



# WASHINGTON STATE Grange News

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## Sequim Prairie Grange Honors It's Lifelong Members

Every year, the Sequim Prairie Grange members come together to celebrate each other and their families at the annual Holiday party which was held in December. This year's highlight was the pin ceremony, with a combination of 335 years between seven of our members. And there are many more

members who have been with the Grange 5, 10, 20 years or so. It's quite impressive.

The newest member of the Sequim Prairie Grange Sherrie Cerutti said.

"The pin is small in size but represent so much more. It serves as a sincere expression of our gratitude for their lifelong

commitment to the Grange and our community."

"It's because of these individuals the foundation of the Grange is held together." Dave McDaniels Sequim Prairie Grange President said.

A special recognition was awarded to:

Helen Bucher 75 years

Robert Clark 60 years  
Dorinda Becker 50 years  
Kim Moulson 45  
Fred Grant 45 years  
Sara Clark 35 years  
Sue Hargrave 25 years.

With this core group of

dedicated members, we welcome everyone in the community to join our Grange and follow us on Facebook @Sequim Prairie Grange #1108. We meet the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm. 290 MacLeay, Sequim.

**MARCH 2022 issue deadline – FEBRUARY 20th**  
Submissions can be sent to [grangenews@wa-grange.org](mailto:grangenews@wa-grange.org)



(Above) – Past State Grange Master Robert Clark and Past State Flora Helen Bucher

(Large Photo) – Dorinda Becker received her Golden Shear Award from Sequim Prairie Grange Master Dave McDaniels

Mark Your Calendars

### Upcoming State Grange Events

Due to Covid-19, many scheduled events are either cancelled or postponed. Please call prior to the event to confirm.

**FEBRUARY 2** .....Lecturer Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.

**FEBRUARY 3** .....Secretary Zoom Meeting, 1 p.m.

**FEBRUARY 3** .....Secretary Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.

**FEBRUARY 7** .....Grange Legislative Zoom Meeting, 10 a.m.

**FEBRUARY 8** .....Lecturer Zoom Meeting, 1 p.m.

**FEBRUARY 8** .....Youth Department Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.

**FEBRUARY 9** .....Junior Grange Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.

**FEBRUARY 10** .....Secretary Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.

**FEBRUARY 12** .....Secretary Zoom Meeting, 10 a.m.

**FEBRUARY 15** .....Junior Grange Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.

**FEBRUARY 21** .....Grange Legislative Update Zoom Meeting, 10 a.m.

**FEBRUARY 23** .....Grange Presidents Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.

**MARCH 7** .....Grange Legislative Update Zoom Meeting, 10 a.m.

**MARCH 23** .....Grange Presidents Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.

**MARCH 25-27** .....Deputy/State Officer/Pomona Master Conference @ Olympia

**JUNE 22-25** .....133rd Annual State Grange Session at Puyallup

**AUGUST 5-7** .....Western Regional Grange Youth and Leaders Conference in Oregon

**NOVEMBER 15-18** .....National Grange Session at Reno/Sparks, Nevada

# WA State Grange Schedules Zoom Officer Training

While not all state directors will be able to attend the leadership conferences, a series of Zoom meeting has been developed as a supplement to the face-to-face leadership conferences. This will allow Grange members across the state to communicate directly with the state officers/directors to learn about the current programs. All training sessions are open to all Grange members and will allow multiple members from a Grange the opportunity to utilize the resources available to conduct successful projects and activities within their local Granges. Additional meetings will be announced as the dates become available. Login information is the same for each meeting and is listed at the end of this article.

FOCUS GROUP	DATE	TIME	TOPIC
GRANGE PRESIDENTS	Wed, February 23 Wed, March 23	7 p.m. 7 p.m.	An Update on Current Projects and Topics of Concern – led by Tom Gwin, State President
GRANGE LECTURERS	Wed, February 2 Tues, February 8	7 p.m. 1 p.m.	2022 Grange Lecturer Programs and Activities – discussion led by Leslie Wells, State Lecturer
GRANGE SECRETARYS	Thurs, February 3 Thurs, February 3 Thurs, February 10 Sat, February 12	1 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m. 10 a.m.	Duties and Responsibilities of the Grange Secretary, including the Reporting Process – led by Terry Abbott, State Secretary
LEGISLATIVE UPDATES FOR ALL GRANGE MEMBERS	Mon, February 7 Mon, February 21 Mon, March 7	10 a.m. 10 a.m. 10 a.m.	An Update/Discussion on Legislative Session in Olympia – held every two weeks during the session – led by Heather Hansen and the Grange Legislative Committee
JUNIOR GRANGE	Wed, February 9 Tues, February 15	7 p.m. 7 p.m.	Growing Kids with the Junior Grange – discussion led by Heather Ferguson, State Junior Director
YOUTH DEPARTMENT	Tues, February 8	7 p.m.	2022 Grange Youth Programs – discussion led by the State Grange Youth Team

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# Grange Month Display Contest: “Celebrate Grange”

Granges are encouraged to toot their own horn and the horns of other Granges as we celebrate Grange Month in April. The State Grange Membership Department is having a Grange Month Display Contest to assist in promoting the Grange and portraying the positive influences the Grange has made on our state and nation.

For over 130 years the Washington State Grange has worked to make our state a better place for our citizens. We are active in 226 communities throughout the state, providing a wide range of services and offering multiple activities and programs. A public display on our Grange programs will assist in informing the citizens of our state of our programs and achievements.

Grange Month is celebrated in April. We ask that each Grange create a public display to promote the Grange and to focus on the positive impacts the Grange has made in our state.

**General Guidelines:**

- Each Grange will arrange for their own display area in a prominent public location in their community. The display area may be a window, table, showcase, or whatever is available for use in your community.
- Each Grange will design a display featuring their projects and activities, with a focus on the positive impacts they have had on the community or state.
- The display should follow the theme “Celebrate Grange”.
- A wide variety of Grange programs should be represented (i.e. lecturer programs, community service, youth activities, junior programs, family living, legislative

etc.)

- The display must be in place for a minimum of seven days during the month of April.
- Each display must include a Grange logo and contact information for the local Grange.

**Contest Information:**

- Each Grange is encouraged to take a 3-5 pictures of their display (including one of the complete display).
- Place the pictures in a folder and include a 300-word (maximum) essay describing the display and what you tried to portray.
- Include your Grange name and contact information in the folder.
- Send the folder to the State Grange Office no later than May 1.
- Pictures of the displays will be used for promotion in The Grange News. In addition, pictures will be displayed at the State Grange Convention.
- Judging will be completed by a committee and will be based on: originality, creativity, design, and overall impact.
- Cash prizes will be awarded to the top five displays: \$50, \$40, \$30, \$20, and \$10.

All entries should be placed in a folder and sent by May 1 to the Washington State Grange, PO Box 1186, Olympia WA 98507. All entries will be available for pick up at the State Grange Convention.

Grange Camper Assoc.

Washington State Camper Association is planning for their Annual Camping Rally and meeting June 3-6 in Mossyrock at the Armit's property. 139 Del Ray Rd, Mossyrock. All Grangers and friends are invited to bring their RV's to stay (\$20 fee for weekend) or come on Saturday the 4th for an all State potluck picnic at 1pm. Coffee, water, plates an utensils will be available or bring your own. Bring a lawn chair. Dry camping except of a very limited number of electricity for medical reason only.

Camper Clubs please send your dues to Treasurer Cheryl Britton and roster to Secretary Marilyn Armit.

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• Tom Gwin, Executive Editor •

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President’s Message

Recapping 2021; Moving Forward With A Vengeance In 2022

By Tom Gwin  
State Grange  
Master/President

While I am enjoying a crispy brisk January morning here in Olympia, our efforts to move the Grange forward during the past year have rewarded us with the bounty we worked so hard to achieve. While we are still compiling final numbers, I can say that our Granges took in nearly 850 new Subordinate Grange members in 2021, nearly tripling our numbers from the previous year. New members were reported in 110 Granges. Several Granges doubled their membership totals from the previous year.

We also reported the organization of four new Junior Granges in 2021: The Valley, Addy, Stranger Creek, and Kettle River. On January 10, we organized Sharon Junior Grange. Our numbers will continue to grow as we develop programs of interest to youth and their families.

The fall and winter have taken me on several jaunts across the state to visit Granges and meet with local Grange leaders. I have been able to visit Granges in or near Pullman, Clarkston, Palouse, Ritzville, Spokane, Colville, Wenatchee, Ellensburg, Pasco, Walla Walla, and Moses Lake.

The Leadership Conference series was held in January. We

were able to get back and forth over the pass between snowstorms and were greeted with dense fog in the central part of the state. The conferences took our team to Yakima, Manson, Clayton, Colfax, Centralia, Langley, Sequim, and Tacoma. Thank you to each of our host Granges for

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-- Tom Gwin

your hospitality at the meetings. Packets of information for each Grange was distributed to the Pomona Masters and Deputies. If your county was not represented at the conferences, your packet will be mailed to your Grange Secretary.

The 2022 State Grange Convention Kick Off meeting was held on January 23. Following a tour of the facilities at the Washington State Fairgrounds in Puyallup, we congregated at the Waller Road Grange Hall to formulate plans for the convention.



Tom Gwin

Please mark your calendars now for this year’s convention..... June 22-25 in Puyallup.

The next few weeks will continue to be exciting for the Grange. The leadership training series will continue with Zoom meetings by the Grange department directors. Later this week, I will be in Ellensburg obligating new members for the revitalization of Menastash Grange. This weekend, I will be in Spokane at the Five Mile Prairie Grange Hall to discuss the status and future of the Spokane County Pomona Grange.

Later in February, I will attend the State Grange Presidents meeting in South Carolina. I will return just in time for our monthly zoom meeting on February 23. I should have an update on emerging topics at the national level, along with a report of our legislative activities.

As you can see from this column, the snow and floodwaters of January have not stopped Grange activities across the state. We merely needed to adjust before moving forward in our endeavors to make the Grange increasingly visible and to provide stronger opportunities for rural development across the state.

Legislative

2022 Legislative Session Begins



By Heather Hansen  
Legislative Lobbyist

Heather Hansen

The Washington State legislative session began Monday, January 10 with a slew of bills already pre-filed. As of this writing, 940 bills have been filed, by the time you read it, there will be many more. Once again, the session will be virtual. All hearings will be held via Zoom. The silver lining in that is that it allows citizens to testify from home. It appears there are more legislators in Olympia than there were a year ago, but all offices remain closed to the public. This is a 60-day session that will conclude March 10.

Overall, the biggest issues this year are expected to be reforming the long-term care act passed last year, reforming police accountability passed last year, affordable housing, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and saving salmon.

Washington State revenue growth has remained strong. At this time, the state has a four-year surplus of \$8.8 billion, the highest in at least 20 years. Governor Inslee is proposing to spend \$626 million on efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, \$800 million to help combat homelessness and \$187 million to save salmon.

The Governor’s salmon proposal includes creating new buffers along waterways that run through ag land. It would permanently remove land from production with little compensation for the owner. The buffer would be 240 feet on either side of every stream in western Washington and 75-80 feet in drier areas of the state. If the landowner does not comply, they would be fined \$10,000 a day per violation.

During the second week of the session, this salmon buffer bill dominated much of the discussion. While growers and county commissioners opposed the bill, Tribes and environmental groups supported it. A key point in this controversy is that the proposal was developed behind closed doors with no input from anyone in the agricultural community, including the department of agriculture. Many growers and grower groups have good working relationships with tribes. It appears the Governor’s office intentionally tried to pit tribes and growers against each other.

A bill with less financial impact, but equally as ill-considered for rural Washington, would double the sales tax on outdoor power equipment that is not emission free. It also prohibits state and local governments from buying outdoor power equipment that is not emission free. This includes chainsaws, power sprayers, lawn care equipment and all other outdoor power equipment less than 25 horsepower. This prohibition would apply to cemetery districts, mosquito control districts, and other government entities including road crews. Picture this, the next time a tree falls over the road, the county would have to remove it using a battery powered chain saw that most likely stops working when it gets cold.

Senator Van De Wege, from Port Angeles, introduced a bill to consolidate natural resource management under the commissioner of public lands. It would have the commissioner, who currently manages the department of natural resources, appoint the directors of the department of fish and wildlife and the state parks and recreation commission. It would further have the commissioner appoint the members of the fish and wildlife advisory commission and the state parks and recreation advisory committee. This would make the commissioner of public lands a very powerful position.

Some Granges will be happy to see Senate bill 5505 which would reinstate the property tax exemption for property owned by a nonprofit organization where a portion of the property is used for a farmers market. Income received from rental of the property must be used for capital improvements or maintenance and operation of the property. The property may be used for up to 53 days per year for the purpose of a farmers market.

Things move quickly during a short legislative session. More bills will be introduced. Many will die, others will be amended. We won’t know the outcome until the final gavel falls.

Washington State Grange Offers Wi-Fi Grant Program

The Washington State Grange, through the generosity of the Washington State Grange Foundation, is offering a grant program to install wireless internet in Grange halls across the state. Up to \$500 is available to assist each Grange in this endeavor. The one-time grant may be used only to cover the cost for the initial installation of wireless internet. Monthly charges from the internet service provider will be the responsibility of the Subordinate Grange. Participating Granges are to subscribe to the wireless services for a minimum of two years.

The State Grange Executive Committee is making this program retroactive back to January 1, 2021. Any Grange installing wireless internet in their hall after that date is eligible to apply and be reimbursed for

their installation fees. The installation must be completed by September 1, 2022.

It is not necessary for Granges to own their own hall, however a long-term lease or rental agreement must be in place for Granges to be eligible.

Grant applications are due no later than June 1, 2022. The State Grange Executive Committee will review the applications on a monthly basis, beginning in December 2021. Once approved, the Subordinate Grange can begin the process of having the wireless internet installed in their hall. The grant program will be conducted on a reimbursement basis. The Subordinate Grange will need to pay for the service and then submit receipts to the State Grange Office for reimbursement. Reimbursement forms will be sent to

each Grange upon the approval of their grant application.

Wireless internet can be a benefit to Granges by allowing members to attend meetings electronically. It will also assist Granges as they rent their Grange halls out to others by increasing the value received by the potential renters. We hope to have wireless internet broadly available in Grange halls across the state.

Thus far, the State Grange Foundation Board of Directors has approved the applications for Barberton, Fruitland, and Humptulips Granges. Several applications are scheduled for review at the February board meeting.

Questions on the program or the application process can be referred to the State Grange Office.



From the beginning, supporting the private the Grange was an enterprise system. The organization developed success of these to protect farmer’s cooperative efforts led interests and to to many ventures, one encourage working cooperative venture with others while that still exists today -

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# Membership Corner

## Welcome New Members

### GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS Late December 2021 & January 2022

	# Joined	Jr. +1
647 Broadway..... 3		
Andrew Granitto, Peggy Granitto, Linda Galloway		
791 Bryant..... 3		
Laurie Johnsen, Jeramy Walker, Heather Carlson		
306 Cedar Valley..... 3		
JoAnn Becker, Sherry Maupin, Kelly Britz		
148 East Spokane..... 2		
Sylvia Gobel, Eric Allen		
1012 East Wenatchee..... 1		
Jose M. Lopez		
857 Granville..... 2		
Mark Liechty, Robbie Liechty		
667 Long Beach..... 5		
Jenna Austin-Nesbett, Peggy Mills, Sue Svendsen Connie Owen, Teresa Dolan		
1103 Okanogan..... 1		
Patrick Covington		
1125 Olalla.....10		
John Shobe, Debra Marion, Julie Tappero, Greg Sandstrom Linnea Nash, Donald J. Clark, Joanne K. Clark Michael J. Woodford, Bob Olson, Mark Svenson		
985 Oroville..... 1		
Amy Wise		
720 Quimper..... 5		
Phillip Burwell, Gigi Callaizaris, Steve Moore Susan Stone, Carol Voorheis		
226 Rome..... 1		
Marilyn Curtis		
800 Sharon.....11	3	
Sarah Sigler, Mark Sigler, Cole Sigler, Ken Crumby Loni Anderson, Cody Bowen, Chad Russell, Kimberly Russell Natalie Doelman, Hank Doelman, John Doelman		
105 Silver Lake..... 1		
Sherie Dobbins		
586 Terrace Heights..... 1		
Jeff Phelps		
452 Williams Valley..... 2		
Brooklyn Smith, Sunder Love		
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TOTALS..... 52	3	

## Social Media and the Grange

You just can't get around it anymore. Social media is an integral part of the 21st Century!

So how can we use social media to enhance our Granges and introduce new and potential members to the Grange?

Facebook is undoubtedly the most popular social networking site available today. Of course, there are the other social media sites such as Twitter, YouTube, LinkedIn and a few others, however, Facebook is where we will find the most connectivity among users.

There are three types of Facebook accounts: individual, group or a page. Individual pages are for your own personal page as a group account is much the same, however, you can have multiple administrators; meaning multiple people can make updates, post new information, etc. to your Facebook page. Most importantly though, a group account still acts like an individual account in that people can post comments and information to the wall (page). Lastly, a page virtually acts as a marketing platform for people to visit in order to learn more about a company, organization, celebrity, etc. Unlike the other accounts, group pages have "followers" instead of "friends" and can be easily tailored to include more logos and graphics.

You should use Facebook to do the following:

- Update your members on important issues like upcoming events, Grange or committee meetings, or monthly newsletters.
- Post links to news articles, relevant websites, community events and other valuable resources.
- Attach your Facebook URL to anything and everything you distribute (email signatures, business cards, pamphlets, event flyers, etc.) allowing potential members or contributors to easily learn about your Grange.
- Look up fellow members or potential contacts when traveling, providing an opportunity for face-to-face contact.
- Join other Ag groups, or organizations with similar interests to share industry information.
- Use the followers list from similar organizations to solicit new members interested in the Grange.

Fully capitalizing on your Facebook page is going to be a

joint effort. Assign two to three people within your Grange the duty of checking your page daily to ensure that no message, comment, or request goes unnoticed. Remember, everything you post on the Internet is forever. Double-check spelling and content of your message posting.

Lastly, when managing your Grange-oriented account, remember whom you're representing and act accordingly. Avoid cursing, posting inappropriate material, misrepresenting the Grange by stating views that aren't in alignment with Grange policy. Your page must be clearly identified as a Grange website or page and must have contact information. Your page must be clearly identified as being a Grange sponsored page or group and have a Grange contact person easily identified on the page. There should be NO partisan or sectarian comments, opinions, statements or endorsements on the website or page. No negative or inflammatory comments, opinions or statements toward any Grange or level of the Grange or toward any member of any Grange or to any public entity or public officials, may be posted. All content, including advertisements, must be within the guidelines of the Digest and By-Laws of the State Grange.

## Congratulations

**Congratulations to the following Grangers for bringing in 3 new members into your Grange. You will each receive the membership t-shirt with our mission statement.**

Nicolas Crouner – East Spokane #148  
Nora Doelman – Sharon #800  
Matt Simonis – Bryant #791  
Marty Kellogg – Olalla #1125

**Congratulations to the Grangers who have brought in 5 or more new members into your Grange. You have each won a \$25 Amazon gift card for every 5 new members brought in.**

Sheila Long – Quimper #720  
Nora Doelman – Sharon #800  
Marty Kellogg – Olalla #1125 – 2 gift cards

This Contest runs from January 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2022.

There are many members close to receiving their membership t-shirt or a \$25 gift card. So, let's get out there and invite our friends and neighbors to join the Grange!

## Youth

### Youth Program Guides Posted

By Jerry Gwin  
State Youth Director



Jerry Gwin

The youth department will have a Zoom meeting to discuss our youth programs on Tuesday, February 8 at 7 p.m. We plan to gather information that will assist the state team in planning activities for the future.

The National Grange Youth Program Guide has been posted on our website. The State Youth Program Guide is also posted. Entry forms will remain the same. At this point, we are looking for potential Youth and Young Adult Ambassadors to represent the Washington State Grange for 2022-2023. Interested applicants can contact one of the youth team members.

The public speaking and sign-a-song contests are scheduled to be held during this year's State Grange Convention in Puyallup. Contest rules are in the program handbook. We will announce the exact dates and times as they become available.

Let's continue hoping for an end to this pandemic so we can resume our Grange youth and young adult activities!

## Washington Grange #82 Is A Pear Producer

Washington Grange No. 82's hall is located in SW Washington on a 1 1/2 acre site. We decided to take on a community service project of producing pears for the Clark County Food Bank. We purchased 10 medium sized trees already pruned for espaliered planting. We had previously confirmed with the Food Bank that pears would be a product they could use.

The trees were picked up on January 20th. On the 21st 10 members of Washington gathered at the Grange to get the job done. Holes were dug, trees were planted, and laterals were tied on to a trellis for growing.

Earlier during a visit to Heritage Farm (A local agricultural and

educational community facility on 79 acres) we learned the yield from espaliered pear trees can be 3 to 4 times greater than the yield from a similar dwarf tree, plus you do not need a ladder for pruning or picking. These trees should start producing fruit in 2 years. We are looking forward to our first harvest and donation to the food bank.



# National Grange News

## NATIONAL GRANGE: GRANGE LAW POLICY STATEMENT – 2021

Just as our Ritual provides the vehicle to present and understand our teachings and principles, our Constitution and By-laws provide the unified structure for our order to function with unity of action. Understanding why we have our code is as important as understanding the code itself. Over the past 155 years, many hours have been spent by many minds crafting a document that will serve and protect the interests of the Grange at all levels, as well as its individual members. It is with a great deal of respect and caution that we approach the task of amending these laws, and sincerely hope that the changes made are in the best interests of the Grange as a whole.

With today's political climate we need to remind our membership that partisanship ends at our door. We want to stress how important it is to remain non-partisan, that we as the Grange do not support any nominee, appointee, candidate, or agency appointees, etc.

Social media has afforded the members the opportunity for instant communication of Grange activities and successes. We understand that not everyone will ever agree with all policies and undertakings of our Order, and that makes our organization unique. We strongly oppose the posting of personal grievances, the purpose of which is to divide and destroy. The First Amendment of the United States Constitution makes us powerless to stop the negativity. We challenge our Grangers to apply the high standards demanded by our Fraternal bonds to conduct our personal participation on social media sites accordingly.

As members we all enjoy the protection of our Digest of Laws, which have proven to be legally enforceable and binding by the Federal and State court and our fraternal responsibility to abide by them and hold our brothers and sisters accountable. Failure to do so results in strife and discontent. Let us practice our motto - "In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, and in all things charity."

We recognize that Grange closures can result in significant membership loss. In these cases, Granges should be encouraged to consider first, consolidation with another Grange, second, a demit with recommendations to other Granges or other ways to retain membership. Transfer to e-membership should be considered only as a last resort, as it deprives members of most of their previous Grange privileges.

We want to make sure that we are maintaining fairness in electing the officers of the National Grange. Delegates should be mindful of maintaining equity among the regions of the country, including other factors when electing the Executive Committee.

The National Grange should communicate with the State Granges regarding all the entities that have entered into contractual trademark agreements in their state, so that they may act as agents for the National Grange. This will ensure that the State Grange is aware of all the entities that use our trademark in that State and that licensees are complying.

The Grange Law Committee urges that the traditional opening and closing ceremonies or the approved alternative opening and closing ceremonies always be used, whenever possible. The Grange Law Committee further urges that recitation of the verbal portions of either the traditional opening and closing or the approved alternative opening and closing ceremonies must be used, regardless of the whether or not that Grange can regularly follow the physical performance portions of these ceremonies, because at a bare minimum, these verbal recitations are necessary in order to legally conduct business as a Grange. We further urge that State and National Grange leaders exercise wide discretion, common sense and positive encouragement as well as tolerance, respect and a little humility among local Grange members when grappling with these issues. Shaming or lecturing our fellow Grange members in a condescending manner about either their preference not to follow all of our traditions or their demands that we follow those traditions without exception, will never lead to the growth and development of the Order. For as Brother William Saunders, the first Master of the National Grange and the author of the Preamble to the National Grange Constitution, wrote to us in 1873, "...hence we have a ceremony...which binds us in mutual fraternity as with a band of iron; but although its influence is so powerful, its application is as gentle as that of the silken thread that binds a wreath of flowers."

The Grange Law Committee request the National Grange President and the National Junior Director examine updating the language used in the Junior Grange to a more contemporary language that is easier for children to understand, while retaining the similarities to the Subordinate/Community Grange ritual.

The Grange Law Committee encourages State Presidents to assign titles to their appointed representatives such as Deputies that works best for your Grange members.

The Grange Law Committee commends the efforts of the Study Committee Looking at Feasibility for a Video of the First Four Degrees (Video Study Committee). This committee was appointed following adoption of resolution 715 (2019). The resolution called for preserving the lessons, principals and integrity

of the first four degrees by creating an audio-visual recording of those degrees for archival and instructive purposes. The committee labored diligently and worked to address many of the concerns related to a lack of consistent quality in the exemplification of these degrees among our various state and local Granges as well as the technical issues related to maintaining the quality and instruction of the impressive aspects of the messages of these degrees in a video format vs traditional, live performances. The Video Study Committee has reported back that it appears that this project is feasible if certain production guidelines and directional instructions for these videos are strictly followed. However, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the committee was unable to work with a sufficient number of video production companies and/or academic video production facilities to be certain that the standards of production for these videos will also meet commercial video production standards. Therefore, the committee has asked for an additional year to complete their final report. The Grange Law Committee recommends that the time allowed for this important study committee to complete their tasks be extended by one year with presentation of a final report at the 2022 Annual Session. The Grange Law Committee also recommends that the Video Study Committee complete its work under the direction of resolution 715 (2019) with the intention that these videos will primarily serve archival and instructive purposes. Once the videos are produced and can be reviewed by the full Assembly of Demeter, the Delegate body and the larger Grange community, then the decision can be made as to whether it is appropriate to extend the application of these videos to State and local Granges in order to use to bring new members into the Grange. But without the chance to review the final videos, any proposal to use these videos for actual exemplification of the degrees is simply speculation.

In 2002, 2003 and 2004, the National Grange adopted changes to our Digest of Laws authorizing the use of alternative titles, by all levels of our Order, for several Grange officers including the title of President for the office of Master and the title of Vice President for the office of Overseer. Over subsequent years, many State Granges have adopted similar authorizations for the use of these alternative titles in their State Grange Constitutions and By-laws. Since the adoption of discretionary authority to use these alternative titles, the use of President and Vice President has slowly, but consistently, increased in our Grange Meetings as well as in our communications with our local communities and the press. In 2020,

the National Grange established a Diversity Task Force to review and give assurance to our members and communities that we are not intentionally demonstrating signs of prejudice toward any segments of our nation's diverse, heterogenous society through our historic customs, ritual and rules. One unambiguous finding of this Task Force is that the titles of Master and Overseer are often seen as offensive or create a sense of discomfort for many diverse segments of our society. "Ours is a Social Order", the charge from the installation of officers boldly reminds officers and Grange members alike. If we are to remain a successful social order, open our Grange Hall doors to new members and address the concerns of many of our existing members about their Grange's image in their community, faster progress must be made toward rectifying the concerns about aspects of our history, customs and ritual that make people uncomfortable about association with our Order, especially concerns that we, ourselves, have clearly identified, such as use of the titles Master and Overseer.

Therefore, the Grange Law committee strongly recommends that every Grange member voluntarily embrace the alternative titles of President and Vice President for those officers of their Granges that have been authorized and approved in the National Digest of Laws and various State Grange Constitutions. It is no longer sufficient in today's society or even today's Grange, to simply treat the traditional and alternative titles for these offices as morally equivalent. We especially ask members who have been elected to these offices to take the lead in always referring to themselves as President and Vice President, whether in a Grange meeting or not. We also request that all Grange Secretaries use the titles President and Vice President in all of their meeting minutes. We make these request so as to not have the subsequent moral weed crop of inconsistent use of our traditional and alternative office titles, baffle and torment our efforts to make all of the members of our communities who hold an interest in agriculture, comfortable with joining the Grange.

The Grange Law Committee also

discussed changing to the current Digest of Laws to require the use of the titles President and Vice President instead of Master and Overseer, instead of urging a more aggressive voluntary adoption of these alternative titles. Two arguments, both provided by the Diversity Task Force swayed our decision to pursue greater voluntary adoption of the use of the titles of President and Vice President. First, The Diversity Task Force found no evidence that the historical motivation behind the original decisions to use the traditional officer titles was driven by any identifiable prejudice or intent to discriminate by the Founders and early Grange members. Second, the Diversity Task Force saw no evidence that the preferred use of the traditional officer titles by any of today's Grange members was driven by any sort of malice of intent. Instead, it is usually driven by respect for the organization's history and decades of practice and habit. So while we clearly must address the legitimate concerns of members of our communities and members of our Grange who are uncomfortable and even offended with the use of our traditional titles, we can also respect our members who have never intended to make anyone uncomfortable through the use of the traditional officer titles. Therefore, a voluntary, rather than a mandatory solution to make substantial progress seemed more appropriate.

We all know that Old Habits Die Hard. But at the same time, they are not immortal. We also take comfort that Nature's Motto is Forward: She never looks back. Our goal as an organization is to keep looking forward, to address the issues in our customs, ritual and rules that keep new members, as well as current members from feeling welcome in the Grange and to plot an eventual course toward a successful 200th anniversary of the organization of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry.

The Grange Law Committee request that the National Grange President define the responsibilities and authorities of the Executive Committee/Board of Directors of the Subordinate/Community and Pomona Granges and communicate to the Presidents of the State Granges the findings thereof.



# National Grange News

## NATIONAL GRANGE: LABOR, JUCIDIARY AND TRANSPORTATION POLICY STATEMENT - 2021

LABOR

The Grange has long fought for the rights of both employers and employees to live and thrive, understanding that worker protection and prosperity are not in conflict with company success and solvency. We believe that the hardworking men and women of America's workforce deserve the opportunity to earn a fair wage in a safe work environment and the guarantee that their pensions and subsequent benefits will be protected and preserved. We encourage businesses, municipalities, school districts, and state governments across the country to be proactive in ensuring the future growth and stability of employee pension benefits and to guard against their loss in the unfortunate event of a company merger or bankruptcy. We support legislative efforts to streamline the H2A process to

ensure that all agricultural operations can have access to guest workers. The National Grange supports an Agriculture Guest Worker Program for the establishment of the H-2C visa program for skilled agricultural workers to be administered by the USDA. This provides an option to both seasonal and year-round labor needs, recognizing that not all agriculture jobs are the same or require the same level of skill or experience. The H-2C visa program better understands the unique needs of the American farm and ranch operations and the challenges of processing raw, perishable commodities. This will offer workers and employers more choices in their employment arrangements, with more flexibility and less bureaucratic red tape than the H2A visa program. The global economy has allowed American businesses to reach markets

once inaccessible and has increased the demand for many of our goods, including our agricultural products, in far regions of the world. The National Grange continues to be an advocate for the implementation of fair free trade agreements that encourage international commerce while also incentivizing domestic job growth and economic output for American companies. We do not however, support the bailout of any country, state, or territory that has engaged in wasteful spending and behaved in a financially irresponsible manner.

**COVID-19** - An impacted category of essential workers are those in the food chain, who continue to make sure we have access to the food we need. There was plenty of food available, but the challenge was to keep processing plants staffed and running with large numbers of workers (while simultaneously preventing COVID-19 infections) to ensure a steady supply moving to the grocery stores. Hours-of-service rules were suspended to enable truckers to make their essential deliveries for agricultural products and services. The National Grange sincerely thanks the producers, harvesters, processors, deliverers and the community handlers of food during this pandemic.

**U.S. POSTAL SERVICE** - Mail volume has steadily dropped, over the last fifteen (15) years, but it is still an essential service, especially for rural America. Rural America needs the Post Office to deliver mail and bring supplies, medicines, groceries, ballots and more to citizens in remote areas and to isolated populations throughout the country. We also support priority mail delivery for living organism i.e. chicks, bees, plants etc. that are time sensitive. The Post Office will have to operate effectively and efficiently going forward without regular cash infusions from the federal government to continue

operations. The National Grange encourages Congress to rescind their 2006 mandate requiring the USPS to prefund retiree health insurance benefits for 75 years in the future.

JUDICIARY

Since its founding in 1867, The Grange has been a staunch defender of our Constitution and the rights and privileges it protects for every citizen. As a nation of law and order we must work to draft, pass, and maintain legislation aimed at ensuring a peaceful society and a fair judicial system. Our first responders work hard and serve bravely on a daily basis. The National Grange will forever strive to grant them the support and respect they deserve.

The Grange understands that citizens and the officials they elect are the best candidates to write the laws by which we will be governed, and that administrative agencies, commissions and other unelected governing bodies should be prohibited from drafting and implementing such regulations that dramatically impact our daily lives. We urge elected officials at all levels to periodically review and purge outdated laws and reduce burdensome and unnecessary regulations that stifle economic growth and fundamentally impede the free market system.

We vehemently oppose the use of eminent domain to confiscate private property for commercial use or any project that does not directly benefit the general citizenry.

Identity theft continues to be a significant problem in the United States. We support legislation that would increase security of personal, banking and credit card data to prevent fraudulent enterprises from acquiring and utilizing that data. We encourage strong cybersecurity be applied by all internet providers and the citizenry to apply due diligence in protecting themselves.

TRANSPORTATION

From its inception in 1867, the National Grange has been an advocate for a strong transportation infrastructure. In many ways, agriculture is the "original" business and as such has driven the establishment of a multitude of subsequent industries down the economic food chain, including infrastructure development. The need for farmers to get their products to consumers drove the establishment of our nation's railroads, highways, and waterways and today continues to drive the development of our national infrastructure. Our nation's overall infrastructure (broadband, transportation services, water and waste management, ports, aviation, parks, schools) is in critical need of repair and upgrade. We urge that funding be appropriated to improve infrastructure. The National Grange strongly encourages Congress to pass and appropriate the funding to repair/upgrade our nations' infrastructure.


We continue to support laws requiring drivers to slow down and move over while passing an emergency vehicle that is stopped with lights flashing and believe all drivers should be held responsible for their driving and guard against distractions from cell phones and other such devices. We strongly support technology that enhances the visibility of vehicles, school buses, construction, farm equipment, rail cars, bicycles, motorcycles, trucks, etc.

The National Grange supports increased aviation safety for all onboard.

National Grange support the designation of English as our national language and thus believe that all road and highway signage should be printed only in English.

National Grange urges all states have the same criteria/standards for CDL drivers.

### Infuse Grange lessons into every meeting



**This program is designed to offer all members, new and seasoned, a way to connect the lessons of the Degrees, as well as the foundations of our Order that are found in the Installation of Officers and our Declaration of Purposes to their everyday lives and Grange experience.**

**Free Copies Available.**  
You may download this program at [bit.ly/grangeheirloom](http://bit.ly/grangeheirloom)

### The Grange Exchange

**Let us help you buy or sell with a classified ad!**

Cost per word	one month	4 or more
Regular	\$ .50	\$ .40
Boxed	1.00	.75
Centered or reversed text	\$2.50/line	
Minimum for one month	\$5.00	

**Word count:** hyphens, spaces and X's separate words. Phone numbers count as one word. **We do not print ads for 900 number services.**

**Deadline:** 5th of each month (for the following month's paper). Classified ads must be paid in advance. (Tear sheets not sent for classified.)

**Ad copy (or attach copy):** \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## Now's a Great Time to Support the Washington State Grange Foundation

### Here's how you can help:

**Looking for a way to help?**  
Shop our AmazonSmile Charity Lists to donate items we need



**Do you shop at Amazon?**  
You can make a difference in 2021. Shop for gifts at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-6064592> to generate donations for the Washington State Grange Foundation (you can also search by our name, the Washington State Grange Foundation). You MUST shop at AmazonSmile not just the normal Amazon website.

**Are you a Fred Meyer Customer?**  
Support the Washington State Grange Foundation just by shopping at Fred Meyer with your Rewards Card. You are now able to link your Rewards Card to your favorite nonprofit by visiting customer service desk at your local Fred Meyer or by creating an account online and linking your rewards card to the Washington State Grange Foundation (account # DI486). Whenever you use your Rewards Card when shopping at Freddy's, you will be helping our organization earn a donation from Fred Meyer. They are donating \$2.6 million each year - up to \$650,000 each quarter - to the local schools, community organizations and nonprofits of your choice. All you have to do is link your Rewards Card and scan it every time you shop at Fred Meyer.



# Grange Connection

COWLITZ COUNTY

Rose Valley Grange will hold their Spring Bazaar on May 7, 9 am to 2 pm. A garage sale is planned for June 4, 8 am to 2 pm. Grange meetings are on the second Tuesday each month at 3:30 pm.

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

East Oakville Grange hosted the Pomona meeting on January 22. The meeting had to be postponed because of flooding. The Grange will host the Oakville Youth Sports Little League Signups on February 12. Plans are to host a Magic Show in March.

Elma Grange hosted a Clothing Exchange event on January 15. A Garage Sale is planned for February 4-6.

Humptulips Grange cancelled their January meeting due to the high water in the Humptulips River Valley. The Grange Food Bank served 58 families in January. We are planning to start renting the hall again soon.

Sharon Grange is moving forward with the remodel of the Oyster Kitchen. The project should be completed in time this year's Annual Sharon Grange Oyster Feed, scheduled for March 26.

LEWIS COUNTY

Oakview Grange met on January 6 amongst the rapidly rising flood waters. Members enjoyed hot pizza, salad, soda, and assorted desserts before the meeting. Cynthia Gardiner, and Gabe and Ashe Genzel were unanimously elected new members. The Grange adopted new Grange Hall rental rates for the year. We will

hold a garage sale on February 25-26 with lunch available in addition to the March 25th & 26th garage sale. We will host Lewis County Pomona meeting on Saturday, April 2 at 10 am with a noon potluck. With essential business handled at our meeting, members headed home through dark of night as the Skookumchuck, and Chehalis Rivers continued their rapid rise. By 8:00 pm, Oakview Grange became the Emergency Command Center for Riverside Fire and Centralia Police as all access to the north end of Centralia and beyond was cut off making the surrounding neighborhood an "island". Having never flooded and with quick access to higher ground should the need arise, the Grange has had a mutual agreement for the use of the hall in times of natural disaster, or other disasters. Three days later with rivers receding, the Grange returned to normal.

PACIFIC COUNTY

Long Beach Grange held a Donation Sale on January 22. Proceeds went toward the door and floor fund. The Grange has work parties scheduled for the last Saturday of each month, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., to work on hall improvements.

SPOKANE COUNTY

Green Bluff Grange's first Game Night was such a huge success that we'll do it again. The audit was completed on January 26. Our Daisy Girl Scout Troop 2225 is meeting 1st and 3rd Mondays. It's great having a young group in the Grange—leader Sara keeps them all safe with masks and social distancing

during the meeting. There is a dog training session on most Saturdays. The January 22 Spin-In was held with many weavers/vendors. Plans for Feb. 1 community event for Quilt Block sewing was still on at this writing. Thanks to Gina Baker Osterback & Sonia Baker VanDeBrake for the \$2000 donation for our Scholarship Fund received in memory of their parents Lye & Jean Baker. Information for applications for a Green Bluff Grange scholarship, which is due no later than April 1, 2022, is being disseminated. We cancelled our January last Sunday breakfast for public safety. The February 27 breakfast is still a go—serving strawberries and cherries along with pancakes, eggs, sausage. Holding a Pie Auction along with Booster Night on April 5 is in the works. Green Bluff Grange members were pleased to receive the 2021 Grange in Action award and be an Honor Grange for net gain in membership.

STEVENS COUNTY

Camas Valley Grange cancelled their January meeting as the area hunkered down due to the cold snowy icy weather and, of course, covid-19. Weather in NE WA always makes January events "iffy". A memorial service is set for the first Saturday in February for Grange Member Patricia Mahony. Monthly meetings on the second Saturday of each month at 5:30 pm will resume in February. The first Saturday of the month Bingo will start again in March, hosted by various community groups. A "MadHatter Tea" is on the calendar for April 30. There are a number of other events-check the various Facebook pages.

## Baw Faw Grange Words For Thirds Presentation



On December 13, 2021 Baw Faw Grange members presented Dictionary/Thesaurus to Boistfort School Third graders. Baw Faw Grange has faithfully presented these books to students for the past 25+ years through the Words for Thirds program.

## Pomona Calendar

Pomona Grange Secretaries are requested to submit their 2022 list of meeting dates at their earliest convenience. Due to Covid-19, there may be numerous changes in this schedule. Please confirm your dates with the Pomona Grange Master or Secretary prior to the scheduled meeting

- CHELAN ..... February 19 at Bee Hive, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- CLALLAM ..... April 24 at Crescent.
- COWLITZ/ WAHKIAKUM ..... February 19 at Pleasant Hill, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. meeting
- EXCELSIOR ..... March 26 at Clayton, 10:30 a.m. Baking contest; photography contest entries due.
- GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC ..... March 12 at North Willapa Harbor, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Baking and candy contest entries due by 9 a.m.
- KLICKITAT ..... March 12 at Glenwood, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting.
- LEWIS ..... February 5 at Adna, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. March 5 at Mossyrock, 10 a.m. meeting.
- MASON ..... March 19 at Matlock, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Lecturer and CFL entries due by 10 a.m.
- OKANOGAN ..... February 19 at Oroville, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck lunch.
- PIERCE ..... February 5 at Collins, 10 a.m. March 5 at Fruitland, 10 a.m.
- SKAGIT ..... March 2 at Skagit Valley, 6 p.m. Program will be Candlelighting Ceremony.
- SNAKE RIVER ..... March 19 at Columbia Valley, 10 a.m.
- STEVENS ..... April 30 at Kettle River, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck lunch.
- THURSTON ..... February 3 at Black Lake, 7 p.m. March 3 at McLane, 7 p.m.
- WHATCOM ..... February 15 at Ten Mile, 7 p.m. Will have baking contest
- WHITMAN ..... March 18 at Whelan-Ewartsville 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. no-host lunch. Will include baking contest and bake sale.
- YAKIMA VALLEY ..... February 14 at Terrace Heights, 5 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting. Program will be a Valentine Party.

The remaining Pomona Granges have not submitted their date lists for 2022.

## Pomona Connection

Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona

Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Grange met at the East Oakville Grange Hall on January 22. The meeting was postponed two weeks due to flooding in the Chehalis River Valley. The Pomona Grange voted to approach the County Fair Board about including the Youth Fairs Program at this year's fair. This would allow Grange youth members to show their livestock at the county fair. Our fair already Junior and Youth Grangers to enter their

still life exhibits. The next Pomona meeting will be on Saturday, March 12 at the North Willapa Harbor Grange Hall. Baking and candy contest entries are due by 9 a.m. with the meeting beginning at 10 a.m. The entries will be sold at a bake sale, beginning at 12 noon.

Lewis County Pomona

Lewis County Pomona Grange will hold their Lecturer and Family Living contests on Friday, April 1. Entries

will be accepted from 10 am until noon. Grangers and non-Grangers are eligible to enter the contests. The contests are open to 5-year-olds and older. Entries may be picked up following the Pomona Grange meeting on April 2.

Okanogan County Pomona

Okanogan County Pomona Grange moved their next meeting to Saturday, February 19 at 10 a.m. at the Oroville Grange Hall.

## Junior Connection

Camas Valley Junior Grange

Camas Valley Junior Grange is meeting on the second Wednesday of each month.

Camp Wooten Junior Grange

Camp Wooten Junior Grange will have a change in dates this year. The camp is scheduled for July 10-15.

Humptulips Junior Grange

Humptulips Junior Grange met to plan spring activities. Valentine boxes were made as a craft project.

Kettle River Junior Grange

Kettle River Junior Grange met and organized in December. The charter application with thirty names was submitted to the State and National Granges.

Sharon Junior Grange

Sharon Junior Grange held their organizational meeting on January 10. The charter application was submitted with 15 names of our charter members.

Visit our Website:

www.WA-Grange.org

Find us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/WashingtonStateGrange

# In Memoriam

**Charles “Chuck” Parker -  
Past State Grange Deputy**

**February 18, 1940 – August 7, 2021**

Charles “Chuck” Parker, 81, longtime Skamokawa resident, passed away on August 7, 2021 in Colorado Springs, CO. Chuck was born in Cathlamet, WA on February 18, 1940 to Sid and Mary (Powers) Parker. He was active in 4-H while in school in Skamokawa. He graduated from Wahkiakum High School in 1958 and joined the Air Force in 1959. He spent 21 years in the military. He married Sheran Kelley on September 24, 1960 and they were stationed in many places where they had their family before returning to Skamokawa. After the military, Chuck went to Lower Columbia College in Longview earning his teaching degree. For many years he substitute taught in Naselle, Cathlamet, and Kelso. In the summers he enjoyed working at Vista Park. He was an active members oof the Wahkiakum Lions Club, the Skamokawa Methodist Church, Skamokawa Grange, American Legion and VFW. He was the State Grange Deputy Master for Wahkiakum County from 1990 to 2011. His greatest joy was his family. He did love people and never met a stranger. He enjoyed working with kids and helping his community. Chuck is survived by his wife Sheran; two daughters, LeeAnn Bonds and Brenda Rutledge; two sons, Timothy and Gregory Parker; nine grandchildren, one great grandchild; two brothers, Richard and Mike Parker; two sisters Beverly Moonen and Anita Beyer and many nieces and nephews. A celebration of his life was held on Saturday, August 14 at the Dowling Chapel in Cathlamet. A private interment took place at the Fernhill Cemetery in Skamokawa.

## Lecturer’s Department

### Leadership/Lecturer Conference Follow-Up

By Leslie Jo Wells  
State Grange Lecturer

It was nice to see those of you who chose to attend the recent Leadership / Lecturer Conferences. This is my opportunity to go over the educational programs that have been selected for this year. These are suggested to get you started on your meeting programs for the year. One of the subjects I try to discuss at these sessions is the purpose of the program time at the meetings. One purpose is to challenge your fellow members - get them out of their “comfort zone” by asking them to prepare and present a program at a meeting. They can either do it solo or enlist the assistance of

other members. Is there a subject that is of particular interest to your members? For example, planting a vegetable garden. Maybe you could find someone at the local nursery or the Master Gardening program to visit one of your meetings to present a program. Or, how about having your local fire department come show you how to properly use a fire extinguisher and provide information about smoke and caron monoxide detector alarms. These are just two examples of programs where you could open the program to your community. Just remember to have some information available to share about your Grange and Grange in general. Talk up the benefits of membership. Have copies of the Program Handbook

- remember, our contests are open to non-members (except the Talent Contest.) These are just a couple of suggestions. You should also ask your members for their suggestions for program ideas - if they are interested in a subject or activity maybe someone else is as well. **OOPS...**When I put your packets together, I neglected to include the Contest Entry Tag form in the subordinate packet and the Photography and Arts & Crafts Evaluation forms in the Pomona packet. All three of these are available on the WSG website under the Departments - Lecturer. If you would prefer, send me an email to [lesliewells@att.net](mailto:lesliewells@att.net) and I will send them to you as attachment to an email.



Leslie Jo Wells

### WSG Offers Scholarships

Scholarships are offered each year through the Washington State Grange Foundation to assist Grange members attending college or the children of Grange members.

Applicants for these scholarships must be high school seniors or graduates already enrolled in institutions of higher learning. They must be a member of a Subordinate Grange in the State of Washington.

The scholarships may be used at any institution offering courses leading to a certificate or degree in a recognized profession or vocation.

The following scholarships are being offered this year:

- Grange Family Living Department Vocational Scholarship
- Grange Family Living Department Home Economics Scholarship
- Kegley Agricultural Scholarship
- Norm Buchholz Agricultural Scholarship
- Kittleson Memorial Agricultural Scholarship
- Adrian & Betty DeVries Memorial Scholarship
- Delpha Goude Scholarship
- Horace Bozarth Scholarship
- Kiona-Benton (Koss Memorial) Scholarship
- Martin & Grace Forry Scholarship
- Marion & Snowie Vanderpool Scholarship
- Riverview Grange Scholarship
- Fox Island Grange Scholarship
- Nob Island Grange Scholarship
- Ray & Marion Kammerer Scholarships
- Enga M. Anderson Scholarship
- Bear Creek Scholarship
- Rock Creek Scholarship
- French Creek Scholarship
- McCleary Grange Scholarship
- Pomona Villa Scholarship

Details on the requirements for each scholarship, along with applications forms, can be found on the Washington State Grange website, [www.wa-grange.com](http://www.wa-grange.com). Completed applications and all other required materials must be in the State Office by April 1.

A question & answer session regarding the Washington State Grange Scholarship Program is scheduled to be held via zoom on Monday, January 24 at 7 p.m. To join the zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/98036971581>

### National Grange 2022/2023 Theme: Raised Right Here



**RAISED  
RIGHT  
HERE™**

As announced in November, the National Grange theme for 2022 and 2023 is “Raised Right Here.” This theme is designed to focus on local resources, sustainability and resilience for rural areas and the hometowns where Granges are located. Some ways the theme can be used are as follows:

**Programming:**

- Encourage local Granges to do what they already often do: have local individuals with farms and businesses be part of their meetings and events.
- Encourage discussions about local sustainability and resilience

- Provide talking points for local Granges about the impact of farms and small businesses on local economies as well as challenges they face
- Provide (for fee) lawn signs and window stickers with the RRH tag/logo that can be personalized to a county or region to identify local producers and mom-and-pop businesses
- Sell shirts and other items with the RRH branding and Grange logo encouraging people to see Grange as a place where local talent is “raised” (products aren’t just physical things - they are also Human Resources)

**Legislative:**

- Look for legislation to endorse or groups to partner with to advocate for funding and opportunities for small businesses and local farms/Ag businesses (again, just another thing we do that can now fall under the umbrella)
- Lead or be significant part of coalitions to encourage options to keep people on farms or small businesses open (especially related to health insurance, grants and educational opportunities)

How will you use “Raised Right Here” in your 2022/2023 Grange programming?

### Green Bluff Grange Hosts Successful Game Night



Green Bluff Grange hosted game night at their hall. It was so successful, the members will do it again soon!