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From the Master's Desk



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At the February Leaders Conference, a seminar was given on S.M.A.R.T. Goals, a methodology of working in an organized manner to achieve the desired outcome. The letters stand for Specific, Measurable, Attainable/Achievable, Relevant, and Time-Bound. These make sense in that the goal or outcome of a project must be a known quantity; able to be measured so as to evaluate success or failure; achievable, or why bother with it; relevant as in worth doing; and time constrained, or it could go on forever without the desired results. You might want to try this in your Granges with some of the more long term projects and goals you may have. I have worksheets available for the asking to help track the process.

The Grange Strong/Speak like a Champ theme of the month is "Trust the Process" which refers to having faith in that step by step approach, being used as you work towards your goal. No matter the project, there is a series of steps to accomplish to get the final result.

The three Pomona inspections are complete and Eastern Connecticut Pomona #14 has five new members, Nutmeg Pomona #16 has eleven new members, while Mountain Laurel

Pomona #15 had none unfortunately, although they had a very nice lunch prepared by Grangers in between Degree Rehearsal and the meeting. As a Pomona officer, if you can't attend an inspection meeting due to other obligations, please try to line up your pro-tem replacement ahead of time. Most of the time this is done, but occasionally it isn't.

By the time you are reading this, the Secretary's School of Instruction will have been completed, and I hope will have answered the questions of Secretaries and other officers. Such matters as record keeping in minutes, tax filings, incorporation,

non-profit status, and prompt dues payments are really important to the operation of Granges. Much of this determines whether your Grange is operating legally per your by-laws as well under various other statutes at different levels of government. When certain things like incorporation and non-profit status are lost due to neglect or oversight, they are difficult to re-establish. Always better to keep on top of things.

There will be Honor Community and Pomona Grange Awards given this year. Community Granges: keep track of your requirements and submit them to me by September 15 (need to be postmarked by this date).

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Influential Connecticut Grangers:

Rev. Albert S. Woodworth

by Todd A. Gelineau, Editor

The list of former Connecticut State Grange officers is filled with individuals who have served with distinction and accomplishment. Former State Chaplain Albert S. Woodworth is no exception.

Woodworth was born on September 30, 1882 in Pueblo, Colorado. Receiving his education in Worcester, MA, he was ordained a Baptist minister in Harrisville, RI in 1912 serving churches in Vermont and Rhode Island. In 1927 he and his wife, Ada, moved to Winsted where he became pastor of the First Baptist Church, a post he held until 1938. He served in Moosup and Voluntown from 1938 to 1945. He then became pastor of the Plantsville Baptist



Rev. Albert Woodworth in 1952. Church until 1953, retiring from full time service, continuing as minister of church visitation for Meriden First Baptist Church until 1962. He remained an active member of the church preaching on an interim

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Honor Pomona will be chosen by inspection score, and the President of that Pomona Grange will have the honor of closing the Annual State Session. I am still planning to award the best traveled State Officer with a surprise.

I would still like to hold a Degree Day, but think that it needs more advance planning. To align a time and place, and avoid conflicts with summer vacations and fall fairs,

I feel it would be better held in the Spring of 2025. As of now, I am thinking to make it statewide, but would welcome input as to whether you think it might work more efficiently to hold two, one at either end of the state. If statewide, the four degree teams would come from the three Pomona officer teams and the State Grange officer team. My concern is the logistics of getting four teams together in one place on one date and hopefully having some candidates to make it all worthwhile.

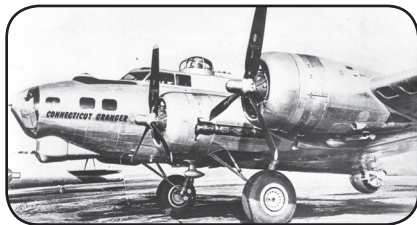
With summer coming, remember to work on crafts for the Big E New England Grange Building. Also,

keep in mind the Grange Lecturer's Conference in Norwich June 21-23, and the Grange Service and Family Fun Day in Vermont July 27. Also get out and visit the Grange Fairs in our state with Simsbury Grange Fair in June and Hamburg Fair in August (among other Granges).

I leave you with this thought: In the Second Degree the Vice President says "Grangers are likened to shepherds. Our flock is our Grange and our neighbors. We are taught to keep "those within the fold, and to reclaim the wandering... Be patient with the wayward, carefully instruct the erring, diligently seek and bring back the straying and those that are cast out."

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Rev. Albert S. Woodworth

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basis throughout the state while living on his farm in Middlefield.

A member of Middlefield Grange No. 63, Woodworth was Chaplain of the Central Connecticut Past Masters Association for 17 years. He was elected Chaplain of the Connecticut State Grange in 1944, serving in that position until 1965 when he was named Chaplain Emeritus.

A special State Chaplain's sash with "Emeritus" embroidered on it was presented to brother Woodworth with the following resolution:

"Whereas the Reverend Albert S. Woodworth has been Chaplain of the Connecticut State Grange for twenty-two years, and

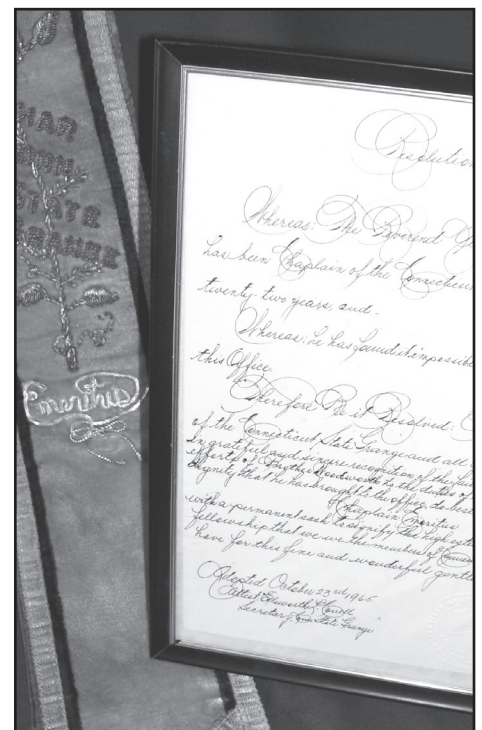
Whereas, he has found it impossible to continue to serve in this office.

Therefore be it resolved that we the members of the Connecticut State Grange and all connected with the Order in grateful and sincere recognition of the faithful, diligent, and untiring efforts of Brother Woodworth to the duties of his office and further the dignity that he has brought to the office, do bestow on him the title of Chaplain Emeritus with a permanent sash to signify

the high esteem and fond feeling of fellowship that we the members of the Connecticut State Grange have for this fine and wonderful gentleman.

Adopted, October 23, 1965.
Attest: Ellsworth Covell, Secretary of the Conn. State Grange."

Woodworth died on November 20, 1968 at Hartford Hospital and was interred at Hope Cemetery in Worcester, MA.



Conference time is here!



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May's heirloom reading was "For in our fraternity, there is work for all, and the idler has no place among Patrons of Husbandry". This message is from the Vice President/Overseer during the First Degree. I love this message as it reminds me about how engaged many of us are serving others.

We are less than one month from the 2024 North East Lecturers Association (NELA) Conference from June 21-23 at the Holiday Inn in Norwich, CT. There has not been a NELA conference in over five years, so this is an awesome opportunity locally for all Grangers and want-to-be-Grangers to join together for great food, fun, education, and relaxation. Our event is open to all and we hope you will consider registering today at <https://sites.google.com/view/nelcgrange/home?authuser=2>. As the CSG Lecturer's Department is hosting this conference for the North East Region this year, we chose to host it at the Holiday Inn, the same hotel as our State Session.

A few months ago, I shared new information about National Grange Foundation providing complimentary materials on the Reaching Rural Surgical Seniors (RRSS) program for all community and Pomona Granges. National Grange chose to undertake this project because rural America is underserved by the nation's healthcare system. There are fewer doctors—especially specialists—per capita, many rural hospitals are in danger of closing, incomes are lower and employers are less likely to provide health insurance, distances to care are greater and there is less broadband access to medical information and virtual office visits. Older rural residents requiring surgery have less access



to care and may be less informed on how to participate in their care and about treatment choices. Thanks to this new opportunity, the Grange is disseminating pre-surgery and post-surgery guides generated from results of federal government-funded research studies to optimize post-surgery discharge care, providing patients with actionable information enabling them to understand their conditions, to help them make more informed care decisions consistent with their personal goals and preferences, to facilitate shared decision making with clinicians and to better prepare for surgery. Materials can be found at www.senior-surgeryguides.com. I mentioned in my original column that in addition to providing valuable information to your Grange friends and your community, you can also be one of the first community Granges to earn a \$100 incentive payment just by supporting this initiative. I am pleased to report that Connecticut State Grange is the first State Grange that has qualified for a \$500 payment, and both Riverton and Granby Granges have been two of the first community Granges who each have qualified for \$100 payments. Will your Grange be next? All checks will be presented at the National Grange Convention in Bettendorf, Iowa. I am serving as the Northeast Region POC for RRSS, so if you need help on this project; please ask me! RRSS has materi-

als for great Lecturer's programs, either in-person or via Zoom.

As we say goodbye to Spring and hello to Summer, it is time for Granges to focus on our many contests to engage all Grangers in fun activities. All contests can be found on the Connecticut State Grange website at www.ctstategrange.org/contests.asp. One of my favorite contests is the Lecturer's Photo Contest. This contest is open to all Grangers (Junior, Youth, 1+, and Grange). Judging will be held at the State Grange Family Festival this Summer and winning photos will be displayed at the State Grange Convention and then returned to their owners. And yes, cash prizes (First, Second, Third) will be offered in each category. Adults will complete in one contest and Junior, Youth, and 1+ members will complete in a separate contest.

The four photo categories are Patriotism/Grange Activities, Pets/Animals, Landscapes, and Flowers. And the rules are minimal: only prints are accepted; participants may enter all four categories, but are limited to one entry in each category; entries must have been taken by the participant since the last State Grange 2023 judging; no glass or frames are allowed on photos; prints may be processed commercially, but the photo must have been taken by the entrant; if used, the size of photo/backing can be no smaller than 4"x6" or larger than 11"x14"; and the entrant's name, contest category, Grange/Grange number, and phone number must be placed on the back of each entry. So grab your phones or cameras and start snapping your award-winning photos.

A special shout out to North Stonington Grange who has invited me three years in a row to visit and present their Community Citizen of the Year recognition. This is a great opportunity for Granges/Lecturers to involve the community in your local Grange. I look forward to visiting your Grange. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at Granbydavidroberts@gmail.com or 860-469-5067.



New Scam: List Bombing

By Terri Fassio, Public Relations Co-Director

Imagine checking your email to find that your inbox has been bombarded with over 1000 emails from various online websites and services asking you to confirm that you signed up for their mailing lists. These usually aren't from dangerous websites - they are often from places like your favorite store or restaurant, a sign-up list from your favorite musician, or even schools, cities, and newspapers.

This is called List Bombing or Subscription Bombing, and is a popular email scam tactic. This type of scam is not usually a malicious scam like a computer virus would be, but just an annoyance, or a nuisance type of scam. Sadly, there is no way to prevent anyone from using any email address to subscribe to something.

How it works is basic. Cyber criminals take your email address and use it to sign you up for subscriptions to online sites without your consent. Then in return, you receive an email back asking you to click to confirm that you subscribed to their list, or actually confirming the subscription. Your inbox then fills up with these confirmation notifications, obscuring real emails that get mixed in with the nuisance messages. What makes this attack successful is the fact your email address is used to sign up for legitimate mailings - so email providers don't know they're supposed to block them.

The attacker can do this one site at a time, or by using a bot, such as Mailbait, which signs up an email address on thousands of websites in one click. When this happens, in most cases your computer and passwords have not been compromised and your email has not been hacked. But, in some cases, this is a technique scammers will use to try and disguise suspicious activity.

The scam can originate anywhere - all they need is an email address and the want to inconvenience you. Anyone who knows your email address can do this. It is designed to overwhelm you so you can't focus on any real email. Often times, these types of attacks are random and after completing their scam, they'll quickly move on to another mark. But they could also come from somebody harboring ill will against you and can even continue on and off over time. But in most cases, eventually the attack will stop.

What's the solution?

1) Abandon your email address and get a new one, or get a second/new email address while you sort out the mess. This is an easy way to get the messages



to stop, but is also inconvenient as it means changing your email address everywhere and with everyone who has it.

2) Set-up aggressive email filters to automatically block or delete the messages, or send them to another folder. This way, your inbox is no longer cluttered.

3) Delete all the messages as they come in until they stop. But realize that the scammer's goal may be to distract and prevent the victim from noticing any important emails, while they try to hack into other online accounts, commit fraud, or steal something valuable.

4) Check the email headers to see if there is any identifying information or details about the source of the emails. This may not always provide direct information about the person, but it can give insight into the email's origin.

5) Go through each message and unsubscribe from the lists. This is time-consuming and can easily become more overwhelming than the messages themselves. Remember though, that it also confirms that the email address is active, thus opening up to future scams.

Use this time to check privacy and security settings. It is wise to check to make sure that your email address has not been breached and is not on any dark web databases. Services like Google Security Check are great for this task. This is also a good excuse to update your password to something new and unique, and set-up two-factor authentication where available.

CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION



Thank You!

The Connecticut State Grange Foundation sincerely thanks the CT State Grange Past Deputies Assoc. for their donation of \$4,840 to the Foundation's Grange Improvement Grant program. While this donation marks the closing of the Past Deputies Assoc., it does ensure the good work of the group will live on. We also congratulate Joanne Cipriano for closing out 50 years as Secretary of the Association.

Legislatively Speaking



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As I write this article on May 15, 2024, in 1862 President Abraham Lincoln signed an act establishing the Department of Agriculture. Our Founder Oliver Hudson Kelley worked there and helped build the Grange in 1867.

In 1896 the National Grange used its membership to have Congress pass the US Postal Service Rural Free Delivery (RFD) system. This opened the remote areas of our country to mail service, bulk packages, and even some banking services to rural America. The Senate has been having hearings about the operations of the Postal Service, under Postmaster General Louis DeJoy. Since 2020, when President Trump appointed him to this position, the Postal Service has been in decline. With cutbacks, layoffs, removal of sorting machines, and postage stamp price increases, the delivery rates of mail has failed to meet the needs of the community. At the Senate hearing, members questioned the plan to close processing centers and to make regional hubs for better flow. This test has shown that increased delivery time is the only result.

Some examples are the Reno, NV center. It is closed and all mail is trucked to Sacramento, CA. The question was "What happens with road closures" from Reno to Sacramento-- Interstate 80, Donner Pass on I-80. Last year there were 9 closures of I-80 due to fires and snow events. Donner Pass was closed for 38 days during the Christmas rush.

Georgia has merged many of its processing centers causing a delay of up to seven days for a letter to

reach across town to Atlanta, and up to three weeks for packages to be delivered.

Friends in Southern Vermont have told me their mail is sorted in Springfield, MA and then returned to Vermont for delivery.

Scotland, Connecticut has 600 mailboxes, have lost their zip code and now the residents have been given one of seven zip codes depending on which neighboring town they are closest to and packages have to be picked up at the Willimantic Post Office.

People in rural America rely on RFD service. A large amount of medicine is sent through the mail. Live poultry is sent by mail. Bills are still sent by mail. Voting ballots are sent by mail. This is a crisis. If the Postal Service cannot get its programs together, then the Postmaster General needs to be terminated. We, as Grangers, have always required honest, fair, and efficient service.

Some of the new equipment used by the USPS has been known to reject letters and launch packages off the conveyor belts onto the floor. Many new hubs are warehouses without heat or air conditioning. Workers are laboring in 28 degree winters and 100 degree summers. They deserve better.

The State General Assembly has closed its short session, passing and rejecting bills.

Passed: Paid Sick Leave- Nurse healthcare bill to protect nurses and providers from violence. Affordable housing; Elder Care Reform; Education, Student Mental Health Study, Teacher Certification (to help speed up the certification of new teachers); Line of Duty Deaths to help families of Police officers killed in the line of duty.

Failed: Guard Rails for AI Tech; Electric Cars due to a lack of charging stations; ban on Chinese

made drones, Elimination of the car tax; Constitutional Amendment on Abortion Rights; Small Business Healthcare, Tipped Wage increase, Reduction of DUI from .08 to .05.

They still seem to split down party lines, yet our state has moved forward more than neighboring states.

Last month I wrote about John Deere partnering with Star Link with auto steer and GPS technology for farm tractors and equipment. May 10-13 we witnessed the northern lights, bringing multi colors to the skies from Canada to as far south as Florida. A report came out that some farm equipment doing field work lost GPS guidance functions, so the equipment shut down and parked at the end of the fields. Isn't technology great?

Strange But True

Todd Gelineau, Editor

Plans revealed by the USPS at the beginning of this year indicated mail originating from northern Vermont would be trucked to Hartford, Connecticut (Yes, Connecticut, not Hartford, VT) for sorting. After sorting, mail to be delivered to Vermont addresses would then be shipped back to Vermont for delivery. This was an attempt to improve "cost efficiency." As Brother Miller has said in his column, some Southern Vermont mail is now sorted in Springfield, MA and sent back to VT for delivery.

These restructuring moves are solely for the sake of saving money, not for improving the delivery of the mail. Fortunately for northern Vermont, a letter writing campaign resulted in the USPS suspending their plan (for now).

Much of Connecticut's mail is still sorted in Connecticut, but a good amount is also sent over the border into Springfield as well.

Fortunately, delivery times have improved for the Connecticut Granger. Efforts by the USPS to require electronic filing of postage statements have also seemed to streamline operations.



Cape Cod Chopped Salad



Ingredients:

- 8 ounces thick-cut bacon, such as Niman Ranch
- 8 ounces baby arugula
- 1 large Granny Smith apple, peeled and diced
- 1/2 cup toasted walnut halves, coarsely chopped (see note)
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- 6 ounces blue cheese, such as Roquefort, crumbled

For the dressing:

- 3 tablespoons good apple cider vinegar
- 1 teaspoon grated orange zest
- 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed orange juice
- 2 1/2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons pure maple syrup
- Kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2/3 cup good olive oil

Yield: 4 to 5 Servings

1. Preheat the oven to 400° F.
2. Place a baking rack on a sheet pan and lay the bacon slices on the rack. Roast the bacon for about 20 minutes, until nicely browned. Allow to cool.
3. In a large bowl, toss together the arugula, apple, walnuts, cranberries, and blue cheese.
4. For the dressing, whisk together the vinegar, orange zest, orange juice, mustard, maple syrup, 1 1/2 teaspoons salt, and the pepper in a bowl. Slowly whisk in the olive oil.
5. Chop the bacon in large pieces and add it to the salad. Toss the salad with just enough dressing to moisten. Sprinkle with 1/2 teaspoon salt and toss well. Serve immediately.

Recipe by Ina Garten from Barefoot Contessa Back to Basics.



Simsbury Grange #15

On Thursday the 9th, I took Rob and we jetted off after he got out of work to visit Simsbury Grange. They were and are planning their annual Fair to be held June 8. It sounds like fun and I think we're going. Had a great time with the Simsbury folk. Debbie Vail was inspecting that night.

I took Rob on a whirl wind tour of CT from Mountain Laurel Pomona inspection in the afternoon and then on to Eastern Connecticut Pomona for their inspection at 7:00 PM. You can see the wonderful court we had at Winchester Grange for the fifth degree. The ladies hosted a nice lunch for us all. In EC Pomona, they had four new members-WOO-HOO! Way to go! Great fellowship out there at Killingly Grange.



Mountain Laurel Pomona #15

Family Festival - August 2-4



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Mark your Calendars! "CT Grange Family Festival" will be held at Granby Grange this year. It will be on the first weekend in August. (2nd - 4th). Friday we will be at the Hall to collect all your needlework entries between 3 and 6pm. We will also take any items you made for the New England Grange Building so

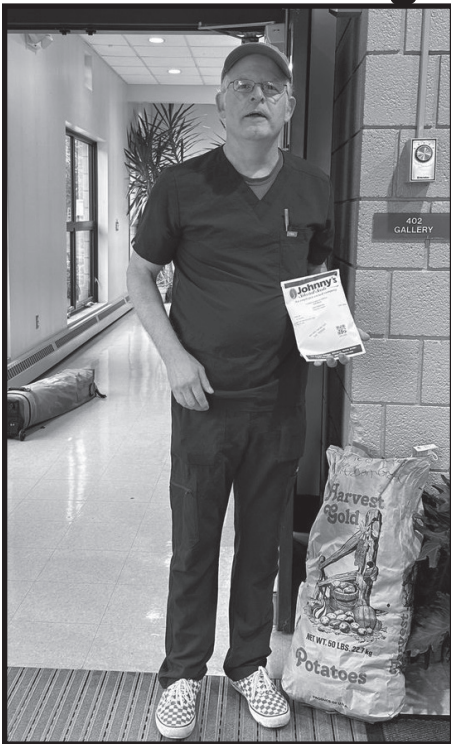
you don't have to make a separate trip for that. Bring your photos as Dave will be having the Lecturer's Contest as well.

Saturday morning, we will be there at 8 am for those who cannot make Friday's hours. Please bring us your entries before 10:30am promptly as we need to catalog them before the Judging starts. If you cannot make either day, anyone who has entries can always make arrangements with any Family Activities committee member prior to those dates. Sunday we will finish off by displaying all the entries

and the winners. Granby Grange will be hosting a pancake breakfast so that we can support them in all their hard work getting their building ready for public events. Please come out and support them! We will have our teacup auction / raffle to finish off our event Big E Clean up day scheduled.

Also mark your calendars for June 30th at 11:00 am. We will be having our first go at bringing out everything from the closet. The Trustees are having their meeting at 9:00 am and then the clean up begins. If you can make it, that would be great!

Grange donates seed to VoAg



Rob Buck representing Bethlehem Grange dropped off donations of seed potatoes and green bean seeds at Ellis Clarke Agri-Science program at Nonewaug High School (Woodbury) on the morning of Wednesday, May 15th on the way to work. Bethlehem Grange had made this donation for planting in their community garden most years since about 2010.

CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE



Round Table Discussion for Pomona Granges

Join us as we discuss all aspects of Pomona Granges



**TWO SUNDAY SESSIONS at 7:00 PM:
July 14, 2024 & December 8, 2024**

Send an e-mail to information@ctstategrange.org for the Zoom Meeting Access Information



SENEXET GRANGE #40

Corr: Diane Miller

June 26: Culinary Arts: Cooking Demonstration (Dinner included)

We are continuing to make plans for more programs to include the community. One of our major projects is to review the records that have accumulated in the closet. These include reports from the treasurer and secretary for many years. They are all very interesting for the members who have been here for a long time. We also have handbooks from over 50 years. Looking back, we see who has helped us build the Grange that we are today.

The upstairs hall continues to be rented for other programs including line dancing and Yoga. These groups

really love the wood floor. Our pollinator garden is growing well. We have received some very good applications for the scholarships we offer and will be awarded in August. Our annual fair will be held in August along with a hearty breakfast.

So many programs are held in our town put on by the town recreation committee and we thank Amy for promoting these on social media. It is so very important to make these events publicized and the best way is the social media. We thank all who read these Grange reports for our Grange and other Granges to see what is available to them.

COVENTRY GRANGE #75

Corr: Noel Miller

June 6: Fathers Day

Coventry Grange will Drape our Charter for Katheen Culhane who died on May 1 2024, former member of Colchester Grange #79. she will be missed.

Chloe Donihee took the 5th Degree at Eastern Connecticut Pomona #14 in May, Welcome to the gang.

NORTH STONINGTON COMM. GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

June 14: Pirates and Barbary Wars

June 28: On Leave. Picnic at 6:30

We continue to learn about American history, now delving into the Revolutionary War and several rebellions.

Our Community Citizen program was changed to our first meeting in May, so more about that in our next article.

We held a pancake breakfast in our hall, with the help of the local Lions Club, to raise money for a local family in need.

We will learn about pirates at our first meeting in June after we elect our officers for the year. Our second June meeting will be our annual picnic. The Grange provides hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks. Please bring a dish to share. Games are planned after dinner for those so inclined.

And if this darn rain will just take a long vacation next time we will tell you all about merry May.

VERNON GRANGE #52

Corr: Irene Percoski

June 7: Short Program- Election of Officers- Ref. Charlene

July 5: Birds and Bees, Pollinators Please - Ref. Irene

Aug. 2: Game ON! Potluck Picnic

Warm and breezy weather helped bring out some visitors to our May meeting. Although the Historical Society was still holding its book sale we managed to all fit downstairs for the meeting. Special guests from Coventry Grange were on hand to assist their Lecturer Marcia Miller put on an excellent program. We are all familiar with the implements used in the Grange; but how many of us remember which tools are chosen for each degree and why? This program was an important reminder of each tool and its use. Thank you, Marcia.

Our sincere condolences to the family of Dot Dimmock. She will be missed.



Shady Creek performs at the April Bluegrass Night at Killingly Grange.

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You're invited to

Neighbor Night

JUNE 26, 2024

6:30 - 9:00 PM

Senexet Grange #40
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Infant Blankets

Senexet Grange: A call out to all the knitters and crochets' out there.... Senexet Grange would like to fill the need of UMASS NIC-U by donating 20 infant blankets. If you are interested in donating a blanket, please contact me at grange40ct@gmail.com. Blankets should be 20" X 24" as they are for premature babies.

First Degree; Vice President

FOR IN OUR FRATERNITY THERE IS WORK FOR ALL, AND THE IDLER HAS NO PLACE AMONG PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.

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June
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OXFORD GRANGE

WINDOW TO THE PAST

Photographs are a treasured part of Grange history. Many of them, unfortunately, do not come neatly labeled on the back with names, dates, people or places. These photographs have a history to tell... but about whom or what? Please help us uncover the mystery of faces and places as we look through the Window to the Past. You can contact us by calling (860) 626-5074 or on the web by emailing: submissions@ctstategrange.org.



Last Month



We heard from Don Offinger from Cannon Grange with an answer to the photo in the May CT Granger issue - "The two ladies pictured in the photo for "This Month" are: Carol Pepe (left) and Elaine Deysenroth (right). Carol was a former member of Cannon Grange #152, Elaine was a very good friend whom Carol knew from church where they both sang in the choir and enjoyed singing in talent shows under the direction of former Cannon member Don Offinger. Elaine was a resident of Weston and knew many members of both Cannon Grange 152 and Norfield Grange # 146."

Bridgewater Plant & Cookie Sale



Bridgewater Grange hosted a Plant & Cookie sale at the Bridgewater Firehouse on Saturday, May 18th. We Sold Out!! Thank you for supporting our cookie sale.



MOUNTAIN LAUREL POMONA #15

Corr: Todd A. Gelineau

June 1: Meeting at Riverton Grange Hall, 2 PM

Mountain Laurel met on May 4 for a special meeting to confer the Fifth Degree at Winchester Grange. Unfortunately, there were no candidates to receive the degree but it was conferred for inspection.

Next meeting will be at Riverton Grange on June 1.

GRANBY GRANGE #5

Corr: Dave Roberts

June 2: Honoring Our Veteran of the Month (Barkhamsted Senior Center; 109 West River Road, Pleasant Valley; 6:00 PM)

June 7: 6:30 PM Refreshments: The Roberts-Oliver family to celebrate National Donut Day; 7:00 PM Meeting & Program: "Here Comes Summer!"; (Hybrid, both in-person and via Zoom, contact Dave Roberts at Granbydavidroberts@gmail.com for the Zoom code)

June 16: Makers' Sunday; 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Riverton Grange met on May 3rd for our regular monthly meeting; both virtually and in person. It was so nice to welcome back our Pianist Mary Lou Keefe, along with brother Peter Keefe. The Lecturer's Program was provided by Brother Tim Sweeney, Commander of Riverton American Legion Post #159, and focused on trains and their impact on northwestern Connecticut. Project Amazon continues to help our Grange engage in community events. We are working with the Riverton Merchants Association and the new

Seed kits for the community



Taghannuck Grange has produced Seed Kits to be given to interested people in the Region 1 towns. The nine seed kits contain instructions, a tray/greenhouse, dirt, seeds, popsicle stick watering bottle and shovel everything needed to start flowers and vegetables. This is both an educational project and helping to alleviate hunger.

Shops at Riverton Marketplace on some future collaborations.

Eagle Scout candidate Adon Burrell was thanked for his awesome used American Flag collection box which he and other scouts constructed as his Eagle Scout project for Riverton Grange. A ribbon-cutting ceremony for this new collection box was held following the May 5th Veteran of the Month ceremony.

Our next Veteran of the Month ceremony will be held on Sunday, June 2nd, at 6:00 PM at the Barkhamsted Senior Center, 109 West River Road. This event is primarily indoors, refreshments are served, and it is open to the public; so experience one of these awesome events honoring our veterans. We were so pleased to recently learn that this project is spotlighted on the National Grange website on new program ideas.

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd A. Gelineau

June 11: For Dad, Ref. by Ted Benedict

June 25: Election of Officers, Ref. Todd & Ginny Miller

July 9: Our Independence, Ref. Sara Bement

July 23: Are We Too Hot/Country Store; Ref. Rae Fassio

Winchester Grange continues to meeting in hybrid format on Zoom and in-person at the Grange Hall on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. We welcome all to join us.

The church continues to be an excellent weekly tenant for us providing much-needed income for the continued upkeep of the hall. Unlike arrangements with other Granges by other churches, this group has been careful to return the Grange Hall to its original appearance after every service. In renting to a church, Winchester Grange's primary requirement was the Grange Hall would remain a Grange Hall and not evolve into a church building. We thank the church for their cooperation.

TAGHANNUCK GRANGE #100

Corr: Barbara Prindle

June 1 & 2: Annual Plant & Rummage Sale - Saturday 9AM-3:00PM and Sunday 10AM-3PM.

June 13: Model A Fun by Mike Taylor Ref: Mike Taylor

July 11: Puzzles by Allie Hanlon Ref: Debra Taylor

Aug. 3: Grange Dance 7-9PM by Dance Committee Ref: All

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Aug. 8: Travels by John Brett Ref: Janet Nickson

NOTE: Refreshments & Social time at 7PM with meeting at 7:30PM unless otherwise noted.

At our May meeting we put together "Seed Kits" for both vegetables and flowers. This was both an educational experience for kids and adults alike. It is also helping families grow their own vegetables. The kits consist of seed trays with lids, dirt mixed with fertilizers, a variety of seeds (eggplant, tomato, cucumber, green beans, cantaloupe, sweet peppers, zucchini, and zinnia flowers), popsicle sticks for marking what is planted, watering bottle and a small shovel. The seeds were in Origami envelopes. Debbie Hanlon taught us how to make these envelopes.

After our meeting everyone helped set up the Hall for our Annual Plant & Rummage Sale on Saturday June 1st 9AM-3PM and Sunday June 2nd from 10AM-3PM. I will let you know in the next issue how we made out as we have a huge amount of donations this year.

BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121

Corr: Dorothy Fairchild

June is right around the corner as I write this. I really hope that we get better weather ahead, especially our gardeners.

Several are hoping to attend the Naugatuck Duck Festival on June 2. Our Grange members sold one



Granby Grange's new flag collection box built by Eagle Scout Adon Burrell.

2024 NE Youth Conference



The 2024 Northeast Regional Youth Conference is coming up July 19-21. This year's conference is being hosted by the NY State Grange at the Comfort Inn & Suites East Greenbush-Albany located at 99 Miller Road, Castleton, NY 12033. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Youth Director, Dawn Anstett at 860-861-0451 or by email at youth@ctstategrange.org for complete registration information and schedule of events. You can also contact the State Secretary, Todd Gelineau at Secretary@CTStateGrange to receive an email including all of the registration info. for the conference.

hundred raffle tickets and we hope to have a winner.

We elect officers in June and plan for the next year of programs. Pizza is on the menu.

SIMSBURY GRANGE #197

Corr: Marguerite Smith

Hello Fellow Grangers! We held our monthly meeting on Thursday, May 9th. We were so pleased to welcome two special visitors to this meeting, Robert Buck and Debbie Vail. Thanks to both of them for traveling out to Simsbury and staying until the end of the meeting. We'd love to have them visit again! We had a lot to discuss with the success of our April Line Dancing event. At 6:00pm on April 12th, we had community members lined up for free chili and cornbread. At 7:00, local celebrity, Mary Root, had everyone up and ready to begin the fun. At least 40 people were still dancing up a storm at 8:30 when the event ended. This is a program we will definitely repeat later this year.

Our upcoming annual fair on Saturday, June 8th, has lots of moving parts and takes all of us

to lend a hand. This year is a bit different in that we are utilizing QR codes for adults and children to enter our contests. We are excited by this new form of entry for fair participants on our flyers posted around town. We will, of course, have all of our contests, displays, children's activities, delicious crock pot items and baked goods for sale and a few vendors. We will also have 4 demonstrations this year along with our local favorite band, Out the Boxx. You won't want to miss this year's Simsbury Grange Fair from 10:00-3:00 at 236 Farms Village Rd. in West Simsbury.

- 10:30 - Line Dancing (Mary Root)
- 11:00 - Irish Step Dancing (M. Barry and students)
- 11:30 - Fencing (T. Palmer and Simsbury High Students)
- 12:00 - Dance performance (G. Rossetti and students)
- 12:30 to 3:00 - Out the Boxx - GREAT Dance Band

Visit Simsbury Grange Fair's website at: <http://www.simsburygrange.org/grangeagfair.asp> to download the youth and adult entry forms for the fair.



NUTMEG POMONA #16

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

Not much news to report from Nutmeg Pomona this month- not even some juicy gossip. But as the saying goes... no news is good news. Next month will be different as we will have Election of Officers between the time I am typing this and the next issue of the Granger. Hopefully there will be some new faces on the list.

Time to start getting your material ready for the handbook. Due date will be sent to you soon. Don't wait to the end.

Our next meeting will be held in September. Hope your summer is enjoyable and healthy.

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr: Ruel Miller

June 5: Open Meeting. Dean Martin/Frank Sinatra Impersonators. 7 pm at the Grange Hall. Tea cup auction. The public is invited.

June 19: Summertime Potpourri

Our election of officers was moved up to May 1st. The majority of officers remained the same. Two offices are pending. This will be our third Dean Martin show. We are continuing to collect items for the Cheshire Food Pantry and also for the Cheshire Animal Shelter.

We held our Community Citizen and Awards Night in April. We presented 65 year seals to Janet Haller and Bud Greenbacker. A 50 year Golden Sheaf certificate was awarded to Edward Mobsby. Looking forward to summertime by June we hope. August fair planning

continues.

WALLINGFORD GRANGE #33

Corr: Stephen Fengler

Wallingford Grange will be having several events coming up this summer. In June, we will be having our next Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on June 8 between 8:30am-11am. In conjunction with it, there will be a free "Make a Cookie for Dad" event for youth to participate in. On June 29, we will also be having a Dutch Oven Demonstration Event on how to use and what you can make within a Dutch oven between 10am-2pm. In July, we will be having our next Meatball Luncheon Fundraiser on Saturday, July 13th between 12pm-2pm. In conjunction with that, we will have a youth event starting at 10am where youth can learn how to make their own fresh butter. Looking ahead to August, we will be having a Community Event involving Tye Dye Shirt Making between 5:30-7:30pm on Tuesday, August 6. We will also be having a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on Saturday, August 10, between 8:30am-11am. In conjunction with it, there will be a free "Make a Fresh Fruit Tart" event for youth to



Hubspoke Kitchen, winner of the Battle of the Best Wallingford Pizzerias.

participate in

This past spring, one of our biggest events we had recently was the Battle of the Best Wallingford Pizzerias Event on May 4th. Congratulations to our winner HUBSPOKE Kitchen - Battle of the Best Pizza Wallingford! Many thanks to all our six vendors for participating in this year's event and for their generous donations and local Boy Scout Troop 4 for helping to set up the hall for this event at lightning speed!

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

Plans have been completed for the celebration of our 135th Anniversary to be held on Friday, June 14th. Our theme is "Strawberries." When our brain finally clicked, we realized it was being held on Flag Day and have added "Flag Day" to our theme. We will be having the drawing of our semi-annual raffle and a strawberry country store.

We have many receiving membership certificates as listed in the last Granger and will be honoring "Animals for Life," our Citizen of the Year.

We welcome new member Peter Ventrua, husband of our Secretary Marilyn.



Michael from the VA Medical Center receives the donations collected by Greenfield Hill Grange #133.

We continue Open Mic and Tag Sales on the third Saturdays of each month, come and join us.

Our meeting for July will be held on the 12th and will be our Officers' Planning meeting. Supper to be served at 6:00.

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

Corr: Jim & Lori Golias

Things "heated up" at the Greenfield Hill Grange on April 20th, when we hosted our first ever Chili Cook off. There were a variety of different chilies: vegetarian, chicken, beef and turkey to name a few. Included in the meal were all the fixings, plus potato salad and hotdogs. Thank you to all the chefs for sharing their delicious recipes. While ALL the chilis were delicious, a winner had to be chosen!

The top three prizes went to: 1st -- Jennifer Romano, 2nd -- Chuck MacMath, 3rd -- Becky Purcell. Congratulations! The winners received engraved wooden spoons. Already people are asking, "when is the next cook off?"

Nancy and Bill made a trip to the VA Medical Center with all of our recent donations. Thank you for the many toiletries, T- shirts, socks, puzzles and more. The residents there are always grateful.

Save the Date: our 131st Agricultural Fair will be held on Aug 24, 2024. Stay tuned for more fun events. Happy planting and may your gardens yield a plentiful harvest!



Several Cannon Grange officers gathered to plant a Dwarf Alberta Spruce tree in front of their historic 1899 Grange Hall as part of Cannon Grange's 125th anniversary celebrations.

1ST ANNUAL NORTHEAST CHAPLAINS WORSHIP SERVICE

Saturday, July 27, 2024 1:30pm

Vermont Grange Center
308 West Street
Brookfield, VT

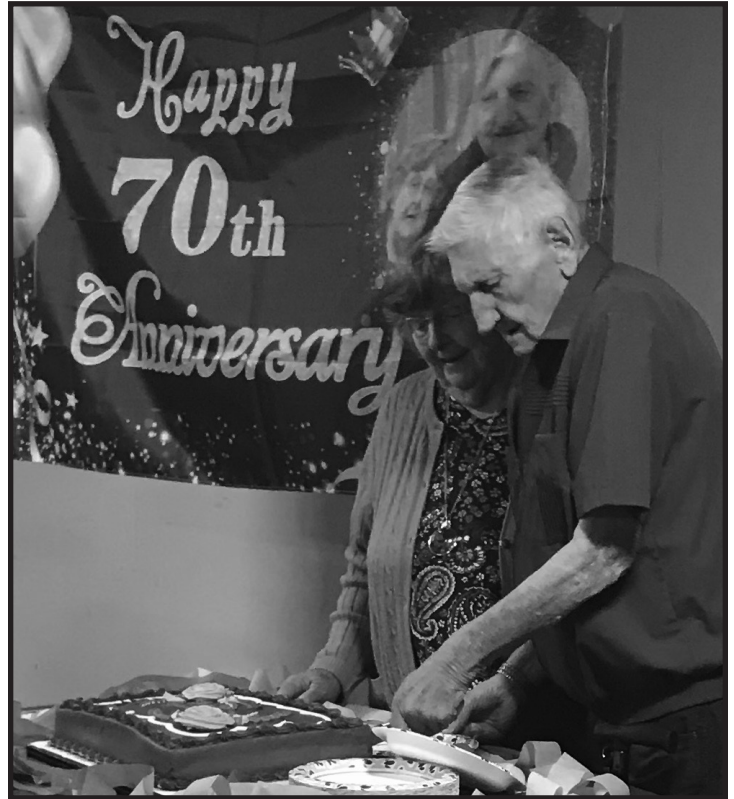
Join us for lunch at 12noon, followed by worship service at 1:30pm.

RSVP for Saturday lunch by JULY 8th to Ruth Hovey-Sicely VT State Grange. ruthsicely@aol.com

Stay the weekend at the center!


- Camper hookups & cabins available
- Meals available courtesy of VT State Grange

For reservations, contact Ruth Hovey-Sicely @ 802-223-7961 by JULY 8th



Irene and Ray Percoski celebrated their 70th anniversary May 15th!!!! Only 1% of couples make it that long..... Only the special ones. Congratulations Irene and Ray!!! Irene is member of the State Agriculture Committee.

CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE

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11TH

LECTURERS'


★ **ROUND-UP** ★

SATURDAY
AUGUST 10, 2024
★ **7:00 PM** ★

Let's gather again **VIRTUALLY** on **ZOOM** to discuss the latest news, programs and contests from the Lecturer's Department.

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CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE



Family Festival

Friday, August 2
Saturday, August 3
Sunday, August 4

Granby Grange Hall
212 North Granby Rd., (Route 189)
Granby, CT

Family Activities Department:
NE Region Needlework Contest
Family Activities Contests
Baking • Crafts • Junior Contests
Tea Cup Contest
Decorate a Birdhouse Contest
"Let's Make a Snowman" and more!

Lecturer's Department:
Photo Contests
Lecturer's Program

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Friday:
Entry Drop Off
3:00 - 6:00 PM

Saturday:
Entry Drop Off before 10:30 AM
Judging Begins 11:00 AM

Sunday:
• Entries on Display •
• Pancake Breakfast •
hosted by Granby Grange
8:30 AM - 11:00 AM
• Tea Cup Auction •


For More Information:
Dawn Percoski, Family Activities Chair • familyactivities@ctstategrange.org
Dave Roberts, State Grange Lecturer • lecturer@ctstategrange.org



CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE

Virtual

SOCIAL HOUR





NEW DATE

Blooming Time!
Home Gardening in
Connecticut and Beyond

THURSDAY
JUNE 27, 2024 • 7:00 PM

Join us for a fun and casual social gathering.
A brief program will be presented.



Send an e-mail to information@ctstategrange.org for the Zoom Meeting Access Information 

CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE



GRANGE WORK DAY @ THE BIG E

Sunday

JUNE 30, 2024
Starting at 11:00 AM

The New England Grange Building
on the grounds of THE BIG E
1305 Memorial Ave. West Springfield, MA 01089

We would really appreciate anyone who would be able to volunteer to come and help mark items that are new as well as set up the inventory to get ready for the Big E's opening day.



For more information: familyactivities@ctstategrange.org

Why do good people suffer?



Charles W. Dimmick
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Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all. Psalm 34:19

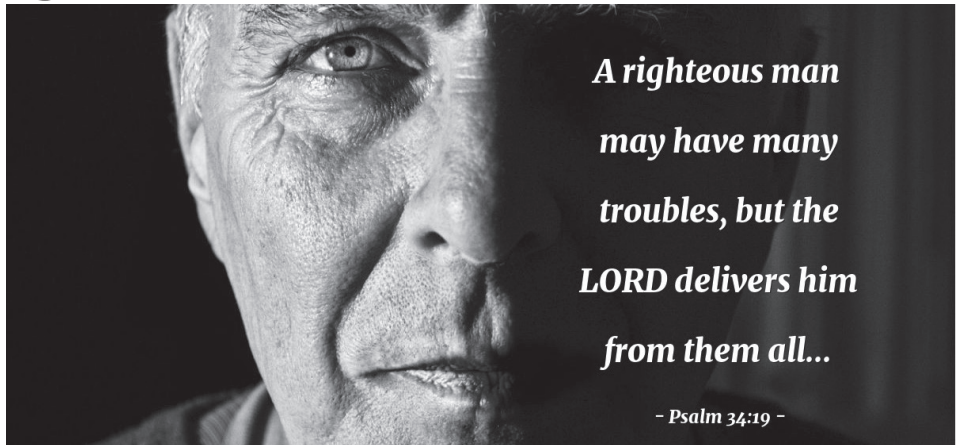
And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. Deuteronomy 8:3

I will start out by saying that I have never found a completely adequate explanation of why good people suffer (or why bad things happen to good people). Biblical history and commentaries on biblical history have struggled with this question for thousands of years. The Book of Job explores this subject in great detail, and four explanations are given therein, none of them satisfactory:

A. Suffering is caused by the Devil to test a good person as a challenge to God.

B. Suffering is a punishment for offenses committed by individuals or their parents, grandparents, or great-grandparents.

C. Suffering is a challenging condition produced by God to help people learn wisdom and abandon



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- Psalm 34:19 -

folly.

D. Suffering is a great mystery known to God alone.

The first hypothesis, with God and the Devil cooperating to test a person through suffering, is found only in Job, and is contrary to every other biblical reference where the Devil is enemy to God's will.

The thought that suffering is a punishment for our sins or those of our parents was the common understanding in most of ancient Israel right up through the years of Roman rule. It gradually went out of favor primarily because of our increasing understanding that God is an all-loving being who would not willingly cause suffering. This also casts doubt on the third hypothesis that suffering is caused by God to help people learn wisdom.

However, I'm not yet willing to concede that only the fourth hypothesis is valid, that "suffering is a great mystery, known to God alone". And I also feel that there

is just a bit of truth in the third hypothesis. My own explanation, which is mine alone, and therefore not necessarily valid, is that God does not cause suffering, but often allows it to exist as a byproduct of free will, hoping that we humans will respond by taking it on our own initiative to reduce or prevent it whenever it is within our power to do so.

In Memoriam

Dorothy (Dot) Dimmock
Vernon Grange #52

Daniel Ridzon
Coventry Grange #75

Kathleen Culhane
Coventry Grange #75

Harvey Hayden, G.S.
Taghannuck Grange #100

"Well done, good and faithful servants."