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Grange News

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Grange Travel Adventures To Visit Skagit Tulip Festival

The Washington State Grange Travel Adventures Program has scheduled a bus trip to the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival for Wednesday, April 18.

Preliminary plans call for a bus to originate in Olympia at the State Grange Headquarters. Driving

north on Interstate 5, the bus will make stops in the Tacoma and South King County areas as well.

The bus will arrive in Skagit County in the late morning for a visit to Tulip Town. Tulip Town features an indoor garden and flower show, numerous outdoor

gardens, an elegant gift shop, landscape murals, a trolley ride through the fields, and vendors who have something for everyone. After the visit to Tulip Town,

the bus will proceed to Hillcrest Park Lodge for the Mount Vernon Kiwanis Wild Salmon Barbeque.

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Mark Your Calendars: Upcoming Washington State Grange Events

- FEBRUARY 2.....State Grange Leadership Conference – Buena Grange Hall in Yakima County, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. conference
- FEBRUARY 3.....State Grange Leadership Conference - Tri Cities area, 1 p.m. – location to be determined
- FEBRUARY 3.....State Grange Leadership Conference – Bob’s Café, 1807 Kittleson Road NE, Moses Lake. Dinner (no host) will be available to order off the menu.
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- FEBRUARY 19.....State Grange Leadership Conference - Stillaguamish Grange Hall in Snohomish County, 12 p.m. potluck with 1 p.m. conference
- FEBRUARY 25.....State Grange Convention Planning Meeting (Northern District), 2 p.m. at Kellogg Marsh Grange Hall
- MARCH 16-17.....State Deputies and Pomona Masters Conference
- APRIL 1.....Secretary Reports (First Quarter) due to State Grange Office
- APRIL 1.....Washington State Grange Foundation Scholarship Applications Due
- APRIL 22.....District Talent Contests, 2 p.m. at Newaukum (Southwest), McMillin (Northern), St. Andrews (Central), and Fort Colville (Eastern)
- JUNE 24-29.....Camp Wooten Junior Grange Camp
- JUNE 27-30.....129th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange at Skagit County Fairgrounds, Mount Vernon
- JULY 8-14.....Camp Morehead Junior Grange Camp
- JULY 8-13.....Camp David Jr Junior Grange Camp – Session I
- JULY 15-20.....Camp David Jr Junior Grange Camp – Session II
- JULY 22-28.....Camp NEW Junior Grange Camp
- AUGUST 3-5.....Western Regional Grange Leaders and Youth Conference
- AUGUST 5-10.....Camp Cornet Bay Junior Grange Camp
- DATES TBA.....Camp Mayfield Junior Grange Camp

Lecturer's Department

Lecturer: Fair Booth Contest Results

By Leslie Jo Wells
State Grange Lecturer

There were a total of twenty entries received for the 2017 fair season contest. In the Subordinate Division I – Produce there were 5 entries: Fruitland #999, Humptulips #730 (2), Skagit Valley #620 (2). In Subordinate Division II – Project there were 10 entries: Adna #417, Centerville #81, Elk Plain #782, Fargher Lake #853, Fort Colville #533, Fruitland #999, Green Bluff #300, Greenwood Park #590 (2), and Skamokawa #425. There was only 1 entry in the Pomona Division I – Produce which was from Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona #28. For Pomona Division II – Project the only entry was from King County Pomona #13. The Youth Division – Project had 3 entries: WSG Youth, Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona #28 Youth and Humptulips #730 Youth. The top three places were as follows:

Subordinate Division I – Produce: 1st Place Humptulips #730, 2nd Place Humptulips #730 and 3rd Place Fruitland #999.



Leslie Jo Wells

Subordinate Division II – Project: 1st Place Fargher Lake #853, 2nd Place Adna #417 and 3rd Place Fruitland #999.

Pomona Division I – Produce: 1st Place Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

Pomona Division II – Project: 1st Place King County Pomona #13

Youth Division – Project: 1st Place Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona #28, 2nd Place Humptulips #730 and 3rd Place WSG Youth.

Congratulations to everyone who entered! I encourage every Grange that puts in a booth this 2018 fair season to enter the contest. The entry due date is October 31, 2018.

As several of us travel around the state doing the Leadership Conferences, it will be nice to meet with all of you who attend. The Conference is open to everyone – not just specific officers/committee chairs. Come hear what’s going on and perhaps see how you can help. Remember, we’re the “Do-ers” and we believe “It’s the Grange Way.”

BY-LAWS CHANGES

Fort Colville Grange #533 will be meeting on February 3, 2018 at 2:00 PM to vote on the amended by-laws.



2018 Legislative Day

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2018

Registration is \$10 per person prior to February 1, 2018 (After February 1 and day-of registration is \$15 per person) CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH INCLUDED

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Viewpoint

Crossing The Horizon To Grange Membership Growth

By Tom Gwin
State Grange Master/President

Have you thought recently about how it would feel to break down long-standing barriers? You know.... the barriers that keep us from reaching our goals and don't allow us to enter new and uncharted waters.

As a State Grange, we spent 2016 "charting our voyage". In 2017, we "set sail to a brighter future". For 2018, we will be "crossing the horizon to Grange growth". It took our first year to determine our goals and objectives and decide where we wanted our organization to be in three, five, and ten years.



Tom Gwin

As we set sail on our voyage, we were thrown about by the wind, waves, currents, and tides. Proper planning and good direction allowed us to get back on course toward that brighter future. While we still have the obstacles along our voyage, we are now on our way to "Crossing the Horizon to Grange Growth".

There are many obstacles that we, as an organization at all levels, must work hard to overcome. This includes a lack of diversity in our activities, an aging membership, stagnant leadership, and a focus on what has been rather than

what could be.

Many of our Grange activities continue to be the same, year after year after year. I would encourage all Granges to try something new...either a new activity or adding a twist to a regular event as we work to attract new people. One of my goals for the State Grange is to diversify our programs in an attempt to become an attractive option for potential new members. We don't have to continue with same programs each year.

Diversification of programs will assist to bring new members into our Granges. The increased emphasis on Junior Grange and the 1+ Program, the Youth Fairs Program, and expanded educational programs will generate interest in the Grange. Granges with interesting and educational topics at meetings will see an increase in membership as your programming diversifies.

Our Grange leadership must remain vigilant in planning activities that will broaden the horizons of our members. We must continue to bring new ideas to our members and to challenge them to energize themselves by taking on new leadership positions within our organization. The rotation of leadership will assist in generating new ideas and programs, thus attracting additional new members to our Granges.

Today's society is much different that even ten or fifteen years ago. Maybe we tried an activity 12 years ago that wasn't real successful. Make the necessary changes to improve your activity and try it in the new format.

Perseverance, the lesson of the fifth degree, plays an important part of our organization. I am experiencing this first hand with my own Grange. We tried a new activity in 2004. While moderately successful, we kept plugging away and tweaked the event. Today, we hold this same event but in a different format. We have continued to diversify the program to what works today in our small community. The result is we are seeing new people each month and spreading the word about the Grange. While membership growth is small, we are replacing that aging membership with energetic young members. We are working to meet the needs of our community at the same time. We expect this is the year that we grow exponentially as a Grange.

I challenge each of you to consider joining us in crossing the horizon to Grange membership growth. A little change is good for all of us as we work to overcome the many obstacles in the form of the wind, waves, tides, and currents.

Legislative: Legislature Addresses Water Issues

By Heather Hansen
Legislative Lobbyist

The bill rural Washington has been waiting for over a year finally passed late Thursday night on the eleventh day of the legislative session.

After more than a year of negotiations, a bipartisan solution to the Hirst case was reached. Senate Bill 6091 will allow for permanent, legal, reliable water to rural property owners who were left in limbo by the Hirst decision. The most important thing to know about SB 6091 is that if you own land and have been waiting now you can. I you were concerned about property values declining after Hirst, they should rebound.

Under the new law, all existing wells are grandfathered in. There will be some new water usage limits depending on the Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) where the land is located. Stock watering is allowed. The Department of Ecology will create concise charts for county planners to help everyone understand the new law.

Shortly after the Hirst fix passed, the legislature passed the capital budget. It includes \$2 million for health and safety grants for fairgrounds, \$52 million to build the new WSU Plant Sciences Building, \$23 million to begin the first third of the WSU Global Animal Health Building, upgrades for state parks and much more. An emergency clause was added so it will go into effect immediately.

After all the good news for rural Washington, there are also some significant concerns. We have seen more anti-pesticide bills introduced so far this session than in the past several decades. The one currently garnering the most

attention would, among other things, require a 4-day pre-notification before applying pesticides via air, airblast or fumigation. Because of the difficulty of controlling mildew, blight, rust and other diseases, that would make it difficult to grow apples, cherries, potatoes, wine grapes, hops, wheat and blueberries in the state of Washington.

If you've been watching the news, you probably know that Governor Inslee has been pushing for a carbon tax. It is now in bill form as SB 6230 sponsored by Sen. Reuven Carlyle (D-Seattle). The bill would create a new tax of \$20-a-ton on carbon emissions, and the tax would rise over time. Analysis shows it would dramatically increase the cost of electricity and motor fuel in Washington, and raise costs for manufacturers who can't avoid emitting carbon. State taxes on gasoline would jump by 40 percent, adding 20 cents to the cost of gallon of gas.

Rep. JT Wilcox sponsored a bill addressing suicide of farmers and ranchers. Suicide rates among farmers are higher than most other job categories. The issues faced by farmers including, complicated finances, isolation, lack of access to services and fear of losing the family farm are also unique. The intent of the bill is to make help more readily available. In past generations, the dairy industry has been particularly vulnerable to this tragedy. The Washington Dairy Federation is working with Rep. Wilcox to improve the bill.



Heather Hansen



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Membership

An Eye On Membership: Have Fun And Celebrate Grange

John Hamilton
Membership Director

Happy Valentine's Day! This holiday is a day set aside to remember our loved ones and sometimes sweeten their day. As a Grange family we are to also be remembered and so what better way than to hold a Grange event to bring everyone together to celebrate being part of a great organization that promotes our Faith in God, our Nurturing of Hope, our dispensing of Charity and our Fidelity.

Sometimes we tend to forget our principles as we get caught up in the process of meetings and business. Reading from a manual and going through the necessary actions and procedures. We somehow get stuck in the rut so to speak. We somehow lose sight of the camaraderie which surrounds us. For some of us we unfortunately forget how to have fun!

How about planning an event that includes non-members and join together to enjoy each other's company and celebrate community. Have a game night or a family night. How about a Valentines dance? Invite newcomers of the community to your event. Not every gathering has to include business, make this a non-business gathering. Who knows this may become habit.

By the time you all read this article our 2018 Leadership Conferences will be completed. I have enjoyed sharing our new Membership Program with those of you who attended. If at any time you find that you need membership help please feel free to call, write or email me.

My email is chief_mechanic@hotmail.com. Our goal is to help Granges grow and prosper. If you have ideas to share feel free to contact me.

Grange Leadership Conferences In Progress

This year's series of State Grange leadership conferences is currently under way. The conferences include a general session for all participants, followed by break out meetings. The break out meetings will be 45 minutes each and be on a rotating basis.

State Master Tom Gwin will lead a discussion for Masters and Secretaries, while State Lecturer Leslie Wells will meet with the Lecturers and State Family Living Director Cecelia Hamilton will meet with the Family Living Chairpersons. Additional presentations will be given by Membership Director John Hamilton, Community Service Director Yvonne Knuth, and the Youth and Junior Program Representatives.

Packets of information for each department will be distributed, along with program handbooks, legislative handbooks, and useful materials for each Grange. All Grange members are welcome to attend.

Conferences scheduled for February include:

February 2 (Friday) – Buena Grange Hall in Yakima County, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. conference

February 3 (Saturday) – Columbia Valley Grange Hall in Franklin County, 1 p.m.

conference with coffee and cookies

February 3 (Saturday) – Bob's Café, 1807 Kittleson Road in Moses Lake, 6 p.m. Dinner is available (no host) by ordering off the menu.

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2017 State Grange Scholarship winners were recognized by the trustees of the Washington State Grange Foundation during the Celebration Banquet at the Annual State Grange Convention.

Washington State Grange Offers Scholarships

Scholarships are offered each year through the Washington State Grange Foundation to assist Grange members attending college or children of Grange members. Applications for the scholarships will be taken through April 1 of each year for the following school year. Requirements vary for the different scholarships. Additional information about the State Grange Scholarship program and an application form are available by writing, calling, or emailing the Washington State Grange. Forms are also available online at www.wa-grange.org

A summary of the available scholarships is as follows:

Family Living Scholarships - Two categories of scholarships are offered each year from funds collected by the Grange Family Living Department. The number of \$750 one-year scholarships granted depends upon the amount of funds accumulated during the previous year. One Family Living scholarship category is for students pursuing vocational education. The other category is for individuals enrolled in home economics studies. Applicants for the family living scholarships must have been Grange members for at least one year.

Agricultural Scholarships - Applicants for these scholarships must be high school seniors or graduates already enrolled in institutions of higher learning. They must be Grange members, or sons or daughters of Washington State Grange members. The one-year scholarships may be used at any institution offering courses leading to a certificate or degree in some field of agriculture. This includes community colleges. The recipients must be majoring in some field of agriculture (or home economics for the Bozarth grants). Payments will be made directly to the college after notification of student's registration. The agricultural related scholarship include the Kegley Agricultural

Scholarships (must have completed two years of college), the Norman Buchholz Agricultural Scholarship (up to \$2,500), the Kittleson Memorial Agricultural Scholarships, the Horace Bozarth Scholarship (Ag or Home Economics), the Kiona-Benton (Koss Memorial) Scholarship, and the Martin & Grace Forry Scholarship.

General Scholarships - Applicants for these scholarships must be high school seniors or graduates already enrolled in institutions of higher learning. They must be Grange members, or sons or daughters of Washington State Grange members. The scholarships may be used at any institution offering courses leading to a certificate or degree in a recognized profession or vocation. Each scholarship is for one year and is a minimum of \$500. Payments will be made directly to the college after notification of student's registration. The general scholarships include the Delpha Goude Scholarship, the Marion & Snowie Vanderpool Scholarship, the Riverview Grange Scholarship, the Fox Island Grange Scholarship, the Nob Hill Grange Scholarship, the Ray & Marian Kamerrer Scholarships, the Enga M. Anderson Scholarship, the Bear Creek Scholarship, the Rock Creek Scholarship, the French Creek Scholarship, the McCleary Grange Scholarship, and the Pomona Villa Scholarship.

Marie Snyder Memorial Scholarship - Applicant must be a senior at Kahlotus or Washtucna schools or a member of Ralston Grange.

Only applicants should request the application forms. All portions of completed applications must be in the State Grange Office by April 1. Applications will be available to download from the WA State Grange website: www.wa-grange.org.

Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Youth: 2018 Youth Program Guides Now Available

By Jerry Gwin
State Youth Director



Jerry Gwin

The State Grange Youth Program Guides are now available. We are handing them out at the leadership conferences across the state.

There are three new programs at the national level that we are including in our state program. Each of these programs have an application form that is due to the State Youth Director by June 1.

Youth Community Service Award – to recognize Grange youth members who work toward serving their community. Applicants must be 14-35 years of age and demonstrate their involvement in community service projects and how those projects benefitted their community.

Junior Mentor Award – to recognize Grange youth members who work to guide and mentor Junior Grangers. Applicants must be 14-35 years of age and document how their guidance to Junior Grangers has assisted them in becoming better Grangers and citizens of our nation.

Youth Grange Member Recruitment Award – to recognize Grange youth members, ages 14-35, for their involvement in recruiting new Grange members and participation in Grange membership building activities.

The other youth program with a looming deadline is the Grange Grassroots Activism Award. This program is for those interested in the Grange legislative process. Applicants must fill out an application form complete a typed analysis paper of 2,500 to 3,000 words illustrating the merits of National Grange policy and an action plan for Grange members across the country to advocate on behalf of that policy. The award for this program, sponsored by Potomac Grange #1, is an \$800 travel scholarship to attend the 2018 National Grange Legislative Fly-In, scheduled for April 15-18 in Washington, DC.

All applications for National Grange Youth Programs are available on the National Grange Youth website: www.nationalgrangeyouth.org.

Juniors: Keep Junior Meetings Educational And Fun!

By Marvin & Jennifer Oliver
Junior Grange Directors



Marvin & Jennifer Oliver

We know it's hard to get back to the routines of Meetings coming out of the holiday season. So we say let's keep the excitement and feeling of holidays all year long. Keep every Jr. Grange meeting in that feeling of newness and excitement. Make it special by having your members share a talent; this will help get them ready to participate in the talent show in April. Have the member's share and teach a new game to the group. They will have fun and learn leadership skills while working with the group. Keep the meetings educational by learning about the National Host state, for 2018 its Vermont. Teach the Jr. Granges how to make pancakes and taste Maple syrup. Educate about the state that the state tree is a Sugar Maple which produces the syrup. Make memories with a fun field day and make a memory book to share at the State and National convention. Get them excited about Jr. Grange Jeopardy (see National Grange Website). Remember there is no trick to meetings. If you have fun, so will the Juniors. For Meeting suggestions see the National Junior Grange Program guide.

February Meeting suggestions from the National Grange Program guide.

The month of February has many things to celebrate but today we are going to celebrate Presidents day! President's day

is February 21st

Badge: TUA3-Presidents

Encourage your Juniors to use the month of February to work on their Presidents Badge. As a group learn about our first president George Washington. What were times like when he was president? Read a story about George Washington: Here is a suggestion: <http://www.apples4theteacher.com/holidays/presidents-day/george-washington/short-stories/>

Hands-on: As a group come up with a short skit about George Washington and the Cherry Tree Legend. Craft: Make a George Washington Hat: <http://www.artistshelpingchildren.org/kidscraftsactivitiesblog/2012/02/how-to-make-an-easygeorge-washington-hat/>

Grange: Who was the first Grange President? What mark on Grange History did they make?

Community Service: February is also Valentine's Day- Make Valentine's Day Cards to deliver to your local nursing home.

Have a wonderfully exciting new year.

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Grange Travel Adventures To Visit Skagit Tulip Festival

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The BBQ lunch features grilled salmon, baked potato, coleslaw, garlic bread, beverages, and dessert.

The cost for this Grange excursion will be \$65 per person. The cost will include round-trip motor coach by Northwest Passage Charter LLC, tickets to Tulip Town, the trolley ride, and the BBQ Salmon lunch. We will need 40 persons registered by April 1 to make this excursion a reality.

To register for this event, please complete the registration form below. For more information, call the WA State Grange headquarters at 360-943-9911.



ADVENTURE TOUR TO SKAGIT VALLEY TULIP FESTIVAL Registration Due by April 1.

Name _____
Mailing Address _____
Email Address _____
Telephone (_____) _____
Grange Name _____

Please send registration with \$65 fee no later than April 1. Checks should be made payable to the Washington State Grange. Send to: Washington State Grange, PO Box 1186, Olympia WA 98507.

Washington Juniors Make Donation



Laura and Jacob Lyle delivered the Washington State Junior Grange Community Service Project donation check to Sue Jacobson, WSU PATH director. This was a 2 year Community Service Project for the Junior Grange Program.

Grange Connection

ADAMS COUNTY

Ralston Grange will be holding their Annual Cribbage Tournament on February 3. The Grange will hold a dinner/meeting on February 20. Grangers are collecting items for the Adams County Pet Rescue in Othello.

CLARK COUNTY

Barberton Grange will host a Valentines Day Sweetheart Dance on February 14, 7-9:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person and music is provided by the Steel and Velvet Band. Join us for a fun night of great music and dancing. Bring your favorite snack.

COWLITZ COUNTY

Rose Valley Grange member Carol Brent sent 16 Hugs in a Mug to Delaware Plaza, a Senior Living Facility in Longview Washington, in December 2017.

Sunnyside Grange is making huggie bear blankets for the animals to give to the Shrine Hospital. In our food drive we came up with 12 cases of food for our Lions Food Bank, gave out dog and cat food and other items to Cowlitz, Clark, Lewis, and Thurston Counties animal shelters from the National Grange Convention, buying socks for the youth Keep Washington Warm project, collected greens for making swags and wreaths, and decorated the 6 big pots in front of building for the holidays. Also took dictionaries over to the third graders in Castle Rock and collecting pop tabs and personal items for the Ronald McDonald House. Sunnyside Grange combined with Cowlitz Pomona for their Christmas party. Sophia and Lorie Ogden helped Santa pass out the candy bags. The ones that were left over Yvonne Knuth took to The Villager for the residents. Members of Sunnyside Grange installed the Pomona Grange officers for the coming two years. Joan Frymire and Knuth decorated the big flower pots out in front of the hall for the holidays with boughs, holly, decorated balls and ornaments. For Valentine's Day and President's Day they will add hearts and flags.

GRANT COUNTY

Moses Lake Grange meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at the Monroe House Retirement Care Center.

GRAYS HARBOR/PACIFIC

Elma Grange held a clothing exchange on January 13-14. A recycled toy give-away program will be starting soon.

Humtulsips Grange held a Christmas dinner featuring ham and scalloped potatoes. A sizeable donation was received by the Grange Food Bank from the Hoquiam High School Food Ball. Bingo will be held on February 3, with a second bingo event scheduled for February 24 that will benefit the Junior and Youth Grange activities.

North River Grange donated heal care kits to the women's shelter. Pies were baked for the Union Gospel Mission and gifts and cards were sent to soldiers from the community. The Grange held a Community Christmas Potluck. Books were collected for the Reading Tree.

North Willapa Harbor Grange members have volunteered at the food bank. The Grange held a prime rib dinner for Christmas. The Grange has been involved with raising over \$9000 to install rock to protect Hwy 109 in the Washaway Beach area.

Olympic View Grange donated pies to the Union Gospel Mission for the holidays. The hall is being rented regularly.

Satsop Grange is holding flea markets on the first weekend of each month.

Sharon Grange held a bake sale at the bazaar at the Elma Fairgrounds. Leftover

baked items were then donated to the Union Gospel Mission in Aberdeen. The Annual Sharon Grange Oyster Feed will be held on April 21.

ISLAND COUNTY

South Camano Grange continues to hold their monthly pancake breakfasts on the last Saturday of each month except for December. The Breakfasts are from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Pancakes, French Toast, and Biscuits and Gravy per order plus scrambled eggs, sausage and a slice of ham. Orange juice, and coffee and tea, are served.

KITSAP COUNTY

Olalla Grange invites you to come out and join us for our Saturday Dinner and Bingo events. Come early, we start selling at 5 PM, eat a great dinner and have some fun playing bingo. Bring a friend or two. See you there!! Our meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

KITTITAS COUNTY

Swauk Teanaway Grange is holding our annual Scholarship Dinner on Saturday, February 10th. This supports our Grange Scholarship for graduating seniors in Kittitas County. Doors open at 5:00 pm, with an Italian style dinner served at 5:30 pm followed by a delicious homemade dessert. Tickets are \$20 and 100% of your ticket goes to our Scholarship Fund due to generous donations. Call Claire at 509-857-2580 or Gerry at 509-607-9470 for tickets.

KLICKITAT COUNTY

Glenwood Grange member Lela Ward died on January 20, 2018 at her home in Glenwood at the age of 93. She was a 63 year member. Lela was an active, vital member of the Grange until illness in the last years of her life led her to slow down a bit. She served at Grange treasurer for 50 years and was a member of the Executive Committee. She lived her entire life in Glenwood and was instrumental in raising funds for the construction and furnishing of the present Grange Hall. Lela was an avid pinochle player and loved the Grange community card parties on Friday nights from the time she was very young. She continued to play pinochle until a few weeks prior to her passing. A draping of the charter at Glenwood Grange #94 will be conducted at the next meeting. Lela was a valuable member of the Grange and the Glenwood community and will be greatly missed.

Goldendale Grange will host the first workshop in their Survival Series on February 11 at 5:30 p.m. Titled "Farmer's Toolvox", the workshop will include speakers on "Local Water Laws and the Hirst Decision", "Soil Acidity - Know your PH", and "News Areas in Health". A roast beef dinner will be provided. Donations are accepted for the Grange Scholarship Program.

LEWIS COUNTY

Oakview Grange will be hosting the Oakview Little Opry on the third Saturday of each month, beginning on February 17. The opry will be 6-9 p.m. and will feature classic county and classic rock & roll. A potato bake dinner and dessert will be available for \$8.00 from the Grange. Admission is \$5 per person or two people for \$8.

MASON COUNTY

Skokomish Grange is planning another Pie Social and Silent Auction on May 5th. Pie will be served at 6 p.m. This is a major fund raiser for the Grange. The public is invited.

Twanoh Grange is having a Taco Feed on March 10th. It will be held at the Grapeview Fire Hall. Serving will begin at 4 p.m.

OKANOGAN COUNTY

Molson Grange hosted the Annual Ice Fishing Festival on January 13. Lots of fish were caught and entered and the prizes were awarded. Many vendors filled the Grange



Yvonne Knuth, Community Service Director, was presented afghans by Phyllis Ogden of Sunnyside Grange, who crocheted 25 of them. The afghans were given to the residents of the Villager retirement home. This was one of the Grange's main projects this year.



Green Bluff Grange member Richard Kaelin receiving his Membership Award from Master Mike Beckman at Booster Night.



Friday Harbor Grange members and guests are pictured watching two video presentations about the Grange. Friday Harbor Grange highly recommends these two videos for Open House events, which are well done, informative and interesting. One video is 5 minutes, the other 45 seconds. These videos can be found on the National Grange YouTube page.

Hall. The Grange served approximately 187 people for breakfast.

Twisp Valley Grange meetings are the second Wednesday of each month. We start the potluck at 6 pm sharp and the meeting starts at 6:30. We would love to have you come to a meeting and see what we are about.

PEND OREILLE COUNTY

Fertile Valley Grange donated coats to

local students that didn't have a warm winter coat. The Grange also donated thesauruses to local 5th graders! The thesauruses are theirs to keep!

PIERCE COUNTY

Fruitland Grange will hold a Craft Sale and Flea Market on March 17, 2018, from 9am to 3pm at their Hall. Suggested admission is a non-perishable food item which will be donated to a local food

Grange Connection



Nob Hill Grange and Broadway Grange in Yakima County held a joint 100th anniversary celebration back on October 28. Julian Steenburgen, who has been Master for Nob Hill Grange for 40 years, is pictured with State Master Tom Gwin and Terry Abbott during the celebration. Julian commented that at 102 years, he is older than his Grange. The two Granges hosted a BBQ dinner for the attendees and during the program the history of the two Granges and some of their accomplishments were highlighted.

bank. There will be more than 50 vendors; including crafts, collectibles and treasures. For more information visit our Facebook page at Fruitland Grange. Master Jim Moebius reported that brother Bill Rudnick is convalescing from back surgery. Pat and Trish Turnage gave a presentation on "A Mission for Healing Foundation". Pat, an 18 year veteran, found that helping children in third world countries provides an opportunity for veterans with PTSD to heal. The next trip to Honduras will be March 19, 2018.

SAN JUAN COUNTY

Friday Harbor Grange's new Master, Barry Cave, opened the new year with a Friday Harbor Grange Open House on January 18th. During the Open House Friday Harbor Elementary School Counselor, Terra Holmgren, spoke about the 6 week Love and Logic workshop that Grange #225 is co-sponsoring in March.

Lopez Island Grange has been awarded funding for our San Juan County Lodging Tax Grant Application, "A Reflection of Island Community Life: Farming, Food & Entertainment". The grant will be used to support our event schedule for 2018. These events welcome islanders and visitors, alike. Events such as our monthly Square Dances and Movie Nights, a Mardi Gras Fundraising Dance and our indoor Little Winter Markets, were featured in the Grant Application. Lodging Tax grant monies will help us with marketing and outreach (pop-up tent, printing flyers and newspaper advertising), utility bills, year-round portajohn rental and service, musician stipends for our scheduled concerts, dances and winter markets and rentals for event tables and chairs. Last but not least, we get portable movie screen and a pop-corn machine! We are grateful for our growing membership and community support. The winter market began on January 20 and featured a variety of vendors and live music. Our next Grange meeting will be on February 1, where we will discuss other upcoming events. The Mardi Gras Dance and Grange Fundraiser will be on February 10. This family friendly event is a fundraiser for the Grange Building Improvement Fund. Music will be provided by the Lopez Cajun Band.

San Juan Island Grange held a free pruning workshop on January 28. The event was held at the Dancing Seeds Farm and began with a potluck luncheon. The workshop was led by Greg Meyer and Keith Keyser.

SKAGIT COUNTY

Skagit Valley Grange held their Christmas Party on December 10. Fred Hall received a 60-year pin. Others scheduled but unable to attend were Letitia Brower (50 years), Ruth Morrison (65 years), and Lyle Mosher (65 years). Eight hundred pounds of food was collected at the party for the Alger Food Bank in conjunction with the square dancers. Many toys were collected and donated to Toys for Tots, also with the dancers. Blankets and dog and cat food was delivered to the Humane Society for the animals.

SNAKE RIVER (WALLA WALLA COUNTY)

Burbank Grange hosts the USDA food give away on the first Wednesdays, the quilters meet on the first Mondays, senior lunches are served on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Our Grange meeting is the second Wednesday of each month with a 6:30 potluck and a meeting to follow.

SPOKANE COUNTY

Green Bluff Grange planned their 2018 calendar of events and it will be a busy year. Our Community Booster night on January 13 started with a yummy potluck followed by the program. This year we gave out 5, 10, 15, and 20 year certificates and seals as well as 25 year certificates, 40, 60 and 65 year seals. A number of award

recipients, including Richard Kaelin (23 years) were able to attend and everyone enjoyed themselves. For 2018 we are going to have a community event on our 1st Tuesday meeting night and our business meeting on the 3rd Tuesday. On Feb. 6 we will hold a "community quilt block sewing night" based on the 2018 National Grange contest block. A Candle Lighting Ceremony will be held on Feb. 20. Our last Sunday of the month pancake breakfast was held on January 28 and the next one will be on Feb. 25. The annual Spin-In was held on Jan. 16. Jr. Grangers continue to meet on the last Tuesday of each month and are planning some upcoming activities.

THURSTON COUNTY

Prosperity Grange had a good year in 2017 with the Karate class taught at the Grange. Both instructors and one of the students are Grange members. One of the students who received his black belt last year left us to join the Navy, we wish him well and thank him for his service. During the Christmas holiday he was home on leave and came to class to help teach, it was good to see him. With his exit his younger brother stepped up and is now at the head of the class and is getting close to his black belt. We have gained new students and have an age range of 7 to adult. The class went to 7 tournaments this year and brought home 36 trophies. Twice a year when Prosperity Grange has their Flea Market sale in April and craft sale in December the students have a bake sale and all donations go to their tournament fund allowing the school to help pay the fees for those events. The students and instructors have mowed the lawns, went around the property with the weed eater and cleaned the inside many times. In November the class, in conjunction with the Grange members, sent over 60 handmade Christmas stockings, filled with goodies, to the Marines overseas.

South Union Grange continues to hold dances with live country music the first Saturday of every month from 7-10 pm (\$6 per person). Meetings are held the third Monday of every month at 7 pm. Our next meeting will be on February 18.

WHATCOM COUNTY

Haynie Grange meets the second and fourth Fridays of each month. Their next meetings will be held on February 9 and February 23rd.

Laurel Grange meets the second Saturday of each month. Their next meeting will be held on February 10th.

Lummi Island Grange meets on the first Wednesday of each month. Their next meeting will be held on February 7th.

North Bellingham Grange meets on the first Thursday of each month. Their next meeting will be held on February 1st.

Rome Grange will meet on February 14th. Their Pancake Breakfasts are held the first Sundays of each month. Their next Pancake Breakfast will be held on February 3rd.

Ten Mile Grange meets the second Thursday of each month. In February, the meeting date in Thursday the 8th.

WHITMAN COUNTY

LaDow Grange will hold a special meeting on March 8, 2018 to vote on the possible consolidation with Whelan/Ewartsville Grange #114. Attendance of all LaDow Grange members is important to vote on this proposal.

Whelan/Ewartsville Grange will meet on March 10, 2018 at 1 p.m. at the Arby's in Pullman to discuss and vote on the possible consolidation with LaDow Grange.

Rose Valley Grange Gives Family An Amazing Christmas



Rose Valley Grange is just wrapping up the BIGGEST Christmas Service Project they have ever done. It was hard work but so rewarding for all of us. Three families received wonderful gifts for their families for Christmas, and one of those three families was so especially needy - that we went above and beyond to help them.

This family had two little children and no running water. Their well pump had died. The Grange partnered with two local businesses - Dale McGee and Sons Well Drilling & Rawhide Electric and several local anonymous financial sponsors to rewire and replace their well pump so they had running water into their home, repair several broken pipes under their home, repair several electrical problems in their home causing breakers to pop,

and purchase and repair a running CAR for them so that Dad could get back to work! (Paul can do amazing things with the right car!) Way to go Grangers!!!! We are also in the process of getting a running stove for their kitchen too.

This is why we exist. Helping our local friends and community by giving a helping hand. Special thanks again to Glen Wilkerson, Aaron Betorac, Vanessa & Skylar Horton & Mark Hartley of Rawhide Electric, Cathleen & Paul Miller, all the gift wrappers - Carol Brent, Jennifer Pflieger, Annie Scott and all the anonymous financial donors and Grangers from Rose Valley and beyond who helped pull this together - we couldn't have done it without you.

For any questions, please contact Grange Master Cathleen Miller of Rose Valley at 360-425-7560



Pomona Connection

GRAYS HARBOR/PACIFIC

Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Grange met in January at the North Willapa Harbor Grange Hall. The program included the Annual Candle Lighting Ceremony. Plans are under way for a bake sale, to be held on February 17-18, in conjunction with the quilt show at the Elma Fairgrounds.

MASON COUNTY

Mason County Pomona met at The Agate Grange on Saturday, January 20th to make plans for the 2018 year. Members were reminded that the entries for State Grange contests are due March 17th beginning at 10 a.m. at Matlock Grange. Judging will be held the same day. Pomona voted to offer two college scholarships in the amount of \$750 each to Mason County 2018 graduates. Applications are available from Mary M. Knight, Shelton, Choice and North Mason High School college counselors.

Pomona members were asked to support their respective community food banks. The next Pomona Grange meeting will be March 17th at Matlock Grange.

PIERCE COUNTY

Pierce County Pomona doors are always open for Grangers. Next meeting to be held February 3rd at 10:00 AM at the Collins Grange, 3404 120th St E, Tacoma.

SKAGIT COUNTY

Skagit County Pomona will meet on March 7 at the Skagit Valley Grange. The baking and candy contests will be held. Entries will be accepted from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The meeting and auction of the entries will be at 7 p.m.

SPOKANE COUNTY

Spokane County Pomona changed our meeting months to February, May, August and November. The

day of the month does not change. It is still the third Saturday at 10:00 AM.

Upcoming Spokane County Pomona Meetings are as follows:

February 17 at Central Grange;

May 18-19 at Five Mile Grange,

Friday is contest day and Pomona meeting is Saturday;

August 18 at Spring Hill Grange;

November to be determined.

SNAKE RIVER

Snake River Pomona Grange will meet on March 17, 2018.

THURSTON COUNTY

The next Pomona meeting will be held at Brighton Park Grange on February 1.

WHATCOM COUNTY

Our February Pomona Meeting will be on the 20th at Ten Mile Grange. Baking Contest Entries will be accepted from 10am to noon. Potluck at 6:00 with Auction of Baking Contest items to follow. Meeting will start at conclusion of Auction.

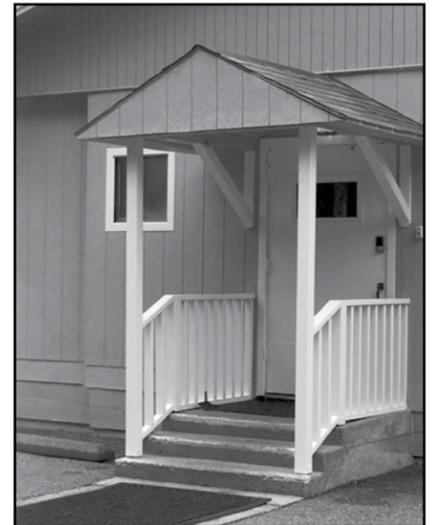
Pomona Calendar

All Pomona Granges are requested to send their list of 2017 meeting dates, times, and locations to grange@wa-grange.org for inclusion into this calendar.

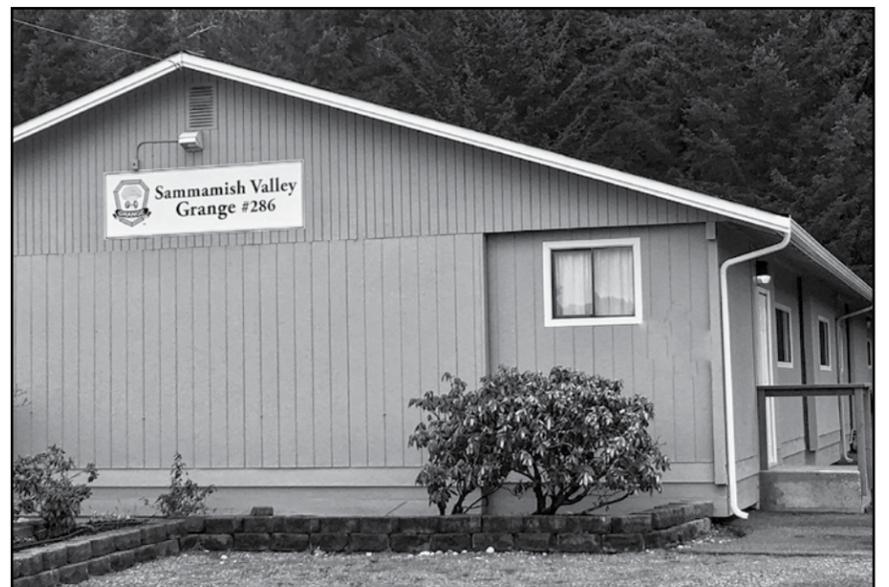
CLALLAM.....	April 18 at Crescent, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. meeting
COWLITZ	February 17 at Sunnyside, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. meeting
EXCELSIOR.....	March 17 at Clayton, 9:30 a.m. meeting, 12 noon potluck. Baking, photo, and art contest entries due.
FERRY.....	April 10 at San Poil, 6 p.m. potluck, 6:30 p.m. meeting.
GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC	March 10 at Olympic View, 10 a.m., potluck at 12 noon. Baking and candy contest entries due at 9 a.m.
KING.....	March 10 at Cedar, 10 a.m., potluck at 12 noon
KITSAP.....	February 15 at Silverdale, 7:30 p.m.
KLICKITAT.....	March 3 at Mountain View, 12 p.m.
MASON.....	March 17 at Matlock, 11 a.m., 12 p.m. potluck. Lecturer and Family Living entries due by 10 a.m.
PEND OREILLE ...	February 10 at Calispel, 11 a.m.
PIERCE	February 3 at Collins, 10 a.m. April 7 at Fruitland
SKAGIT.....	March 7 at Skagit Valley, 7 p.m. Baking, candy, and canning contest entries due 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
SNAKE RIVER	March 17 at Kennewick Valley, 10 a.m.
SNOHOMISH	March 24 at South Lake Stevens, 10 a.m. Baking, candy, and contest entries due 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
SPOKANE	February 17 at Central, 10 a.m.
STEVENS	March 24 at Quilliscut, 11 a.m.
SUNNYSIDE	February 13 at Buena, 6:30 p.m.
THURSTON	March 1 at Violet Prairie, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Baking and candy entries due 5-6 p.m.
WHATCOM	February 20 at Ten Mile, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Baking contest entries due.
WHITMAN	February 17 at Kenova, 10a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
YAKIMA	February 16 at Broadway, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting

Sammamish Valley Grange Completes Hall Upgrades

Sammamish Valley Grange #286 recently completed some major upgrades to its Grange Hall located in Woodinville, Washington. The operations committee conducting and overseeing the work was led by Chris Rekow, assisted by Grange Master, Tom Quigley. The Grange Hall has a beautiful new coat of exterior paint, a new main hall entrance, upgraded handrails and renovated building and street signage. Upgrades will continue in 2018 throughout the grounds and within the interior of the hall.



Photos: (Top left) Renovated street signage. (Right) New main hall entrance. (Bottom) Sammamish Valley Grange sports a new exterior coat of paint.



WA State Grange Camper Association To Meet

The Spring Officers meeting will be April 7th at noon. It will be at the IHOP in Ellensburg, 2704 Triple LLP, Exit 106. All campers are welcome to attend. Camper clubs are reminded to send in their rooster and dues.

The Fun Rally June 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be at Mike and Cheryl Britton's in Spokane.

For more information about the Camper Association contact Ed or Marilyn Armit, 360-983-3874

Convention Info

JUNE 27 - 30, 2018

**129th Annual Washington State Grange Convention at the
Skagit County Fairgrounds, 479 West Taylor Street, Mt Vernon, WA 98273**



2018 State Convention Planning Under Way

Planning for the 2018 WA State Grange Convention is under way. The Convention Kick-off Meeting was held on Sunday, January 21 at the Fredonia Grange Hall in Skagit County. There were over 60 Grange members in attendance.

Following a potluck luncheon, the meeting was called to order by Steering Committee Chair Steve Hall of East Hill Grange in King County. Reports were heard from various committees. State officers and department directors were present to meet with their local counterparts to provide direction and guidance.

State Master Tom Gwin reviewed changes in the convention schedule and activities during the convention week. Other State Grange representatives present included: Overseer Karen Jackson; Lecturer Leslie Wells; Chaplain Pam Matthews; Secretary Denise McCartan; Flora Annie Scott; Executive Committee Persons June Hendrickson, Duane Hamp, and David Bryant; Family Living Director Cec Hamilton; Junior Directors Marvin & Jennifer Oliver; and Membership Director John Hamilton.

Assisting Hall with the convention planning are the Vice Chair, Scott Hackett of Haynie Grange in Whatcom County, Secretary Leslie Wells of Tualco Grange in Snohomish

County and Treasurer Roxanne O'Hair of Kellogg Marsh Grange in Snohomish County.

The individual committee chairs include: Convention Pins – Chuck Prochaska; Hospitality – Rosie Knott; Flowers – Rosie Knott; Housing – Scott Hackett; Banquets – Scott Hackett; Celebration Banquet – Meta Rogers and Carol Scherrer; Family Living – Jean Swift; Degrees and Installation – John Scherrer; Furniture – Don Nilsson; Juniors – Janelle Lierman; Memorial – Melanie Hackett; Registration – Russ Weston; Rose Drill – Cindy Kudsk and Janelle Lierman; RV Parking – Steve Hall; Transportation – Russ Weston; and Youth – Lacey Rude and Naomi Lierman. Chairs are still needed for the First Aid, Lecturer, Publicity, and Stage Committees.

Following the meeting, the group travelled to the fairgrounds for a tour of the facilities. The next steering committee meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 25 at 2 p.m. at the Kellogg Marsh Grange Hall in Snohomish County. The convention is scheduled for June 27-30 and will be hosted by the Granges in the Northern District, which include Pierce, King, Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom, Island, and San Juan Counties.

Multiple Options For Housing At State Grange Convention

There are many options for housing at this year's State Grange Convention, scheduled for June 27-30 at the Skagit County Fairgrounds in Mount Vernon. We encourage Grangers to make reservations early as there are other events occurring in the Mount Vernon area during the same week.

The convention Housing Committee has compiled the following information on hotels in the area:

Tulip Inn – 1200 Freeway Drive, Mount Vernon; 2.8 miles from the fairgrounds. Includes breakfast that you must take back to your room, free Wi-Fi, in-room mini fridge, microwave, coffee maker and hair dryer. Currently under renovation and will be done by June. Allows dogs at \$10 per night, but no cats. Cost - \$75 per night plus tax. Telephone 800-599-5969 or 360-428-5969. Email: gm@tulipvalleyinn.com

Quality Inn – 1910 Freeway Drive, Mount Vernon; 2.6 miles from the fairgrounds. Includes free breakfast and free wi-fi, pool and spa. Pets are

\$20 per night. Cost – Double Queen \$121.49/night plus tax, Single King \$112.49/night plus tax. Telephone 360-428-7020. Email: Qualityinnwa083@gmail.com

Holiday Inn Express – 900 Andis Road, Burlington. 5.3 miles from the fairgrounds. Includes free breakfast and free wi-fi, pool, and hot tub. No pets allowed. Telephone 360-755-7338. Email: sales.bkob@smjmanagement.com

Days Inn – 2009 Riverside Drive, Mount Vernon. 2.2 miles from the fairgrounds. Includes free breakfast and free wi-fi, pool, in room microwave and mini fridge. Pets are \$10 per night. Telephone 360-424-4141. Email daysinnMV@aol.com

Best Western College Way Inn – 300 W. College Way, Mount Vernon. 2.5 miles from the fairgrounds. Includes free breakfast and free wi-fi, pool and hot tub. Pets are \$20 per night. Telephone 360-424-4287. Email: bwcllegwayinn@comcast.net

Resolution Writing Tips

Resolutions are not hard to write!

One of the real benefits of membership in the Grange is the opportunity that membership gives to every Grange member to have an effective voice regarding the issues that affect their lives. Each of the National and Washington State Grange policy positions all started as resolutions that were written and adopted by a local Grange chapter.

Even so, some people are still intimidated at the idea of writing a Grange resolution.

As the state Grange is scheduled to hold its annual convention this June, we hope it will help generate greater interest in grass-roots participation in our Grange legislative program. The postmarked deadline for submission of resolutions from Subordinate and Pomona Granges is May 28.

Here is a quick and easy overview of writing a resolution:

Title of Your Resolution Here
(This should be just a few words and easily summarize what the resolution is about)

Whereas, this is where you identify one problem that needs to be addressed or solved; and

Whereas, only place one reason or fact that supports your argument in each whereas paragraph; and

Whereas, only put facts in the whereas paragraphs that make it easier for the reader to understand the purpose of your resolution;

Therefore, be it Resolved, that this is where you clearly state the primary action that you propose to solve the problem you identified in the whereas paragraphs (*Resolved should stand alone from the Whereas' as this will be the policy printed in the Legislative Handbook. No information from the Whereas' will be printed in the handbook*), and

Be it Further Resolved, that any secondary actions to address the problem are placed here.

Be sure to include both the Master and Secretary signatures, Grange seal, contact information and any supporting materials.

!! REMINDER !! MARK YOUR CALENDARS

All Resolutions must be received by May 28 at the State Grange Office to be considered at the State Grange Convention. Resolutions must have the original signatures of the sponsoring Grange Master and Secretary and have the Grange seal affixed.



Washington Home

Family Living:

We Are A Grange Team, And Together We Can!

By **Cecelia Hamilton**
Family Living Director

Time seems to be flying by for me as I realize that Leadership Conferences have come and gone, and currently our Family Living contests are already beginning to take place throughout the state. Where does the time go? It is so exciting to witness the growth of our program as we visited Granges and heard of opportunities planned for the upcoming months. Granges are coming together to hold activities and brand new CFL's are stepping up to the plate. You all are amazing!



Cecelia Hamilton

I personally have experienced the taking on of something new and I realize that it can be a little scary. The unknown out there and the stepping out of our comfort zones can somehow make us feel uncertain at times. But one thing is certain as I see these new faces and new ideas evolving; it is that we are moving forward! This is a great feeling and a positive action. One that we definitely need to witness these days as some Granges still unfortunately face the difficulties with the challenge of filling their Departmental Committee Chair positions. I am happy to see that some Grangers share these roles to see to it that the work is getting done. It is vital for us to help one another to achieve these tasks in the hopes that

soon we will have someone to accept these important roles. If we all work together we can keep our programs active and productive. As in the title TEAM; Together Everyone Achieves More. We are a team, a Grange Team, and together we can! I do invite those of you who may not have had the opportunity to serve as a Family Living Chair to come on board, you can do it! It is definitely a fun and rewarding task sharing the life skills and back to basics opportunities as well as community service ideas waiting for us all within the Family Living Program. Who doesn't want to learn something new? This is your opportunity to take from our already planned out program or to prepare your own. I or your District Director will personally walk with you through the program and help you with your questions. Baby steps lead to leaps and bounds. Let's get leaping!

I am happy to see that your CFL year-end reports are coming in loyally everyday and it is great to hear about the many projects you all are involved in and the brand new out of the box projects happening. These include the Life Skills Workshops for your communities, the talented Speakers and many new service projects. Thank you all for your dedication and enthusiasm.

With Pomona Contests happening I am positive that help is needed within your Pomona. Don't hesitate to volunteer to help out with the planning, setting up and the contest day itself. It can be a little overwhelming for us all as we take on these activities. Having a helping hand will make the day run smoother. Remember to Have Fun!

Game Plan For Game Day

(Courtesy of Family Features)

Whether you want to step up your hosting game or just plan to contribute to the game day spread, it's easy to create the perfect plan with an array of premium food, without the premium price tags.

Simplify party prep and cleanup: Paper towels, plastic cutlery and game day-themed plates and napkins can make post-party cleanup a breeze, not to mention festive.

Make it buffet style: Let your guests serve themselves on game day. Buffets showcase a wide variety of dips, chips and snacks and are an affordable, fun option to please all your guests. This party trick also makes it easy to grab a quick bite between plays or during commercial breaks.

Go after unusual suspects: Elevate traditional dips, hummus, guacamole and salsa with different dipping options. Crostini, crispbread, gluten-free crackers and unexpected veggies like rainbow carrots, sugar snap peas and asparagus would add dimension to your menu and put a spin on your favorite game day snacks.

Get out of the kitchen: Just because you're hosting should not mean you don't get to enjoy yourself. Avoid spending hours in the kitchen with this crowd-pleasing Buffalo Chicken Dip recipe. Mix the ingredients in a slow cooker, turn it on high and then you're ready to

kick off the party.

Find more ideas and recipes for game day at ALDI.com.

Buffalo Chicken Dip

Recipe courtesy of Chef Leigh An, ALDI Test Kitchen

2 pounds Chicken Breasts
1 cup Burman's Hot Sauce
1/2 cup Tuscan Garden Buttermilk Ranch Dressing
8 ounces Cream Cheese, at room temperature
1 teaspoon sea salt
2 teaspoons pepper
1 cup Colby Jack Shredded Cheese

In slow cooker, combine chicken, hot sauce, ranch, cream cheese, salt and pepper. Turn slow cooker to high and cook 2 hours and 30 minutes.

Shred chicken. Add cheese to slow cooker and stir. Turn slow cooker to warm and enjoy with tortilla chips, baguettes or crunchy veggies.

Tip: For easy shredding, place cooked chicken breasts in stand mixer with paddle attachment and turn on low until shredded.



Community Service

Community Service:

Tips For An Award-Winning Community Service Notebook

By **Yvonne Knuth**
Community Service Director

Eleven conferences are done and six to go. Many of us hadn't been to Lopez Island. If you ever get up that way visit it. Ferry ride coming back was a little rough. If you get sea sick, take a pill. Attendant told us to find a seat and stay there.

The winds and heavy rain just felt like home.

Just think it is only 2-1/2 months before reports and notebooks have to be in. At some of the conferences good ideas or hints for the notebook were given. National Community Service chair Pete Pomper said the winning two books only had 16 pages and done very well. One ONLY needs a couple of pictures and a small write up on the whole project, example-display for Grange month-take two pictures of area used and a small paragraph of about five lines. If one puts a lot of pictures in they miss the whole idea of project.

Some have kept adding pages from other years. Some were back to 2005. These books may be disqualified. One doesn't have to have 6-10 pictures on the same subject. Say, we planned several activities (name a couple with pictures) and others list for the event. I know you want to show what went on in your Grange but put them after convention to display at your fair or others places in the community.

Time to start counting hours and give to community person and to lecturer. We both need them for reports. Remember if four people work on project for five hours that is 20 hours of service.



Yvonne Knuth

Grange Exchange

GRAIN ELEVATORS Columbia Basin new Project 87,000 acres circles, Surplus Grains for pelleting, distilling, feed, seed, fertilizers, Highway, Railbed 14 deeded acres, Sacrifice terms. Contact Warden at 509-467-4381

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National Grange News

WA Deputy Sheriff Gosch Named National Grange Law Enforcement Officer Of The Year

Clark County Deputy Sheriff Tim Gosch was named National Grange Law Enforcement Officer of the Year for 2017. The award was announced at the Celebration Banquet during the National Grange Convention in Spokane. State Grange Master Tom Gwin accepted the award on behalf of Gosch.



Nominated by Fargher Lake Grange #853 for his work in the North Clark County area, Deputy Gosch was named as the state award recipient at the State Grange Convention in Ocean Shores. He attended the convention to receive his state award. The nomination packet was then forwarded to the National Grange for possible national recognition.

On January 25, State Master Gwin and Fargher Lake Grange Master James Lester were invited to present the award to Deputy Gosch at the Clark County Sheriff's Office Employee Recognition Awards Ceremony in Vancouver. The event featured awards for years of service, life saving awards, employees of the year, and several special awards.

Pictured above with Deputy Gosch are: State Grange Community Service Director Yvonne Knuth, State Grange Mater Tom Gwin, Clark County Pomona Grange Representative Judy Steigmann, Fargher Lake Grange Lecturer Ruth Ham, and Fargher Lake Grange Master James Lester with his wife.

Nominations for the 2018 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award are due by April 15 to the State Grange Community Service Director. Applications are a part of the Grange Community Service Packet and can also be found on the WA State Grange website: www.wa-grange.org.



Time To Start Planning For Grange Month Events

We are all getting so excited for this April - Grange Month.

As announced by National Grange President Betsy E. Huber, the theme this year is "That's the Grange Way." Just like last year, we hope you use the theme to help prompt discussions in and outside your Grange about the organization you love, what it means to be a Granger and why the Grange is relevant today.

There's more than talk, though, expected of any good Granger. That's right: It's time to get to work! It is never too early to plan a Grange event, especially during Grange Month.

During that month, a lot of Granges will have an open house/hall and may use the opportunity to recognize a community leader and to recruit new members.

The Grange Month Award form is available from the National Grange website.

There are also materials that you can purchase like t-shirts, cups, pens, etc. from the new Grange Store at Monore

Classic. Go to www.promoplace.com/grange

Don't forget to find materials to promote membership in the Grange Store like membership brochures and kits. You can order a banner with the theme that can be used this April and again and again at fairs, festivals, community events and more.

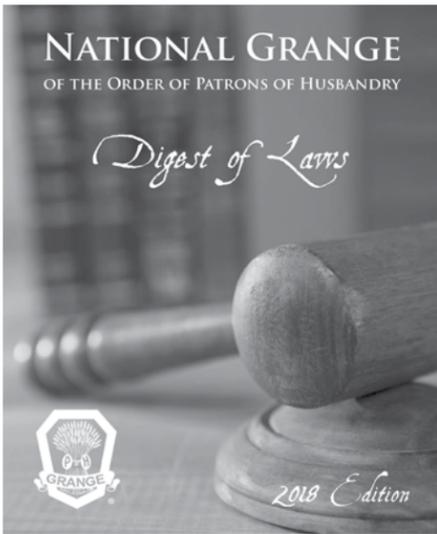
Here are some ideas for Grange Month events: Blood Drive, Member Appreciation Night, Grange Day at State Capital, Pie/Cookie Night, Defensive Driving Course, Public Forum (Councilman, Board of Supervisors, Mayor, School Board, etc).

This year, instead of a Grange Month Participation Form, we have created a Grange Health Survey and encourage every Grange to complete and return the survey as soon as possible. You will receive direct tips and suggestions based on your responses.

Make sure to let us know what you're planning! Send an email to Amanda@nationalgrange.org

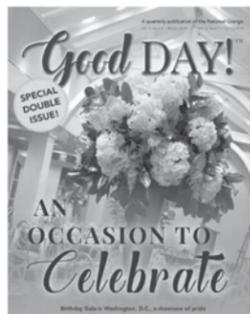
National Grange Digest Available For Download

The revised National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry Digest of Laws, 2018 Edition, that applies to all Granges of the Order, including Junior, Subordinate, State and Pomona's, is available for free download on the National Grange website: www.NationalGrange.org.



You may also order a printed copy of the Digest through the Grange Supply Store for \$20 plus shipping. It includes all 112 pages with cover, three hole punched and bound in a three-ring binder that allows you to quickly slip in updated pages as they become available each year.

Have You Subscribed To "Good Day!" Magazine?



By Amanda Leigh Brozana Rios
National Grange Communications Director

Subscribers better reinforce their mailboxes before The special double issue of Good Day! arrives in late January. This 180-page issue, which covers the 151st Annual National Grange Convention, the 150th Birthday Gala in Washington, D.C. and celebrations around the nation, and has its other standard fare features, news from around the nation, new program and contest details and much more, will tip the scales.

From a look at a \$20K fundraiser in Oregon, that you may be inspired to replicate in your own community, to a look at what Granges did to help others and what Grangers were affected by Mother Nature's fury in 2017, there is something for everyone.

There are also a number of pages that are designed to be photocopied or pulled out and passed around, including an update of new policy issues passed by delegates at convention and the 2018 Grange Month poster. Haven't subscribed yet? It's about time!

Without many more subscribers, the publication may not be able to continue. If you haven't yet purchased a subscription, do so today. If you have, please share your copy with friends and encourage them to subscribe as well!

Limited copies of the previous three issues are available for \$5 each plus shipping through the Grange Store.

APRIL 15-18, 2018

Plan to take action!

Set your 2018 travel schedule to include a trip to Washington, D.C., for the National Grange Legislative Fly-In during our sesquicentennial celebration year.

Join Brothers and Sisters from around the nation to promote Grange policy priorities and get advocacy training so you can better present your community's concerns to elected officials and their staff.

Our schedule includes issues briefings, agency meetings, and Hill appointments to meet with our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

The Fly-In is one of the greatest ways members can engage in our advocacy and remind legislators and regulators of the unique grassroots way in which our policy is developed. Participants help tell the story of an organization still relevant and vibrant that speaks from America's hometowns.

Event Hotel
Quality Inn Tysons Corner
1587 Spring Hill Rd., Vienna, VA

Fruitland Grange Supports The Mission For Healing Foundation With Donation



Pat and Trish Turnage accepting a one time donation from Fruitland Grange to support the Mission for Healing Foundation. Pat, a United States Army Veteran suffering from PTSD, co-founded the foundation. Through the Mission he found a sense of healing through building and giving back on mission trips to developing countries. For more information, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/missionforhealing/>.

Kellogg Marsh Grange Honors 50-Year Member



Kellogg Marsh Grange #136 honored Carol Scherrer for 50 years membership at the first meeting in January, 2018. Several of her family and friends came to the potluck and cake before, and stayed for the meeting afterwards. WA State Grange Master Tom Gwin presented her with the 50 year certificate and pin during the Lecturer's portion of the meeting.

GRANGE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION (Seattle, Washington)

NOTICE OF 2018 ANNUAL POLICYHOLDERS' MEETING

The Annual Policyholders' meeting of the Grange Insurance Association will be held on Monday, March 19, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Grange Insurance Association, 200 Cedar Street, Seattle, Washington 98121.

All Grange Insurance Association policyholders are welcome to attend.

Signed at Seattle, Washington this 14th day of December 2017.

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