grange Country Store enjoys record sales

Joan Ziegler, State W.A. Committee

Another record year for our Country Store in the New England Grange Building at The Big E and now we have to ask, can we do it again next year? Will we have enough items to sell? We tried to outdo ourselves from year to year and we're lucky that our good Grange members from all the six states come through for us every time. Our Connecticut members brought in so many beautiful handmade items and also put in many hours working in the store. Thanks to all of you! We really appreciate all you do for us. Now we have to start thinking about doing it all again for the coming year. If we start now I'm sure we can do it!

Back to this year – Connecticut needlework was excellent as usual and we were proud to display all the beautiful entries. Congratulations to all the winners.

For 2009, the same ten needlework classes will remain as they have been. Start thinking about what you'd like to make now so that we will have entries in all of the categories.

Regional meetings are underway to let you know our program for the coming year. Our new theme for 2009 will be "You're The Cat's Meow" and that's for all of our members who do so much for us throughout the year. We're hoping to see good attendance at the Regionals so that everyone will have the information for our CWA year. You don't have to be on CWA or be a woman to come to these meetings. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see many of you.

Excelsior Pomona No. 7



- ✓ Beacon Valley No. 103
- ✓ Bethlehem No. 107
- ✓ Watertown No. 122
- Prospect No. 144
- ✓ Bridgewater No. 153
- ✓ Wolcott No. 173
- ✓ Oxford No. 194

EXCELSIOR POMONA #7

Corr: Mary Dubay

Nov. 19: Fall Festival

Excelsior Pomona will meet on November 19, 2008 at Prospect Grange at 7:30 P.M.

The theme for the program by Lecturer Jean Meehan is called Fall Festival. Visiting Pomona members are always welcome. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

On November 7th the title of our program is "Orange." Following the meeting, Pat and Ron Fischer will serve refreshments. November 28th we will once again be decorating our hall for the holidays. Doesn't seem possible it's that time already.

Last call for those planning to take the Seventh Degree on November 15th. So far we have 5 members planning to take this degree – Judy and Tom Morse, Pat and Ron Fischer and Victor Godin.

As I write this column, Mary Pranulis has had surgery for a broken hip and is now a resident at Beacon Brooks Health Center. Please remember her with a card. For the many who have asked, Olive Rathburn is now home and planning to attend the State Grange Session.

BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121

Corr: Linda Coad

Nov. 24: Annual Turkey Dinner and Awards Night, 7:00 P.M., Country Store

WATERTOWN GRANGE #122

Corr: Mary Dubay

Nov. 7: Chrysanthemum Autumn

Nov. 21: Stuffing and Cranberry Time

In November we have Veteran's Day, a time to honor veterans of all wars with parades and laying wreaths at Veterans Memorials. Also we

have a favorite holiday, Thanksgiving, a time to give thanks while we enjoy with family a nice turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

Our first meeting in November is a program called Chrysanthemum Autumn by the Lecturer. Sounds pretty!

Our second meeting is called stuffing and cranberry time, which goes along with the Holiday Thanksgiving.

Three of our members will be taking the Seventh Degree at the National Convention to be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cromwell, CT, November 11-15. The degree will be at the Bushnell in Hartford.

We had our annual fall tag sale and it went very well. Master Sharon would like to thank all who helped in any way. Our CWA chairman Malinda continues to save store coupons for Veterans families and Points for Education for the schools.

Watertown Grange would like to wish all our fellow Grangers a Happy Thanksgiving.

Come and join us when you can, we love company.

BRIDGEWATER GRANGE #153

Corr: Chris Shook

Our season of beauty has arrived. How fortunate we are to live in this area to be able to enjoy God's bounty of colors - Enjoy!!

On Wednesday, October 8th our CT State Grange Master Bob Sendewicz came to confer the Obligation Ceremony on two new members joining our Fraternity, Michelle Bennett and Dan Haskell.

Master Bill Bennett will have our Grange Hall open on Halloween night for trick or treaters passing through-- greeted by a spook or two.

The Children's Dictionaries have been delivered to the third

graders in Bridgewater, Burnham and Booth Free School in Roxbury as one of our community service projects.

Our last of the season Roast Beef Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 11 and we thank all the folks who come to support us. Our Pumpkin Decorating Contest was held with 6 entries with first and second prizes.

Coming up will be our making of fruit baskets for Thanksgiving that we deliver to all our shut-ins at home or in nursing homes.

Followed up by lighting of our Grange Christmas Tree on the town green. This will take place on December 6th this year (followed by hot chocolate and cookies in the Grange Hall.)

We did attend church as a Grange, Sunday Oct. 5 at St. Mark's with the Blessing of the Animals. It's a real nice thing to do.

As the Steward in the First Degree charges "Treat the domestic animals with kindness."

Youth Chairperson Cindy Bennett even took a turkey in a cage pulled by a kid's red wagon. Well represented.

In closing, in case I don't get back to our "Grange" before winter sets in, a reminder for safety- drive carefully and please obey the speed limits. It's so important. Be patient and let the other guy go first if need be.

The 55 Alive senior's driving course will be held at Bridgewater Grange in April.

WOLCOTT GRANGE #173

Corr: Cindy Legg

Nov. 3: "Voting and Government" (Ref. Lecturer)

Nov. 17: "Thanksgiving Potluck" (Ref. Everyone) Country Store

Our first meeting in November we will discuss the upcoming presidential election, and other local elections. At our second meeting we will celebrate Thanksgiving with our annual "Thanksgiving Potluck."

In September, we had a successful Tag Sale. It was in conjunction with our town-wide tag sale. The weather was beautiful and we all had a good time. Our next big

event will be on Sunday, March 15, 2009. It will be a part of our celebration of our 100th anniversary. We will be sending out invitations with more information.

Now that autumn is in full force, hope you all go out and enjoy the leaves and the cooler weather.

Remember, we meet on the first and third Mondays of most months at our Grange Hall near the center of Wolcott. Come see us any time.

OXFORD GRANGE #197

Corr: Phil Rowland

Nov. 7: Neighbor's Night and Country Store

Nov. 21: Thanksgiving, Potluck Supper, 7:00 P.M.

The fall season is such a busy one! Fairs, State and National Sessions dominate members' schedules, depleting

attendance at regular meetings. Still, most meetings are being held with the requisite quorum in attendance.

As usual, the above program for November is partly tentative. The November 7 neighbor's night is a hopeful possibility; the Nov. 21 Thanksgiving potluck supper is a certainty. Neighbor's don't always come. We like to eat.

Recent interesting programs include Rob Buck's Collectibles showing of coins that he acquired during his recent visit to New York's Chinatown section. Some were very old, and some more modern ones were, surprisingly, identified with both Chinese symbols and English lettering.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Connecticut's first Pomona

Edith Schoell, State Historian

South Glastonbury - Nov. 22, 1886

"There being now no State Grange law regulating the organization of Pomona Granges in this state, permission is hereby given Earl Cooley and others to organize such a Grange in the Town of Berlin and to include members of Berlin, Burrirt, Newington, Whigville, Union, Meriden, Mattabesett, Westfield and East Hartford Granges, they pledging themselves to abide by such rules and regulations as shall be established in the meeting of Connecticut State Grange Dec. 7, 8, 9, 1886.

J.H. Hale, B.C. Patterson, W.F. Andross

At 10 o'clock a special meeting was held at Berlin Grange Hall in the Fourth Degree. After welcoming speeches by Master Cooley and Mortimer Whitehead, National Lecturer of New Jersey, it was voted to organize a Pomona Grange.

"In the afternoon the names of 130 Fourth Degree members were reported as having paid the charter fee of 50¢ each...."

"Thereupon such members were obligated in the 5th degree by W. Master hale assisted by Lecturer Whitehead and instructed in the secret work of the degree."

"Voted that in order to complete the organization of a Pomona Grange each of the Granges here represented shall be entitled to four votes and that the highest officer of each Grange present have power after consultation with his delegates present to decide who of his associates shall cast such votes..."

The following officers were thereupon elected by ballot:

W. Master J. M. Hubbard of Middletown

Overseer Earl Cooley of Berlin

Lecturer J. S. Kirkcham of Newington

Steward A. W. Saunders of Whigville

It was voted to appoint a committee of one of each of the voting members from each Grange represented to retire and prepare a list of the remaining officers."

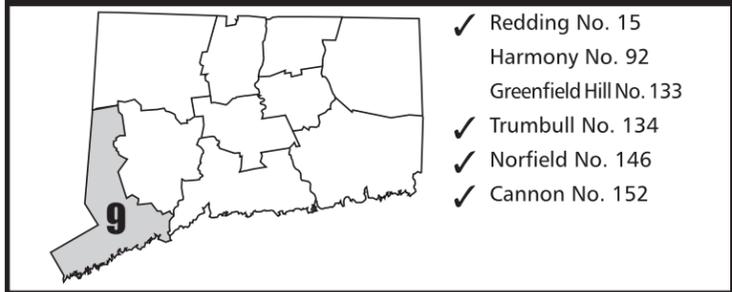
After the remaining officers were selected and voted upon, it was voted to have them installed by Bro. Whitehead.

A committee was appointed to consider a name for the Grange.

"Voted to hold the next meeting at Mattabesett Grange in Middletown on the last Tuesday in December at 10 o'clock forenoon."

"Committee on the name for the Grange reported the name of 'Central Pomona' which report was accepted."

Fairfield County Pomona No. 9



FAIRFIELD COUNTY POMONA #9

Corr: Karen Macdonald

Fall seems such a time of change and excitement. State and National Sessions in Connecticut offer Grangers opportunities to share ideas and learn from others. The new Grange year has begun. We're looking forward to a new year of interesting programs and projects. Hope you can visit neighboring Granges to join together for upcoming holiday celebrations.

REDDING GRANGE #15

Corr: Marge Sendewicz

Nov. 1: Pancake supper and Bingo.

Nov. 10: Thanks to our Veterans.

Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Party.

I know many of you have been anticipating our next pancake supper and bingo. Well here it is. Pancake supper from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. with the bingo to follow at about 7:30 P.M.

You know our pancakes and sausage supper is delicious and that we have great prizes for our bingo. We usually run fifteen to twenty bingo games with specials mixed in. So try your luck, have some fun and enjoy a delicious supper at Redding Grange hall.

On the 10th Bob and I won't be there as we will be at National but the other members will be honoring our veterans that night.

I know Bob wishes he could be there as he is a member of the DAV. We will be there in spirit as there isn't a group that is more deserving of honor than our veterans.

On the 24th we will celebrate Thanksgiving. These programs are interesting. There won't be a turkey dinner though. Maybe some turkey sandwiches for refreshments. I know at these times we all have a lot to be thankful for. While you are enjoying this holiday, please remember those less fortunate than you.

TRUMBULL GRANGE #134

Corr: Susan Carol Sulier

Hi fellow Grangers and welcome to November, the month known for the most delicious family feast of the year.

I have a story to tell you about the worst and best Thanksgiving of my life, which happens to be the same one. Twenty plus years ago, I got married to my wonderful husband Tom on Holy Saturday and quite unexpectedly my beloved Dad suffered a massive stroke the very next day, Easter Sunday. He remained in an irreversible coma until his death 27 days later. My Dad, whom I lovingly referred to as "Pub", loved the holidays and everything associated with them. Thanksgiving was going to be the first major holiday without him and my first holiday as a

new wife. My in-laws were visiting from Michigan, where Tom is from and I was determined to make it the best Thanksgiving for them and my family. To say preparing this holiday feast was difficult for me, because my Dad would not be there is an understatement, but I did it and did it to perfection in his honor. My Dad was very precious to me and I knew he would want me to celebrate his life, versus mourning his death. The day after Thanksgiving, Tom and I, with his family and my family in tow, all ventured out in our van in pursuit of finding us a home to purchase. Amazingly we found the perfect home that very day. It had all the amenities we wanted; waterfront, fireplace, garage and 2 bathrooms, everything we hoped for and in a price range we could afford. We put in a bid, the bid was accepted and that very night I became pregnant with our son. As it is said, the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. In my case, the Lord did it in reverse. He took away my Dad and gave me a son, a son who proudly bears the name Thomas George, Thomas after his Dad and George in loving memory of my Dad. So ends the story of my worst and best Thanksgiving.

Now on to the Grange stuff - In October, we joined together in mourning the passing of our Past Master/President Art Hanlon and his wife Arlyne who for many years were faithful and dedicated Grangers. Alice Salvias, our Chaplain draped the Bible in their honor and I composed and read a memorial tribute dedicated to them and presented everyone with a white carnation in loving

memory to them.

Also last month, our Overseer Pat Gerckens received an award for her tireless commitment to improving public safety (thru the AARP's Safe Driver's Program) and her dedication to community service at The 16th Annual Scottish Rite Awards Presentation (Masonic). My husband, Tom is the creator/chairman of the event and Granger Geno Piacentini did a masterful job on his solo of "The Impossible Dream". Pat is the third Granger to receive this award; she followed Mary Mazur and the late Helen Carroll.

In closing, I wish you all a very "Happy Thanksgiving", filled with great food, good health and most importantly love. Gobble-Gobble!

NORFIELD GRANGE #146

Corr: Ruth L. Hickcox

Nov. 4: Neighbors' Night 6:30, Veterans' Day; Country Store

Dec. 9: Holiday Supper 6:30, Santa; Grab Bag

After being duly installed in September by our in-house team of State Master Bob Sendewicz and his marshal, Marge, our top officers remain: Randy Miller, President; Marge Sendewicz, Vice President; and Sue Sulla, Lecturer.

Randy Miller reports that our Agricultural Fair on September 14 was fun for all. It was our first fair since 2004, and although we didn't make a profit we didn't lose much, either. Visitors were very glad to see us back! One big bonus: one of the exhibitors asked to become a Grange member. A warm welcome to Charlene Blount of Weston!

It is always a pleasure to announce the latest Weston High School winner of the \$500 Grange scholarship. This year's award went to Nicole Bertini, who is matriculating at Thomas More College of the Liberal Arts.

And now for the sad news: Ethel Keene died on September 6. One of the truly legendary leaders in our Grange, Ethel was a past Master and organizer of much that went on at Norfield. In later life she left to

spend many years with her daughter, Ethel and her husband in St. Croix. But her influence lingers – not only in her large and loving family but in those of us who grew up in the Grange under her spell. We draped the Charter in her memory on September 9.

CANNON GRANGE #152

Corr: Don Offinger

Dec. 4: Business meeting

Dec. 18: Holiday Program

Long overdue is a report on our 76th Agricultural Fair held back in August. The day was a sensational success with great weather, beautiful exhibits, thoughtfully planned activities and events, terrific entertainment, and most of all a delightful crowd of fair-goers. The Fair committee, which worked tirelessly for 10 months to plan for the fair, was chaired by Michelle McDonald. The logistics of the Fair set-up was overseen by Doug Shepherd who is a wizard at fixing and making things. And our entertainment and concessionaires were all lined up by Billie Sue Hollingsworth. We tip our hats to Michelle, Doug and Billie Sue for jobs well-done!

If you came to our Fair, you enjoyed some wonderful local musical talent throughout the day; and guess what? They're all members of our Grange! the local soft-rock band of "Farmers Against the Crown" and "The Billie Sue Hollingsworth Trio". We know we are so fortunate to have these talented members among us.

Recently, we refinished the kitchen floor and the floor in the Hall. Both look terrific and sparkle. And in our continuing efforts of going "green", we have installed compact fluorescent lamps in all our fixtures; both inside and outside.

Please note our holiday meeting schedule. Meetings are at 8 PM, and are preceded at 7:30 with a refreshment period. Visiting Patrons are always welcome--won't you join us?

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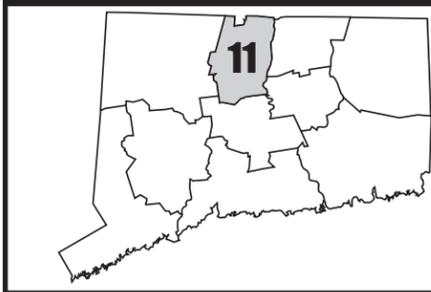
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Farmington Valley Pomona No. 11



- ✓ Granby No. 5
- ✓ Tunxis No. 13
- ✓ Cawasa No. 34
- ✓ Simsbury No. 197
- ✓ West Suffield No. 199
- ✓ Cherry Brook No. 210

FARMINGTON VALLEY POMONA #11

Corr: Betty Jane Gardiner

Nov. 17: Danke- Merci- Gracia - Dziekuje - Thank You

We extend appreciation to our people who were involved at the Big E. It was a very successful year for the New England Grange Building because of all those who worked so hard in West Springfield.

Our October meeting was omitted so folks could prepare for State Session. Bob Brockett was our delegate to the convention.

Pomona Handbooks have been distributed and another year of work is underway. Let's hope it will be a good year in every way for Farmington Valley.

GRANBY GRANGE #5

Corr: Vivian Shaw

Nov. 2: N.E. Lecturer's Conference from Maine
Nov. 20: Thanksgiving
Nov. 22: Public Setback Card Party, 7:00 P.M.

At our Granby Grange Fair was successful. Barbecue by Bob Brockett, Lou Cascio, and Newt Lyons. Judge was Bob Palen from Simsbury Grange. Lois Neuman won first for her Coconut Cake. Grocery raffles, 1st Jim Sansone, 2nd-Janet Inness. Guessing contest of candies by Ron Bumstead won a cake.

TUNXIS GRANGE #13

Corr: Pam Covington

Nov. 4: Thanksgiving, are you stuffed?

The members of Tunxis Grange were very sorry to learn of the death of Mary Ann Schwartz. Mary Ann had been a member of the Grange for seven years, but she enjoyed it so much! Music was very much a part of her life, and in addition to having two degrees in music, she directed the bell choir of her church and volunteered at the Bushnell as an usher. Mary Ann had taken both

the Pomona and State Degrees and wanted to take the National Degree when it comes to Hartford in November. Tunxis will miss Mary Ann at our meetings as she was always cheerful and upbeat, with a wonderful smile for everyone. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to her family and friends.

Tunxis Grange would like to extend Happy Thanksgiving wishes for everyone.

CAWASA GRANGE #34

Corr: Maggie Schofield

Cawasa held a wonderful open house on Oct. 9th at 7 P.M. We presented Carole Cumming with the Community Citizen Award. Present were friends from her church, North Canton Methodist, and The Canton Historical Museum.

We also presented Art Rote with his 55 year seal. We loved to see a nice crowd. It was an enjoyable evening.

Our Nov. 6th meeting will be held at 1:00 P.M. at the Community Center on Dyer Ave. Rm. E. We would love to see you! That means you, Bruce!

SIMSBURY GRANGE #197

Corr: Betty Jane Gardiner

Nov. 12: Giving Thanks
Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29: Card Parties

All our work of the past year was completed and reports were made to the proper places.

Betty Gardiner was our delegate to the State Session.

Schedules for our meetings as well as those of the card parties for the year have been announced and we are "off and running!" We hope for good cooperation and participation from our members.

Master, Frances Sarnecki is having health problems. We wish her well and look forward to having her back in action.

WEST SUFFIELD #199

Corr: Pam Covington

Nov. 11: Mums on the table

West Suffield Grange did not have a meeting in September due to bad weather. We felt it would be better not to have this meeting as we did not wish to have a member take a fall and get hurt.

We were saddened by the death of one of our members, Ernestine Colson. Ernie was the sister of Grangers Earl Colson, Bea Phelps and

Gertrude Greer. Ernie loved animals, sang in the choir of her church, and enjoyed having fun and a good time with her family. We wish to extend our deepest sympathy, thoughts, and prayers to her family.

In November, we will start meeting at the West Suffield Congregational Church. If anyone wishes to, we would love to have you come and visit with us.

Have a very Happy Thanksgiving.

CHERRY BROOK GRANGE #210

Corr: Muriel LeGeyt

Our Fair on September 13 was a success. We had entries for veggies, fruits, flowers, bakery & herbs and Junior entries also for Crafts and Bakery.

We are not certain as to the times for meetings yet, change is hard to settle on.

We will have at least one person take the Seventh Degree at National, our Master, I'm so proud of Cora.

See some of you soon.

Legislative Committee Report

Continued from page one...

the dairy farmers by promoting the use of milk and milk products. Like the Face of Connecticut bill, no money was appropriated for this milk promotion, but we at least have the legislation in place when the funds are available. Two bills the Grange supported did not pass, mostly because they would have resulted in a net loss of tax revenues to the State. One bill would have allowed people to take a credit on their state income tax return for the value of land or easements donated for conservation purposes. The other would have exempted the donation of farmland preservation easements from the "look-back" period when a person applies for medicaid and similar programs.

Now that the New York State Grange has joined with the six New England State Granges for most programs, we have reorganized our regional program into the Northeast Legislative Alliance to achieve our common goals at both the state and national level. Our new alliance has had four meetings so far and hopes to have our web site up and running in the near future. Our September meeting was devoted to this year's session of the National Grange. The National Grange held a legislative workshop during each national session, but this was dropped several years ago due to limited participation. The Northeast Alliance decided we were going to hold a legislative workshop this year, even if we had to do everything ourselves. I am pleased to report that National Grange recognized the interest we had and has included the workshop in the official program. I am also pleased to announce, and this is news even to our Connecticut Hosting Committee, our speaker will be Bonnie Burr, Connecticut Director of the USDA Farm service Agency, who will speak on the new 2008 Farm Bill and what it will mean to farmers across the country. We were saddened this year by the death of Brother Art Hanlon approximately three weeks after his wife Arlyn passed on. Art was a member of the Legislative Committee for eighteen years, serving as Legislative Director for eight years. The Committee thanks Art for his dedication, leadership and, perhaps most important, his understanding of Medicare. Our committee now consists of Brothers George Ward, Charles Dimmick], Dick Healy and Bob Charbonneau. The members of the Executive Committee are also ex-officio members of the Legislative Committee, and Brother Ruel Miller has attended and

actively participated in every meeting of the Legislative Committee this year. As I have said in previous years, each has their special area of interest and expertise, which makes it quite easy to stay abreast of all current issues. It is only through their dedication, time and effort that we accomplish everything we do. They are a great group to work with.

Worth Master, we again want to thank you for the opportunity you have given us to continue serving the Connecticut State Grange as we work to improve the quality of life for everyone in Connecticut.

Connecticut Farmland Trust has had another successful year, thanks to the many generous donors who make it financially possible to preserve our rapidly diminishing farmland base. Connecticut Farmland Trust recently closed on an easement on Cato Corner Farm in Colchester, bringing our total preserved land to 1195 acres on 15 farms across the state. We plan to close on two additional farms by December 31, 2008 which will preserve another 250 acres of farmland. During the year we have also made more than 200 consultations with towns, local land trusts and individual land owners to assist them in preserving farmland. Assisting farm families in planning the smooth transfer of their land from one generation to the next is becoming an important part of our work. In too many cases a family has been forced to sell some or all of their land to raise the cash needed to settle an estate and pay the inheritance taxes.

We were asked to serve on the panel to select recipients of grants to evaluate barns and outbuildings for structural integrity, historic significance and feasible reÑuses. I am pleased to report that one of the barns selected is owned by a very active family in my own Grange. Recognizing the importance of farmland across the nation, Henry Talmage, our Executive Director, will be one of the featured speakers at the Salute to Agriculture breakfast as part of the National Grange session on November 12, 2008. On behalf of the Board of Directors of Connecticut Farmland Trust I want to thank the Connecticut State Grange, the Pomona and Subordinate Granges and the many individual Grange members who support our work with both time and money. Thanks to all of you, we are able to meet our goals of preserving Connecticut's farmland before it is irretrievably lost to development.

North Central Pomona No. 13



- ✓ Stafford No. 1
- ✓ Tolland No. 51
- ✓ Vernon No. 52
- ✓ Enfield No. 151

NORTH CENTRAL POMONA #13

Corr: J. Jordan

Nov. 6: 5th Degree

Please note that North Central Pomona will be meeting a week early this month due to the convention. The place for the meeting has yet to be decided. Give Master Edith Welles a call if you plan to attend and want to know where to go.

The monthly auction will be held and items are due from Stafford Grange. This is just one small way to add funds to our treasury. From all of North Central Pomona to all Grangers, Happy Thanksgiving!!

STAFFORD GRANGE #1

Corr: Maude Emhoff

Nov. 18: Guest Speaker and Discussion, Re: Citizen of the Year (2009) 7 P.M.

Everyone turned out for our Installation of Officers; which always gives us a good feeling. Could it be a portend of the future! Our picnic was in a lovely location (on a pond in the rear of Shirley and Milo Bradway's home). The weather was perfect with lots of good food. If more members had attended it would have been deemed perfect. Three of our members are recovering from stays in the hospital and nursing homes: Gloria Duda, Edna Bidorini and Edgar Hunicutt. Hope this finds them all on the mend.

It was interesting to hear that two of our Grange couples went to Alaska this summer (different trips). Seems that this is our newest and most popular frontier.

Sandy and John Emhoff went panning for gold. It turned out to be the coldest summer Alaska has experienced; but not too much gold. Myron and Masako Avery took the overland tour and the cruise through Glacier Bay. In any event they all had memorable trips.

TOLLAND GRANGE #51

Corr: J. Jordan

Nov. 4: Wow!! 122!!

Tolland Grange will be celebrating its 122nd Anniversary of being organized on November 24, 1886! Where has the time gone? Things have changed quite a bit since 1886 but we are continuing to meet once a month and hopefully are making a contribution to our community. If you would like to join us for refreshments on the 4th of November, let Master Robert West know so we can plan accordingly.

VERNON GRANGE #52

Corr: Nancy Strong

Nov. 7: Meeting

The Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation (CTHP) Barn Grant was awarded to the Strong Farm. The purpose is to conduct a condition and feasibility study of their barn in Vernon Center. Roy Gilley, the Historic Architect, who was hired to do this study will be present at Vernon's November meeting to show what has been done for the conditions study and the dreams for the future of the barn which might be an historic agricultural education center so that students and residents of the Town of Vernon can learn about farming of the past and present. This meeting is open to anyone interested in attending.

ENFIELD GRANGE #151

Corr: Irene Percoski

Nov. 8: Turkey in the Straw, Potluck Lunch, 12:00 Noon

Dec. 13: Holiday Happenings- Ref. Irene & Florence

We were duly installed by Edith Schoell and her team after a really great potluck luncheon, and now look forward to Thanksgiving. The fall season always has been my personal favorite. I love the colors, the smells and the cold frosty mornings.

By the time you read

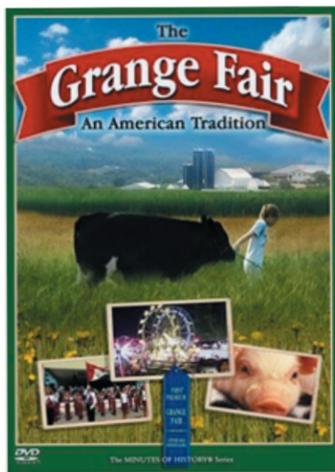
this State Session will be over and National very close, where has the time flown by so quickly? Now is the time to begin all those projects that keep us going through the

winter. Items for the Big E salesroom, blankets and memory books for Foster Care and lap robes and adult bibs for area nursing homes. Try to think of something new

for Community Service and let's have another great year. Remember, the longest journey starts with the first step.

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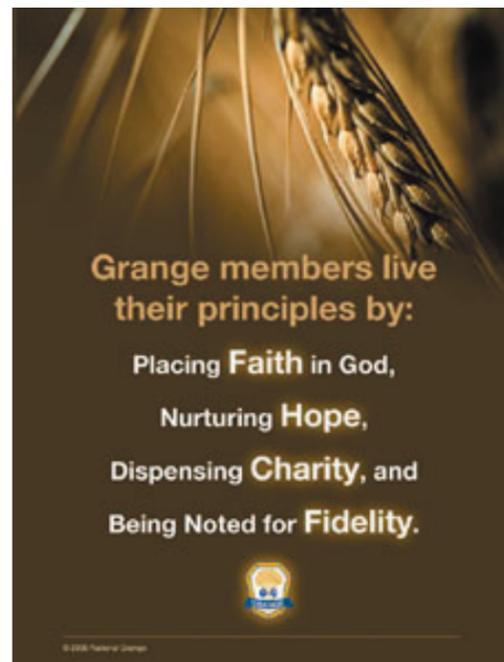
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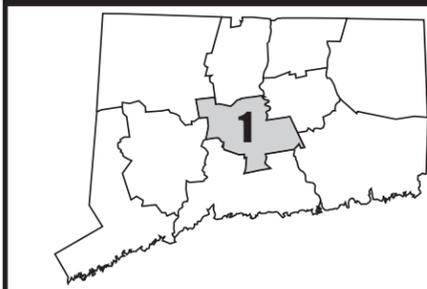
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Central Pomona No. 1



- ✓ Southington No. 25
- ✓ Meriden No. 29
- ✓ Westfield No. 50
- ✓ Higganum No. 124
- ✓ Hemlock No. 182

SOUTHINGTON GRANGE #25

Corr: Lisa Lamoureux

Nov. 1: Waffle Breakfast
Nov. 10: Business Meeting (Lecturer)
Nov. 24: Happy Turkey Day – Safety and Rescue (Steward)

Hope the nice crisp weather is treating everyone well. I don't know about everyone else, but fall is my favorite time of the year. On November 1st, Southington Grange will sponsor a Waffle Breakfast. Come join us for some nice, hot, build your own waffle. Remember, breakfast is the most important meal of the day. On November 10th we will have our business meeting and on November 24th we will celebrate Turkey Day along with a short program on Safety and Rescue. Why not come down for a little turkey

knowledge before you start eating. You can even surprise your family with your vast knowledge on Thanksgiving. If we do not see you, Southington Grange wishes all of our Grange Brothers and Sisters a wonderful Thanksgiving Day.

Remember we meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. and are located on the corner of Summit Street and Knowles Avenue in the Plantsville section of Southington."

MERIDEN GRANGE #29

Corr: Dianne Clark

We the Meriden Grange had our 79th Fair, September 13th on Saturday, 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Cindy Hupper received first and second prizes in vegetables and flowers. Dianne Clark received first and second prizes in arts and

crafts. Phyllis Maynes in Needlework and brought a list from Bradley House. Bob Charbonneau sang in the Pratt & Whitney Choir and presented an award to an officer in Meriden named Tom Zirillo. Murray Newton had a table on woodworking and carving. We had a pork roast dinner at 5:00 and auction at 6:30 and raffle at 8:00.

On the 26th of September we had a program on citizenship day Sept. 17th program on Autumn and a successful Harvest and skit.

Hope to see you for our Halloween Party on the 2nd Friday in October, bring a costume.

WESTFIELD GRANGE #50

Corr: Phyllis Redford

The Charter of Westfield Grange was draped at the September 18th meeting in loving memory of Marcella (Micky) Vecchitto, PM, who suffered a stroke several weeks earlier. Micky was very active and for many years served as Treasurer at Westfield and was Granger correspondent. We miss her. The November program will be just two days following

the National election and time to tell of some interesting happenings at the White House in the distant and/or recent past. Visiting Grangers are always welcome.

Corr: Maureen Sanborn

Nov. 14: Indian Summer
Nov. 28: Omit-Thanksgiving

Denise Kately is in charge of the program. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

Vernon Grange helps town celebrate 200 yrs.



Vernon Grange participated in Vernon's 200th Anniversary Parade on Sunday Oct. 5. Richard Steele provided the 1931 Ford pick-up decorated for the occasion.



Evening of Excellence



Friday, November 14, 2008 - 7:00 P.M.

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Convention Badge required for admission.

Shuttles from the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell will be available.

Seventh Degree



Saturday, November 15, 2008 - 1:00 P.M.

Bushnell Performing Arts Center

166 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut 06106

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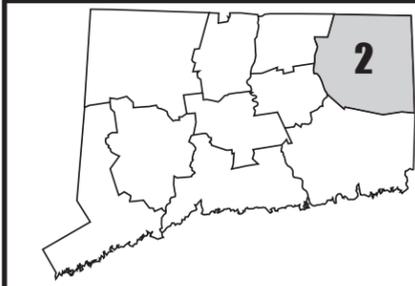
From I-84 Eastbound

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Quinebaug Pomona No. 2



- Senexet No. 40
- Brooklyn No. 43
- ✓ Wolf Den No. 61
- ✓ Ekonk No. 89
- Ashford No. 90
- Putnam No. 97
- Killingly No. 112
- Highland No. 113
- Echo No. 180

SENEXET GRANGE #40

Corr: Diane Miller

Nov. 19: Happy Thanksgiving

Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Pie Sale

We were delighted to have the triple installation with Wolf Den and Putnam at Wolf Den Grange Hall. It was a pleasure to see John Lawson and his team do the installation. Tom Perry is our new Master.

We have been busy with the concessions at the Woodstock Fair and the Celebrating Agriculture event.

Pie Sales will continue this fall. We made a long list of what members would like to see us do this year. Hopefully we can include community members to consider Grange membership.

Visit us.

BROOKLYN GRANGE #43

Corr: Louise Salmon

Remembering the year 1928 was the program on Aug. 12. How different life was 80 years ago! Interesting facts were read from a memories booklet. My favorite fact: Movie mogul says talkies "Just a fad."

On September 9, members enjoyed a Sing-

A-Long with selections from our Patron Songbook, with our musician Peg Sequine at the piano.

Please note our address has changed from P.O. Box 207 to 134 Gorman Road.

WOLF DEN GRANGE #61

Corr: Elsie M. Johnson

Nov. 12: Veteran's Day-Legislative; Ref. Doughnut & Cider

September's potluck featured the usual guests and special entertainment. We draped the charter for departed Sister Vivian Wilson. It's apple picking time. Time to stock up. Nothing like a homemade apple pie.

Our installation with John Lawson and his team from Rhode Island which installed 3 Granges at once - Wolf Den, Senexet and Putnam with 36 attending. It was beautiful.

Hope our Tag & Bake Sale Oct. 4 went well.

The Senior Center is now open weekday afternoons.

With Halloween coming up be careful of the trick or treaters at night in those black costumes.

We hope to have a bluegrass show on the 25th.

Best wishes to all.

EKONK GRANGE #89

Corr: Sue Gray

Nov. 3: "The Roaring 20's!"

Nov. 22: Turkey Supper 5-7 pm

Dec. 1: "Those Fabulous 50's!"

Dec. 12: "Christmas by Katrina!"

We have been thoroughly enjoying the talents of Colin & Katrina Sebastian at our meetings. This brother/sister team are smart, willing to help and talented. Colin played the piano in our last program & did a wonderful job.

Katrina volunteered to plan and choreograph the Christmas program Dec. 12th: it is sure to be an outstanding presentation.

Thanks to Mike and Betsy Molodich for taking charge of the major fall fundraiser held on Molodich Farms--catering the bike races held there--Betsy said they had plenty of willing helpers as well as plenty of mud (which the bikers seem to love)--the event added over \$2,000.00 to our depleted treasury.

Mark your calendars for November 22nd and come to our annual Turkey Supper...5-7 pm.

We draped our charter in loving memory of 31 year Granger, Eileen M. Rabbitt. Eileen was truly an inspiration with the courage she had as a 20 year cancer survivor.

Dictionaries have been distributed to 3rd graders in the Plainfield schools, Voluntown school and of course, in Sterling. Thanks to Cheryl Thevenet, who is outstanding with this annual project and to Ned and Amy Sebastian, her assistants. Ned and Amy stepped in this year for Rebecca Gervais, who was in the hospital at the time, giving birth to her daughter (Brianna Sue). Thanks, Ned and Amy and congratulations to Rebecca (husband, Allen & sons Jacob, Clifford, Trevor and Jared).

Plan to visit us any first Monday at 7:30 p.m....our door is always open

Mystery Meeting Place



For our November Mystery Picture, we would like to know what Grange meets in this building? If you know or have any idea, please let your Information Director know by telephone, postcard or e-mail. Just mail your answers to: Carl H. Bernhardt; 424 Cedar Lane; Cheshire, CT 06410, or call (203) 272-4620. Our e-mail address is: mcb76@cox.net. We would like your answers by October 1st. The names of everyone who gives us the correct answer will be printed in the January issue of the **CONNECTICUT GRANGER**.

The Mystery Picture shown in the September issue of the **Granger** is Echo Grange Hall. We received correct answers from: Gloria John of Echo Grange, Marion Emmons of Ekonk Grange and Edward Festi of Stafford Grange.



Echo Grange Hall

Upcoming National Conventions

143rd Annual Convention ~ November 17-21, 2009
Amway Grand Hotel - Grand Rapids, Michigan

144th Annual Convention ~ November 9-13, 2010
Hilton Charlotte University Place - Charlotte, N. Carolina

145th Annual Convention ~ November 8-12, 2011
Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills - Tulsa, Oklahoma

Plan on attending the National Convention

Carl H. Bernhardt, State Publicity Director

Now that the State Grange Session has been completed, do you have plans to attend the National Grange Convention? The dates are November 11th to the 15th. The 7th Degree will be conferred on Saturday, November 15th at the Bushnell Auditorium in Hartford. In addition, the Talent Show, "Evening of Excellence", will be on Friday, November 14th at Welte Auditorium, Central Connecticut State University in New Britain.

There is lots more to see at the National Session. There will be an Idea Fair and Showcase of Excellence where members can see samples of the projects from each of the states and browse through the Grange Store. There will also be numerous workshops to attend.

This will also give you the opportunity to visit with old friends from across the country as well as make new friends. Hope to see you in Cromwell.

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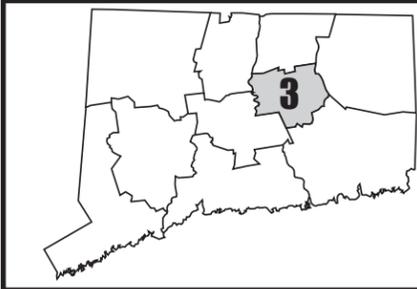
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- ✓ Marlborough No. 205

E. CENTRAL POMONA #3

Corr: John Waterhouse

Nov. 3: Regular Meeting, 7:30 P.M.

Dec. 6: Regular Meeting, 7:30 P.M.

Our officers have been installed and we are ready to start working. We welcomed the State Grange Central Office to Good Will Grange Hall in September.

In November, we will meet on the third at 7:30 P.M. The program is titled, "What's Cooking" - probably a turkey for Thanksgiving- I hope your Thanksgiving is peaceful and full of gratitude for all the blessings we have.

GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26

Corr: Kay Ruff

Nov. 6: Regular Meeting, 7:30 P.M., Program: Turkey Favors

Dec. 4: Meeting is at 6:00 P.M. followed by our Annual Holiday Party

At our November meeting we will make some turkey favors to brighten some folk's lives during the holidays. November 8th is our second card party for the season. Join us for a fun evening and enjoy a fun evening with some delicious refreshments. Bring a friend with you.

At our Annual Holiday party on December 4th remember to bring a book or two that will be delivered to the Glastonbury Social Service Department to brighten a child's life at Christmas.

We recently delivered the dictionaries to the 3rd Graders at the Nayaug Elementary School. The children were looking forward to receiving them. There were happy smiles on all their faces. Our special Degree Day was a success. There were candidates from Hillstown and Colchester Granges. We wish to thank both Granges for their assistance helping

with the potluck supper and also with the degree. We certainly appreciated all the assistance.

Glastonbury Grange wishes everyone a very bountiful and happy Thanksgiving season.

MANCHESTER GRANGE #31

Nov. 19: Turkey or Chicken

Dec. 3: Needles and Pins (CWA)

Dec. 17: Favorite Foods

Fall is now gracing us with its presence. The fall colors are beautiful with their array and scenic wonder. The flip side of this, is that they will need to be raked if they fall in your yard. The wonderful crispness of the air this time of year, is invigorating. I know, all too soon there will be snowflakes piling up in our yards and roadways.

The Big E has come and gone again for another year. The country store and the handcrafts did exceptionally well this year. The crowds seemed to be down this year, but those attending were buying. In observation, the Grange has the hand made items that the fair goers were looking for. Hats off to everyone who made items for sale. Anyone who bought them and anyone may receive them, will be pleased. Many folks commented that their grandmothers would buy the mittens, hats, gloves, scarves, and slippers every fair season. There were many items from Christmas ornaments to baby items to kitchen items, all of which were eagerly bought. So many of the goodies that were sold will become a treasure to someone. Thanks to everyone who made their goodies and for donating them. Good Work!

We've had our installation of officers. As usual, Edith Schoell and her team did a marvelous

job. Hillstown had a couple of their officers installed with ours. Good Luck to them in the coming year. We have a Lecturer again. Maryann Stone graciously agreed to take on the task. We also had to double up on a couple of offices. That is what we are all about, we do the things that are necessary to have our Grange active. Please stop in and visit.

Remember our Veterans on November 11. Many of us either have someone presently in the service or have had someone in the service. Be thankful for their service past and present.

By the time this is received, we will have a new president of our country. This election has been quite interesting, with many opinions and there is going to be a lot of changes.

Have you called a shut-in today, sent someone a card or volunteered at a soup kitchen... Now is a good time to clean out your drawers, closets and etc and to donate them to a shelter. With the cold weather coming, these items will be greatly appreciated.

COVENTRY GRANGE #75

Corr: Ethel Harris

Nov. 6: Chill in the Air

Nov. 20: Reap in the Harvest

Dec. 4: The Count Down

School's in-- summer is a memory. The foliage is turning and we await a beautiful fall. We know what kind of winter is before us.

Our hall has been given some t.l.c. but much now is necessary to keep it in good standing. Nice work, Noel-- wish you were twins!!

We are awaiting the count of our third graders in order to put in our order for the Dictionary Project.

Many of our faithful few have had serious health problems and we wish them all well.

It was good to see so many out for our special membership recognition event. We'll do it again in the spring for members of lesser years.

Happy Thanksgiving to all and stay well.

HILLSTOWN GRANGE #87

Corr: Rita Schaefer

Nov. 28: "Let's Give Thanks"

Nov. 22: Holiday Craft Fair

It doesn't seem possible that another Grange year has come to an end. The fields are starting to look bare, the fall harvest is at the stands and the leaves are starting to show their colors now. We can't wait to see what's in store for us this coming year.

We did accomplish many things this year. Hillstown has re-organized the Junior Grange and had one candidate of five take their degree at Glastonbury Grange and we thank them for a job well done. The Junior Grange meets on the Third Friday of each month. Best wishes to them as they grow.

Now that the holidays are coming, we just want to say hi to our members living in other states,

you're always in our thoughts.

Our Christmas Party will be held on Dec. 7th at a place to be determined and weather permitting. We will wait for the committee's conference to see what we will do next year.

Thanksgiving blessings to all.

MARLBOROUGH GRANGE #205

Corr: Ruth Posuniak

Nov. 6: Regular Meeting, 11:00 A.M., Marlborough Cong. Church Youth Room; Program: Sister Irene's Surprise. Bring a book for a child. Ref. Ruth Posuniak.

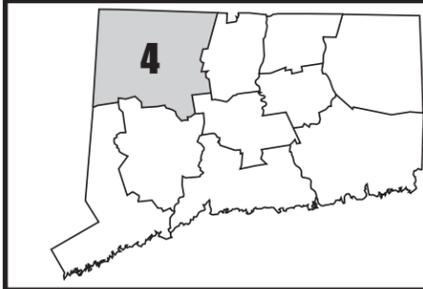
The children's book should be wrapped when brought to the November Grange meeting. Non-perishable food items will be collected for the Thanksgiving Basket at this meeting.

80 Years of Membership



Lois Evankow, Master of Lyme Grange No. 147 (left) presents Virginia M. Gardner with her 80 year certificate. Sister Gardner fondly recalls her earliest years of Grange membership when she served as a Trumpet Girl in the 1934 conferral of the Seventh Degree at the Bushnell in Hartford.

Mountain County Pomona No. 4



- ✓ Hope No. 20
- ✓ Whigville No. 48
- ✓ Eureka No. 62
- ✓ Winchester No. 74
- ✓ Taghannuck No. 100
- ✓ Litchfield No. 107
- Beacon No. 118
- ✓ Riverton No. 169

MOUNTAINCOUNTYPOMONA #4

Corr: T. Gelineau

Nov. 17: "Honor All" - Collection for area food banks. Beacon Grange Hall.

Please note, the next meeting of Mountain County Pomona has been changed. Because the originally scheduled meeting night falls on the Welcome Banquet of the National Grange Convention, our meeting has been pushed to the following Monday, Nov. 17 at Beacon Grange Hall. Notices have gone out to all Granges and Pomona officers, so we are hoping there are no problems with this change. Please remember to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to area food banks. It has been a long-standing custom to take all of the donations received and divide them between as many food banks as possible throughout the Pomona. The need is great and getting greater by the day.

Our congratulations go out to Assistant Steward Victor Salazar on being selected by the National Grange Youth Dept. as the Master of the Youth Officer Corps. which will open the National Grange on Friday morning. Congratulations, Victor. Everyone in Mountain County is proud of you! We also congratulate Caraline McGrane of Whigville Grange for participating in the Seventh Degree as the sole Connecticut Trumpet Girl.

The December meeting of Pomona is scheduled for December 8 at Winchester Grange Hall. We will have our customary Gift Exchange with gifts of a value of \$5.

Please join us for any and all meetings of Pomona-- you're always welcome!

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: T. Gelineau

Nov. 1: Holiday Bazaar, 9:00 to 3:00 P.M.

Nov. 11: Omitted for National Grange Session

Nov. 25: Mmmm! Ref. Arlene & Richard Pozzo

Winchester Grange will hold only one meeting in November due to the National Grange Convention falling on our first meeting date of the month. Several of our members are participating in the convention.

Our first event of the month will be our Second Annual Holiday Bazaar on November 1 at the Grange Hall from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Our first attempt last year was a rousing success with a great profit and wonderful participation by members and vendors. We hope this year will be even more successful with many vendors with wonderful gifts, holiday crafts, American Girl doll clothing, hostess gifts, handmade items, decorations, specialty foods, a pie sale, cookie walk and something for everyone! Even if you're not in a shopping mood, stop by for lunch as we will have a soup and sandwich luncheon throughout the day. Contact Lecturer Sue Addison if you have any questions - 860-379-0210 or by email at saddison0210@charter.net.

The numbers are in and we congratulate the Creative Business Women of CT for their successful fundraiser held at our hall on September 27th. This group is a local organization of area business women who banded together to hold this food pantry fundraiser. Winchester Grange donated the use of the hall for the event. As a result, \$804.00 was raised with \$402.00 going to the Open Door in Winsted and \$402 going to a food pantry in Torrington.

The CWA is supporting

the State Women's Activities Committee Thanksgiving Dinner collection with several bags being put together for complete meals to be donated to needy families. Monetary donations will also be welcomed.

Mary Anne Berlinski is working on tray cards each month for the residents of Laurel Hills Nursing Home and Arline Pozzo is working on tray cards for Cook-Willow in Plymouth. Any members willing to work on cards for these or other homes should contact the CWA committee.

LITCHFIELD GRANGE #107

Corr: One Eyed Owl

Nov. 13: 119th Anniversary- Potluck at 6:30

As the fall began, members of Litchfield Grange took advantage of the fine weather and entered Winchester, Whigville, and Litchfield Agricultural Fairs as well as several non-Grange fairs. Many fine blue ribbons decorate our kitchen bulletin boards.

We were able to secure a façade grant to replace our entry leaking windows and doors. A thank you to our Board of Selectmen. The Connecticut State Grange has been a great help. Thanks goes to them also.

The Damiani Barn, like the Phoenix from the fire, now shelters some 10,000 bales of fine Litchfield hay. Well done to the Damiani's. They have donated a new door to our back room to complete our renovation project.

Our Grange joined Bethlehem Grange for a wonderful fall evening of socialization and potluck supper. The weather and fellowship was, indeed, a respite from the lawn mowing and leaf raking.

As the one-eyed owl returns the old quill pen to the ink pot, he fades in the past. Sister Sara Lee Fischer will bring a fresh and vibrant column in future Grangers. Thanks to all who helped including our faithful Secretary who typed each report and to Todd who did a heroic task in making our photos presentable.

Editor's Note: The "One

Eyed Owl" will be greatly missed-- though we wish all the best to the Owl's successor!

RIVERTON GRANGE #169

Corr: Gail Prelli

Riverton Grange held its regular meeting on Friday, October 3rd. The charter was draped in memory of Sister Gertrude, "Peggy" Prelli. Sister Prelli was a member of Riverton Grange for over 72 years. She was presently serving as our Secretary, a position she has held for several years, and was a past master and past lecturer. She will be greatly missed.

Hundreds of turkey and ham dinners were served on Riverton Fair Weekend, October 11th and 12th. This remains our major fundraiser. We

are most fortunate to have such capable members to handle this huge event. Special thanks to Deb Hodge for chairing this project and handling all of the planning, cooking and organizing.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, November 7th. The meeting begins at 7:30. The program is "Over The River and Through the Woods". All are welcome.

Join us for our Thanksgiving meeting and program on Friday, November 21st. The evening begins with a planned potluck supper at 6:30. Tilly Jackson and Shirley Moore will be baking a turkey and coordinating other items to be donated by members and friends.

State Lecturer

"WHY I JOINED THE GRANGE"

Because The Grange Is:

- A fraternal organization, for men and women,
- Rich in heritage and tradition;
- Dedicated to God, country and family;
- Committed to public service & helping those in need;
- A welcoming and appreciative atmosphere;
- A place for fellowship;
- A political-action committee;
- "A Family".



Marge Bernhardt
State Lecturer

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The above is the first place winner in our Essay Contest written by Susan Carol Sulier of Trumbull Grange. Other winners were: 2nd Ethel Harris of Coventry Grange and 3rd Norman Stitham of Old Lyme Grange. Congratulations to everyone who entered the contest. You were all winners in my book. Next years essay will be "What The Grange Means

To Me" and for those who had trouble staying under 50 words, we have increased the length to 100 words. Good Luck.

It was good to see so many of you at State Session. I hope you all had an enjoyable time renewing old friendships and making new ones. Congratulations to everyone who received awards. Lecturers play an important role in the success of our Granges. And if you are not Lecturer, remember, they cannot do it alone. Ask any of our Honor Lecturers and I bet they will say it was the effort of the whole Grange. We all need to work together to make the Grange prosper.

Our Complete Programs this year were titled "To Serve". Numbers from all of the programs will be shared in the Lecturer's Newsletters. There is a lot of valuable information in these booklets. The winners in this contest were: 1st Susan Pianka, North Stonington Community Grange; 2nd Barbara Kulisch, Old Lyme Grange; and 3rd Ethel Harris, Coventry Grange. Next year these programs will be entitled "As American As Apple Pie."

Think of today as the first day of the rest of your life and make a promise to yourself to do what you can to help our Granges succeed. Get out and visit. I know it takes extra effort to get dressed and head out the door, but the rewards are many. Do you have talent - share it with another Grange. Help fill in wherever needed. See something interesting, but don't know what to do with the information - tell your Lecturer about it. Together we can make a difference.

See You Around The State.

Chaplain's Message



Amy Whitcomb
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The changing seasons are upon us now and we look forward to Thanksgiving and the arrival of the Advent season. We never fail in anything we look forward to or try to do. This may come as a surprise to you but failure is an illusion. No one ever fails in anything they try to do. Everything you do

produces a result. If you are trying to learn to play ball and someone throws a ball and you drop it, you have not failed. You simply produced a result. The real question is what you do with the results that you produce. Do you leave and moan about being a failure, or do you say "throw it again" until ultimately you are catching it?

Failure is a judgment. It is just an opinion. It comes from your fears, which can be eliminated by love. Love for yourself. Love for what you do. Love for others. Love for your planet. When you have love within you, fear cannot survive. Think of the message in this ancient wisdom: "Fear knocked at the door. Love answered and no one was there." The music that you hear inside of you urging you to take risks and follow your dreams is your intuitive connection to the purpose in your heart since birth. Be enthusiastic about all that you do. Have that passion with the awareness that the word enthusiasm means "the God within." the passion that you feel inside of you beckoning you to take the risk and be your own person. I have found that risks are not risky at all once you transcend your fears and let love and self-respect in. When you love and respect yourself disapproval is not something you fear and avoid.

My best wishes to you during this Thanksgiving season.

Youth Dept. Notes



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Hi everyone I hope that you are all enjoying this autumn weather. As of this writing, I have received many youth reports that look like the youth and young at heart are once again participating in the youth contests. With several entries in the scavenger hunt and many reports to read, I thank all that have taken the time

to fill them out.

Starting in the next couple of days the National Grange will be holding their annual session here in Cromwell. Through many hours of hard work we hope that this session is a great success. Though I have pushed through my articles in the Granger just as all of the other chairpeople have done to get you to come and see the session, I have just received a little extra bonus to come. A special CONGRATULATIONS for Victor Salazar from Eureka grange and also a member of the State Youth Committee will be the Master for the National Youth Officer Corp. He and sixteen other youth will open the National Grange on Friday morning. Please try to come to support Victor for that morning.

On November 22 will be the planning meeting for the youth committee I have many ideas from you the members and I hope that we can work something out to get more people involved with the youth and our programs.

In Memoriam

Mary Ann Schwartz	Tunxis #13
Edna Brockett, G.S.	North Haven #35
Nancy K. Ebbs, G.S.	Senexet #40
Vivian Welson	Wolf Den #61
William C. Medbery, G.S.	Pachaug #96
Ethel Keene, G.S.	Norfield #146
Ernestine L. Colson	West Suffield #199

G.S. denotes Golden Sheaf (50 Year) Members

*Please keep us notified of deceased members.
Use the email or the regular mailing address listed on
page 3 of this issue. Thank you.*

The 1889 National Convention

The National Grange, as you all know, held its last session in Sacramento, at the invitation of the State Grange of California. Aside from the Master and wife, who went as her representatives, Connecticut sent twenty Patrons, a larger number than from any other State. We went in our own special car (train), as did also the other delegations from New England. At Chicago and Kansas City, several more carloads of Western and Southern Patrons joined us, and we went on as a special train, with banners flying, that all the world might know who and what we were. It was an interesting and pleasant journey, and on the summit of the Sierras we were met by a special committee appointed by the State Legislature of California to entertain us. On arrival at Sacramento, we were tendered a grand reception by the city. Both of their United States Senators, several Congressmen, the Judges of their Superior Court, and many other of

their State officials were on hand to greet us, and we were made at once to feel that we were the guests of the State. The session lasted for eight days. Reports from many of the State Granges indicated great prosperity, while from some other States the reports show a weak organization and a lack of work or ability to work, on the part of those who should be our leaders. Possibly I ought not to say it, but four years experience in the National Grange has convinced me, that as a rule, the longer men stay at the head of a

State organization, the less useful they become, and it would be well if all States would adopt the California plan of electing an entire new set of officers every two years. For if the old leaders are valuable they are just what is wanted "in the ranks," while, if they lack in ability as leaders, the sooner they take the back seat the better.

*Report of State Master
J.H. Hale
at the Fifth Annual
Session of the Connecticut
State Grange
January 14, 1890*

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Junior Grange Corner



Joan Perry
Junior Director
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We are so proud to announce that Jaimie Cameron, of Ekonk Community Jr. Grange, is the new Junior Granger of the Year. She received the award at the Connecticut State Grange Session in Cromwell on October 18th 2008. There were many entries at the

session and all were very well done. All 3 Junior Granges entered. It was great. Remember that at National Session there will be a Junior Breakfast on Saturday. There will also be many activities going on as well. Hope to see you there!!