



WASHINGTON STATE

# Grange News

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## Sequim Prairie Grange Honors Members

This year's nominee for Granger of the Year of Sequim Prairie Grange, voted in by fellow Grangers, is being recognized for all they have done for the Grange. Always willing to volunteer to help with any task ahead. There to lend a hand at every event, from the Pancake Breakfast to the Ice Cream Socials and everything in between. A real team player with a great attitude, but most of all a pleasure to be around. Nancy Hutt, our Granger of the Year, has been a great asset to our Grange and we appreciate all she does for the good of the order. Congratulations Nancy and thank you for being you!

Membership lapel pins were handed out to our fellow grange members. Both Fred Grant and David Bekkevar were recognized for being a Golden Sheaf member, with over 50 years of service.

Bonnie Hagberg, a 25 year member who has since passed away, her daughter Terri Johnson received her pin in her mother's honor. Kaysey Clayton received her 30 year pin; Dorinda Becker accepted the pin for her daughter. We are so grateful for their dedication and service to the Sequim Prairie Grange and our wonderful community.

**MARCH 2023 issue deadline – FEBRUARY 20th**  
Submissions can be sent to [grangenews@wa-grange.org](mailto:grangenews@wa-grange.org)



Large Photo: Sequim Prairie Grange President Dorinda Becker handing the award to Nancy Hutt.

Top: David Bekkevar is presented his award from Grange Master Dorinda Becker, his sister.

Right: Fred Grant receiving his Golden Sheaf.





Frances Rogers, President

...MAY OUR FRIENDSHIP BE AS FIRM  
AS THE STONE ITSELF.

GRANGE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION  
(Seattle, Washington)

## NOTICE OF 2023 ANNUAL POLICYHOLDERS' MEETING

The Annual Policyholders' meeting of the Grange Insurance Association will be held on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at Grange Insurance Association, 200 Cedar Street, Seattle, Washington 98121.

While this meeting will be held in person, virtual attendance will be offered. Please consult our website ([www.grange.com](http://www.grange.com)) as the meeting approaches for further announcements and virtual registration instructions.

All Grange Insurance Association policyholders are welcome to attend.

Signed at Seattle, Washington this 9th day of March 2023.

Brian J. Allen, CPCU, ARM, AFS  
Corporate Secretary  
GRANGE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION



## Washington Agriculture in the Classroom

### New Opportunity For K-12 Students

By Judy Hossner  
[jmhag@gmail.com](mailto:jmhag@gmail.com)  
360-394-7744  
(please leave a message)

Washington Ag in the Classroom (WAIC) is so excited to offer a new opportunity for K-12 students! Develop and enter a commercial about the importance of students knowing about Washington agriculture.

Be sure to:

- (1) follow the rules,
- (2) enter all required items, and
- (3) check out the Scoring Sheet too,



Washington Ag in the Classroom (WAIC) Commercial Competition

Washington Students, 2nd grade through 11th grade, are encouraged to submit student-made commercials emphasizing this theme --

*Why is it Important to Learn about Washington State Agriculture?*

- Commercial needs to last 30-60 seconds
- Written script will also be submitted
- Form can be found on the WAIC website ([www.waic.net](http://www.waic.net)) and needs

to be submitted with the commercial.

- Read the Scoring Sheet, also

found on our website, for expected components.

- Prizes will be awarded in 3 categories, if minimum points are met.

**Due February 28, 2023!**

Questions About Washington Ag in the Classroom?

Check out our WAIC website [www.waic.net](http://www.waic.net)

Questions about our Commercial Competition?

Contact Judy Hossner at [jmhag@gmail.com](mailto:jmhag@gmail.com) or leave a message at 360-394-7744

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## Terrace Heights Grange Hosts Successful Community Christmas Party



Terrace Heights Grange #586 held their first Community Christmas party since the pandemic and it was a huge success! Activities for the kids included face-painting, letters to Santa, Christmas coloring, making bird feeders and the ever-popular toy-walk! Every child received a goodie bag and cookies and ice cream bars were served to all.

### By-Laws

Mt. Valley Grange #79 will vote on bylaws changes at their next regular meeting on Saturday, March 11, 2023. Changes include meeting times for the months of July and December, joining fees for family memberships, and updating their committees.

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• Tom Gwin, Executive Editor •

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## President's Message

### The Role Of The Grange Executive Committee/ Board Of Directors

By Tom Gwin  
State Grange  
Master/President

The delegates to the 2022 National Grange Session approved the following proposal:

"All references to the Executive Committee in the various divisions of the Order, may be titles Board of Directors who have the same duties/responsibilities as the current Executive Committee."

There are several differences in the duties of a Grange Board of Directors compared to a Board of Directors in the corporate world. In the corporate world, the Board of Directors is the controlling body of the organization. In the Grange, the individual Grange members each have a vote in the operation of the Grange. As a grassroots organization, this is one of the most important principles of the Grange – the right for each and every member to vote on all decisions made by the Grange.

Past the National Grange Digest of Laws, the Grange Executive or Board of Directors can only make decisions "between regular meetings, in time of emergency or need."

In the corporate world, the board of directors is changes with providing strategic leadership, managing for financial stability, serving as an ambassador for the organization, supporting and supervising the executive director or CEO, and ensuring healthy governance.

In the Grange, all members have these responsibilities. They cannot be delegates to a small number of members

who made decisions affecting the Grange without the involvement of the entire membership, who have the right to vote on these questions as well as the duty to serve as an ambassador for the organization.

A corporate board always acts for the organization, between and during meetings. Membership typically has no authority to make decisions, or only on limited matters.

Per the National Grange Digest of Laws and the Grange Installation Ceremony, the duties of the Executive Committee are as follows:

- Responsible for the custody of the invested funds of the Grange.
- Advise and counsel to encourage fellow officers in their

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— Tom Gwin

duties.

- Authorized between regular meetings, in time or emergency or need, to act for the Grange.
- Meet always and only in conjunction with the worthy Master/President.
- Any actions taken between regular meetings of the Grange must be presented to the Grange at the next regular meeting for its adoption or rejection.



Tom Gwin

The Grange Executive Committee or Board of Directors does not "run" the Grange, but acts as a backstop in case of emergency that requires immediate action that cannot wait until the next regular meeting.

If there is a question of whether the matter is urgent or not, we should always err on the side of the member's rights. A major benefit of Grange membership that differentiates the Grange from other organizations is the individual's voice. Grange gives each member a voice in meetings, activities, policies, and priorities and that validates the grassroots foundation of our organization.

If a Grange finds that decisions must be made more quickly for its efficient operation, it could consider meeting more often. It is also permissible to call for a special meeting with proper notice. Matters can be investigated by standing or special committees and reported back to the Grange, but the committee report must be adopted by vote of the Grange before any action can be taken.

All decisions of a Grange should be made by the membership of that Grange, unless there is a true emergency that requires action to save property or lives.

Information for this column was taken from a ruling by Besty E. Huber, National Grange President, on May 16, 2022.

## Legislative

### Update on Legislation Of Grange Interest

By Jesse Taylor  
Legislative Lobbyist



Jesse Taylor

Four weeks of this legislative session are in the books with only two more weeks of hearings in the house of origin before policy committee cutoff on Friday, February 17. Since January 9th we have seen over 1450 bills introduced for consideration with a few more expected up until the cutoff.

The Grange is tracking legislation including pesticide regulation, riparian zones management, ag overtime wages, policing policy, career and technical education, farm internship program as well as many others that align with our legislative priorities. Below you will see some of the major policies we are following and please refer to our weekly legislative update for the comprehensive list of bills we are currently tracking and participating in.

#### Riparian Bills

This session we have seen the inclusion of several riparian bills. House Bill 1720 is a bipartisan voluntary stewardship grant program which incentivizes improving the ecological functions of critical riparian zones. This bill will be heard on Tuesday, February 7th with support from us as well as many other groups. SB 5266/HB 1215 is request legislation from the Governor's office. These companion bills form a grant program through the state Conservation Commission, but also yield powers to adopt standards. The bill declares that by December 31, 2023 the commission shall adopt standards to achieve, wherever possible, fully functioning riparian ecosystems in priority critical riparian management zones. The standards must be adopted by the commission after coordination with the department of ecology and the department of fish and wildlife, conservation districts, Indian tribes. We have concerns about the standard making authority and the lack of guardrails therein. These bills have had no further action since the initial hearing on the House Bill on January 18th.

#### Pesticides

Two friendly pesticide bills have been making their way through the process this year. Representative Tom Dent's HB 1019 creates a balanced pesticide advisory board. This bill has passed the House Agriculture committee unanimously and now awaits a "pull" from the Rules committee for floor vote. The other is the bipartisan HB 5143 by freshman Senator Nikki Torres. This policy changes the name of the Commission on Pesticide Registration (Commission) to the Commission on Pest Management. It also adds a representative of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10, as a non-voting member of the Commission for federal compliance consultation. We support this as well.

#### Ag Overtime Wages

SB 5476 is a bill that authorizes agricultural employers to select 12 weeks a year to employ workers for up to 50 hours a week before overtime applies. In practice this bill will grant an annual overtime pay holiday for agriculture employers. This bill will be heard at 8:00am on February 9th in Labor & Commerce committee.

Several other policies and hearings are happening in the coming week. The House and Senate will begin to release their versions of the budgets as the coming weeks get closer and we will get a look at what legislation will make it through the cutoff and what bills have failed for the time being. This year's operating budget is projected to be a record \$70 Billion over the 2023-2025 cycle.

## Community Service

### WA State Grange To Recognize Outstanding Community Individuals

By Heather Ferguson  
Community Service Director

The Grange would love to recognize individuals or groups in your community that have been outstanding in their field. All you need to

do is identify a teacher, police officer, fireman/woman or a community volunteer or group that have made a difference in your community. It is very easy to do. There is a one page nomination form on the State Grange website or in the

Community Service packet. Just fill it out and send it in by June 1st to the State Grange headquarters. The recipients will be awarded at the State Convention.



Heather Ferguson



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 many ventures, one encourage working cooperative venture with others while that still exists today -

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## State Grange Resource And Leadership Conferences - 2023

This year's series of State Grange Resource and Leadership Conferences will include a general session for all participants, followed by break out meetings. The break out meetings will be 30 minutes each and be held concurrently.

Packets of information for each department will be distributed, along with program handbooks, legislative handbooks, and additional resource materials for each Grange.

The remaining schedule of conferences, which are open to all Grange members is as follows:

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
<b>Fri, February 10</b>	Bee Hive Grange Hall 4593 Squilchuck Road, Wenatchee	6 p.m. potluck 7 p.m. conference
<b>Sat, February 11</b>	Okanogan Grange Hall 305 Tye St., Okanogan	12 p.m. potluck 1 p.m. meeting
<b>Sat, February 11</b>	Bob's Cafe 1807 Kittleson Road, Moses Lake	6 p.m. conference with no-host dinner

### AN UPDATE ON CURRENT STATE GRANGE ACTIVITIES AND QUESTIONS/ANSWERS WITH THE STATE GRANGE PRESIDENT

## ZOOM MEETINGS Last Wednesday of Each Month at 7:00 p.m.

**FEBRUARY 22  
MARCH 29**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/98036971581>

Meeting ID: 980 3697 1581

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## State Grange Schedules Zoom Meetings

While not all state directors will be able to attend the leadership conferences, a series of Zoom meetings has been developed as a supplement to the face-to-face Grange Resource and 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.

The remaining sessions are as follows:

FOCUS GROUP	DATE	TIME	FACILITATOR
<b>FAMILY LIVING</b>	Mon, February 13	7 p.m.	HELEN BERG, FL DIRECTOR
<b>LEGISLATIVE UPDATES FOR ALL GRANGE MEMBERS</b>	Mon, February 20 Mon, March 6 Mon, March 20 Mon, April 2 Mon, April 17	10 a.m. 10 a.m. 10 a.m. 10 a.m. 10 a.m.	JESSE TAYLOR, GRANGE LOBBYIST, AND THE GRANGE LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICE</b>	Wed, February 15	7 p.m.	HEATHER FERGUSON, CS DIRECTOR
<b>JUNIOR DEPARTMENT</b>	Thurs, February 16	7 p.m.	HEATHER FERGUSON, JG DIRECTOR
<b>LECTURER PROGRAMS</b>	Tues, February 21 Wed, February 22	7 p.m. 2 p.m.	LESLIE WELLS, STATE LECTURER
<b>YOUTH DEPARTMENT</b>	Thurs, February 23	7 p.m.	STATE YOUTH COMMITTEE
<b>GRANGE MASTERS</b>	Wed, February 22 Wed, March 29	7 p.m. 7 p.m.	TOM GWIN, STATE GRANGE PRESIDENT
<b>YOUTH FAIRS PROGRAM</b>	Wed, March 1	7 p.m.	TOM GWIN, STATE GRANGE PRESIDENT

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## 2023 Legislative Day



### THURSDAY MARCH 2, 2023, 8AM-4PM

Registration is \$15 per person prior to **February 25, 2023**  
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH INCLUDED

FIRST AND LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GRANGE \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

#### PAYMENT

Check (make check payable to the Washington State Grange)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed (\$15/person)

Mail To:  
PO Box 1186  
Olympia, WA 98507-1186

(After February 25 and day-of registration is \$15 per person)

#### LODGING

Those attending must secure their own lodging. There are many hotels near state headquarters, and Grange members get a discount through the National Grange at Choice Hotels. To take advantage of this discount, book your room through their website at [choicehotels.com](http://choicehotels.com) or by calling (800) 288-2847 and using promo code #00211660.

### 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

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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. (Fare sheets not sent for classified.)

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# Membership Corner

## Welcome New Members

### GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS January 2023

	# Joined	In-1
603 Ady.....	1	
Tristan Otter		
404 Bethel.....	2	
Bill Slack, Melissa Myers		
500 Calispel.....	1	
Gerald Pelland		
982 Clarkston Heights.....	3	
Richard Wiest, Tony Schmitz, Ray Collinsworth		
1123 Crescent.....	2	
Mandell Richmond, Richard Paine		
902 East Oakville.....	3	
Patricia Johnstone, Suzanne Espen, Richard Espen		
148 East Spokane.....	1	
Adam Christman		
853 Fargher Lake.....	10	
Trevor Larsen, Kollen Funk, Hunter Running		
Beckham Larsen, Kaitlyn Cough, Adronna McKellan		
Hunter Shirley, Bailey Russel, Peyton Yancey, Dakota Yancey		
866 Fern Prairie.....	1	
Jason Erickson		
1094 Fertile Valley.....	6	
Danae Cummins, Sherry Cummins, Robert Groce		
Kathy Groce, Alexandra Groce, Diana Nixon		
999 Fruitland.....	1	
Candita Carpenter		
300 Green Bluff.....	3	
Linsey Scarlett, Shep Douglas, Jody Douglas		
155 Hope.....	1	
Sherman Porter		
780 Inland.....	8	1
Suzie Destad, Willow Vaughn, Julie Hampton		
Sylvia Sore, Jeremiah McEllish, Mandy McEllish		
Lindsey McEllish, Myah McEllish		
136 Kellogg Marsh.....	2	
Linda Lou Iacono, David Pearce		
48 La Center.....	3	3
Shadi Muhareb, Celestine Muhareb, Pearl Muhareb		
407 Lincoln Creek.....	1	
Carl Johnson		
925 Lummi Island.....	5	
Susan Butler, Ken Swanson, Ryan Marlowe-Sakano		
Jeff Nakano, Serena Emerson		
265 Meridian.....	6	
Tricia Garboden, Andrew Andy Garboden, Donna Rohde		
Tom M. Rohde, Tiffany Richard, Matthew Richard		
98 Mt View.....	1	
Tammarra Tipped		
769 North Creek Valley.....	2	
Joe Cantwell, Chris Wise		
985 Oroville.....	2	
Paul Buchard, Carlo Scollick		
943 Ralston.....	1	
Zach Klein		
226 Rome.....	1	
Rob McWilliams		
966 San Juan Island.....	16	
Pam Abrardo, Kat Jong, Allie Azersky, Douglas Schirmer		
Shelley Ruge, Lattie Park, Osha Breez, Leanna Paulsen		
William King, Marnel Medina Mendola, Kate Stone		
Trod Kosler, Kirsten White, William Bruce Conway		
Nancy Fusare, Timothy Clark		
684 San Poil.....	1	
Heather Ogborn		
800 Sharon.....	1	
Julianne Bailey		
425 Skamokawa.....	5	
Janora del Val, Rich Rowley, Ron Relethford		
Laura Relethford, Ryan Smith		
121 Stevenson.....	3	2
Kenneth Wieman, Linden Wieman, Paul Smith		
586 Terrace Heights.....	1	
Cindy Olivas		
1048 The Valley.....	1	
Jeff Swanson		
610 Tyler.....	3	1
Jean Gerdes, Blake Gerdes, Tanner Gerdes		
996 Violet Prairie.....	1	
Stephanie Swisher		
1111 Waller Road.....	8	
Tim Dailey, Kimberly Dailey, Megan McDonald, Erin Soper		
Pennie Saun, Dylene Smith, Rhett Powers, Shona Powers		
	# Joined	In-1
TOTALS.....	107	7

## Increasing Membership in Your Grange

It's that time of year for our Presidents/Masters of Subordinate and Pomona Granges to assign committees. Does your Grange have or plan to have a Membership Committee 2023?

The Membership Committee in each Subordinate Grange should look to analyze your community, study the needs of your Grange, and make a plan of how to promote and increase membership.

### Subordinate Grange Membership Committee Ideas to discuss and bring to the Grange:

\*Create a Membership Corner in your hall for those visiting to easily get information about your Grange. This corner should include your Mission Statement, Grange information and events, and of course applications for membership. (We have a lot of great brochures to display as well. All of which can be found on our website for print or by ordering through the State Grange office).

\*Discuss events to bring

the community in, such as a Valentines dance, an Easter Egg Hunt, a canning or cooking class, or even a community action event.

\*Plan to canvas your area.

\*Write a letter to local businesses inviting them to a future meeting.

\*Inviting the community in for your Booster Night.

### Our Team Work makes the Dream Work!!

\*Encourage members to invite friends and family into the Grange. This is the perfect time to utilize the Family membership now available to all Subordinate Granges in our state.

\*New member orientations.

\*Assign a mentor to each new

member or family.

The Membership Committee in each Pomona Grange should analyze the Subordinate Granges in the Pomona, identify the needs of each of those Granges, and plan to help them promote and increase membership.

### Pomona Grange Membership Committee Ideas to discuss and bring to the Grange:

\*Discuss each Subordinate Grange in your Pomona.

\*Identify the Granges most in need.

\*Work with Subordinate Granges to help canvas their communities.

\*Support each Subordinate Grange by attending and/or volunteering at their events.

Working as one team for one goal. That is what this organization is all about!

Our Team Work makes the Dream Work!!

## 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.**

Pati Burns - Oroville #985  
Cyndi Soliz - Stevenson #121  
Roger Ellison - San Juan Island #966  
Rod Alex - Meridian #265  
Ronda Fredrickson - Waller Road #1111  
Jacob Cummins - Fertile Valley #1094  
Robin Scarlett - Green Bluff #300  
Becky Ledtke - Skamokawa #425  
Lola Collinsworth - Clarkston Heights #982

**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.**

Roger Ellison - San Juan Island #966 - 2 -  
\$25 Amazon gift card  
Rod Alex - Meridian #265 - 1 - \$25 Amazon gift card  
Becky Ledtke - Skamokawa #425 - 1 - \$25 Amazon gift card

This contest ran from January 1, 2022 through 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!

## Calispel Grange Helps With Free Meal Program

When members of Calispel Grange #500 heard that a local restaurant was starting a free soup meal each week, we wanted to help. Mellaney's Bakery, located in Usk, Washington serves and delivers a free meal on Sundays from 12:00 to 1:30. Calispel member, Diane Stone, (on the right) is pictured here presenting Mellaney and her crew with a check. Cans of food were delivered earlier in the week.



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<b>Grand Total</b>		_____	_____

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grange #: \_\_\_\_\_

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	Full Zip Hoodie Unisex Red - L, XL Royal - S, M, L, XL Black - S, M, L, XL Circle size		
	Crewneck Sweatshirt Unisex Grey - S, M, L, XL Royal - S, M, L, XL, 2XL Circle size		
	Royal Canvas - \$18 Black/Trucker - \$20 Camo - \$20 Circle Choice		

**Shipping is \$8 + \$2 for each additional item**

Order yours today  
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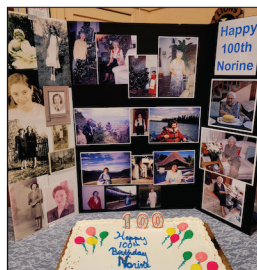
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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Baw Faw Grange Celebrates 100th Birthday Of Granger Norine Jones

The Baw Faw Grange & the Boistfort Community, with her family & friends, helped Norine Jones celebrate her 100th birthday on Sunday, January 8, 2023 at the Baw Faw Grange in Curtis, WA. Norine has been a Baw Faw Grange Member since December 1943, and very active with her Grange through the years. Soft-spoken Norine had jokingly requested a megaphone so her husband Edgar Jones could hear her. Members of the Baw Faw Grange gifted her a personalized megaphone with the Grange logo. Here's to another 100 years Norine!



## Silver Lake Grange Holds Pine Wood Derby Day & Great Craft De-Stash



Top Left & Bottom Left: Silver Lake Grange held its annual "Pine Wood Derby Build Day" on January 7. We were full of activity with cutting, sanding and painting the cars. Fun was had by all.

Bottom Right: Silver Lake Grange held our "Great Craft De-Stash" on January 28. The Grange was turned into a "Garage Sale for Craft Supplies Only. Sellers had tables piled high with Craft Supplies of all kinds.



# Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

## Youth

### Youth Members Coordinate "Keep Washington Warm" Project

By Jerry Gwin  
State Youth Director

Each year, the State Grange Youth Department coordinates the "Keep Washington Warm" project. The intent of the project is to collect warming items that can be distributed for use in the convention host district.

Items collected include either handmade or newly purchased hats, gloves,

scarves, socks, and other warming items. This year, the items will be collected at the Annual State Grange Session, June 21-24 in Moses Lake. Following the display at the session, the items are packaged and distributed in the host convention district.

This year's collection of warming items will be distributed in Kittitas County (Ellensburg area) to foster families, food banks, homeless

shelters, and others. The members of Menastash Grange have agreed to assist in the distribution efforts in their area.

We hope you will continue to support this service project by bringing your items to this year's state session. The items can be dropped off in the youth display area at the session.



Jerry Gwin

## Juniors

### Time For Grange Background Checks

By Heather Ferguson  
Junior Grange Director



Heather Ferguson

It was great to see so many of you at the recent leadership conferences. Traveling to individual Granges, seeing your halls, learning about your projects and members, is one of my favorite perks of this job. I am always amazed at the scope of activities our Granges are involved in. I have a few reminders for those who were unable to attend one of our leadership meetings.

On Thursday, February 16, there will be a Zoom meeting on Junior Grange programs. If you have questions about the Junior Grange department, 1+ members, starting a Junior Grange, or other Junior questions, please attend. As always, you are welcome to contact me at any time if you have questions.

For Granges that have a 1+ program or a Junior Grange, our community service activity for this year is collecting new or gently used children's or young adult books. We are looking for clean intact books that are not falling apart. Please bring all of your collected books to the Junior Grange tables at the state convention. We will be donating them to a charity in the Moses Lake area.

It is once again time for your yearly Washington State Patrol background check. Each organization you work with needs to complete their own background check. Even if you have completed a check for a school or church, you will also need to do one for the Grange. The background check form is on the State Grange website: [www.wa-grange.com](http://www.wa-grange.com). If you are involved with the Youth Fairs Program, just note that on the form along with your Grange name.

This year is going to be so much fun. I can't wait to see what our Junior Granges make, create, grow, and do. Please don't hesitate to call with any questions.

## 2023 Youth & Junior Grange Legislative Experience



March 26-28, 2023



### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

#### Sunday, March 26

6 p.m. Pizza Dinner at the State Grange Office  
7 p.m. Get Acquainted Activities

1 p.m. Attend Legislative Session, Hearings, Tours  
6 p.m. Dinner  
7:30 p.m. Recreational Activity

#### Monday, March 27

8 a.m. Meet at State Grange Office (Breakfast)  
Guest Speakers and Workshops  
12 p.m. Lunch (provided)

#### Tuesday, March 28

8 a.m. Meet at State Grange Office (Breakfast)  
8:30 a.m. Legislative Appointments  
12 p.m. Closing - Depart for Home

### LODGING

Adults will be responsible for youth and junior Grangers after hours. Those attending must secure their own lodging. There are many hotels near state headquarters, and Grange members get a discount through the National Grange at Choice Hotels. To take advantage of this discount, book your room through their website at [choicehotels.com](http://choicehotels.com) or by calling (800) 288-2847 and using promo code #00211660.

Registration is \$20 per person prior to **March 15, 2023**

FIRST AND LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

GRANGE NAME \_\_\_\_\_ LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

### PAYMENT

Check (make check payable to the Washington State Grange)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed (\$20/person)

Mail To:  
Washington State Grange  
PO Box 1186  
Olympia, WA 98507-1186

(After March 15 and day-of registration is \$30 per person)



## Junior Connection

### GREEN BLUFF JUNIOR GRANGE

Green Bluff Junior Grange had a wonderful time off over the Christmas period! At our January 31st meeting we enjoyed catching up and planning for 2023! Many fun things to be done for 23, including trapping, archery, fishing/spearing, football, rock wall climbing, going to the northside pool, football, having a camp out, taeckwon do, art, pottery class/art, rope making and continuing bake sales at concerts, 10th Annual Keep Green Bluff Green, Halloween Drive Thru (no October meeting due to this), December's Santa Drive Thru, help with Cherry Pickers Trot and other companies around the area, including Higher Ground Animal. Also there has been interest to have a father/daughter & mother/son dance!

### JUNIOR GRANGE CAMPS

Junior Grange Camp dates for 2023 are tentatively set for:

Camp Morehead - July 9-15, 2023  
Camp Wooten - July 9-14, 2023  
Camp Mayfield - July 16-22, 2023  
Camp Cornet Bay - July 23-29, 2023  
Camp David - August 13-18, 2023  
Camp NEWA - to be announced

Visit us on the web: [www.WA-Grange.com](http://www.WA-Grange.com)

# Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

## National Grange Juniors: What is our focus?

**By Samantha Wilkins**  
**Junior Grange and Youth**  
**Development Director,**  
**National Grange**

When I first came on board as the Junior Director, our theme at the time was 'Stand Up and Speak Out.' Looking back, that seems like so long ago, and so many things have changed within the department since then. One thing that has not changed is our goal to teach our young members to become young advocates and learn about the importance of expressing their thoughts and interests in things.

If you haven't had a chance to look at the 2023 Junior Program Guide yet, then I really encourage you to do so. This year we have broken the program down into four focus areas - Advocacy, Agriculture, Deaf Awareness, and Community Service. This first quarter of the year (January-March), we want to focus on Advocacy. It is

our goal to get Junior Grangers excited to make a difference.

Many of you have heard me tell the story about the first Washington DC Experience we held in 2020, where a Junior Granger from Washington State attended the event, was excited about all the things she learned while in DC, and felt it was necessary to have a national day recognizing the work of Eleanor Roosevelt. This young lady was so moved by what she learned that she went home to her Junior Grange, wrote a resolution that then worked its way through all the channels and eventually made its way to the floor during a National Grange session where Delegates agreed to what this young member had to say. How awesome is it that a young member can say 'I made that difference. I made that change'?

Now, our goal with the Advocacy focus is to teach our young members that their voice matters. If it is as simple as

petitioning to have a meeting date moved or something they would like to have seen done within their community or school; encourage your members to set up a local advocacy project.

### Local Advocacy Project:

Do you have an issue that affects your community? What is it? How can you make a difference and create change within your community? With this project, we are encouraging Junior Grangers to identify issues within their community and research the issue and be an advocate for change. Within this process, Junior Grangers should learn the legislative process of the Grange and the community in which they are working for a change, (i.e., local government, school board, HOA, etc.)

Junior Leaders are to help the Junior Granger identify the following:

### Community

- Identify what community

type you are interested in helping

- This can be within your Grange, town, school, subdivision, etc.

### Issue

- Identify what you want to be advocating for?
- Is this a Grange, school, local, state, or national issue?

### Reason

- Once you have identified the issue determine why this issue is relevant and why you should be advocating for a change.

### Plan

- Come up with a solution to work on resolving the issue. Is that writing a resolution for your local Grange, speaking to the school board or local government officials?

### Presentation

- Schedule a meeting with the correct officials and present your plan for change and advocate for why you think these changes are important.

work should only be given once a week because kids are busy in the evenings, and it would give them an entire week to work on the assignment.

**Plan-** You want to speak to the school board to make the entire school follow the same homework guidelines.

**Presentation-** You went to speak with the school board about the issues and presented your plan of action and encouraged the school board to vote for a change in the homework policy.

Junior Grange leaders are encouraged to post on social media and send their advocacy projects to the National Junior Grange Department. They are also encouraged to celebrate victories and defeats that the Juniors may have during this process. Advocating for something doesn't always mean you will win, but it does mean that you are learning to work with others and help find a solution to a problem. We as Grangers have a long and very strong history in advocating. Training our Juniors at a young age to advocate is substantial to obstacles they will face all throughout life.

If you have questions about how to start an advocacy project with your Junior Grange please feel free to reach out to [juniors@nationalgrange.org](mailto:juniors@nationalgrange.org).

## Rose Valley Grange Donates Dictionaries



Rose Valley Grange 953 handed out dictionaries to 3rd Graders at Roe Valley Elementary School. This is one of the ways we support our community. The children love them! The books show them how to use sign language and much more.

## Sharon Grangers Teach Youth/Juniors How To Make Pillowcases



Members of the Sharon Grange Home Ec Group met with Junior and Youth Grange members to teach them how to make pillowcases. All participants took their pillowcase home from the activity.

QUARTER 1  
FOCUS

LEGISLATIVE  
EXPERIENCE

STAND UP AND  
SPEAK OUT

GET INVOLVED IN LOCAL  
LEGISLATIVE  
EXPERIENCES

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# National Grange News

## NATIONAL GRANGE: EDUCATION AND HEALTH POLICY STATEMENT - 2022

### EDUCATION

#### Balanced Approach

The purpose of education is to open the minds of people to the world around them, to the lessons of the past, and the possibilities of the future. An understanding of the past and how it has shaped our present and future is a part of education that is too often neglected.

We encourage school systems and all students to put the same emphasis on the possibility of exploring vocational training as well as college preparation.

Current events have highlighted the need for local school systems to have standard tools for virtual learning, especially with regard to economically challenged students. Granges should explore the possibilities of working with their school systems to make Grange Halls available as Wi-Fi hotspots, and work with other groups that might provide financial assistance to this initiative.

We support "K-12 Bridge to Broadband," a collaboration including the non-profit group "Education Superhighway" and National Telecommunication Cooperatives Association (NTCA), The Rural Broadband Association. This is a national effort to connect more students for remote and hybrid learning.

We encourage and support legislation that provides funding for free quality meals for all school students in pre-k through 12th grade across the United States, to strengthen all students and the future of our country.

#### Loans and Aids

Many teachers and mental health counselors undertook their career education under the auspices of federal programs that offered student loan forgiveness if specific conditions were met. However, these programs have sometimes been administered in a capricious and uneven manner, leaving many who followed the rules in good faith with unexpected, significant debt. We believe this is a situation that calls for reason and compassion on the part of the program administrators.

The cost of education continues to increase and student debt is

now the second largest category of consumer debt overall in the U.S. Targeted forgiveness programs for federal student loans can offer relief to some students and needed support for some sectors of the labor market. We favor such targeted loan forgiveness programs with specific requirements. However, we do not support blanket loan forgiveness.

Since the Smith-Hughes Act of 1917 and the 1946 George-Barden Act, focused federal aid for agricultural, industrial, and home economics training for high school students, our federal government has to some degree had a hand in funding public education. Thus, the funding of public education has become a partnership between federal and state/local, but we reaffirm the importance of state and local control.

Private providers of higher education are major recipients of federal financial aid and should be held accountable for their academic standards and advertised employment outcomes. We are opposed to any weakening of regulation of private education providers.

#### Mental Health and Safety

Many social problems in schools arise from bullying, feelings of disenfranchisement and isolation among at-risk students. Schools must find ways to increase the availability of counseling for all students, and proactively engage with marginalized and at-risk young people. We strongly encourage Grange members nationwide to play an active role in their local school systems and communities. It is essential for our members to invest in our children's education through volunteering.

#### Hearing Aids

Though hearing aids are now available over-the-counter without prescription, we believe consumers should still consult with licensed audiologists to determine specific needs and be advised regarding which types of devices will be most suitable for them, how to properly fit and wear hearing aids, and even whether or not hearing aids will actually benefit them.

### HEALTH

#### PFAS

PFAS are man-made perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances having at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom. They are used in non-stick treatments, to treat material for water resistance, and in fire suppression among other uses. PFAS are persistent chemicals that have been found to have a host of dangerous health effects including cancer, liver damage, decreased fertility and increased risk of asthma and thyroid disease. These chemicals may be in to-go food containers, as waterproofing on clothing, or in fire suppression foams. The impact of these chemicals on our health must be studied further and the public made aware of the dangers.

#### Controlled Substances

We understand that opioids serve a needed place in pain management when properly prescribed by a physician. However, the opioid abuse crisis continues to plague our country. A multi-pronged approach is needed and must include continued study of the benefits of opioid painkillers as compared to alternative pain management strategies; improved prescription strategies such as limiting the number of pills issued per renewal; proper security of our prescription drugs in our homes; and proper disposal of unused or outdated prescription medications through recognized drug take-back programs or disposal programs. These are all efforts that local Granges can and should promote in their communities.

The dangers of nicotine are well-known but what is less obvious are the ways nicotine is still being marketed. The nicotine content of tobacco products can be artificially enhanced which increases the health impacts and risk of addiction. Nicotine is also marketed in non-tobacco candy-like products such as gums. We believe the nicotine content of tobacco products should be strictly regulated, as should the advertising and sale of any nicotine products resembling candies or other products potentially attractive to children.

Titanium dioxide (TiO<sub>2</sub>) is a substance that has been used

by artists to make a bright white pigment. It is also used to whiten food products such as white frosting and to brighten the colors of other products such as the candy Skittles. TiO<sub>2</sub> was initially approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in 1966 but as of 2021 it has been banned in foods by the European Food Safety Authority. We urge the FDA to fast-track research into the negative effects of TiO<sub>2</sub>.

#### Family Friendly Workplaces

We support paid parental leave and working with businesses to build a comprehensive policy that benefits both the employee and employer.

#### Affordable and Effective Health Care

The National Grange recommends that the medical research community, drug manufacturers and the federal government cooperate to develop and approve new effective preventive vaccines.

We encourage bipartisan efforts by Congress to continue health care reform, identifying solutions that provide high quality and affordable healthcare for all Americans.

Enforcement of existing laws regulating transparency and simplicity in the healthcare system should be made a priority. For example, in- and out-of-network access and cost differentials continue to be a problem. Disconnects between doctor and hospital networks are aggravating and unhelpful—especially when they result in surprise medical bills that appear due to hidden gaps in coverage.

Consumer education should also be a priority. For example, some supplemental insurance policies limit or do not cover skilled nursing care coverage, and people should be able to advocate for that when necessary.

We encourage efforts towards lowering prescription drug prices but doing so by purchasing such drugs from Canada or certain European countries may not be the answer. We cannot assume that drugs manufactured outside the United States are safe.

Congress must take steps to address unaffordable out-of-pocket

costs in Medicare Part D, and expand Part D coverage to include a broader range of immunizations.

We join with other groups including the American Psychological Association, the Farmer Veteran Coalition and other rural agricultural organizations in asking Congress to fully fund the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network which seeks to address the high rate of farm suicides.

The medical research community, drug manufacturers and the federal government must expedite the development and approval of new effective preventive vaccines to immunize our vulnerable at-risk populations against serious disease.

#### Promoting Health of Minors

Nutrition is an essential building block for health. We support the concept of sending unserved food from school cafeterias home with needy students, assuming proper food safety concerns can be addressed. Also related to school lunches, different age groups have different appetite levels. In the interest of promoting healthy portions and minimizing food waste, we encourage the National School Lunch Program to change recommended portion sizes according to grade levels. E-cigarettes have emerged as a serious public health question, with illness and deaths from their use being reported across the country. While the debate continues about new regulations surrounding these products, legislation or public service campaigns are needed to educate youth about the dangers of using e-cigarettes and associated products.

School systems that are considering the offering of the Educated Choices Program to their students should include research and information that shows that a diet containing animal products is essential to a healthy, well-balanced diet, and also includes information why animal agriculture is good for the environment and include the steps that animal agriculture has taken to reduce and prevent animal cruelty and abuse.

Childhood immunizations such as the Measles, Mumps Rubella (MMR) vaccine continue to bring

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## NATIONAL GRANGE: EDUCATION AND HEALTH POLICY STATEMENT - 2022

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passionate feelings, especially when proposals arise to make them mandatory for all children. We recognize that such proposals may not be practical under the civil liberties established in the U.S. Constitution. However, we suggest that even more effort should then

be made to educate the public on this issue using valid science-based information.

### Cancer Research

It has been long-standing Grange policy to support research into the causes and treatments of all types of cancer. We encourage Congress

to increase funding for cancer research.

### Retireesafe

The National Grange should continue to partner with Retireesafe on appropriate initiatives.

## NATIONAL GRANGE: GRANGE GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT POLICY STATEMENT - 2022

Throughout 2022 Grangers found themselves dusting off their regalia and joining together for in-person fellowship and "normal" Grange meetings, dinners, and fundraising events. With our membership Director reporting a net gain, this only shows that our Granges are open for business welcoming new members. Inasmuch as COVID-19 is still a potential threat to some members and the cost of doing business is still high, we encourage when events are held and it is reasonably possible to offer a virtual option so as many as desire will be able to participate.

As we all reflect on writings of our Founders in all levels of our order, we must always remember to aspire to be characterized by open and respectful conversational dialogue. Let us be mindful of our brothers and sisters as we speak in respectful ways and invite open, sincere, and meaningful dialogue among those of different points of view. We will listen to one another calmly, with open hearts, in order to create deeper understanding. We encourage Granges to set the example of exercising patience, forbearance, charity, and tolerance in all your meetings and Grange activities.

We would strongly encourage all members and Granges to donate to the National Grange Foundation funds as this money is well spent in supporting many national level activities and programs. We ask that you please give if you can and remind others about this worthwhile benefit.

We would like to see the relationships between our grassroots members and the National Grange improve through the ability of the National Grange to communicate with our members. Our technological achievements provide the opportunity for a rich electronic conversation through e-mail. We encourage all States to help enrich the value of this conversation by convincing your

members with e-mail addresses of the importance of providing it to the National Grange. In addition, please consider for those members who do not have e-mail creating a buddy system to pair that person with someone who has an e-mail and would accept responsibility to communicate the information they receive with their buddy. The buddy system also has the possibility of strengthening relationships locally as well.

We thank the National Grange staff for the service and work they do on behalf of all Grangers. Much of their work directly benefits members of our communities. We need to support our National Grange by bringing their programs, information, and opportunities to our local communities. Examples in the coming year is the important work of Rural Minds and the potential grant projects to improve health outcomes for rural elderly needing surgery as well as the possible eligibility in the Affordable Connectivity Program. We encourage all Grangers, especially those in leadership, to help the National Grange help our local people by sharing the resources and information provided by the National Grange and getting the message out, so people can receive the help they need and deserve.

We encourage State Secretaries to use the electronic quarterly reporting system of the National Grange or clearly articulate in writing to the National Information Technology (IT) person what the specific issues are in using this system. We also encourage the National Grange to ensure their system security is high to ensure confidence in trusting the system.

The National Grange office has resources available to help Granges that do not own their own Grange halls to create a plan that will enable them to remain visible and relevant in their communities. We encourage Granges in this situation to contact the National

Communications Director for information.

We would encourage that all Grange manuals and the Digest of Laws be made available for FREE from the National Grange website for downloading by the current State Presidents only. This would put all printing expenses onto the states, therefore eliminating those high costs from the National Grange. This could be done with secure log-in credentials issued by the National President to all State Presidents. By doing this, all State Grange Presidents will have the most current edition available.

All Grangers sponsoring any junior and/or youth events or activities should mandate that all involved go through background checks to ensure that the safety of participants is always priority one. Any offenses of misconduct should be dealt with according to the laws or statutes of their local and state law enforcement agencies.

We thank the Diversity Task Force for all of their hard work to complete their 2022 report. We agree with their statement about bringing this report back to your local, Pomona, and state Granges to further these discussions and to take the needed actions that fit your Granges.

We highly encourage Community Granges to use the Heirloom Program, created by the National Grange, to help all our members learn or be reminded of our rich legacy. This program helps Granges to incorporate in their monthly meetings a quote or passage from a foundational text and briefly reflect on the lesson and how it may apply to everyday life. These lessons can also be read and discussed as part of the Lecturer's program or shared on social media with members of their communities for increased Grange visibility. For more information, please visit [www.nationalgrange.org/heirloom-program](http://www.nationalgrange.org/heirloom-program).

## NATIONAL GRANGE: AUDIT & BUDGET POLICY STATEMENT - 2022

The Audit and Budget committee would like to thank our National President, Betsy Huber the National Executive Committee and the National Grange staff for their work on the 2023 budget. Working toward a document that will guide us through the marketing and sale of our national headquarters has not been an easy task and we appreciate the work these individuals have put into providing a potential pathway for the coming year that will allow us to continue to do the work of the National Grange.

Due to the uncertainty of the timeline for the sale of our headquarters, the budget this year has been developed with certain contingencies that will allow the National President and the Executive Committee to move forward with staffing requirements and the programs expected by our members. The Worthy President has requested our understanding and forbearance as the staff increases their workload to include the packing and moving of our national headquarters. These contingencies were developed using the known information we currently have at our disposal.

In anticipation of sale of the building an Investment Policy Advisory Committee was formed and they have developed an investment strategy to manage the assets, creating a foundation from which the interest and dividends will be used to partially fund National Grange functions.

We constantly focus our attention on the revenue streams that we derive from the building or investments, but we need to remember that dues are the true lifeblood of our order, and they are the one piece of our revenue that we as members and state leaders have complete control over. We need to be encouraging our community members to grow their Granges. Membership growth affects not only our bottom line, but adds to our personal growth, to our legislative activities, and to our community involvement. Our National Membership Director congratulated us on a year of net growth for our national organization. Be proud, but be aware that we cannot rest on our laurels, we need to continue our dedication to spreading the word about the great family that we call the Grange.

We want to acknowledge that our National Board has spent the last year not only involved in the sale of our headquarters, but have performed their due diligence regarding our next step. They have worked to understand the specific needs of our organization and how meeting those needs impacts our choices for a temporary or permanent home. We especially want to thank the Kansas State Grange for their input and the documents they provided to the board for their consideration.

This committee feels that the audit and budget resolution #203 adopted at the 2021 National session still provides our Executive Committee with the guidance needed for them to make the best possible decision for our future. In light of that resolution we have set aside the competing headquarters location resolutions received this year and feel that the 2021 resolution will serve us best.

The Audit and Budget committee would also like to make two recommendations following the sale and settlement of the current headquarters:

1. We ask the National President and Executive Committee to provide to each state President a revised and updated budget as soon as practical following the sale.

2. We also recommend that the National President and the Executive Committee analyze our daily, monthly and annual accounting needs for any possible savings or streamlining.

We have acknowledged in the past that the Grange does not live at 1616 H Street, and it does not, but rather it resides in each community represented by a member. But we must also acknowledge that if our members do not have a connection to the National Grange our organization is weaker, so it is incumbent on us as leaders to ensure that our members are engaged and involved with the programs and information provided by the National Grange.

# National Grange News

## Grangers Needed To Serve On Policy Review Committees

By Betsy E. Huber  
President, National Grange



Betsy E. Huber

The Delegates to the 156th annual National Grange convention voted to form two committees to study two issues and report back at the next convention in November 2023. (Plan to attend November 14-18 in Niagara Falls, NY!) I'm looking for volunteers who would like to contribute to these studies.

The first is a Special Committee on the Future of Pomona Granges. Its purpose is to analyze current membership numbers and participation by members, review the traditional procedures and ritual language, and examine the rules and regulations for Pomona Grange in the Digest of Laws regarding meeting frequency, dues, and jurisdiction. The committee will also brainstorm about the purpose and relevance of the Pomona Grange in today's world and how its purpose differs from the Community Grange.

The second committee is to study the current National Grange policy on hemp and cannabis, determining how they fit as agricultural crops in our policy based on current scientific information. Hemp is an old crop formerly grown on many farms and can be used for human and animal feed, rope, fabric, automobile manufacturing, hemp-crete for buildings, and many, many other uses. It is currently allowed as a crop by USDA under strict state regulations. The laws regarding cannabis vary in each state, though it is illegal under federal law. CBD is a chemical found in cannabis or marijuana, but CBD doesn't contain tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the psychoactive ingredient found in marijuana that produces a high. Many states allow use of marijuana for medical purposes, and some allow recreational use. I have several cannabis growers to serve on the committee, but I would really like to hear from some Grange farmers who grow hemp.

If you would like to serve on either of these committees that will meet by Zoom, please contact me at [betsy@nationalgrange.org](mailto:betsy@nationalgrange.org). Thank you.

## Granges Sought For Assistance With Awareness Campaign; Financial Incentives May Be Available

By Amanda Brozana Rios  
Membership and Leadership  
Development Director,  
National Grange

The Grange has championed the expansion of broadband and affordable and equitable access to it for more than two decades in a variety of ways. In 2023, we hope to secure a grant from the Federal Communications Commission that will allow us to provide materials to Granges who wish to be part of a program that informs individuals in your communities about the Affordable Connectivity Program, which allows eligible households to receive a monthly discount on broadband service through providers and one-time discount on connected devices such as laptops.

As part of our application

process, we are seeking a number of local Granges including local Lecturers, Community Service Chairs, individuals responsible for tabling or membership booths and more to agree to take part in this outreach, awareness-building campaign. Activating our grassroots system is an essential part of successfully competing for this grant and completing the work for which we hope to receive funding.

Granges would assist in raising awareness about this benefit by hanging posters in their hall or other community spaces; by using placemats at public dinners that promote the Grange and inform individuals about the program; by hosting FCC speakers at a Grange meeting or public event to inform the community about ACP; by placing banners or lawn

signs at their hall with a link to learn more about ACP; by sending letters to the editor to their local newspaper; by placing brochures about ACP out on their tables at community events; by working with their local school to ensure information is going home in children's backpacks; and in other ways.

Should we be selected as a recipient of this grant, Granges that participate will receive free materials such as brochures and signs, as well as financial incentives or compensation as part of the partnership.

If you are interested in participating, please reach out to Membership / Leadership Development Director Amanda Brozana Rios at [membership@nationalgrange.org](mailto:membership@nationalgrange.org) or by calling 301-943-1090 as soon as possible.

## Did your Grange have a successful holiday program?

By Philip Vonada, Communications Director, National Grange

Each year, Granges across the country create Christmas and holiday-season programs and events for their members and the wider community. This summer, we are going to spotlight many of these in a special "Christmas in July" issue of Good Day! magazine!

If you would like your Grange's program to be featured, here's all you need to do:

1. Write up a brief (2-3 paragraph) summary on what you did, and how it went
2. Include as many details as possible, and especially what made your program unique.
3. Be sure to include your Grange name & number and your state.
4. Email it to Philip Vonada ([pvonada@nationalgrange.org](mailto:pvonada@nationalgrange.org)) by April 1, 2023.

We are looking to feature programs, events, recipes, community drives – whatever your Grange did to create the "holiday spirit" in your hometown!

## FEBRUARY NATIONAL GRANGE EVENTS

TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF  
YOUR MEMBERSHIP

### FEBRUARY 2023

ALL TIMES  
EASTERN

#### 14: MEMBERSHIP MATTERS (ZOOM)

8:30 P.M.

##### Open to all!

Contact [abrozana@nationalgrange.org](mailto:abrozana@nationalgrange.org) for more information.

#### 17-18: NATIONAL GRANGE PRESIDENTS' CONFERENCE

State Grange leaders are gathering on Zoom to discuss Grange issues and department updates.

#### 19: YOUTH YAMMERINGS (ZOOM)

9:00 P.M.

Join National Junior Grange and Youth Development Director Samantha Wilkins for updates about the National Grange Youth department. Contact [youth@nationalgrange.org](mailto:youth@nationalgrange.org) for more information.

#### 28: LECTURER'S FORUM (ZOOM)

8:30 P.M.

National Grange Lecturer Ann Bercher will lead a discussion on contests, programming, and more in the Lecturer's Department. Contact [lecturer@nationalgrange.org](mailto:lecturer@nationalgrange.org) for more information.

**JUNIOR GRANGE FOCUS AREA:**  
ADVOCACY  
**YOUTH PILLAR FOCUS AREA:**  
GROWTH



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

### Here's how you can help:

#### Looking for a way to help?

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# National Grange News

## A View From The Hill - Winter 2023 Edition

By **Burton Eller**  
National Grange  
Legislative Director

### WASHINGTON OVERVIEW

#### New Congress Settles In

With the new year has come a new Congress with divided control for the first time since President Biden was elected. The House of Representatives is now controlled by a narrow Republican majority while the Senate remains controlled by Democrats. The Senate was able to quickly return to the rhythm of legislating and for the most part looks the same as it did last Congress with the same committee chairs and similar committee compositions.

In contrast, the House under new Republican control has changed significantly. Following a lengthy process to elect a new Speaker of the House, Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) was chosen. As part of this process, McCarthy had to make significant changes at the request of more conservative members of the House Republican Conference. In general, these changes decreased the power of Republican leadership and increased the power of individual members to block or slow down legislation. For more details on these changes, see our Advocacy Playbook from this month.

With a Speaker elected, the House proceeded to select a new set of Republican Committee chairs and new committee rosters. Of note to the Grange, the new Agriculture Committee Chair is Rep. Glenn Thompson (R-PA), a long-time friend of the Pennsylvania State Grange and the new Energy & Commerce Committee Chair is Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) a friend and member of the Washington State Grange.

#### House Republicans Assert Priorities

As the House of Representatives moves from the business of organizing itself to the business of legislating, the new House Republican majority is beginning to assert its priorities. To start, House Republicans have held votes on priorities including abortion, border security/immigration, competition with China, oversight

of the federal government and Biden administration, and more. It is important to note that these are just signaling bills, as for any legislation to pass it would have to also be approved by the Democratic Senate and signed by President Biden.

Some House Republicans have also indicated their interest in negotiating serious spending cuts before agreeing to raise the debt ceiling this summer and before voting on a government funding program in the Fall. These Republicans have made clear that they would be willing to let the government default on its debt or shut the government down for prolonged periods if they are unable to get Democrats in the Senate to agree to their spending demands. Either a default on government debt or a government shutdown would do serious damage to the economy, so Republican House leadership has already begun negotiations behind closed doors with a goal of avoiding either outcome.

### AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

#### New Protection for Honeybees

The USDA has approved a conditional license for a vaccine to protect honeybees from the deadly American foulbrood disease. The vaccine, developed by Dolan Animal Health, could serve as a breakthrough to protect bee colonies. American foulbrood disease is highly contagious and has no cure. The vaccine contains an inactive version of the bacteria that causes foulbrood and is incorporated into a royal jelly feed given to the queen bee by worker bees. This gives her offspring, the young bee larvae, immunity to the disease as they hatch.

#### Smuggled Eggs in Your Pan

U.S. Customs and Border Protection personnel are reporting a rise in attempted egg smuggling at the Mexican border. They attribute the increase in smuggling to a 59.9% spike in U.S. egg prices over the past year. U.S. egg production is down sharply as the result of the massive outbreak of deadly avian flu among American flocks. Eggs must be inspected and originate from disease free flocks to enter the U.S.

#### Farm Bill Process Begins

The new chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, G.T. Thompson (R-PA), and several bipartisan members of his committee held a farm bill listening session at the recent Pennsylvania Farm Show. Afterwards Chairman Thompson said that, in addition to the commodity title, his committee would focus on crop insurance, cost inflation, nutritional assistance, rural broadband, and agriculture research.

### CONSERVATION / ENVIRONMENT

#### New WOTUS Rule Issued

The Biden administration decided not to wait on a Supreme Court ruling and has issued a "new waters of the U.S." rule. Farmer, rancher, landowner, construction, real estate, energy and infrastructure groups and numerous members of Congress describe the rule as a "thinly veiled land-grab" and "another bureaucratic attack on rural America." The National Association of State Departments of Agriculture called the rule a "statement of federal overreach." The Supreme Court is reviewing EPA's jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act and their ruling on the definition of WOTUS will take precedence.

### HEALTH CARE

#### FDA Proposes Annual COVID Boosters

The Food and Drug Administration has proposed updating COVID boosters every fall like the flu shot. As they do with flu shots, the FDA would assess COVID strains annually and each summer would recommend the strain to be targeted by the fall booster.

#### Telehealth and Hospital-at-Home Waivers Extended

The Medicare telehealth flexibilities enacted during the pandemic and the Acute Hospital at Home program have been extended through 2024 by the omnibus year-end spending package passed by Congress in late December. This will allow people with high deductible health plans to receive telehealth coverage without meeting their

annual deductible first. It also allows continued treatment for common acute conditions in home settings under the Acute Hospital Care at Home Program. The National Grange supported both extensions.

### TELECOMMUNICATIONS

#### FCC Guidance Needed for Rural Broadband

Barriers such as rights-of-way, pole attachment fees, slow permitting and other barriers are slowing rural broadband deployment projects. The National Grange wrote Federal Communications Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel in late January to urge the Commission to issue its long-awaited guidance document addressing these barriers. Until these barriers are mitigated, rural broadband is at risk of falling behind for the funding provided in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

#### New Broadband Coverage Maps Challenged

The Federal Communications Commission spent most of the past year creating its own country-wide maps of locations deemed to have access to high speed broadband. Once the new maps were released, the FCC asked for challenges to the accuracy of the new data by January 13. Almost 350,000 challenges were received. So, if you or your neighbors do not currently have high-speed internet, contact your state broadband agency to be sure you are listed correctly on the new map of your area. For example, in Vermont the FCC says about 59,000 people are unserved or underserved. But the Vermont Community Broadband Board says it's well over 10,000 addresses that are unserved or underserved. Several lawmakers have called for a 60 day extension to the challenge process to give states more time to verify and submit accurate data. Similar feedback is coming from Georgia, Kansas, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, West Virginia and others.

### U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

#### Post Office Improves Ballot Delivery

The 2022 midterm elections saw



98.6 percent of the 54.4 million ballots delivered within three days according to U.S.P.S. Postmaster General DeJoy. Extra collections and deliveries were made, special pick-ups were established, processing facilities expanded their hours, and expedited deliveries were made to boards of elections.

### RIGHT TO REPAIR

#### John Deere Takes a Step

The John Deere Company and the American Farm Bureau have signed a memorandum of understanding that could enable farmers and ranchers to repair their own equipment. Though the MOU has no legal standing, it agrees to provide access to parts, tools, software and documentation to perform repair and maintenance by equipment owners and their independent mechanics. Time will tell if additional equipment manufacturers will follow suit to support owner repair and maintenance.

### OF INTEREST

#### The Electric Vehicle Debate

Farmers, ranchers and rural Americans in general seem to be skeptical about electric vehicles. Americans, and rural residents more specifically, are leery of EV mileage range. Despite rapid improvements in battery capacity, internal combustion engines are the only practical choice for country people at this time. Recharging stations for EVs are scarce and will be built last in rural locations. Electrification is not practical yet for large equipment like farm equipment. The price of EVs is tempering sales, especially in a down economy. It may be a decade or several before EVs outnumber internal combustion engine vehicles on the road.

# Home & Family

## Looking Ahead To The 2023 State Convention

By Helen Berg  
Family Living Director

At this writing we have completed half of our Leadership Conferences and at your reading we should be done traveling about the state. I have enjoyed seeing many new faces as well as "old" friends.

We plan on having a Quilts of Valor ceremony during the State Convention in Moses Lake. I have asked Chris Hamp to be my right hand for this ceremony. If you know of a veteran who has

never received a quilt and will be at the convention, please contact either Chris or me. We also need quilts, so if you are a quilter perhaps you could help us out by making a quilt. You can go on-line to QOV and find all the specifics. Last year many of the recipients were truly surprised. We are good at keeping secrets, so just e-mail the name as well as a brief bio about the person. We need to know the branch of service as well as any awards, where served, any combat served

and anything else of interest about your nominated veteran.

This will be the last year we collect used postage stamps as it is getting cost prohibitive to mail them to an organization which can use them as a fund raising project.

We are still collecting used eyeglasses. Dr. Ogden will be at convention this year. He will be sharing slides of where he has distributed some of the glasses. I know you will enjoy meeting and talking with him.



Helen Berg

## 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. Unfortunately, when I got home after our first weekend of sessions, it was to find that my brother who I live with had contracted that dreaded C-word – Covid. We still don't know how it happened because he only leaves the house for doctor appointments. I have consistently tested negative and he finally did after 14 days. The result though was that I missed the next two weekends of conferences. I am sure President Tom covered the Lecturer portion well. These Conferences are 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 carbon 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. Good luck and have fun!



Leslie Jo Wells



## Create Memories with a Grape-Infused Meal

(Courtesy of Family Features)

Sharing a delicious, home-cooked meal is something to look forward to and preparing such a meal can be easier than you think. Simple touches that add some flair make all the difference. For example, adding grapes as a signature ingredient adds a unique color and flavor accent that turns everyday meals into something special.

As a highly versatile addition to appetizers, snacks, main courses, sides and desserts, Grapes are an essential ingredient to keep on hand. In this Chicken Sheet Pan Dinner with Grapes, Carrots and Parsnips, the grapes – thanks to their delicate sweetness and juicy texture – enhance the savory chicken and earthy vegetables and bring all the flavors together for a delicious meal.

## Chicken Sheet Pan Dinner with Grapes, Carrots and Parsnips

Servings: 4

Source: California Table Grape Commission

### Ingredients:

- Nonstick cooking spray (optional)
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2-1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1-1/4 teaspoons turmeric
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- 2 large garlic cloves, minced
- 4 bone-in chicken thighs, skin removed and visible fat trimmed
- 2 medium onions, sliced 1/3-inch thick
- 3 carrots, peeled and cut in 2-by-1/2-inch sticks
- 2 medium parsnips, peeled and cut in 2-by-1/2-inch sticks
- freshly ground pepper, to taste
- 1-1/4 cups red Grapes from California

Heat oven to 400 F with rack in center. Line shallow baking sheet (10-by-15 inches or 11-by-17 inches) with parchment paper or foil. If using foil, spray with nonstick cooking spray.

In large bowl, stir oil, cumin, turmeric, salt and garlic. Add chicken, turning to coat, then transfer smooth side up to baking sheet. Add onions, carrots and parsnips to bowl and toss in remaining spiced oil then distribute around chicken on baking sheet. Season with freshly ground pepper, to taste.

Roast chicken and vegetables 25 minutes. Sprinkle grapes over vegetables and roast about 5 minutes until juices run clear when chicken is pierced with tip of small, sharp knife.

Note: For softer roasted grapes, add to pan earlier.

## President At Pine Grove Grange Newly Installed

On January 19th, James Lyle had the pleasure of installing Larry Farr as Master of Pine Grove Grange #115. Larry is the fourth generation of Farr men to lead Pine Grove.



# Grange Connection

## Mossyrock Grange Make Packages For Hope Alliance



Mossyrock Grangers package individual toiletries and feminine products for Hope Alliance (a safe place for women).

### COWLITZ COUNTY

Rose Valley Grange will hold a spring bazaar on May 6th at the Rose Valley Friends Church in Kelso. Hours will be 9 am to 2 pm.

Silver Lake Grange has recently experienced scammers. As everyone knows, scammers are rampant on Facebook. We have experienced some scammers that have inserted themselves into our event announcements. They respond in the comments and say there is still booths or tables available and to pay them, leaving their name and email address. On a recent post, we had to delete these "bad guys" post over 6 times on one event! They are relentless. So the warning is if you post your events on Face Book, check through all the comments at least daily for these scammers. You may also want to add a line on your poster that says the only contact for this event is "Fill in your contact persons name and contact info."

Better News, The Silver Lake Grange held its annual "Pine Wood Derby Build Day" on January 7. We were full of activity with cutting, sanding and painting the cars. Fun was had by all. We have both children and adult categories. Sometimes the "Big Kids" seem to be having more fun than the

little kids. The big races are scheduled for February 4 and 25.

We held our "Great Craft De-Stash" on January 28. The Grange was turned into a "Grange Sale for Craft Supplies Only. Sellers had tables piled high with Craft Supplies of all kinds. The show was only 4 hours long, and the shoppers were seriously having a good time. This event will be held annually, it was too much fun to do just once!

### GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

**Humtuls Grange** members gathered for a pancake dinner prior to their business meeting on January 13. Dinner consisted of buttermilk pancakes, link sausage, and homemade applesauce. The Grange received a financial donation from the Hoquiam High School Football collection that will assist in supplying food to the needy in our community for the next year. We served 68 families in January. We will have a Soup Cook Off at our March meeting on March 10. Everyone is to bring a crockpot of their favorite homemade soup for all to sample beginning at 6 p.m. The business meeting will follow later that evening.

Sharon Grange has scheduled their Annual Oyster Dinner for

Saturday, March 25, 12-6 p.m. Seniors will be allowed in at 11 a.m. Tickets will be available at the door.

### KING COUNTY

Issaquah Valley Grange enjoyed the hospitality of Happy Valley Grange for a Christmas buffet and program on December 6, that proved a very festive solution to a bungled kitchen remodel in their regular meeting location. For the first meeting in January Issaquah Valley performed the annual Candle Lighting ceremony. In lieu of a new ceremony for 2023 they did the lovely program from 2011 which encourages the light of Faith, Hope, Charity and Fidelity. To combat the chill of February they plan to enjoy the photographs from Hugo Vollstedt's trip to the warmth and sun of Costa Rica.

### MASON COUNTY

The Agate Grange met on January 21st following the Mason County Pomona meeting at 12 noon. Discussions included building upkeep and improvements. A committee is working on the water and heat systems led by member Irene Goldsby. A delicious potluck lunch was enjoyed following the conclusion of the meetings.

### PACIFIC COUNTY

Long Beach Grange will hold "Sweetheart Date Night" on Saturday, February 18. The event will include an Antique and Collectibles Auction with a portion of the proceeds going to the Crisis Support Network. Preview the items at 4 p.m., with the auction starting at 5 p.m. There will be a baked potato bar at the event.

### SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Granville Grange is hosting an Empty Bowl Soup Event in conjunction with the Granite Falls Community Coalition to raise funds for the Granite Falls Food Bank. The date is Saturday February 11 from 4 to 8 p.m. There will be live music, a silent auction and raffish prizes, one of which is \$1000!

### SPOKANE COUNTY

Green Bluff Grange hosted their 2nd annual Game Night on January 3 and it was a huge success with over 30 people in attendance. The annual Spin-In, led by member Kate, was held on January 21. We started up the last Sunday "All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfasts" on January 29. Family members attended the Draping of the Charter for Mae VanLeuven (64 year member) and David Scott (72 year member). The Mt. Dew Boys presented a "Monroe Tribute Bluegrass Concert" on Feb. 25. The Feb. 7th community event was our Quilt Block sewing night and March 7 is seed pots hand out. Information for applications for a Green Bluff Grange scholarship, which is due no later than April 1, is being disseminated. We welcomed new members Linsey Scarlet and Shep & Jody Douglas.

### STEVENS COUNTY

Camas Valley Grange cancelled their January meeting due to icy conditions as temperatures during the day would get up to 38°F and drop at night below 30°F, which made the parking lot a skating rink that weekend. The MWH Senior Class used the Grange for a fundraiser two days each week during the month of January. Local groups have already started signing up for bingo nights, and SFDA has February 4. The February 11 Grange meeting will start at 5:30pm with a lot of business to discuss (Dec-Jan). So far other bingo nights are scheduled for March 4 and April 1, and Mad Hatter Tea is scheduled for April 15. Support your local businesses. Stay healthy and safe. A Bylaws change to have meetings on the second Monday of each month at 4:30pm instead of the second Saturday of each month at

## Deer Lagoon Grange Hosts Sourdough Class



Deer Lagoon Grange hosted a Sourdough Class on January 27. There were 84 people in attendance. Everyone took home some sourdough starter. It was an excellent class taught by Erin and Matt. They hope to do a follow up class within the next month, more of a Part 2, Q&A type class.

## Barberton Grange President Performs Elvis Show At CDM



Barberton Grange President Matt Hodges had the crowd up dancing at his all Elvis show at CDM. Matt and Tammie do 2 shows a month at this adult daycare in partnership with the Barberton Grange.

# Grange Connection

5:30pm will be discussed at the February meeting, which will be on February 13 at 4:30pm due to scheduling conflicts.

## THURSTON COUNTY

South Union Grange held their annual Christmas dinner and party on December 11. It was a pleasant afternoon with plenty of food and time to visit with friends and family. Violet Prairie Grange members joined in the celebration. Santa Claus arrived to the delight of young

and old, and several family photos were taken with Santa. The holiday food drive ended on December 19 and items collected were delivered to Thurston County Food Bank. Some color and activities books were donated and delivered to the Educational Service District. The January 16 meeting was preceded by a potluck dinner. Members enjoyed a short, yet refocusing, candle lighting ceremony presented by Lecturer Beverly York at the meeting. Members

lit a candle and took turns doing the readings. As the closing song, sister Bev sang "One Little Candle" from the Grange Songbook. Monthly dances with live country music continue to be on the first Saturday of each month from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday February 20 at 7:00. Prior to the meeting, members will meet for dinner at a local restaurant at 5:30. Contact Diane Williams if you plan to come so she will have a count for reservations.

## Irrigation District Meets At Lower Naches Grange



Lower Naches Grange is always open for community service. Here Irrigation District 3 (Wapato, Glee & Union) meet to review water issues for the coming irrigation season.

## St. Andrew's Grange Give Quilts For Vets And More



St. Andrew's Grange made and gave out 27 full size winter quilts to the Veterans and Hope Source in Moses Lake and the Douglas County Sheriffs in East Wenatchee to give out to those in need.

## Pomona Connection

### COWLITZ/WAHAKIUM POMONA

Cowlitz/Wahkiakum Pomona Grange has changed their meeting time. The next meeting will be on Saturday, February 18, beginning with a 1 p.m. potluck dinner. The business meeting will follow. The March Pomona Grange meeting has been cancelled.

### GRAYS HARBOR/PACIFIC POMONA

Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Grange will meet on Saturday, March 11 at the North River Grange Hall at 10 a.m. The meeting will include the baking and candy contests. Entries are due at 9 a.m. Following the judging, there will be a bake sale beginning at 12 noon.

### MASON COUNTY POMONA

Mason County Pomona met on January 21st at The Agate with seven members and one guest present. We were happy to be together again. The order of business centered around renewing the scholarship program. It was decided to offer a one-year scholarship to a Mason County graduating senior in the amount of \$1,000 for the 2022-2023 school year. Applications will be sent to North Mason, Shelton, Mary M. Knight, and Choice high schools. The next meeting will be held at Matlock Grange on March 18th. Entries for State Grange exhibits will be accepted beginning at 10 a.m. All members are urged to attend.

### SNOHOMISH COUNTY POMONA

Snohomish County Pomona Grange will meet on Saturday, March 25 at the South Lake Stevens Grange Hall. The meeting time is 10:00 a.m. The Family Living Contest for Baking, Candy, Canning, and Food Preservation will be held at this meeting. Entries will be accepted between 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. The Pomona joined with Garden City Grange on Sunday December 18 for a Christmas Luncheon and Party with a fun gift Exchange. Included at this gathering was the annual planning of the Pomona Calendar of Events and Meeting Assignments for 2023.

### THURSTON COUNTY POMONA

Thurston County Pomona and subordinate officers were installed on Sunday, January 8 at McLane Grange. The next Pomona meetings will be held on February 1 at South Union Grange at 7:00 pm, and March 2 at Black Lake Grange at 7:00 pm.

## Pomona Calendar

The 2023 date request forms have been mailed to the Pomona Grange Secretaries. Please complete and return to the State Grange Office ASAP.

<b>CHELAN</b>	February 18 at Stearns Hill, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
<b>CLALLAM</b>	March 15 at Crescent, 6 p.m. potluck, 6:30 p.m. meeting.
<b>CLARK</b>	February 8 at Manor, 7 p.m. March 8 at Manor, 7 p.m.
<b>COWLITZ/ WAHAKIUM</b>	February 18 at Sunnyside, 1 p.m. potluck, meeting to follow.
<b>EXCELSIOR</b>	March 25 at Greenwood Park, 10:30 a.m. Will hold baking contest. Photography contest entries due.
<b>GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC</b>	March 11 at North River, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Baking and Candy contest entries due at 9 a.m.
<b>ISLAND</b>	March 11 at South Camano, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
<b>LEWIS</b>	March 4 at Mossrock, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting
<b>MASON</b>	March 18 at Matlock, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Lecturer and Family Living contest entries due at 10 a.m.
<b>PIERCE</b>	March 4 at Collins, 10 a.m. Will include the baking and canning contests with a CFL Auction.
<b>SKAGIT</b>	March 1 at Skagit Valley, 6 p.m.
<b>SNAKE RIVER</b>	March 18 at Columbia Valley, 10 a.m.
<b>SPOKANE</b>	February 11 at East Spokane, 10 a.m.
<b>STEVENS</b>	April meeting at Fort Colville, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
<b>THURSTON</b>	March 2 at Black Lake, 7 p.m.
<b>WHITMAN</b>	March 18 at Whelan Ewartsville, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Will include baking contest and bake sale.
<b>YAKIMA VALLEY</b>	April 10 at Fruitvale, 5 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting.


**SAVE THE  
DATE!**

# Upcoming State Grange Events

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

<b>FEBRUARY 10</b> .....	Grange Resource and Leadership Conference, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting at the Bee Hive Grange Hall, Chelan County	<b>MARCH 2</b> .....	State Grange Legislative Day, 8 am to 4 pm in Olympia
<b>FEBRUARY 11</b> .....	Grange Resource and Leadership Conference, 12pm potluck, 1pm meeting at Okanogan Grange Hall, Okanogan County	<b>MARCH 6</b> .....	Grange Legislative Zoom Update, 10 a.m.
<b>FEBRUARY 11</b> .....	Grange Resource and Leadership Conference, 6 p.m. at Bob's Café in Moses Lake (dinner is no-host)	<b>MARCH 17-18</b> .....	Grange Deputy and State Officer Conference in Wenatchee
<b>FEBRUARY 13</b> .....	Family Living Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.	<b>MARCH 20</b> .....	Grange Legislative Zoom Update, 10 a.m.
<b>FEBRUARY 15</b> .....	Community Service Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.	<b>MARCH 26-28</b> .....	State Grange Youth/Junior Legislative Experience in Olympia
<b>FEBRUARY 16</b> .....	Junior Grange Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.	<b>MARCH 29</b> .....	Q & A With the State Grange President, 7 pm - Zoom Meeting
<b>FEBRUARY 20</b> .....	Grange Legislative Zoom Update, 10 a.m.	<b>APRIL 1</b> .....	Secretary First Quarter Reports Due
<b>FEBRUARY 21</b> .....	Lecturer Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.	<b>APRIL 3</b> .....	Grange Legislative Zoom Update, 10 a.m.
<b>FEBRUARY 22</b> .....	Lecturer Zoom Meeting, 2 p.m.	<b>APRIL 17</b> .....	Grange Legislative Zoom Update, 10 a.m.
<b>FEBRUARY 22</b> .....	Q & A With the State Grange President, 7 pm - Zoom Meeting	<b>JUNE 21-24</b> .....	134th Annual Washington State Grange Convention, Grant County Fairgrounds, Moses Lake
<b>FEBRUARY 23</b> .....	Youth Department Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.	<b>NOVEMBER 14-18</b> .....	157th Annual National Grange Convention, Conference & Event Center Niagara Falls Sheraton at the Falls, 300 Third Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14303
<b>MARCH 1</b> .....	Youth Fair Program Update Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.		

## In Memoriam

### L.T. "Ted" Bryan

#### Past State Deputy Master for Cowlitz County • Past State Membership Co-Director

L.T. "Ted" Bryan was born near Merkle, TX on March 1, 1930. He passed into the arms of the Lord on January 6, 2023. He was preceded in death by his parents Lonnie and Dora Bryan, brothers Earnest Earl and Tommie and sisters Mary Nell and Jo Dean and his first wife Shirley.

Ted is survived by his wife of 42 years Zula (who he called Little Darlin') children Mary Vaughan (Wally), Sherry Stevens (Donnie), Adora Dougharty (Louis), Julie Robik, Carra Molgard (Steve), Ken Davis (Terri), many Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren and Great Great Grandchildren. He loved them all.

Ted left Merkle, TX when he was seven to help an uncle in Safford, AZ. From there his family moved to Springfield, OR. While in Springfield he attended school and worked in construction and a local theatre. When he was eighteen, he joined the Navy where he served with honors for twenty years. After his Navy Career he moved to Cottage Grove, OR, where he was employed by Weyerhaeuser. In 1976 the company transferred him to the Longview mill. Ted worked in many capacities at the mill but finished up his seventeen years as a supervisor. At age 54, he retired to play golf and ride his horses. He traveled to Arizona and Texas a couple times a year to ride and round up with his brother Tommy. He loved to ride with his brother-in-law Bruce. They rode in several Poker Runs to benefit Juvenile Diabetes, and they rode the Pacific Crest Trail. Ted and Zula traveled to many places together. They visited all fifty states.

Ted was very proud of his 50 years affiliation in the AA program where he sponsored many people making a positive impact on so many lives. He was referred to as Mr. AA. The final phase of his life, Ted and his wife Zula were known as the T and Z Team for the Grange Organization. Their home Grange was Pleasant Hill #101, but they were also active in county, state and National Grange. The first year the National Grange selected Heroes of the Year, Ted and Zula were two of six selected from the entire United States and honored at the National Grange Convention in Michigan.

In 2015 Ted suffered a stroke which changed our lives forever, but it did not diminish his desire to stay involved. He stayed active welcoming a lot of company at home, and he was able to stay active in Grange until last year when he was diagnosed with cancer. One of his last wishes was to express the gratitude in his heart for all the people who spent cherished moments with him while he lived. The calls from family and friends who lived near and far were very much appreciated.

A sincere thank you to Ted's weekly Caregiver and the wonderful staff at Hospice and Reverend Tim Gillihan who assisted us through those final hours.

A Celebration of Life was held at 2448 46th Ave, Robert Gray Baptist Church on January 21, 2023 at 11am.