



WASHINGTON STATE

# Grange News

October 2023

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112th Year No. 8



Overall Winner - First Place - Thurston County Pomona

## Granges Compete At The Washington State Fair

In a fierce competition, Thurston County Pomona Grange #8 was awarded first place in both arrangement and

overall Grange display at the 2023 Washington State Fair. Ten Granges created displays for this year's fair.

The displays are judged on a wide range of criteria. The arrangement of the display is based upon the design, artistic

effects, arrangement of fresh and preserved produce, and overall impact. Each of the five judges scores the displays, with special emphasis from a judge with an artistic background. Thurston County Pomona was awarded first place for their arrangement, followed by Meridian Grange in second place, Waller Road Grange in third place, Fruitland Grange in fourth place, and Ohop Grange in fifth place. The arrangement score factors in as 20% of the total display score.

The items included in the display contribute the other 80% of the overall score.

Agricultural products include grains and seeds is worth 20%, while livestock products (meats, dairy, poultry, honey, shellfish, etc.) contribute an additional 20%.

Horticultural products include fruits, berries, nursery stock, plants, forest products, and herbs. This section contributes 20%, while the vegetable category contributes the final 20%. Each display is required to have 50 items in each of the four categories.

Four judges, one for each category, scores their category

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



# SAVE THE DATE!

# Upcoming State Grange Events

Scheduled events may be either cancelled or postponed. Please call prior to the event to confirm.

**OCTOBER 4** ..... Youth Fairs Program Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m. – review 2023 and program changes for 2024

**OCTOBER 25** ..... Q & A With the State Grange President, 7 pm – Zoom Meeting

**NOVEMBER 14-18** ..... 157th Annual National Grange Convention, Conference & Event Center Niagara Falls Sheraton at the Falls, 300 Third Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14303

**NOVEMBER 29** ..... Q & A With the State Grange President, 7 p.m. – Zoom Meeting

**FEBRUARY 4-5** ..... Youth/Junior Grange Legislative Experience in Olympia

**FEBRUARY 4** ..... Grange Legislative Day in Olympia

**APRIL 25-27** ..... Western Regional Grange Youth and Leaders Conference in Yakima

**APRIL 25-27** ..... Grange Deputy and State Officer Conference in Yakima

**MAY 1** ..... Resolutions Due for consideration at 2024 State Grange Session

## Malo Grange Giant Zucchini Contest



Malo Grange held their annual Granddaddy of Them All Giant Zucchini Contest. Joslyn Luce had the largest zucchini and won \$5 and bragging rights for the year.

Notice the new variety of squash, the yellow Tromboncini, Italian Zucchini, at the back of the table. It was grown by Malo member, Barbara Bradshaw, and displayed during the contest. The seeds are only in the bulbous part and the whole rest is a very edible supply of mild zucchini.

## Williams Valley Grange Quilters



Williams Valley members and friends discuss the building blocks they are assembling for charity quilts.

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**157th National Grange Convention**  
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 Niagara Falls, New York  
 Niagara Falls Convention Center & Sheraton Niagara Falls  
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## President's Message

# Winding Down 2023; Looking Forward To 2024

By Tom Gwin  
State Grange  
Master/President

We've certainly had an eventful summer of Grange activities!

The 134th Annual State Session was held in June at the Grant County Fairgrounds Moses Lake. We acted on 40 resolutions and nine Standing Committee Reports. There were several new faces in the voting delegates. We elected five new state officers and conferred the Sixth Degree on 23 candidates. The Granges of the Central District (Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Grant, Okanogan, Yakima, Kittitas, and Klickitat Counties) did an excellent job of hosting the session.

The Junior Grange Camping Program made a full return this summer. From Camp Wooten in the Southeast corner of the state to Camp Cornet Bay near Deception Pass, Camp David on the shores of Lake Crescent, Camp Morehead on the Long Beach Peninsula, and Camp Mayfield in Southwest Washington, we were able to provide five weeks of camping activities for Junior Grangers across the state. Pictures from each of the camps can be found elsewhere in this issue. The number of campers was down, when compared to the pre-Covid days. Each Grange should start looking now to identify kids to attend our camps in 2024.

We recently completed the second year of the Grange Youth Fairs Program in our state. We increased our participation to 14 fairs this year. We are still compiling numbers of participants and entries for this year. Thank you to the following fairs for allowing our Grange Youth and Juniors to participate: Clark County Fair (Ridgefield), Grays Harbor County Fair (Elma), Clallam County Junior Livestock Auction (Sequim), Kittitas County Fair (Ellensburg), Grant County Fair (Moses Lake), Northeast Washington Fair (Colville), Ferry County Fair (Republic), North Central Washington

Fair (Waterville), Chelan County Fair (Cashmere), Benton Franklin Fair (Kennewick), Walla Walla Fair (Walla Walla), Othello Fair (Othello), Columbia Basin Junior Livestock Show (Connell), and the Milton Freewater Junior Show (Milton-Freewater, OR). We appreciate your acceptance of the Grange Youth Fairs Program at your event!

In just a few weeks, the 157th Annual Session of the National Grange will be held in Niagara

*Here's to another awesome year of successful Grange activities in every Grange as we wrap up 2023 and move into 2024!*

-- Tom Gwin

Falls, New York. I will be on the Conservation Committee for the session and our second delegate, Vice President David Bryant, will be on the Grange Law Committee. We will be joined at the session by our own Christine Hamp, National Grange Vice President, and her husband, Duane. Jacob and Tessa Gwin (Humptulips Grange) will be members of the National Grange Youth Officer Council. Meagan McDonald (Waller Road Grange) will be one of the Communications Fellows, while Scott Lyle (Pine Grove Grange) has been selected for the SHIPMates program.

Washington State has three Distinguished Granges this year - Deer Lagoon, Five Mile Prairie, and Goldendale. The Roberts/Weiland Family from Fertile Valley Grange will be recognized as a Grange Legacy Family. More than 100 Granges from our state will be recognized as Granges in Action. Entries have also been submitted for the Junior Grange and Community Service Departments. Jessica Van Gelder (Fern Prairie Grange) will represent our state at the Evening of Excellence.

Fall Booster Programs are



Tom Gwin

now underway. Any Grange wishing to have a State Grange Representative at your program, please call me at the State Grange Office.

In preparation for the coming year, there are several items worth noting:

- **2024 Resolution Deadline** - The State Grange Executive Committee has moved up the deadline for submitting resolutions to May 1. There will be a proposal to change the bylaws accordingly at the 2024 state session.

- **Bonding** - The information on fidelity bonds for each Grange has been mailed to each Grange. All 2024 bonding payments are due by December 15 to the State Grange Office. Contact the State Grange Office for additional details.

- **2024 Dues Notice Information Requests** - This information sheet was mailed to Grange Secretaries with the third quarter dues billing. The information sheet is due back to the State Grange Office now.

- **Election of Officers Report** - All Granges should complete their election of officers report and send back to the State Grange Office no later than December 1.

- **Grange Legislative Day** - The 2024 event will be held on Monday, February 4. The Youth and Junior Legislative Experience will be on February 4-5. Watch for details.

- **Western Regional Grange Youth and Leaders Conference** - Washington State will host the conference, April 25-27, 2024 in the Yakima area. Details will go out to each Grange this winter.

We have many wonderful activities and experiences planned for the next several months. Here's to another awesome year of successful Grange activities in every Grange as we wrap up 2023 and move into 2024!

## Legislative

# Topics of Interest

By Jesse Taylor  
Legislative Lobbyist



Jesse Taylor

Happy Autumn! Fall is upon us and so is some welcome rainfall. September brought substantial showers throughout the Cascade mountains, Yakima Valley and all parts of Western Washington. This is welcome news for our ground water supply and seasonal wildfire risk. There are still ten counties in our state (full or in-part) that are under state and/or federal drought declaration until water supplies have come back up to normal levels. We may very well have dodged a robust wildfire season with some perfectly timed moisture.

### Dams

On Friday September 1st we got word that the Biden administration issued a 60-day extension for the litigations pertaining to the proposed removal of four dams along the Lower Snake River area.

The administration contended that "the private caucus participants need more time to continue the discussions and expand them to involve the other parties and amicus in this case." Right now the local entities include tribes such as the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, the Nez Perce Tribe, and the Spokane Tribe of Indians, as well as various environmental groups.

According to the Washington State Farm Bureau, "Last month, key leadership within the U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources issued a joint letter to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) addressing the committee's request for more documentation concerning the administration's support of removing four dams along the Lower Snake River. The letter stated, "NOAA staff displayed an abnormal commitment to evasiveness and refused to answer certain questions." The letter continued to state that the agency's lack of cooperation suggests that they are "deliberately engaging in obstruction to frustrate the oversight power of Congress...The American public deserves transparency."

### Farm Exempt-Fuel

As many in the agriculture industry know, the state's cap-and-trade program, which went into effect in January, was supposed to provide an exemption for the agriculture industry (among others) from paying the fuel surcharge stemming from the 2021 law.

Several advocacy groups, producers and legislators have asked the state Department of Ecology to make sure this exemption, part of the Climate Commitment Act passed in 2021, goes into effect for the agriculture industry among others who should receive it. As of this writing the department of Ecology has shown little interest in tackling the current charge being put on producers. So far government officials have stated that their hands were tied as they pointed fingers at oil companies, - the same thing we have heard from the Governor's office when asked about high gas prices.

On September 6th Senator Mullet (D-Seattle) proposed a special session to pass his legislation on making changes to Washington's Climate Commitment Act (CCA), which would lower gas prices, improve fuel price transparency, and help ensure Washington's climate action is balanced and promises are kept regarding the tax carve-outs.

### Broadband

This summer the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced it has awarded \$714 million in grants to businesses, Public Utility Districts, and cooperatives towards connecting rural areas to faster and more dependable internet.

Four Washington State counties were selected to receive a total of \$51 million in grants and over \$25 million in loans. The counties included are Lewis, Klickitat, Snohomish and Jefferson that will be receiving grants and loans. According to the award list from USDA, in Washington State, this money will connect 8,434 people, about 300 businesses, and some 550+ farms to high-speed internet service. Please be on the lookout for those grant and loan opportunities if you are in these identified areas. More details here... <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect>

Please us know if there are topics of interest you want covered.

# Membership Corner

## Welcome New Members

### GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS August/September 2023

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417 Adna . . . . .	1	
Daryl Lund		
404 Bethel . . . . .	1	
Brian Brozevic		
1123 Crescent . . . . .	1	
Dale Durrwachter		
646 Dry Creek . . . . .	3	1
Bruce Delgado, Deidra Delgado, Sophia Delgado		
33 Fords Prairie . . . . .	3	
Orina Goddard, Jessie Goddard, Derwin Goddard		
999 Fruitland . . . . .	1	
Heather Craft		
348 Fruitvale . . . . .	1	
Tom Cullen		
300 Green Bluff . . . . .	2	
Timon Behan, Evette Wilie		
1086 Logan Hill . . . . .	4	5
Steve Lorenzo, Sonya Lorenzo, Dwayne Lorenzo, Jessica Lorenzo		
925 Lummi Island . . . . .	1	
Patricia Wifler		
278 Marion . . . . .	4	2
Lori Chilcutt, Melissa Johnson, Kacey Johnson, Hannah Hill		
357 Matlock . . . . .	3	
Matt Badgely, Amanda Keshner, Terri Frost		
947 North Willapa Harbor . . . . .	6	
Jeri Ramsey, Ronette Clifford, Scott Oddy, Barry Peterson, Karen Piukkula, Patti Alvord		
315 Prosperity . . . . .	2	
Angel Beaulier, Heather Senn		
226 Rome . . . . .	5	
Sherwood Pidcock, Marcus Anderson, Alide Smith, Kelly Uusitalo, Alexandra Williams		
966 San Juan Island . . . . .	11	
Maliki Tara, Nikki Lewis, Mathew Moss, Allie Smith, Jeff Thompson, Nancy Spaulding, Craig Bleeker, Tom Reynolds, Jeff Seitz, Marianne O'Connor, Heidi Corbett		
1108 Sequim Prairie . . . . .	5	
Melanie Byrne, Donald Cole Meyer, Kaidence Cary, Hannah Hampton, Marcy Engelstein		
374 Stranger Creek . . . . .	1	
Meagan Dunn		
482 Twisp Valley . . . . .	1	
Andy Parkinson		
1111 Waller Road . . . . .	2	
Allison Richardson, Lisa Olson		
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## Fall is Once Again Upon Us

What a Spring and Summer we had here in Washington this year! Only yesterday, it felt like Summer, yet today it is crisp and cold and just a little bit wet as well. We swapped out sandals for our boots in a quick second!

The Washington State Fair, in Puyallup, was again such a great success. With it being the biggest and most visited fair in the state, we are able to talk to and share information about Granges all over Western Washington. We had so many new faces work at the membership information booth this year! I want to personally thank each and every one of you who took time out of your busy lives to come and be apart of the booth. It is truly a terrific time to share all of the great things the Grange does as well as the incredible things the Grange has done since our inception. It is never boring to talk about the Grange! Each day I worked at the booth, the most common theme from fairgoers is that the fair is just not complete without coming to look at the fair booth

displays. We certainly impress the masses with our incredible displays!!

This issue has over 90 different fair booth pictures from all over the State of Washington! Way to show everyone just how wonderful the Grange truly is!!

It's that time of year again;

*As we have learned through these past few years, our objectives may not change but finding new ways to still obtain those objectives may look very different.*

Election of Officers are being held this month and next. And with new officers, it's also a great time to talk about new goals for your Grange.

Has your Grange discussed ways to better serve your

community? How would you like your Grange to grow in 2024? What events could bring in new interest to your Grange? What programs might entice members in your community? These are just a few questions you could think about while meeting to discuss your goals.

As we have learned through these past few years, our objectives may not change but finding new ways to still obtain those objectives may look very different. Many are also looking at their own lives differently as well and I believe this will continue to help our organization grow and change as we focus on our futures while not leaving our past values behind. Think about hosting events such as beginners canning, baking 101, or even raising small farm animals. Share what you know and what you love, and our communities will come to support and hopefully join us!

I challenge you all to invite someone new to your next Grange meeting or event. Get excited and they will be excited too.

## 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.**

**Brandy Sears  
Green Bluff #300**

**Danice Feller  
Waller Road #1111**

**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.**

**Pati Burns  
Oroville #985 - 1 gift card**

**Bernie Games  
Matlock #357 - 1 gift card**

**Roger Ellison  
San Juan #966 - 1 gift card**

This Contest runs from January 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2023.

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!

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

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# Lecturer's Department

## Fair Booth Contest And Committee News



Leslie Jo Wells

**By Leslie Jo Wells**  
**State Grange Lecturer**

**Fair Booth Contest**

Fair season is over now which means that it's time for our Fair Booth Contest.

The objective of the Fair Booth program is to improve public opinion of the Grange and the community it serves by telling the story of agriculture. Rules for the contest are as follows:

1. Entries are due to the State Lecturer, postmarked by October 31. Send entries to: Leslie Jo Wells, 18232 291st Ave SE, Monroe, WA 98272.

2. The entry shall consist of a report (400 words maximum) describing the display and shall be accompanied by photographs and/or newspaper clippings. All photos and clippings shall be attached to a piece of paper/cardstock – in other words...no lose clippings or photos. Clear, concise photos are important since the judges cannot see the actual booth. The report shall be no more than 8 total pages. The entry must be in a folder of some type (No hard cover binders.) Judging will be done by qualified judges.

3. The front page of the report shall include the following information: Grange name and number, name of the fair entered, contact person's name and mailing address, and

division entered.

4. Subordinate Granges: There will be two divisions: Division I - Produce; and Division II - Project. Each subordinate Grange putting a display in any fair are eligible to enter the contest. Granges participating in multiple fairs may have multiple entries. Prizes in each division are sponsored by the Washington State Grange and will be: First Place - \$100; Second Place - \$75 and Third Place - \$50.

5. Pomona Granges: There will be two divisions: Division I - Produce; and Division II - Project (either agricultural, educational, or informational). Each Pomona Grange putting a display in any fair is eligible to enter the contest. Pomona Granges participating in multiple fairs may have multiple entries. Prizes in each division will be: First Place - \$100; Second Place - \$75 and Third Place - \$50.

6. Grange Youth Groups: Grange Youth (ages 14-35) Groups creating a display and entering it in the name of the youth group at any fair are eligible for this class in the state contest. All displays will be judged in one division using the Project Division Score sheet. Prizes, sponsored by the Washington State Grange, are: First Place - \$50; Second Place - \$30; and Third Place - \$20.

**State Lecturer Committee Changes**

As we start a new term of

work, I have made some changes to my committee. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Helen Gardner for her past 6 years as a member of the Lecturer Team. During this time, Helen has also chaired the Historical work of our WSG. At this last Convention she had a marvelous display of historical photos and items. Hopefully, we will see more displays like this in the future since she won't be torn between history and Lecturer Team duties.

I have added two new Team members, Anita Mastin from Pierce County and Brenda Lester from Clark County. Sherry Cummins from Stevens County remains a member of the Lecturer Team. I would still like to add someone from the central part of the state. If you are interested or even just curious about what it entails, let me know.

We had a Lecturer Committee meeting in late August and reviewed all our Programs and Contests from 2018 - 2023. You will see these reflected in next year's Program Handbook and Lecturer Packets. Many of the changes will be covered in future Lecturer columns in Grange News.

**An Additional Thank You**

In my last column I thanked all those members that had been such a huge help to our

Lecturer Department for this year's convention in Moses Lake. I neglected to thank one person who was very important to me as your State Lecturer. At convention, I am torn between responsibilities within the display area and those associated with my office as Lecturer in the business meetings. Fortunately, over the last two conventions I have had a Grange member and friend

who has marched for me and sat in for me when I could not be in the business meeting. Jennifer Oliver from Pierce County knows the responsibilities of the Lecturer because she was a member of the Lecturer Team when she and I both worked with Tom Gwin when he was WSG Lecturer. I feel so fortunate to have Jenn as an "extra" team member! Thank You so very much!!!!

### Heirloom Project Readings August, September and October 2023

**OCTOBER:** "Speak good of others, rather than evil. Gather up memories of others' virtues, and pass by their faults in pity."  
*(Third Degree, Chaplain)*



**NOVEMBER:** "We cherish the belief that sectionalism is, and of right should be, dead and buried with the past. Our work is for the present and the future. In our agricultural fraternity, we shall recognize no north, no south, no east, no west."  
*(Grange Declaration of Purposes)*

**DECEMBER:** "The welfare of each is bound up in the good of all."  
*(Fourth Degree, President)*

## Thurston County Pomona Thank Veterans And Recognizes Members



Thurston County Pomona thanked veterans on July 23. Four were presented Quilts of Valor at the recognition program. Thurston County Pomona celebrated Silver Star and Golden Sheaf members on August 13.

## Rose Valley Grange Hosts Fundraisers



Rose Valley 953 had a garage sale & bake sale to raise funds for our septic. Adeline sold lemonade and homemade dog treats. Jr Grangers at work!!!!



# Washington State Fair

## Granges Compete At The Washington State Fair

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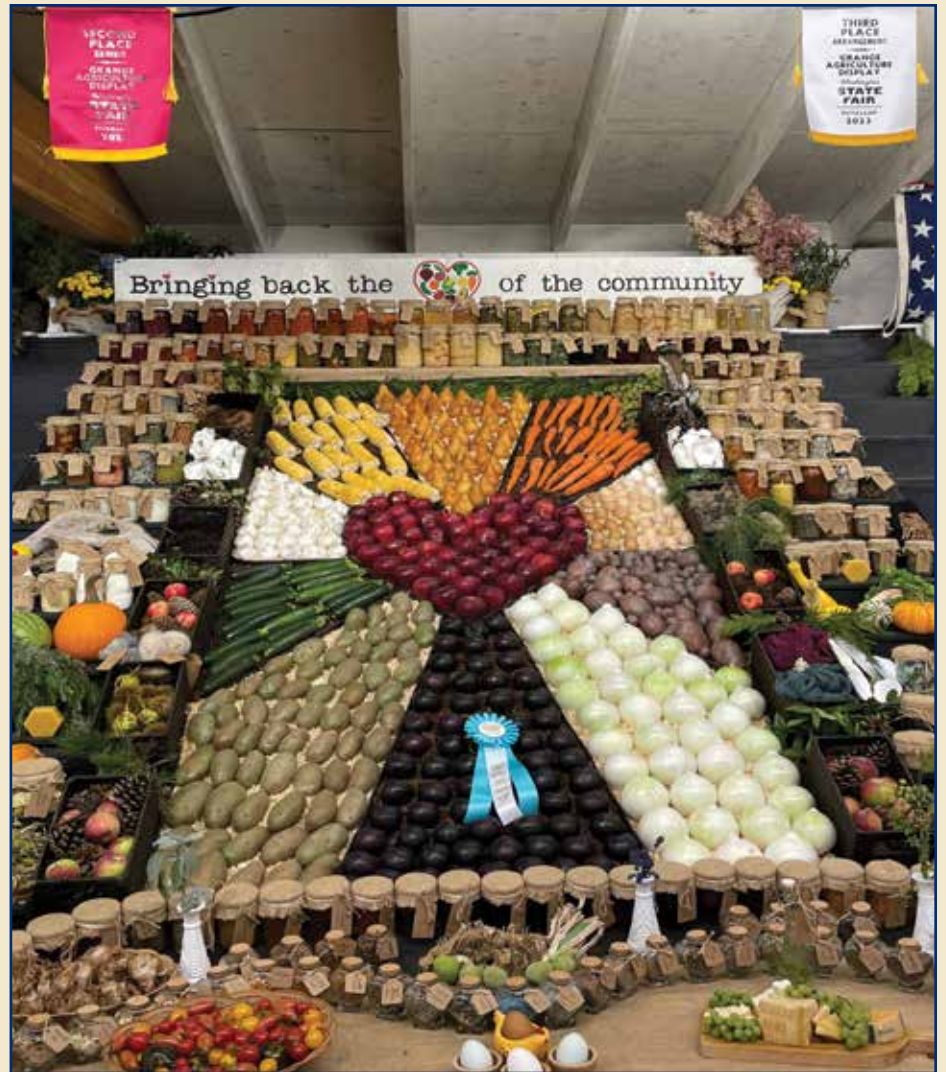
based up quantity, variety, and quality. After judging is completed, fair officials tally the scores to determine the overall winners. Thurston County Pomona Grange was the first place overall winner, followed by Waller Road Grange in second place, East Hill Grange in third place, Ohop Grange in fourth place, and McMillin Grange in fifth place.

Other participating Granges in 2023 were Black Lake, Humptulips, and Collins.

Each of the ten exhibiting Grange spend hundreds, and possibly even thousands, of hours of work on their Grange displays at the Washington State Fair in Puyallup. Each starts out with the same dimensions, approximately 8 feet wide and 10 feet deep. The slope of the displays is predetermined and remains the same each year. Grange members spend months creating designs, canning and dehydrating fresh produce, collecting seeds and cones, and gathering display items from their Grange members, neighbors, and friends.

Each Grange is responsible for their own design and builds a framework with their design prior to arriving at the fair. The Grange display building in Puyallup is usually ready for the Granges to start moving in two weeks prior to the fair. Most Granges will get their framework set up and the basic design in place a week before the fair. The final week is spent gathering the fresh produce items and placing them into the display. It is a push to the finish to get everything into the display and have it arranged in an attractive manner.

The Washington State Fair, formerly known as the Western Washington Fair and the Puyallup Fair, was first held in 1900. Grange displays have been a part of the fair since its inception.



Overall Wiener - Second Place - Waller Road Grange



Overall Wiener - Third Place - East Hill Grange



Overall Wiener - Fourth Place - Ohop Grange



# Washington State Fair



Overall Wiener - Fifth Place - McMillan Grange



Black Lake Grange



Collins Grange



Fruitland Grange



Humptulips Grange



Meridian Grange



# Junior Fair Displays



Camp Morehead Junior Grange



Haynie Junior Grange



Fern Prairie Junior/Youth Display



Fargher Lake Junior Grange



Humptulips Junior Grange



North River Junior Grange



Washington State Junior Grange



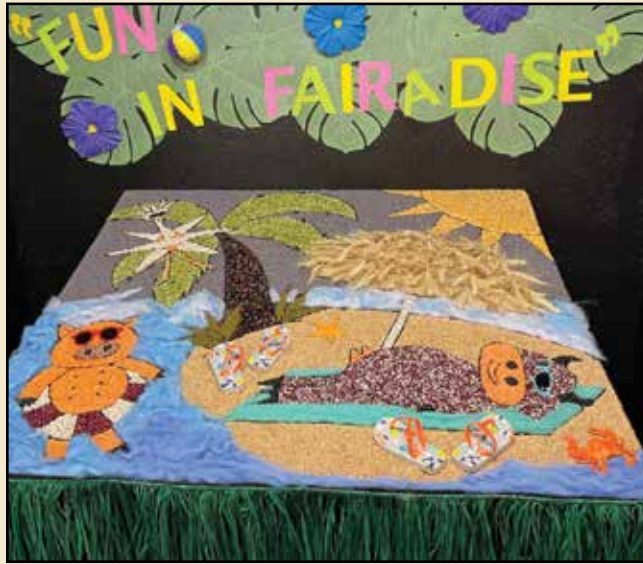
Whitman County Junior Grange



# Pomona Fair Displays



Cowlitz/Wahkiakum Pomona - Cowlitz County Fair



Columbia County Pomona - Walla Walla Fair



Klickitat County Pomona - Klickitat County Fair

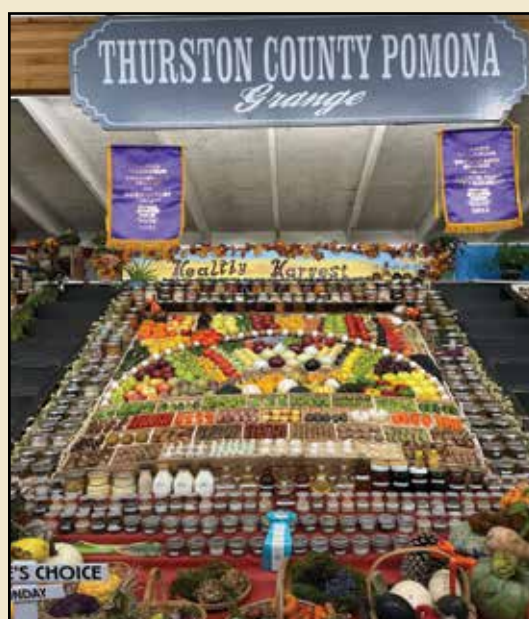


Clark County Pomona

Clark County Pomona Grange was awarded the Black & White Award from the Washington State Fairs Commission at the Clark County Fair. In addition to the Grange displays, the exhibit area featured over 250 still life entries from Junior/Youth Grange members, plus a large agriculture education display on potatoes grown in our state. Congratulations to all involved for their excellent portrayal of agriculture and the Grange.



Whitman County Pomona Grange - Palouse Empire Fair



Thurston County Pomona Grange - WA State Fair



Yakima Valley Pomona Grange - Central WA State Fair



# Grange Fair Displays



Adna Grange – Southwest WA Fair



Barberton Grange – Clark County Fair



Bee Hive Grange – Chelan County Fair



Bee Hive Grange – North Central WA Fair



Broadway Grange – Central WA State Fair



Buena Grange – Central WA State Fair



Camden Grange – Spokane Interstate Fair



Catlin Grange – Cowlitz County Fair



Collins Grange – Pierce County Fair



Crescent Grange – Clallam County Fair



Edgewood Grange – Pierce County Fair



Fargher Lake Grange – Clark County Fair



# Grange Fair Displays



Fern Prairie Grange – Clark County Fair



Fertile Valley Grange – Pend Oreille County Fair



Fertile Valley Grange – Spokane Interstate Fair



Five Mile Prairie Grange – Spokane Interstate Fair



Fords Prairie Grange – Southwest WA Fair



Freedom Grange – Othello Community Fair



Fruitland Grange – Pierce County Fair



Fruitvale Grange – Central WA State Fair



Green Bluff Grange – Spokane Interstate Fair



Haynie Grange – Northwest WA Fair



Horseshoe Grange – Evergreen State Fair



Humptulips Grange – Grays Harbor County Fair



# Grange Fair Displays



Laurel Grange - Northwest WA Fair



Lincoln Creek Grange - Southwest WA Fair



Logan Hill Grange - Southwest WA Fair



Long Beach Grange - Grays Harbor County Fair



Long Beach Grange - Pacific County Fair



Lower Naches Grange - Central WA State Fair



Manson Grange - Chelan County Fair



Matlock Grange - Grays Harbor County Fair



McMillin Grange - Pierce County Fair



Moses Lake Grange - Grant County Fair



Moses Lake Grange - Othello Community Fair



Mountain Valley Grange - Clark County Fair



# Grange Fair Displays



Newaukum Grange – Southwest WA Fair



North River Grange – Grays Harbor County Fair



Oakview Grange – Southwest WA Fair



Olympic View Grange – Grays Harbor County Fair



Patit Valley Grange – Columbia County Fair



Pine Grove Grange – Palouse Empire Fair



Pleasant Hill Grange – Cowlitz County Fair



Prospect Point Grange – Walla Walla Fair



Ralston Grange – Wheatland Communities Fair



Riverside Valley Grange – Pierce County Fair



Rome Grange – Northwest WA Fair



Rose Valley Grange – Cowlitz County Fair



# Grange Fair Displays



Selah Heights Grange – Central WA State Fair



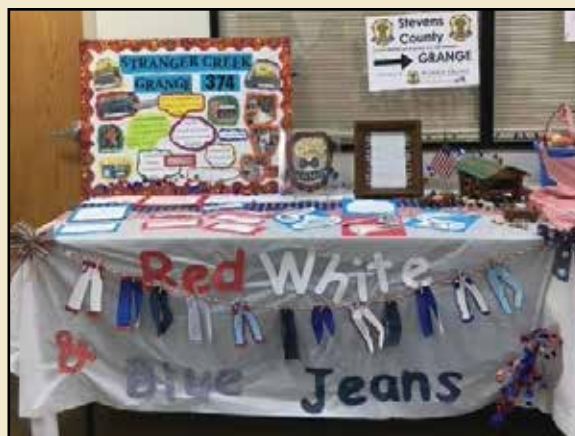
Sequim Prairie Grange – Clallam County Fair



Sharon Grange – Grays Harbor County Fair



South Lake Stevens Grange – Evergreen State Fair



Stranger Creek Grange – Northeast WA Fair



Stranger Creek Grange – Hunters Community Fair



Sunnyside Grange – Cowlitz County Fair



Ten Mile Grange – Northwest WA Fair



Terrace Heights Grange – Central WA State Fair



Washington Grange – Clark County Fair



Whelan Ewartsville Grange – Palouse Empire Fair



Yakima Valley Granges - Central WA State Fair



# Grange Fair Displays



Calispel Grange Bingo

Calispel Grange #500, again this year, ran the bingo booth, and painted birdhouses during the Pend Oreille County Fair. Local businesses are generous to donate food and services as prizes during the bingo games. Grange member Leroy Hokenson builds birdhouses all year out of donated wood so that children and adults can paint a masterpiece. Paint is donated by local Selkirk/Ace hardware store. Anticipating hot sunny days, we gave out free sunglasses. Here's a picture of the fun in the smoke during the 4 days.



Calispel Grange Birdhouses



Yakima Valley Pomona Grange - Central Washington Fair

This is the Yakima Valley Pomona Grange Apple Booth. We are fortunate to have Mike, Trish, Eva Monoian and Erick Rodriguez selling apples and providing Grange information. They are from Lower Naches.

Freedom Grange in Franklin County participated in the Connell Fall Festival and the Columbia Basin Junior Livestock Show.



Freedom Grange - Connell Fall Festival and the Columbia Basin Junior Livestock Show



# National Grange News

## A View From The Hill - July 2023 Wrap-Up

By **Burton Eller**  
National Grange  
Legislative Director

### WASHINGTON OVERVIEW

Washington is seriously preparing for a federal government shutdown at 12:01 am Sunday morning as a result of Congress's inability to pass a budget for the next fiscal year which begins October 1. The Senate has passed all its appropriations bills, a short-term continuing Resolution (CR), and seems determined to avoid a shutdown. The House is attempting last-minute passage of its appropriations bills, but most observers are skeptical. Speaker McCarthy may have to turn to Democrats for the votes he needs to pass a clean CR to fund the government at current spending levels for several months. But that could put his Speakership in jeopardy from members of his own party. Former President Trump is skipping Republican presidential debates while waiting on several court dates. President Biden is suffering from slipping poll numbers and family legal matters. Economists are arguing whether our economy is or is not doing well. The U.S.-Mexico border is a mess, prompting calls from both parties on the Hill to stem the immigrant flow. Senate Majority Leader Schumer relaxed the dress code for the Senate floor to accommodate Senator Fetterman (D-PA) and created a firestorm from both parties. Senate Joe Manchin (D-W.VA.) circulated a bipartisan resolution among Senate colleagues to restore the dress code. The Senate then voted overwhelmingly in bipartisan fashion to require business attire to be worn on the Senate floor and in Senate chambers.

### AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

#### Farm Bill Timeline Keeps Slipping

The current farm bill is set to expire at midnight tomorrow, September 30 with no new legislation in sight to authorize a new farm bill for the next five years. But because 2023 crops are covered by the expiring farm bill, there's no rush in Congress to move a new farm bill quickly. Several sections (SNAP, commodity supports, conservation programs, crop insurance) are in statute

as permanent legislation for mandatory spending regardless of congressional appropriations through the end of the calendar year. Commodity prices in general are good right now so producers have not been pushing lawmakers for immediate action on the commodity title. However, members of the agriculture committees are acutely aware that authorization for these titles expire at the end of December. Without new legislation, that's when Depression-era laws governing commodity supports kick in which would cause chaos in the markets. The 2018 farm bill passed in December, three months after the prior bill expired. The three farm bills before that each passed in the year following their original deadline.

#### Six Trends Shaping the Future Structure of Agriculture

Aimpoint Research has done extensive work to analyze current agriculture trends and identify the ag producer of the future. Aimpoint's six forces driving future agriculture transformation are:

- Consolidation - By 2040, there will be fewer than 100,000 production farms, and 5 percent of farms will produce 75 percent of agriculture output.
- Farmer psychology - More farmers may be unwilling or unable to stay in business if current economic conditions continue. Operating profitability is declining, and 60 percent of farmers are concerned about their ability to repay operating loans.
- Technology - When young people interested in agriculture were asked what excited them most, it was technology. While they have appreciation for the lifestyle of their parents and grandparents, they intend to do things differently by integrating new technology.
- Consumers - Consumer decision-making revolves around price, healthiness, freshness and perception. Consumers perceive non-GMO is better than GMO, and that organic is better than non-organic. Locally produced foods and plant-based diets also come into play.
- Markets - South America is likely to become the breadbasket of the future. This will put American farmers in a tougher competitive environment.

- Government - There are ongoing concerns about trade, labor and regulatory overreach. Most growers believe federal regulations have generally been harmful to agriculture.

### CONSERVATION / ENVIRONMENT

#### Biden Administration Announces Creation of Climate Corps

The American Climate Corps aims to train young people in clean energy conservation and climate resilience skills while creating good paying jobs. Patterned after the New Deal-era Civilian Conservation Corps, plans are to recruit 20,000 people for apprenticeships in wildland firefighting, building renewable energy projects, and restoring coastal wetlands.

### HEALTH CARE

#### Vaccine Access for Underserved Populations

The National Grange joined 56 patient and pharmacy groups to urge Health and Human Services Secretary Becerra to remove barriers to access for antiviral treatments for underserved populations. Many areas of rural America are part of the underserved demographic. The potential for a "triple-demic" is real with a convergence of COVID-19, influenza, and RSV breaking out across the country. Burdensome requirements pharmacists must follow to access the Health Partner Order Portal need to be removed to allow for the efficient and speedy shipment of these immunizations to underserved residents.

#### Pharmacy Benefit Manager Reform Legislation

The National Grange, joined by 30 patient groups, pharmacists, unions and disease organizations, sent the House Health Subcommittee leadership a strong letter of support for Protecting Patients Against PBM Abuse Act (H.R. 2880). Today, three PBM corporations control 80% of prescription drug sales and have merged with the nation's three largest health insurers. PBMs negotiate large volume discounts from drug manufacturers but do not pass these savings on to plan

sponsors or patients. The Grange has called for PBM reform for a long time.

#### Modernize the Prescription Process

The Grange's Burton Eller was featured in an opinion editorial in Washington's Real Clear Policy newsletter. Eller highlighted the need to transform the way pharmacists receive prescribing information from drug manufacturers by allowing it to be done electronically. Today the paper booklets pharmacists and doctors receive can take 8-12 months to print and ship. Digital information can be updated with the latest real-time information to the health care professional. The patient will continue to receive printed prescription information and a doctor or pharmacist can still request the paper booklets. So far, 22 bipartisan members of the House are supporting this effort.

#### The Ambulance May Not be on the Way

In rural areas where hospitals have shuttered, the surviving facilities are long drives away. The Maine Rural Health Research Center has documented coverage gaps in the availability of ambulance services across the country. The researchers termed these areas "ambulance deserts" where people live more than 25 minutes from the nearest ambulance station. In the 42 states for which data was available, 4.5 million people live in an ambulance desert.

### TELECOMMUNICATIONS

#### Extend the Affordable Connectivity Program

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) will run out of funds provided by the Infrastructure and Jobs Act in early 2024. In general, ACP provides eligible households \$30 per month toward internet bills plus \$100 to buy computers. The program has been a successful incentive for low-income rural families to connect to the internet. The National Grange joined the Rural and Agriculture Council of America on a letter to Congress in preparation for a House Energy and Commerce Committee hearing. The Grange urged Congress to extend ACP funding to allow more rural families to



access the internet and allow those already on the program to continue while Congress and internet providers seek a more permanent funding solution.

#### Preserve AM Radio in Vehicles

The National Grange, several farm and rural groups, and the National Association of Farm Broadcasters are urging Congress to enact the AM Radio for Every Vehicle Act (S. 1668, H.R. 3413). Some electric vehicle manufacturers are already eliminating AM radio from these models. The Emergency Alert System depends on AM radio. AM broadcasting offers residents struggling with poor or non-existent cellular and broadband coverage a chance to stay connected. Farmers and ranchers depend on AM radio for information about weather, markets, ag news, ag commentary, and local events. There are 4,470 AM stations across the country and over a third of these stations broadcast agricultural programming.

### OF INTEREST

#### Trust a Farmer

The values of integrity, honesty and care seen in agriculture offer a model for achieving sustainable progress in society and industry. Farmers and ranchers are the heart of this truth says Jim Britt, president of the Communications Officers of State Departments of Agriculture. What makes agriculture an environment of integrity? The answer lies in the engrained nature of the profession according to Britt. Farmers cannot afford to disregard facts or ignore reality. Doing so would lead to crop failure, economic disaster and hunger. Their symbiotic relationship with nature fosters humility, and honesty - values that could be a much-needed remedy for today's society.



# Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

## Youth

### Two Washington Youth Selected For National Grange Youth Officer Council



Jerry Gwin

By Jerry Gwin  
Youth Grange Director

The Washington State Grange will be represented by two members on the National Grange Youth Officer Council.

Tessa (Taft) Gwin will serve as the President of the officer council, while Jacob Gwin will serve as the Assistant Steward. While both are members of Humptulips Grange in our state, Tessa is also a member of Lamson Grange in New York State. The couple, who married on August 5 of this year, served together as National Grange Youth Ambassadors in 2018.

The couple will travel to the National Grange Convention in Niagara Falls, NY. They will serve on the team of officers who will open the session on Friday, November 17. They will also participate in the

other youth activities at the convention.

We just received the 2024 program from the National Grange Youth Department. There are major changes that will be incorporated into our state program. Watch for the WSG Program Handbook for the details.

The Western Regional Conference was held in July in Sacramento, California. Unfortunately, none of our youth members were able to attend. The State Presidents met and decided we needed to change our time of year and to work toward making the conference more appealing to all Grange members. The 2024 Western Regional Grange Conference will be April 25-27. The rotation of host states says it is Washington's turn to host. Thus, the conference will be held in the Yakima area. Conference details will go out this winter.

## Youth Fair Displays



Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Youth



Humptulips Grange Youth



Mountain Valley Grange Youth/Junior



Spokane County Pomona Youth  
Spokane Interstate Fair



Whatcom County Pomona Youth



Whitman County Pomona Youth

## Juniors

### Junior Program Changes for 2024



Heather Ferguson

By Heather Ferguson  
Junior Grange Director

Hopefully everyone has had a great fair season and are now at home recovering. I had the opportunity to see several of your fair booths and many Youth Fairs animals and projects. They were fantastic and the booths so creative. All of those judges had a hard task to accomplish. Now the planning begins for next year.

I would like to remind you that the Junior fair booth contest is due October 31st. It is very simple to enter. Fill out the one page application, include a few photos, put it all in a report folder and send it in. The application can be found under the Junior Grange Contest Forms and Reports on the website. Cash awards are given to the top three booths. It is defiantly worth your time to enter.

Now that summer is winding down and I have a bit more time to think, I have started making a few changes to the Junior programs. Our community service project for many years has been collecting new or used children's books. We are going to discontinue that program and start collecting new or looks like new school supplies for children and teens in need.

This is a good time of year to look for deals and clearance items. Look out for items such as backpacks, notebooks, pens, pencils, paper, crayons, markers, thumb drives, ear phones, folders, water bottles, Trapper Keepers (yes, they are back) and anything else you can think of a child or teen may need for school. I would love to be able to have the Juniors pack backpacks, at State Convention, as a service project.

Remember to get your Fair Booth entries in by October 31. Thank you to all of the adults who helped and supported our Juniors and Youth at the fairs over the past few months and congratulations to all those who participated for a job well done.

## Junior Connection

#### GREEN BLUFF JUNIOR GRANGE

Green Bluff Junior Grange sells refreshments at the Grange sponsored concerts. They plan to have a "Drive Thru Halloween Candy Hand Out" on October 28 from 6-8 pm at the Grange.

#### HUMPTULIPS JUNIOR GRANGE

Humptulips Junior Grange members plants bulbs at their September meeting. Four new members joined our Junior Grange. The meeting also featured plans for fall and winter activities. We will have a Pumpkin Carving Activity on October 29 at 1 p.m. We will then participate in the Humptulips Trunk or Treat on October 31. We are planning for a "Breakfast with Santa" event in December.





# Junior Grange Camps

## Junior Grange Camps Return After Three Year Absence



The Washington State Grange Junior Camping Program returned after a three-year absence due to the Covid pandemic. Five camps were held in 2023. All camps reported successful programs as they work to rebuild a program with new campers, teen counselors, and adult staff members.

The Grange operates seven weeks of summer camp around the state as a part of their programming for kids, ages 8-14. While each of the camps operates independently and under the guidance of a board of directors, the Washington State Grange retains jurisdiction and the ultimate responsibility of the camping program.

The daily program varies from camp to camp. Each of the camps does participate in the traditional Grange opening, closing, and Junior Grange degree. Craft projects range from nature craft and jewelry making to sewing and tie dye creations. The recreational activities of each camp depend upon what is available in that area...be it hiking, swimming, archery, fishing, dancing, and games. Educational features included making pickles, food dehydration, and outside speakers on a wide variety of topics.

Plans for the 2024 Junior Grange Camping Program are now underway. Camp registration information will be available in January.



**Cornet Bay Camp**  
near Deception Pass in Island County



# Junior Grange Camps



## Camp David

held on the shores of Lake Crescent, Clallam County



## Camp Mayfield

near Mossyrock on Mayfield Lake, Lewis County



# Junior Grange Camps



## Camp Morehead

on the shores of Willapa Bay near Nahcotta, Pacific County



## Camp Wooten

on the Tucannon River, Garfield County



# Home & Family

## Changes, Changes, Changes For 2024

By Helen Berg  
Family Living Director

After meeting with the Executive Committee to discuss the Family Living Program, you will see some changes for next year. I would like to give all of you a heads up so you can plan accordingly. The most drastic change will be in the baking contest. We will not be having the bake sale and auction. Rather than requiring 13 items in cookies, muffins, etc. only 4 items will be required. This will give one for the judge and the

rest for display. If you want to have an auction on the Pomona level you may still require the usual 13 items. This will also carry over to the candy. With the loss of funds brought in by the bake sale and auction we will be looking for other ways to make up that difference. One suggestion was to auction some of the food preservation items. Perhaps have an additional jar of salsa or pickles be donated by the contestant. More details will follow on this. We are looking to have a picnic rather than a breakfast on Thursday.

Part of our entertainment could be an auction of those wonderful canned goods as well as other items which may be donated from other departments. I am hoping that by having a picnic rather than breakfast will draw a larger crowd. Awards will still be presented at this time. This is just a start of the changes. More will follow. Remember that with the addition of Sunday to our schedule pick-up time will be on Sunday at 2:00. Looking forward to a great convention in Colville. Happy Fall.



Helen Berg



## Watermelon Chutney: A New Fall Favorite

(Courtesy of Family Features)

With temperatures cooling and cravings leaning toward comforting flavors, fall offers a perfect time to explore adventurous twists on favorite foods.

One star ingredient that can be used for appetizers, main courses, sides, snacks and desserts alike is watermelon. In fact, using the entire watermelon (rind included) means you've discovered a sustainable way to create nutritious meals without food waste.

The rind is often thrown out – many people don't realize you can eat it, too. The rind absorbs flavors added to it and adds an unexpected texture to this Watermelon Walnut Currant Chutney. Try serving over brie with crackers or simply dip with naan or baguettes.

Find more flavorful fall solutions to avoid food waste at [Watermelon.org](http://Watermelon.org).

## Watermelon Walnut Curry Chutney

Servings: 16

**Ingredients:**

- 4 cups watermelon, juiced
- 2 cups watermelon rind (white part), diced small
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 1 1/2 cups packed brown sugar
- 1/2 medium white onion, sliced
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon cloves, ground
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest
- 1 lemon, juice only
- 2 tablespoons currants
- 2 tablespoons roasted walnuts
- 1 wheel brie cheese, for serving
- crackers, for serving

In saucepan over medium heat, reduce watermelon juice to 2 cups. Combine with watermelon rind, apple cider vinegar, brown sugar, white onion, garlic, nutmeg, cloves, lemon zest, lemon juice, currants and walnuts; simmer until almost dry.

Chill and serve over brie with crackers.

## Community Service

## Top 10 Items Needed By Homeless Shelters

By Heather Ferguson  
Community Service Director

Winter is coming and that means homeless shelters will be needing more and different supplies than they need in Summer. Recently I ran across an article by a group

that listed the Top Ten items that homeless shelters need. Perhaps you could clean out a closet or two and see if you have some of these things to spare.

- 1) Socks
- 2) Underwear
- 3) Blankets

- 4) Coats
- 5) Toiletries
- 6) Diapers
- 7) Toilet paper
- 8) Deodorant
- 9) Detergent
- 10) Towels



Heather Ferguson

## SHIPmates Program Sets Sail

By Amanda Brozana Rios  
National Grange Membership and Leadership Development Director

The inaugural cohort of the National Grange MemberSHIP and LeaderSHIP FellowSHIP participants (SHIPmates) has begun their work.

The six-person group was selected from a pool of well-qualified and enthusiastic applicants.

The cohort is made up of Scott Lyle of Washington, representing the Western Region; John Neff of Indiana, representing the Midwest Region; Kelly Riley of Rhode Island, representing the Northeast Region; Richard Stonebraker of Maryland, representing the Eastern Region; Nathan Strawder of Kansas, representing the Great Plains Region and Dave Roberts of Connecticut,

an at-large representative focusing on associate and e-membership. The syllabus and curriculum was created by program director Amanda Brozana Rios, who serves as the National Grange Membership and Leadership Development Director.

The SHIPmates have begun their voyage, reviewing recent and past membership figures and the membership reporting process; reading the National Grange Digest of Laws as well as finding and examining their own State and Community Grange bylaws and taking part in discussions about the various ways the Grange functions across the country with different traditions and standards.

"This isn't a 'talk about what you know and go no further' program. The seven of us, along with some well-selected mentors, are co-creating a challenging program

that includes data and documents essential to understanding the rules, climate, culture and positioning of the organization today," Brozana Rios said. "It also introduces a framework for identifying areas where we can improve, suggesting solutions, putting them into practice and learning from the process and results."

Brozana Rios said each SHIPmate will identify one area of need they are most interested in becoming an expert in, then imagine and initiate a creative solution in that area. Their work will be collaborative and include input from other members, and will be presented to their region and the larger Grange audience in 2024.

The program is sponsored by Potomac Grange #1, Washington, D.C.



Richard Stonebraker (MD) Kelly Riley (RI) Scott Lyle (WA) Dave Roberts (CT) Nathan Strawder (KS) John Neff (IN)



# Grange Connection

## Adna Grange Honors 75-Year Member

Adna Grange #417 held another successful Potato Bake on May 27th. During the lunch, Grange member June Young was presented her 75th year certificate by Jackie Lester, Secretary of Adna Grange. Congratulations, June! Every year, we suspend our Potato Bakes for June, July and August. We resumed them on September 23rd.



Duane Thompson and Scholarship Chair Beverly Horan

## Grange Member Donates \$100,000 For Scholarships

Sequim Prairie Grange members gave a standing ovation at their monthly meeting when Beverly Horan read the letter. "It is with sincere gratitude that the Scholarship Committee and the Sequim Prairie Grange "thank you" for your generous donation of \$100,000.00. This money will be used to support the students at the Sequim School District to further their education after graduation." Duane Thompson, a lifelong Sequim Prairie Grange member and former custodian of the Sequim Schools announced the donation. "Education is important. I recently inherited some money, my investments did well and wanted to put it to good use," Duane said with a smile.

Every year the Sequim Prairie Rhododendron Scholarship Committee offers thousands of dollars to Graduating seniors from the Sequim School District who are Grange members. Just this year they awarded two scholarships in the amount of \$1,250.00 for the 2023-2024 school year to Jill Adolphsen and Katherine Gould. They also both received scholarships through the Washington State Grange.

"This scholarship has been and will continue to support our students for all the years of their undergraduate education. Chairperson of the scholarship community Beverly Horan said. Duane is truly a blessing to both the Sequim Prairie Grange and the Sequim Prairie Rhododendron Scholarship."

## Fargher Lake Grange Honors Members



Fargher Lake honoring 80 year member Barbara Hagedorn, 70 year member Wayne Kleidosty, 60 year member Don Marsh and 60 year member Maxine Lester.

## Freedom Grange Spruces Up Othello Community Fair Buildings

Freedom Grange members spruced up the Othello Community Fair at the Adams County Fairgrounds. Grange members painted the outside wood around the sheep and goat barn and were asked to paint over chicken stencils at the poultry barn.



## The Grange Exchange

1984 Mobile on 4.8, 1300SQ Double Garage, Gated Entrance, wooded - back to forest. Spring fed well w/overflow, woodstove - survival property 325K cash out by owner. 3636 Hyatt, Tenino, WA - Old pics on the net.

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# Grange Connection

**GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY**

**Humptulips Grange** will have a Mexican food potluck prior to their business meeting on Friday, October 13. The potluck will begin at 6 p.m. The Grange hosted a Formal Attire Giveaway for high school students on September 30. The event featured formal attire for both girls and boys. The Grange Food Bank served 74 families in September. Numbers have held steady for the past several months. Now that summer is over, we will be starting up our bingo events once again. Fall dates are October 7, November 4, December 2, and December 16. Each night will include 16 games of bingo, two blackouts, and assorted raffles. Bingo starts at 7 p.m.

**PIERCE COUNTY**

**Fruitland Grange** has been delighted with the attendance at the summer's canning classes. In May there was the Basics of Canning class and in June the class focused on No and Low-sugar Jams and Jellies. July's class was all about Pickling and Fermenting. The August classes were Deydration/Freeze Drying and Canning Salsa and Fruits. These classes were just in time for fall harvesting. On July 15th there was the Summer Craft and Upcycler's Sale with over 50 vendors. And August 19th we had our first "Junk in the Trunk" a parking lot yard sale of sorts event. Both were well attended events and we made new contacts

with people for membership and sharing about what the Grange is. Fruitland Grange is working on getting a Jr. Grange started again and has been working on how to get kids involved and excited about coming and joining in. They are meeting regularly before our regular scheduled meeting times to work on how to get everyone involved. Fair displays that have been in the works for months, came together in August for Pierce County Fair and for the big display at the Washington State Fair in Sept. These are a lot of work, but when it's all said and done, it's a great sense of accomplishment. The Fruitland Grange will be hosting a Bunco night on Oct 11th and other fall/winter activities are in the works.

**SPOKANE COUNTY**

**Green Bluff Grange** hosts 4 applesauce and pancakes breakfasts on Sept. 24 and October 1, 8, and 15. Plus our 2023 Harvest Festival Craft Faire runs on the weekends of Oct 14/15, 21/22, and 28/29 with many indoor and outdoor vendors and food trucks. The Charter was draped for long time grange member Dick Atkinson. The Chili Cook Off will be on November 7. Welcome new members—Timon and Evette.

**STEVENS COUNTY**

**Camas Valley Grange** welcomed two new members at their September meeting. Grange members are gearing up for the

annual Haunted House/Kiddie Karnival/Kreepy Kafe - which is scheduled for October 20, 21, 27, and 28, 2023. In addition, Grange members are already preparing for the annual Community Christmas Dinner, which will be on December 3. Two local organizations have booked a 'first Saturday" Bingo. One group is for October 7, 2023, and the other group is for November 4, 2023. A different organization has already booked the Grange on April 13, 2024, for their annual MadHatter Tea.

**THURSTON COUNTY**

**McLane Grange** will host the Delphi Craft & Swap Meet for the last two fundraising sales of the year! The Grange will fill with vendors on October 14 and November 11, from 9-3:PM selling their new, preowned, and vintage treasures. Included in the monthly one-day event will be household goods, handcrafted wood yard art & Halloween decorations, fluid art jewelry, stone jewelry, vintage and antique jewelry, fabric art, Tastefully Simple spices and sauces, plants, Ally's All Natural (including dill and sweet pickles, pickled asparagus, smoked fish and cheeses (November-Only), Avon products, chalk paste inspirational art signs, Scentsy candles & warmers, wildlife photography, a large collection of buttons and more. To sell your art, crafts or preowned treasures contact Eladice at 360-970-5325.

**South Union Grange** welcomed new member Arielle Allard at their September 18 meeting. The meeting was filled with plans for upcoming events. The Grange partnered with Thurston Conservation District for a Fall Festival on October 7 at the Grange Hall and will be offering food options and membership information. Final plans were made for the October 13 candidates' forum where the public can meet those running for county commission and port commission positions. A free, family-friendly community game night is being planned for 2-5 pm on Sunday, October 22. Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 7 pm. The next meetings will be October 16 and November 20. Dance to live country music by The County Four and More from 1:30-

4:30 pm the first Saturday of every month.

**Violet Prairie Grange** held a first "Back to School Kick-Off" on Sat., August 26. We offered to pick up all Lost-and-Found items that didn't go home with students on the last school day. After washing & sorting, we kept only items that were strictly "Like New/Gently Used" to make available to families with school-age children "by donation". Additionally, we promoted both a New & Used Book Fair, an "Anywhere Library", a kid-friendly, hands-on, activity-based "History Nook", & a "Kitten Meet-&Greet". We also raffled a \$25 gift card for a local used bookstore and featured homemade cinnamon rolls, a lunch counter and bake sale.

## Pomona Calendar

- CHELAN** ..... November 18 at Entiat, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- CLALLAM** ..... November 12 at Sequim Prairie, 6 p.m. potluck, 6:30 p.m. meeting.
- CLARK** ..... October 11 at Manor, 7 p.m.
- COWLITZ/ WAHKIAKUM** ..... October 21 at Sunnyside (host is Rose Valley), 1 p.m. potluck with meeting to follow. Bring pet food for community service.
- EXCELSIOR** ..... November 18 at Clayton, 10:30 a.m. Includes election and awards.
- GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC** ..... November 4 at Sharon, 10:30 a.m., potluck at 12 p.m.
- ISLAND** ..... December 2 at Deer Lagoon, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Will include election of officers.
- KING** ..... October 14 at Meridian, 10 a.m.
- KLICKITAT** ..... October 14 at Columbia, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting.
- LEWIS** ..... October 7 at Newaukum, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting; November 4 at Cowlitz Prairie.
- MASON** ..... November 18 at The Agate, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Will be election of officers.
- PIERCE** ..... October 7 at Marion, 10 a.m. Will include election of officers. November 4 at Ohop.
- SKAGIT** ..... October 4 at Rexville, 6:30 p.m.; November 1 at Skagit Valley.
- SNAKE RIVER** ..... November 18 at Columbia Valley, 10 a.m.
- SNOHOMISH** ..... November 11 at Granville, 10 a.m.
- SPOKANE** ..... November 18 at Green Bluff, 10 a.m.
- STEVENS** ..... October 21 at Stranger Creek, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- THURSTON** ..... October 5 at Violet Prairie, 7 p.m. Will include election of officers. November 2 at Brighton Park.
- WHATCOM** ..... November 21 at Haynie, 6 p.m. potluck, meeting to follow.
- WHITMAN** ..... November 18 at Jim & Bonnie Lyle's Home in Colfax, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- YAKIMA VALLEY** ..... October 9 at Fruitvale, 5 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting.

## Pomona Connection

**GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC POMONA**

Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona will hold a Basket Bingo Fund Raising event on Sat, October 28 at the Olympic View Grange Hall. Each Grange will provide two baskets for prizes. There will also be a raffle of baked items and refreshments will be available. To avoid a conflict with Veteran's Day, the next Pomona meeting was moved to Saturday, November 4, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Sharon Grange Hall.

**KING COUNTY POMONA**

King County Pomona will meet on Saturday, October 14 at 10 a.m. at the Meridian Grange Hall. State Grange President Tom Gwin will be present to discuss options for the future of the King County Pomona.

**KLICKITAT COUNTY POMONA**

Klickitat County Pomona Grange represented Country Pride - County Wide at the Klickitat County Fair and Rodeo this past August with a booth in the still life building. Taking home a First Place Premium Booth Entry Ribbon felt great but

the positive feedback from fair goes on learning what Grange is was even more rewarding. The Goldendale Sentinel newspaper published "The Grange has Something for Everyone" in the Harvest 2023 edition which also featured a picture of each of the seven current Granges both past and present. This publication was distributed not only at the fair gates but also with each newspaper that was sold during fair week. Klickitat County is now in the know about Grange and Klickitat County Grangers are hoping this will be a great push for Individual and Family Memberships.

**PIERCE COUNTY POMONA**

Pierce County Pomona will hold their Grange Recognition Banquet on Sunday, October 15. The event will begin at 1 p.m. at the Collins Grange Hall.

**THURSTON COUNTY POMONA**

Thurston County Pomona kept the Grange spirit going the past few months. They held a Veterans' Appreciation event on July 23. Eight veterans were honored with

four receiving Quilts of Valor. On August 13, a Silver Star & Golden Sheaf Recognition reception was held. Thurston Pomona also received first place in both Arrangement and Display for their agricultural exhibit at the Washington State Fair in Puyallup, where several members served in the Washington State Grange information booth as well. Pomona will hold its annual Farm-City Dinner at 2 pm on October 15 at Brighton Park. The next Pomona meeting will be at 7 pm on November 2 at Brighton Park Grange Hall and will be preceded by a potluck dinner at 6 pm.

**WHATCOM COUNTY POMONA**

Whatcom County Pomona met on September 18 at the North Bellingham Grange Hall. The Pomona hosted a speaker from the Veteran's Memorial Center, a group trying to save the current NW Annex building of Whatcom County Government, across the street from the Grange. Long-time residents will remember this building as the Poor Farm.



# Grange Connection

## Columbia Grange To Celebrate 134th Birthday November 5th

Columbia Grange #87 in Lyle, WA turns 134 on November 5th. Grangers still meet in the original grange hall built in 1899. It is the State's oldest Grange Hall in terms of continuous use. Members have been sprucing up the hall in preparation for a birthday celebration in November.

While cleaning and re-organizing the hall many historical finds were made. One of the finds was a collection of Washington State Grange Convention Proceedings & Rosters from 1889 to present. Annie Maguire, President Pro-tem, Sara Wade, Lecturer, and Claudine Lefever, Secretary,

are repurposing a section of the regalia room into a mini museum to display and allow visitors to peruse the vast grange historical records, scrapbooks, and other grange items. They are excited to show this room off and "get lost" in the history.

Columbia Grangers would love for you, Fellow Grangers, from around Washington State to join them in their birthday celebration on Saturday, November 11th, 2023 at 1:00 PM. The hall's location is: #5 Columbia Grange Road, off Old Hwy 8, Lyle, WA. There will be a short program, music, birthday cake & ice

cream, ping-pong, and an old-fashioned pie auction. Bring a pie to donate in our pie auction. Take another pie home with the highest bid. Monies raised from the pie auction will go towards the historic grange hall's many maintenance needs.

If you would like further information about Columbia Grange #87's one hundred thirty-fourth birthday party celebration OR you have a pictures or story to share about Columbia Grange #87 and one of the many events that it hosted over the last 13 decades, please contact Claudine Lefever at 509-250-0670 or [claudine22lefever@gmail.com](mailto:claudine22lefever@gmail.com)



## Manson Grange Turns 100

April 1923, Firestone Tire and Rubber Company started producing inflatable tires and Insulin became generally available for diabetics. April 18, 1923, 74,000 people were on hand for the opening of Yankee Stadium in New York. "Yes! We Have No Bananas" by Billy Jones was number four on US Billboard and a little closer to home, the Manson Grange #796 was organized April 23, 1923, with 48 members.

At the time there were two additional Granges in the area, the Lake Chelan Grange and the 25-Mile Creek Grange. Both are no longer active. The Manson Grange is a part of the National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, a fraternal organization for farmers and rural communities.

In 1930 a vote was taken to build a new Grange Hall. The current site of the Manson Grange Hall

was purchased in 1936 through community donations and the property was paid in full in two years. In March of 1947 the basement was dug and on April 3, 1948 the new Grange Hall was dedicated.

In addition to its agricultural activities, the Manson Grange also played a key role in the community. The organization sponsored events such as dances, talent shows, and dinners that brought together people from all walks of life and helped to create a sense of camaraderie and shared purpose.

Today, the Manson Grange continues to serve the community by providing meeting space for local organizations and hosting a variety of events throughout the year. The organization is proud of its rich history and remains committed to promoting the well-being of the Manson community

and its residents.

At the Washington State Grange Convention, held June 21 - 24, 2023 at Moses Lake, Gordon Lester, Manson Grange Overseer accepted a "Citation of Commendation" and a letter of congratulations from the National Grange President Betsy E. Huber. In her letter she stated, "It is because of Granges like Manson Grange #796 that our Order has survived for more than 150 years of service to our nation and will continue to prosper in communities like yours."

There are many volunteer opportunities available at the Manson Grange. To learn more, attend our monthly meeting, the 4th Tuesday of each month, starting at 7:00 pm at the Grange Hall. Contact Norm Manly 504-293-0225 or visit our website [www.mansongrange.com](http://www.mansongrange.com) for more information.

## Issaquah Valley Grange Feeds Puget Sound Senior Coed Softball League

Members of Issaquah Valley Grange #581 provided more than 200 lunches at Celebration Park in Federal Way to the coed softball players who participate in the Puget Sound Senior Coed League Jamboree 23 on August 8. The hot dogs, fruit, vegetables, deserts, water and Gatorade were enjoyed in the midst of a long day of games.

The left overs were enjoyed by the IVG Picnic and Paddle Club before their August meeting at Bracken's Cove on Beaver Lake.

Photo shows Coach Anderson Paul Gammon and Ken Krekow supervising the buffet.

