



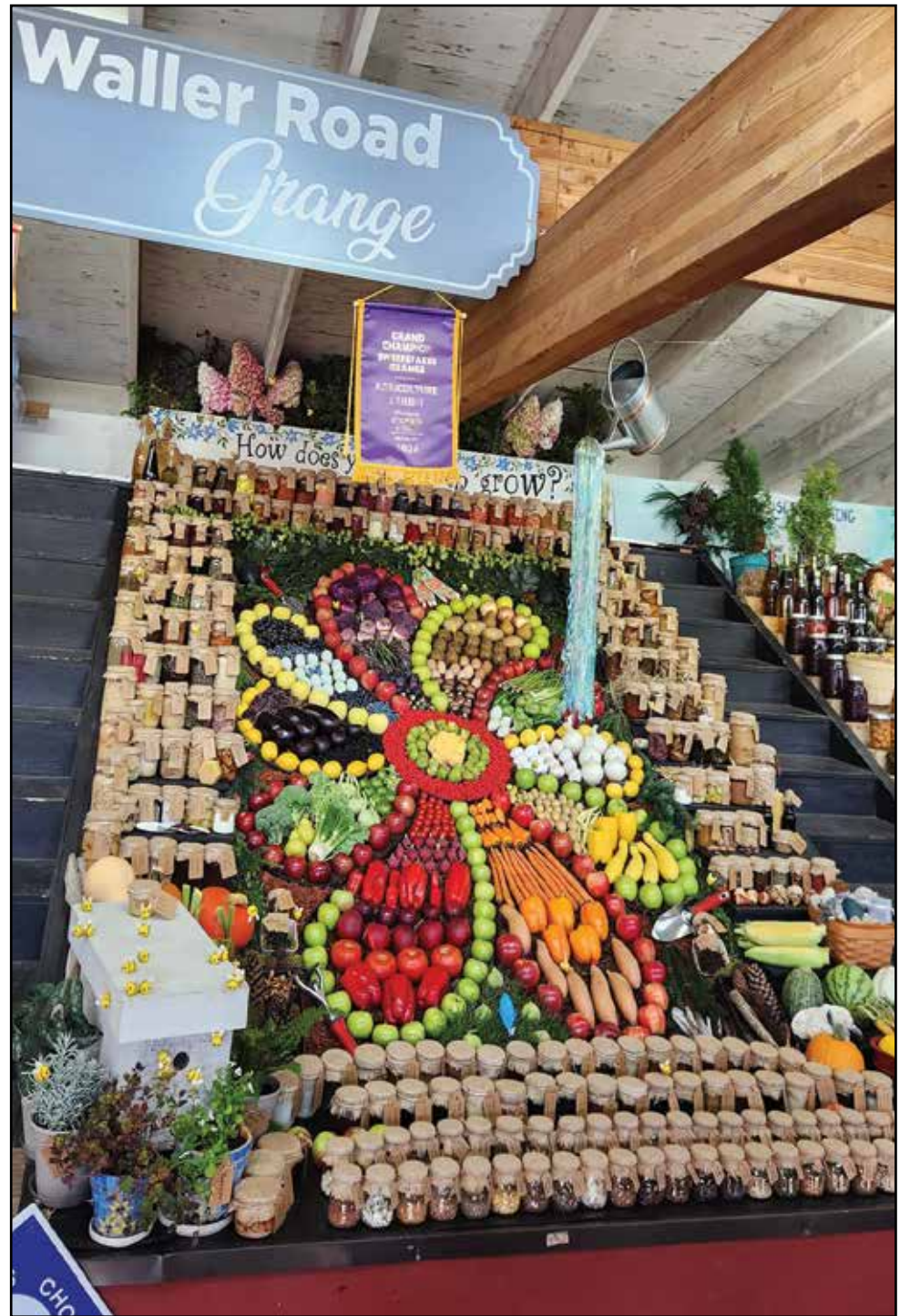
WASHINGTON STATE

Grange News

October 2024

Informing Grangers Since 1912

113th Year No. 8



Granges Compete At The Washington State Fair

In a fierce competition, Humptulips Grange #730 and Waller Road Grange #1111 shared the first place awards for Grange displays at the 2024 Washington

State Fair. Humptulips was the Grand Champion for the "arrangement" category, while Waller Road was the Grand Champion for overall Grange

display. 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, originality, artistic effect, arrangement of fresh and preserved produce, and overall impact. Each of the six judges scores the displays, with

special emphasis from two judges with an artistic background. Humptulips was awarded first

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November 2024 issue deadline – OCTOBER 20th
Submissions can be sent to grangenews@wa-grange.org



Turn to pages 8 and 9 for photo memories from the Grange Summer Camps. Pictured above: Camp David.

SAVE THE DATE!

Upcoming State Grange Events

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

- MONTHLY**New Member Reports due to the State Grange Office
- OCTOBER 15**Grange Secretary Third Quarter Reports Past Due
- OCTOBER 27**Southwest District Convention Host Committee Meeting, 2 p.m. @ South Union
- OCTOBER 30**Q & A With the State Grange President, 7 pm – Zoom Meeting
- NOVEMBER 6**Youth Fairs Program Update, 7 p.m. – Zoom Meeting
- NOVEMBER 12-18**158th Annual National Grange Convention, Isle Casino Hotel, 1777 Isle Parkway, Bettendorf, Iowa
- NOVEMBER 15**Deadline for Agenda Items for State Executive Committee Meeting

- NOVEMBER 20**State Grange Executive Committee Meeting, via Zoom
- NOVEMBER 27** Q & A With the State Grange President, 7 pm – Zoom Meeting
- DECEMBER 31**Grange Secretary Fourth Quarter Reports Due
- DECEMBER 31**Annual Lecturer Reports Due to State Lecturer
- DECEMBER 31**Annual Family Living Reports Due to State FL Director
- JANUARY 19-20, 2025** ... Grange Youth Legislative Experience @ Olympia
- FEBRUARY 4, 2025**State Grange Legislative Day @ Olympia

Doing Builds Relevance And Longevity



Christine Hamp

By Christine Hamp
National Grange President

Grange is not meant to be - nor can it be successful as - a sideline sport! Doing – through active participation – makes Grange successful and makes Granges thrive because it turns intentions into tangible results, creating an active, engaged, and connected team.

The Grange is built on the principles of collaboration, service, and mutual support, but those principles only come to life through action. Every member brings something unique to the game, and when we work together and encourage each other to lift up each other's talents, we build not only ourselves but also our entire community. Doing strengthens bonds.

Doing turns the Grange from a static organization into a powerful, living movement that grows through collective strength and shared purpose. Doing builds relevance and longevity.

By showing up, by lending a hand, by sharing knowledge, we create something bigger than any single one of us. It's in planting the seeds, in organizing local efforts, and in solving real problems. Doing creates impact.

The Grange thrives on involvement, and that action fuels a ripple effect. One member's work can inspire another, and before you know it, our Grange and our entire community are transformed. Doing empowers members. Doing sustains growth. I ask each of you to be the ripple, to be the DO-er, to lead by example.

So, why is DOING so important? Because it's how we live out our values – not just in words, but in deeds. When each of us takes ownership, we move forward collectively, embracing the heart of what it means to be Grange Strong!



NOVEMBER ISSUE:

The November issue will feature Fair participation through out the state. Send in your photos and captions of your Fair booths and youth fairs participation.

Plus... Grange Connection will be looking for your scheduled holiday events.

Deadline is 10/20/2024

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and
National Youth Officers
attending National Grange Convention

Application:

<http://grange.biz/gctravelscholarship>

Deadline: October 20th

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President's Message

Wrapping Up 2024; Opening The Book On 2025

By Tom Gwin
WA 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 Northeast Washington Fairgrounds in Colville. We acted on 43 resolutions and eight Standing Committee Reports. There were several new faces in the voting delegates. We elected two new state officers and conferred the Sixth Degree on 46 candidates. The Granges of the Eastern District (Adams, Asotin, Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Garfield, Lincoln, Pend Orielle, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman) did an excellent job of hosting the session. The proceedings for the session are now available on the front page of the State Grange website: www.wa-grange.com. Due to delegate action, we will not be printing and sending the proceedings out to each Grange. This change will allow you to have access to the proceedings and to print out the pages you need/desire at your convenience.

The Junior Grange Camping Program made a full return this summer. From Camp Wooten in the Southeast corner of the state to Camp David on the shores of Lake Crescent, and Camp Mayfield in Southwest Washington, we were able to provide three weeks of camping activities for Junior Grangers across the state. Due to camp facility issues, Camp Morehead held three days of Day Camp. Camp NEWA and Camp Cornet Bay did not hold camps this year. All six camps are planning to operate in 2025. Pictures from each of the camps can be found elsewhere in this issue. The number of campers is increasing to our pre-Covid days. Each Grange should start looking now to identify kids to attend our camps in 2025.

We recently completed the third year of the Grange Youth Fairs Program in our state. We increased our participation to 16 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

Here's to another awesome year of successful Grange activities in every Grange as we wrap up 2024 and move into 2025!

-- Tom Gwin

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), Columbia County Fair (Dayton), Pend Oreille County Fair (Susick), 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 158th Annual Session of the National Grange will be held in Bettendorf, Iowa. I will be on the Conservation Committee for the session and our second delegate, Brittney Pittman, will be on the Labor, Judiciary, and Transportation Committee. We will be joined at the session by our own Christine Hamp, National Grange President, and her husband, Duane. State Assistant Steward Jonny Pittman



Tom Gwin

will attend, along with Youth Ambassador Melissa Kudsk (Haynie Grange). Victor Stevens (Roy Grange) has been selected for the SHIPMates program. I've heard of others who are also planning to attend. We will gather for a group photo of our state's representatives on Saturday evening after the Celebration Banquet.

Washington State has two Distinguished Granges this year - Five Mile Prairie and Goldendale. 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. Our state also had entries in the Lecturer and Junior Grange Department Contests. Best wishes to all our state representatives.

Fall Booster Programs are 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:

- 2025 Resolution Deadline - The State Grange Executive Committee has moved up the deadline for submitting resolutions no later than 60 days before the beginning of our state session. For 2025, the due date will be to April 25.

- Bonding - The information on fidelity bonds for each Grange has been mailed to each Grange. All 2025 bonding payments are due by November 15 to the State Grange Office. Contact the State Grange Office for additional details.

- 2025 Dues Notice Information Requests - This information sheet was mailed to Grange Secretaries with the third quarter dues billing. The

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Legislative

Election Info, Harvest Report, And More...



Jesse Taylor

By Jesse Taylor
Legislative Lobbyist

Happy Autumn! The leaves have started to turn which tells political junkies like me that it's just about time to start handicapping races and counting ballots. We are just about a week away from seeing ballots in the mailbox to kick off Washington State's long voting session. In Washington we have a voting window of over two weeks that allows citizens to deliberate and get their postmarks done by November 5th. See below for remaining election deadlines:

October 18- Start of 18-day voting period (through Election Day). Ballots are mailed out and Accessible Voting Units (AVUs) are available at voting centers.

October 28- Online and mail registrations must be received 8 days before Election Day. Register to vote in person during business hours and any time before 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

November 5 - Deadline for Washington State voter registration or updates (in person only).

November 5 - General Election - Deposit your ballot in an official drop box by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Voter Registration Requirements:

In Washington State you do not need to show ID or proof of citizenship to cast a vote for Washington State candidates. Our state allows for numerous other forms in order to obtain a voter registration including bank statements, utility bills, paychecks, tribal ID and other forms. You can check your voter registration and learn more about how to vote here:

<https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections>

Harvest Report!

Washington continues to lead the nation in apple production, and this year's harvest has set records. Favorable weather conditions—specifically a warm spring followed by timely rainfall—contributed to a bumper crop. Early estimates suggest that apple yields are up approximately 15% compared to 2023. Varieties such as Honeycrisp, Gala, and Fuji are particularly high in yield, with growers reporting high quality fruit making them highly sought after in both domestic and international markets.

The cherry harvest also enjoyed a successful season in 2024. Washington's cherries are known for their quality, and this year was no exception. Growers reported a yield increase of around 10% compared to last year, aided by ideal growing conditions. The early season cherries, particularly sweet varieties like Bing and Rainier, benefited from warm weather, resulting in a great.

Both the apple and cherry markets have finally seen increased demand, which is promising for farmers. With harvests exceeding expectations, exporters are preparing to meet international demand, particularly from markets in Asia and Europe. The quality of the fruit has also attracted attention, positioning Washington's apples and cherries as premium products in the global market.

The 2024 wheat harvest in Washington State has been positive as well, with farmers across Washington reporting solid yields for both soft white wheat and hard red varieties. Preliminary estimates indicate that the state's wheat production has increased by around 12% compared to 2023. Ideal growing conditions—aided by timely rainfall and moderate temperatures—contributed significantly to the strong crop. In addition to high yields, the quality of this year's wheat has been above average. Grain samples have shown strong protein levels and low moisture content, making the wheat particularly attractive for both domestic milling and international export markets. Look for farmers to store grain through the winter until prices have risen to desirable levels.

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place for their arrangement, followed by Thurston County Pomona Grange in second place, Fruitland Grange in third place, Waller Road 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 based up quantity, variety, and quality. After judging is completed, fair officials tally the scores to determine the overall winners. Waller Road Grange was the first place overall winner, followed by Humptulips Grange in second place, Collins Grange in third place, Thurston County Pomona Grange in fourth place,

and Meridian Grange in fifth place.

Other participating Granges in 2024 were Elk Plain, East Hill, and Black Lake.

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 setting up one week prior to the fair. Most Granges will get their framework set up and the basic design in place 4-5 days before the fair. The last few days are 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.

Be sure to check out the November Issue of the **Grange News** for photos of Grange fair exhibits.

Southwest District Host Committee To Meet

The Southwest District Host Committee will meet to begin planning for the 2025 Annual State Grange Session. The committee will meet on Sunday, October 27 at 2 p.m. at the South Union Grange Hall in Thurston County.

The Steering Committee has selected officers. Phyllis Ogden is the Chair, Jacob Gwin is the Vice Chair, Lucy Vest is the Secretary, and Marily Armit is the Treasurer.

The list of committees and their host responsibilities will be discussed at the meeting. Committee chairs to be filled include: Banquets/Meals, Community Service, Degrees, Family Living, Flowers, Furniture, Hospitality, Juniors, Lecturer, Memorial, Promotional Novelties, Registration, Rose Drill, RV Parking, Stage, Transportation, Youth, and Youth Livestock Auction.

The 2025 State Grange Session is scheduled for June 25-29 at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds in Chehalis.

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Washington State Grange Convention

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Southwest Washington Fairgrounds

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State Grange Delegates Make Recommendations On Ballot Initiatives

The delegates to the 135h Annual State Grange Session reviewed current Grange policy and then made the following recommendations for initiatives on the ballot in the November 2024 General Election:

- ▶ Initiative 2109 – Repeal the Capital Gains Tax – the delegates encourage a YES vote on this initiative.
- ▶ Initiative 2117 – Prohibit Carbon Tax Credit Trading and Repeal Carbon Cap-and-Trade Program – the delegates encourage a YES vote on this initiative.
- ▶ Initiative 2124 – Opt Out of State-Run Long Term Care Coverage Act – the delegates encourage a YES vote on this initiative.

158th Annual National Grange Convention

Bettendorf, Iowa



Register: nationalgrange.org/158thconvention

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Fair Booth Contest – The Last Lecturer's Department Contest For 2024



Leslie Jo Wells

**By Leslie Jo Wells
State Grange Lecturer**

**2024 GRANGE 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.
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 three 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. 7. Judging criteria in the Produce Division: Booth Arrangement and Design - 200 points; Livestock Products (quality, quantity, and variety) - 200 points; Agricultural Products/Seeds/Grains (quality, quantity, and variety) - 200 points; Horticultural Products (quality, quantity, and variety of herbs, forest

products, fruits, nursery stock, flowers, etc.) - 200 points; and Vegetables (quantity, quality, and variety) - 200 points; total of 1000 possible points.


8. Judging criteria in the Project Division: Choice of Message - 20 points; Supporting Data - 30 points; Visualization of Message/Design of Display - 30 points; and Originality - 20 points; total of 100 possible points.

Heirloom Project Readings October, November and December 2024

OCTOBER 2024: “We desire a proper equality, and fairness; protection for the weak; restraint upon the strong; in short, justly distributed power. These are American ideals, the very essence of American independence, and to advocate the contrary is unworthy of the sons and daughters of our Republic.”
(Grange Declaration of Purposes)

NOVEMBER 2024: “That you may enjoy your rewards dispense Charity, the flowers of brotherly love, as freely as Nature spreads her flowery carpet over all the earth. And let your Charity extend to all humanity.”
(Third Degree; Flora)

DECEMBER 2024: ““Patrons, carry with you a feeling of compassion for those who strive to make the world a better place.”
(Installation Ceremony; Installation Officer)



Washington Grange Hosts Harvest Party For Food Bank Donation





Washington Grange No. 82 had a final harvest party on September 5th to finishing picking The pears off of our 10 espaliered fruit trees. We planted the trees three years ago on the property at our hall. The trees have two varieties of Bartlett pears and one Bosc. Four members of our Grange harvested the pears and delivered them to the Clark County food bank as a community donation project. We are hoping to double our donation next.

Calispel Grange Finishes Split Star Quilt Blocks



Calispel Grange #500 gathered on a Thursday to finish up the split star blocks. It was a fun project headed up my master quilter, Kathryn Hartley. Some of us learned the definition of 12 1/2 inch finished block. Apologies to the piece makers.

Membership Corner

Welcome New Members

GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS August & September 2024

| | # Joined | Jr. +1 |
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| 681 Chimacum1 | | |
| Mary Childs | | |
| 853 Fargher Lake7 | | 1 |
| Riley Shirley, Deb Kadow, Mike Kadow, Kayla Smith, Duke Smith, Annabella Smith, Allison Smith | | |
| 33 Fords Prairie2 | | |
| Audrey Rhodes, Larry George | | |
| 999 Fruitland2 | | |
| Ginger Wheeler, Charrie Hayward | | |
| 857 Granville2 | | |
| Wendy Cox, Mitchell Cox | | |
| 124 Grays River2 | | |
| Tom Langston, Jaqui Robbins | | |
| 300 Green Bluff1 | | |
| Carmen Spotts | | |
| 322 Happy Valley1 | | |
| Francis Crick | | |
| 667 Long Beach5 | | |
| Robin Libby, Deb Howard, Natalie Hanson, Misty Martin, Shawn Wiggins | | |
| 796 Manson5 | | |
| Grace Lovell, Shane Hall, Salvador Leyva, Esmerelda Escoto, Daniel Avery | | |
| 276 Marion11 | | |
| Christopher Hurst, Michael Jackson, Lisa Jackson, Josie Jackson, Joshua Jackson, John Norrell, LaDonna Norrell, Kaylee Norell, Dakota Norrell, Sophia Ortiz-Prieto, Tonja Brilhante | | |
| 357 Matlock9 | | |
| Raini Fogel, Maddison Fogel, Jazmin, Russell, Melissa Hall, Heather Lynn, Beverly Downer, William Palmer III, Paula Lee Summerlin, Michael Tinsley | | |
| 315 Prosperity1 | | |
| Katie Gallucci | | |
| 702 Roy2 | | |
| Monica Allen, Carissa Cobb | | |
| 849 Salmon Creek4 | | |
| Jayne Farnsworth, Irene Breshears, Chris Baldwin, Marissa Ramos | | |
| 966 San Juan Island1 | | |
| Cynthia Burke | | |
| 1108 Sequim Prairie1 | | |
| Stephanie Dickinson | | |
| 800 Sharon4 | | |
| Robin Witt, Kevin Witt, Luke Bailey, Jimmie Twardy | | |
| 584 Skookumchuck6 | | |
| Frank Anderson, Tina Anderson, Andrew Gonnerman, Jenny Gonnerman, Jasopn Hansen, Morghann Hansen | | |
| 930 South Camano3 | | |
| Norlanna Funkhouse, Robert Steed, Kyle Fulton | | |
| 374 Stranger Creek2 | | |
| Matthew Fortner, Stacy Fortner | | |
| 984 Swauk Teanaway1 | | |
| Marian Martin | | |
| TOTALS73 | | 1 |

It's Fall Y'all!!

Where has this year gone? I can hardly believe we have already made it through the summer and fairs season. I hope it was a successful time for everyone.

Working the membership booth at the Washington State Fair in Puyallup is always a highlight for me. People come from all over the state (and many from around the country) to see the Grange displays. It always amazes me how few people really know what the Grange is and what we have accomplished as an organization in the past 156 years. When we talk about "tooting our own horns", this is exactly what we mean. How will anyone know how their lives have been changed by the progressive actions of our organization throughout the years?

If you are around me at all as I talk Grange, I boast about the Grange and what we have brought to both the Nation as well as the State of Washington. Our history is so very rich and once you get an ear to listen, they just want to hear more. As I talk Grange history with fair goers, the crowds always seem to grow. People are like sponges, always ready to hear and learn, asking questions, and wanting more. How many of you know our history? If you are new to Grange or even newer, take some

time to dive into all that we have accomplished. Explore both the National and State Grange websites to see what is there, visit a library, or just Google. We are an AMAZING

CONTAGIOUS! We need to be PASSIONATE! And we need to show EXCITEMENT! Are you ready to GROW your Grange?

Fall is the perfect time as Granges to be able to talk to the public. Many of you are holding bazaars, farmers markets, hunters' breakfasts, craft fairs, etc. Be sure to set up a nice membership table that is maned so questions can be answered. Be sure to have applications, brochures, flyers and a brief breakdown of what our programs are (all of which can be ordered or received from the State Grange). Show excitement and passion for the Grange. Share with them what it means to you to be a Grange member. If you share your excitement, they will want that same feeling. But if you sit behind the table waiting for someone to come up to you to ask a question and don't at the very least greet them, you may miss an opportunity to have a new member join your Grange. Be enthusiastic and have FUN!!!

*We need to be
CONTAGIOUS!
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PASSIONATE!
And we need to show
EXCITEMENT!
Are you ready to
GROW your Grange?*

organization and one that I am so very proud to be a member of!!

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New Membership Contest

January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024

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.

T-Shirts

- Mike Gilmore - Fargher Lake #853
- Stephanie King - Marion #276
- Raini Fogel - Matlock #357
- Dale Hudson - Matlock #357
- Mike Nestor - South Camano #930

This Contest runs from January 1, 2024 thru December 31, 2024.

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!

Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Youth

Melissa Kudsk To Represent Washington State Youth At National Grange Convention



Jerry Gwin

By Jerry Gwin
Youth Grange Director

The Washington State Grange will be represented by Melissa Kudsk at the 2024 National Grange Convention in Bettendorf, Iowa. Melissa will participate in the Horizon Youth Leadership Program and compete for the title of National Grange Youth Ambassador.

Melissa is a member of Haynie Grange in Whatcom County. She is currently enrolled in her first year at Washington State University, where she is studying Agriculture Education. She serves as the Lady Assistant Steward at Haynie Grange

and is the Flora for Whatcom County Pomona Grange. She is a Past State Grange Youth master. Melissa has been active in Junior Grange, 4-H, and FFA for several years. She is the recipient of a 2024 scholarship from the Washington State Grange Foundation.

Melissa will travel to the National Grange Convention in Bettendorf, IA. She will participate in the various youth activities and will interview with a panel of judges.

The National Grange Youth Department will continue undergoing changes for 2025. The changes will be incorporated into our state program. Watch for the WSG Program Handbook



Melissa Kudsk

for the details.

The 2025 Western Regional Conference will be held May 15-18, 2024. It will be hosted by the Montana State Grange. Details as to location and registration info will be available this winter.

Green Bluff Grange Celebrates National Night Out Against Crime



Green Bluff Grange celebrated the National Night Out Against Crime by hosting the Spokane County Sheriff's Office. The event included food and games, along with the helicopter landing in the Grange parking lot. The kids enjoyed the tour of the helicopter.

Manson Grange Youth Fairs Says Thanks

Members of the Manson Grange, Youth Fairs program thanks our supporters who contributed to our "Move to the Next Level" fundraising effort earlier this year. As you can see, we now have hats, shirts, banners, signage and picture frames that will be used at the Chelan County Fair. We look professional!

Contributing financially or with in-kind donations were: American Legion, Post 108, B'S Tees & More, Broody Roost Company, Chelan Valley Heating and Cooling, England Chiropractic, Hartland Ranch, Lake Chelan Boating Club, Manson Growers, and Mountain View Lodge.



White Trail Grange Youth/Juniors Wins Sage-a-Sun Festival Award



White Trail Grange Youth and Juniors won the Community award for their entry in the Sage-a-Sun Festival Parade.

Junior Connection

GREEN BLUFF JUNIOR GRANGE

Green Bluff Jr. Grangers will host the Halloween Drive Thru from 6-8 pm on Saturday, October 26—it's a great way to trick or treat early!!! It's always a fun night to see all the kiddos come thru with their costumes on gearing up for Halloween night.

HUMPTULIPS JUNIOR GRANGE

Humptulips Junior Grange members had 169 entries at the Grays Harbor County Fair. With the county fair theme of "Whale of a Good Time", our Junior Granges provided pictures of whales and crayons for the Junior Grange Coloring Corner at the fair. Junior Grange members manned the coloring corner on three of the four days of the fair.

NORTH RIVER JUNIOR GRANGE

North River Junior Grange had 54 entries at the Grays Harbor County Fair. We also had a Junior Grange display booth.

WASHINGTON STATE JUNIOR GRANGE

Washington State Junior Grange had a display at the Washington State Fair in Puyallup. Thank you to Jennifer Oliver for coordinating the display and to Camp Mayfield, Camp Morehead, and Humptulips Junior Granges for providing items to complete the display.

Menastash Grange Participates In Local Thorp Days Parade



Menastash Grange Youth and Juniors participated in the Thorp Days Parade with a parade float and animals.

Memories From Summer Camps

Junior Grange Camps Grow For The Future

The Washington State Grange Junior Camping Program experienced an increase in participation in 2024. Three summer resident camps were held in 2024, with one, Camp Morehead switching to a day camp due to last minute facility issues. All camps reported successful programs as they work to rebuild programs to the levels of the pre-covid era.

The Grange operates six 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 2025 Junior Grange Camping Program are now underway. Camp registration information will be available in January. While we held four camps this year, Camp Cornet Bay in Northwest Washington is planning to operate in 2025, along with possibly Camp NEWA in Northeast Washington.

• 2024 CAMPS •

- **David**, held on the shores of Lake Crescent, Clallam County
- **Mayfield**, near Mossyrock on Mayfield Lake, Lewis County
- **Morehead**, switched to a day camp on the Washington coast, Grays Harbor County
- **Wooten**, on the Tucannon River, Garfield County



• Camp David •

Memories From Summer Camps



• Camp Mayfield •



• Camp Morehead •



• Camp Wooten •

National Grange News

A View From The Hill - Fall 2024 Wrap-Up

By **Burton Eller**
National Grange
Legislative Director

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

Last-ditch appeal for a farm bill now

Farmers hammered hardest by commodity market declines hit Capitol Hill in early September for a final push to get a new farm bill this year. In an unusual lobbying strategy, teams of farmers representing the row crops that depend upon the major commodity title programs were accompanied by ag lenders who made the case that many of these farmers will face a dire financial situation because of price declines heading into the next year. But time is fast running out to pass a new farm bill. The Senate Agriculture Committee has taken no action, and the House Agriculture Committee farm bill has a \$33 billion funding gap. Congress will likely pass a one-year extension in the lame-duck session after elections.

Reality check on food price policy

A majority of consumers in both political parties apparently believe elected officials of either party can help lower grocery prices given how important inflation is to likely voters this fall. Despite what both Vice President Harris and former President Trump are promising on the campaign trail, the next leader of the free world has limited options to lower food costs in a speedy or widespread manner. However, the next President might try using the bully pulpit, increasing antitrust enforcement, enforcing a price-gouging ban, and, many economists argue, expanding the domestic energy supply.

Food aid shortages cause concern

Delayed, canceled, partial, and expired food deliveries to tribal and senior USDA food assistance programs caused a stir on Capitol Hill, resulting in a major hearing before the House Agriculture and Appropriations Committees. Around 800,000 people rely on these feeding programs often because they lack access to grocery stores. It was discovered that USDA had consolidated its distribution system with only one contractor. That contractor will be called back to Capitol Hill at a later date to investigate the situation further.

HEALTH CARE

Rural maternal health is a growing concern

A lack of access to obstetric care in rural areas is a known and growing challenge. Recent closures of rural obstetric units and hospitals have exacerbated concerns about access to care for millions of women of reproductive age living in rural communities. Many rural areas have a shortage of providers with training in maternity care. Long travel distances hinder access to prenatal care, delivery, and postpartum care, leading some women to temporarily relocate near an obstetrics facility or to choose to have a C-section. Some areas are looking at creating regional obstetrics hubs in existing rural hospitals.

Focus on obesity

National Grange president Chris Hamp recently highlighted the public health issue of obesity in rural America. In a letter to the House Energy and Commerce Committee Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA-05), Hamp pointed out the adverse impacts of obesity on Type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and other chronic conditions. Hamp urged the Chair to move the Treat and Reduce Obesity Act (TROA) through her committee and send it to the house floor for passage with broad bipartisan support. TROA would allow those aging into Medicare who are on existing obesity medications to continue to have access to them.

Granges advocate for dialysis patients

The National Grange and 21 state Granges petitioned the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to leave the current policy for obtaining Phosphate Lowering Therapies (PLTs) in place. Patients with chronic kidney disease on dialysis depend upon PLTs to stabilize their phosphate levels. These need to continue to be available in pill form from the local pharmacy without having to travel to a dialysis center for injections and to continue to be paid for by Medicare Part D.

Small molecule medicines for chronic diseases

The National Grange joined patient groups to call on Congress to protect small molecule medicine access and innovation and pass the EPIC Act. The EPIC Act would rectify unintended consequences of the Inflation Reduction Act that created disincentives for small

molecule research. Small molecule medications are adept at crossing the blood-brain barrier for the treatment of neurological conditions such as epilepsy, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, depression, and other mental health conditions.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

5G mobile wireless broadband coming

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is set to roll out the first phase of the 5G Fund for America. The \$9 billion effort will fund the deployment of fixed wireless voice and broadband service infrastructure to unserved rural areas. Small antennas will be placed on buildings every few blocks in cities and on utility poles and other locations in rural areas. In remote rural areas, additional technologies may be required. These funds are in addition to \$42.5 billion BEAD broadband deployment program currently being distributed to the states.

TRANSPORTATION

Keep ag supply chain open

A wide cross-section of the agricultural supply chain faces imminent and severe shipping

disruptions due to rail embargoes impacting trade with Mexico, potential labor strikes at East Coast ports, and historically low water levels on the Mississippi River. It's harvest time, and moving a large crop to world markets may be challenging. The National Grange, agriculture groups, food companies, and exporters wrote President Biden this week asking him and his administration to pursue all avenues to mitigate supply chain challenges facing U.S. agriculture.

OF INTEREST

Former senator, Ag Secretary, recognizes Grange

Mike Johanns was Nebraska's U.S. Senator from 2009- 2015 and Secretary of Agriculture from 2005-2007. His recent op-ed in Washington's Agri-Pulse newsletter profiled the National Grange's longstanding opposition to patent trolls. Patent trolls are non-practicing entities that are shell companies that acquire patents but do not actually produce anything. Trolls then bring meritless patent infringement lawsuits against manufacturers of high-tech equipment that are vital to farmers and ranchers.

House passes oversight of foreign



land purchases

The House of Representatives passed legislation in September that would increase oversight of farmland purchases by investors from China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea. The bill, sponsored by Representative Dan Newhouse (R-04-WA), adds the Secretary of Agriculture to the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States. The group is an interagency body tasked with screening foreign investments in U.S. companies or property for potential threats to national security. Foreign investors owned or leased 43.4 million acres, or about 3.4% of the nation's total farm, ranch, and forest land, in 2022, according to USDA. Representative Newhouse is a former National Grange Champion of Rural America recipient.

OCTOBER 2024 NATIONAL GRANGE EVENTS

TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP
JOIN US ON ZOOM FOR THESE EVENTS!

4: FELLOWSHIP FIRST FRIDAY 8:30 P.M.
Connect: grange.biz/FirstFriday
Join us for a time for fellowship, thought-provoking conversation, and connecting with Grange members.
October topic: 10-4- The secret language of first responders & the military

8: DISTINGUISHED GRANGE: YOU CAN BE ONE TOO! 8:30 P.M.
Connect: grange.biz/DGzoom

The National Grange has released the 2025 Distinguished Grange applications! Join us to learn more about the process and how YOUR Grange can be a Distinguished Grange, too!

9: ISSUES IN PATENTS & TRADEMARKS 8:30 P.M.
Connect: grange.biz/uspto
Join the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office for an informational Zoom about how your Grange can protect itself from trademark violations.



JUNIOR GRANGE FOCUS AREA: COMMUNITY SERVICE
YOUTH FOCUS AREA: EDUCATION

15: GRANGE FOUNDATION BOARD NOMINATIONS DUE ALL TIMES EASTERN
Email name & bio to ngfb@grange.org and champ@nationalgrange.org. More info: grangefoundation.org.

16: MEMBERSHIP MATTERS 8:30 P.M.
Connect: grange.biz/matters
Join Membership/Leadership Development Director Amanda Brozana to learn about various membership challenges and growth opportunities.
Celebrating Grange & membership milestones

22: LECTURER'S FORUM 8:30 P.M.
Connect: grange.biz/lecturerforum
Join National Grange Lecturer Tom Gwin for a review of Lecturer's programming around the country, and a sneak peek at what's to come from the National Grange Lecturer's Department in 2025.

DEADLINES:
October 1 - Firefighter/LEO/Teacher of the Year Nominations
October 20 - GROW Club Travel Scholarship



Home & Family

October 2024 News From Your Family Living Director

By Helen Berg
Family Living Director



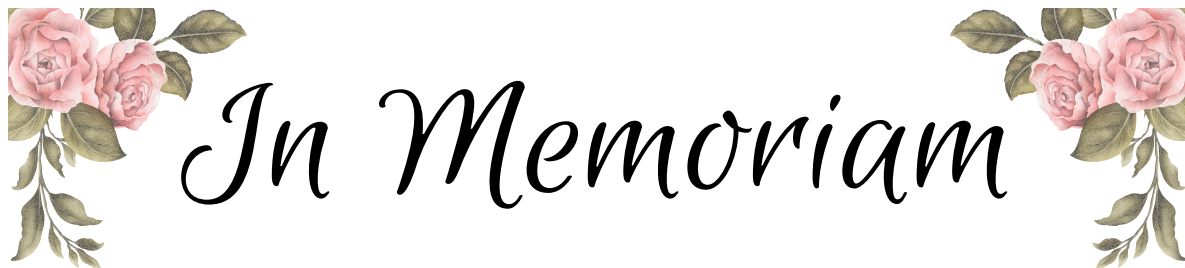
Helen Berg

I have been taking a long hard look at the Comfort Toy division of our program. We had very few entries (5) brought to convention for judging and none to be distributed to the local area. I know some of you are making them for the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Program which is great.

Please indicate your participation on your year-end report. Should we keep the program or look for something to replace it? Feel free to send me a text or e-mail with your thoughts.

Last month I gave a hint to what our next quilt block will be. So here goes with the details. The theme is Christmas. You may use any pattern as long as the block measures 12 1/2", as that is one of

the criteria for judging. If you are like me, you may have an assortment of Christmas fabrics just waiting to be put into a block. This will be a great way to use up those pieces. Try to use 100% cotton. Press well. Bring to convention in June. There is a monetary prize for top two winners in each age bracket. Have a great Fall.



In Memoriam

PATRICIA MAJOR

Past State Grange Deputy for Island County

January 31, 1942– July 18, 2024

Patricia Ann Major, past Island County Grange Deputy Master, passed away peacefully at home on July 18, 2024, at the age of 82. Patricia was born on January 31, 1942, in Mount Vernon, Washington to John and Elinor Zonneveld. She grew up in various places in Western Washington including King, Skagit, Snohomish, and Island counties. Pat graduated from Twin City High School in Stanwood in 1960.

Pat was united in marriage to Elvin G. Major on July 31, 1965, and they made their family home on Camano Island.

Pat was a devoted Christian, a loving wife and mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She will be remembered for her love and dedication to family and friends. Pat took pleasure in all things purple and in being creative; whether quilting, doll making, gardening, or baking. It has been said that she was kind to all and that her kindness came from someone in heaven. Pat was a long time active and faithful member and volunteer at Camano Lutheran Church and South Camano Grange.

Pat is survived by her husband of 58 year, Elvin, her sister Kathy Ratkowski, children; Connie Major, Ann (Rob) Adams, Deana (Robert) DeBoer, and Gene (Mandy) Major, 5 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Pat was preceded in death by her parents John and Elinor Zonneveld and her brother Pete Zonneveld.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Patricia's honor to one of the following: Camano Lutheran Church, South Camano Grange, Hospice of the Northwest, or Camano Meal on Wheels.

Buena Grange Recently Canned Pickled Beets



Buena Grange canned 56 pints of pickled beets. Pictured are Karen, Janna, Joyce, Lawrence and Tom. Our canning schedule: May asparagus, June cherries, July bread & butter pickles, August beets, October corn relish.

A Go-To Sweet Potato Side



(Courtesy of Family Features)

Sweet potatoes seem to scream "fall," especially this roasted version that pairs well with a wide variety of family favorites like fried chicken. It can be your go-to recipe when comfort cravings call for a savory (not sweet) side.

Pair your favorite fall meal with more side dish inspiration from Culinary.net.

Roasted Sweet Potatoes

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

Servings: 4

Ingredients:

- 2 large sweet potatoes, washed and cubed
- 1/2 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1/2 tablespoon onion powder
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- oil, for drizzling

Heat oven to 425 F. In bowl, mix cubed sweet potatoes with garlic powder, onion powder and salt and pepper, to taste. Drizzle with oil; mix well.

Place sweet potatoes in baking dish and bake 30 minutes. Remove from oven and spoon butter over sweet potatoes, mixing well.

Note: If using small sweet potatoes, use four (one per serving).

Menastash Grange Completes Service Project Picking Apples



Menastash Grange members completed a service project of picking apples for a local business in Ellensburg.

Community Service

Health Happy in Helping Others



Claudine Lefever

By Claudine Lefever
Community Service Director

About a decade ago a dear friend came to me in a funk. Disheartened about everything around her. Not only in her local community but even looking out farther at her city, her state, and her nation. She became so self-consumed in the negativity of gloom portrayed by television news that she stopped leaving the house altogether. She lost perspective.

Listening to her daily depressive takes of the inhumanity in the world for weeks, there came a day that I couldn't hold my tongue any longer. Peeps know me to be kind and compassionate with a good listening and non-judgemental ear. That is until you begin to self-destruct and are not even willing to help yourself. Then the drill sergeant in me reacts, such as it did this day.

I told her, "Get up, take a shower, brush your teeth, get dressed in walking clothes and sneakers. Go outside, stand on your porch, and breath in a couple deep breaths of fresh air. After that reflect on being fortunate to have a home, vehicle, electricity, water, food, soap, toothpaste, clothes, shoes, and a job to pay for these items. Now start walking, don't stop until you've walked the local community hub that you're a part of. Look around and offer help to others where you can."

Later she called from inside a refrigerated truck while she unpacked food for a local homeless shelter. Elation over giving back in some way to her community rang out in her voice as she exclaimed, "Claudine, thank you, for kicking my behind." Today she still finds it mentally positive for her health to help others. DO YOU ALSO?

I'd love to hear your personal or Grange community service stories. I'll be checking my boxes in anticipation! communityservice.wsg@gmail.com OR 305 Allison Way, Goldendale, WA 98620.

President's Message

Wrapping Up 2024; Opening The Book On 2025

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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 2025 event will

be held on Tuesday, February 4. The Youth and Junior Legislative Experience will be on February 19-20. Watch for details.

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 2024 and move into 2025!

Legislative

Election Info, Harvest Report, And More...

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Financially Distressed Farmers and Ranchers:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is announcing the launch of the Distressed Borrowers Assistance Network, an initiative designed to provide personalized support to financially distressed farmers and ranchers across the nation.

Through a series of Cooperative Agreements, this national network will connect distressed borrowers with individualized assistance to help them stabilize and regain financial footing.

More information here: <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/news-room/news-releases/2024/usda-launches-assistance-network-to-support-financially-distressed-farmers-and-ranchers>

Capital Budget Grants:

Grange state staff has been collecting and reviewing capital budget applications from all across the state. Thank you all for submitting those and working with us to get those organized to help me lobby the capital budget committee this session. More information to come on that front as I meet with capital budget members.

Register to Vote and Vote!!

Terrace Heights Grange Donates School Supplies



Terrace Heights Grange members generously donated school supplies to Moxee Elementary School. Their new school Principal, Brandon Hauver, came by to pick them up... and gave us a brief summary of the first week of the new school year.

Sequim Prairie Grange Holds Pancake Breakfast



Proceeds from the September Pancake Breakfast at Sequim Prairie Grange were donated Tim's Place, which operates an activity program for people living with memory loss due to Alzheimer's or Dementia.

San Juan Island Grange Host Booth At Farmers Market in Friday Harbor

San Juan Island Grange has a weekly sales booth at the San Juan Island Farmers Market in Friday Harbor. Grange members sell their wares, with a small percentage going to the Grange.



Pomona Connection

CLARK COUNTY POMONA

Clark County Pomona Grange reports 55 participants in the Grange Youth Fairs Program at the Clark County Fair.

COWLITZ COUNTY POMONA

Cowlitz County Pomona Grange hosted the Tri County Meet at the Catlin Grange Hall on Sunday September 21. Attendance included 12 from Cowlitz County, 4 from Lewis County, and 12 from Clark County. The 5th Degree was exemplified, and everyone enjoyed a nice meal afterwards. The October Pomona meeting will be held at the Rose Valley Grange on Saturday October 19 beginning with a 1 pm Potluck and meeting to follow. Members are asked to bring Pet Food.

GRAYS HARBOR/PACIFIC POMONA

Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Grange met on September 21 at the Humptulips Grange

Hall. The agenda included a full evaluation of the Grange displays at the Grays Harbor County Fair. The fair rules were reviewed. The Grange display scoresheets were completely revised for 2025. There were 213 entries in the Junior/Youth Grange Department, along with 11 Grange displays. The next Pomona meeting will be on Saturday, November 2 at the East Oakville Grange Hall. The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m., with a potluck lunch at noon. The agenda will include the election of Pomona officers.

KLICKITAT COUNTY POMONA

Klickitat County Pomona changed their next meeting to November 9 at Goldendale Grange, 1:30 p.m. meeting with dessert to follow. Election of Officers will be held. (Time change is due to an earlier hall meeting).

PIERCE COUNTY POMONA

Pierce County Pomona will hold their last Friendship/Gavel Meeting of the year on Thursday, October 17. Please join us at McMillin Grange at 7pm. This is fun meeting together where members gather together in fellowship. All are welcome.

THURSTON COUNTY POMONA

Thurston County Pomona Grange held its annual Silver Star & Golden Sheaf membership recognition event on August 18 at South Union Grange Hall. They will hold their Veterans Appreciation event on October 27 at 2 pm at Violet Prairie Grange. Their next meeting will be held on November 7 at South Union Grange at 7:00 pm. Light refreshments will be available prior to the meeting.

Thurston County Pomona Presents Member Awards



These Silver Star members attended Thurston County Pomona's Silver Star & Golden Sheaf recognition event on August 18.

Pierce County Pomona Presents Scholarship Award To Victor Stevens

Pierce County Pomona would like to recognize Victor Stevens as the recipient of the 2024 Pierce County Pomona Scholarship. Brother Victor is a member of Roy Grange #702 and is very active in all aspects of Grange.

Currently, Brother Victor is attending Clover Park Technical College working towards his Bachelors degree in Operations Management with a 3.94 GPA. He will start his second Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural and Food Systems at Evergreen State College this winter. His intended career goal is Small Farm Operations and Urban Community Gardens.

Brother Victor abilities consist of baking, creating, reusing and caring for others. He always completes what he starts, puts in the work to accomplish the goal, gets along well with others and always is looking to serve. We believe that he will do great things with the help of our Scholarship.

Congratulations Victor.





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Thousand Lakes RV Park and surrounding properties

Register today: grangerevival.com

Pomona Calendar

Please submit your 2024 & 2025 Pomona Meeting Dates.

- CHELAN** October 17 and November 21 at Smitty's Restaurant, 12 p.m. social luncheon. The next business meeting is November 16 at Manson, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- CLALLAM** November 14 at Sequim Prairie, 5 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting. Will include election of officers.
- CLARK** October 9 at Manor, 7 p.m.
- COWLITZ/WAHKIAKUM** October 19 at Rose Valley, 1 p.m.
- DOUGLAS** November 21 at East Wenatchee, 6 p.m.
- EXCELSIOR** November 16 at Gardenspot, 10:30 a.m. Potluck picnic at lunch. Will include election of officers.
- FERRY** October 14 at San Poil, 6 p.m. Will be election of officers.
- GRAYS HARBOR/PACIFIC** November 2 at East Oakville, 10:30 a.m. Potluck lunch at 12 noon. Will include election of officers.
- KING** November 16 at Sammamish Valley, 10 a.m.
- KLICKITAT** September 14 at Centerville, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting.
- LEWIS** November 2 at Baw Faw, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting.
- MASON** November 16 at Matlock, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. lunch.
- PEND OREILLE** October 5 at the Golden China in Newport, 12 p.m.
- PIERCE** October 5 at Riverside Valley, 10 a.m. The next meeting is November 2 at Edgewood.
- SKAGIT** November 6 at Skagit Valley, 6:30 p.m. Will include election of officers.
- SNOHOMISH** November 16 at Granville, 10 a.m. Will include election of officers.
- SPOKANE** November 16 at East Spokane, 10 a.m.
- STEVENS** October 25 at Stranger Creek, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting.
- THURSTON** November 7 at South Union, 8 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting.
- WHATCOM** November 19 at Haynie, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Will include election of officers.
- WHITMAN** November 4 at Jim & Bonnie Lyle's Home in Colfax. Will work on 2025 Pomona schedule.
- YAKIMA VALLEY** October 7 at Fruitvale, 5 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting.

Grange Connection

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

Elma Grange hosted the Formal Dress and Clothing Exchange on September 14. The Grange's Spooktacular Garage Sale was held on October 4-5.

Humptulips Grange stated their bingo series up again on October 5. Upcoming bingo dates are November 2 and 23 and December 7 and 21. The Grange had a display at the Washington State Fair in Puyallup, winning first place in arrangement and second place for agricultural display. The Grange was presented with a special medallion for winning the People's Choice Award on 13 of the 20 days of the fair. The Grange food bank continues to operate, ranging from 68 to 75 families each month. The Timberland regional Library is now bringing their mobile unit to the Grange Hall on food bank days. Community members may order books, check them out, and return

them on the third Wednesday of the month at our Grange Hall. We also have the Mobile Assistance Van bring items in for distribution on the same days at the food bank.

Olympic View Grange is working on a new Facebook page. The Grange will hold a Lazy Man Cake Walk in October.

Satsop Grange holds their flea market on the first weekend of the month. The Grange has been partnering with the Satsop School on their programs and activities.

Sharon Grange has a new Facebook page and is working on a website. Grange members installed a new reader board in front of the Grange Hall in South Bank Road. The Grange will hold an Autumn Breakfast on Saturday, October 12. Breakfast will feature a Denver Casserole and Biscuits and Gravy. Contributions will go toward the restoration of the Grange Hall.

KING COUNTY

Issaquah Valley Grangers took a field trip to Ellensburg for the Parade and Kittitas County Fair on Labor Day weekend. The juniors voted the Menastash Grange animal barn display the most interesting and certainly the cleanest. The adults enjoyed the Menastash booth in the commercial building. Issaquah Valley members enjoyed the last picnic meeting of the year at Beaver Lake and planned to welcome local students with Words for Thirds dictionaries.

KITTITAS COUNTY

Menastash Grange reports there were 87 participants in the Grange Youth Fairs Program at the Kittitas County Fair.

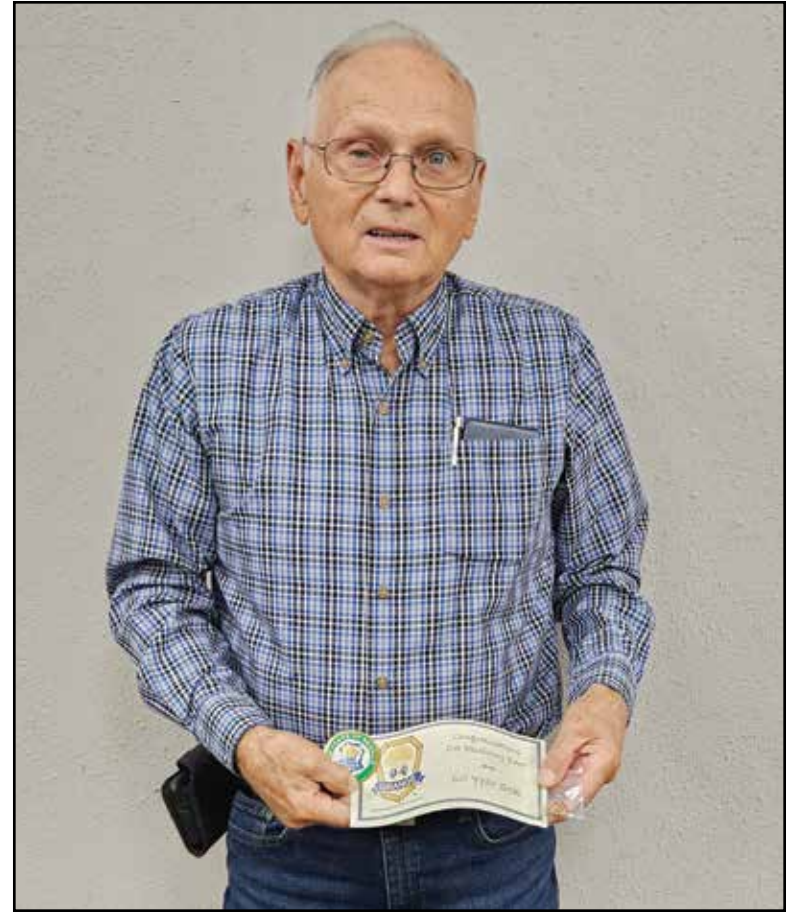
LEWIS COUNTY

Fords Prairie Grange will meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 2pm to accommodate current Grange member schedules. We recently welcomed 6 new Associate Members to our Grange and two of them decided to become regular members. We have Free Bingo with prizes every Thursday at 10am. Our Media Director, Megan Berry, has been doing fantastic work for our Grange. Every Monday we have a Yoga Class. Thursday, October 25th, Fords Prairie Grange members will be having a SOUP to GO Event. Each meal includes a 16oz container of soup and a side, or soup by the quart! *pick up orders from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at the grange *pre-orders only! Please place your order online: <https://fords-prairie-grange.square.site/> or email us: fordsprairiegrange@gmail.com *Order deadline is October 21st! Our Winter Craft Bazaar will be Nov. 9 & 10, @ 10am -4pm. Local Vendors and food available!

PACIFIC COUNTY

Long Beach Grange will hold the Haunted Grange on October 25-26, 5-10 pm each night. We're transforming

Patit Valley Grange Presents 60-Year Award



Charles Dare was awarded his 60 year pin. He is a member of Patit Valley Grange #1039.

Malo Grange Awards Zucchini Contest Winner



Malo Grange held their 2024 Malo Grange Zucchini Contest. Paul Cribby is the winner of bragging rights for a year and a five dollar prize. In addition his prize winning zucchini the photo gives us a glimpse of his beautiful yard.

Twisp Valley Grange Pizza Demonstration



Twisp Valley Grange #482 hosted a demonstration on how to make great pizza at home at their monthly Potluck with a Purpose. The presentation included tips, techniques, tools, and samples. The informative 50 minute video recording can be viewed at twispvalleygrange.org on the Past Grange Events page.

the entire bottom floor of the Grange into a haunted house with a spine-chilling "Living Dead" theme. Be ready to scream, because some truly twisted minds have concocted this terrifying design!

North River Grange held their Annual Fund-Raising

event of serving breakfast and lunch at the Saginaw Day Logging event in their community of Brooklyn.

PIERCE COUNTY

Fruitland Grange has been busy this summer with community classes. So far,

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we've had Canning Basics, Cast Iron Cookware, a community garden education day, Food Dehydration, Emergency Preparedness. We've learned how to grow gardens, harvest the veggies/fruits to can or dehydrate, how to cook the food in our cast iron (like frying an egg without it sticking) and how to prepare for a natural disaster. Very informative classes. We have had a lot of fun interacting with local community members. Our Upcoming Schedule: Oct. 2: Bunco; Oct. 14: Grange potluck – soup & bread (members meeting); Oct. 19: Craft Sale; Oct. 27: Community Halloween Party; and Nov. 6: Bingo.

SPOKANE COUNTY

Central Grange mourns the passing of Gordon Smith, immediate Past Master of Central Grange. Gordon was a 60-year member of the Grange.

Green Bluff Grange hosts 4 applesauce and pancakes breakfasts on Sept. 29 and October 6, 13, and 20. Plus our 2024 Harvest Festival Craft Faire runs on the weekends of Sept 28/29 and Oct 5/6 with many indoor and outdoor vendors and food trucks. The church across the road has their famous apple dumplings drive thru the 1st three weekends in October. The Charter will be draped

on October 15 for several long-time grange members—one being Pat Tompers who was our treasurer for many, many years. Booster night is planned for November 2. The Chili Cook Off will be on November 5. It's all about APPLES!! A new sponsored Grange event will be "Bluegrass on the Bluff" on May 30, 31 and June 1, 2025—more details will be forthcoming. Our business meetings are on the 3rd Tuesdays of each month starting a 7 pm. Everyone is welcome.

STEVENS COUNTY

Camas Valley Grange members have sure been

busy. This summer, a large amount of school supplies was purchased by our Grange members and donated to Mary Walker School District. The Haunted House area is almost finished, and the hall floors are receiving some much-needed TLC. Groups have scheduled Bingo for October and November. Planning for the annual December Community Christmas Party has started. There are always several projects in the works, such as redoing the decorative windows, replacing trim, and the ongoing reorganizing of storage areas. We welcome any and all volunteers.

THURSTON COUNTY

South Union Grange celebrated sixty years of their monthly dances with The Country Four and More on September 7. Friends, family, and community members attended the celebration dance and enjoyed great music and fun. The Grange will again co-host Thurston County Conservation District's annual Harvest Fair at South Union's Hall on Saturday October 7. Their next regular meetings will be at 7:00 pm on October 21 and November 7.

Calispel Grange Runs BINGO Booth At The Pend Oreille County Fair



Once again Calispel Grange #500 ran the Bingo Booth as the yearly fund raiser At our Pend Oreille County Fair from August 15-18. Businesses and families around the county donate special prizes that go along with prizes provided by the Calispel Grange. This year one lucky family one a "\$100 night on the town" prize for pizza and a movie in Newport, Washington.

Prospect Point Grange Makes Blankets For Walla Walla Police Crime Victims Dept.



Blankets made by Prospect Point Grange to donate to the Walla Walla Police Crime Victims Department. Displayed and judged at Walla Walla Fair.

Barberton Grange Spring Fling And Memorial Day Observance



Barberton Grange #571 held a special Spring fling and Memorial Day observance. After a great lunch, guests enjoyed a game of (Why yes I have). Prizes were made by our talented Grange members. After the food and games we had a very moving Memorial Day tribute.

Grange Connection

Barberton Grange Hosts Fundraiser For The County Wide Chaplaincy Group



On June 21st, Barberton Grange held a fundraiser for the County Wide Chaplaincy. The Chaplaincy is a wonderful group in our area who aid those in traumatic situations and work hand in hand with first responders. Grange President Matt Hodges put on a 2 hour gospel music show and collected donations for the Chaplaincy. We were able to raise \$609.00 for the cause. We also presented the Chaplaincy with 65 quilts and afghans that the Chaplaincy hands out to people whom they visit. Thank you Grange members Beverly McGuire, Peggy Nelson and Shirley Heffel for the time spent making these beautiful quilts and afghans.

Sammamish Valley Grange Works On Grange Heritage Garden

Sammamish Valley Grange #286 members and volunteers have been working considerable hours in the creation and upkeep of the Grange Heritage Garden, located in the heart of the Sammamish Valley.

The Garden is a unique display garden featuring large engraved boulders and a vast assortment of herbs, ornamental grasses, and pollinator plants. Located on private farmland between Woodinville and Redmond, WA, the garden is a place of reflection and inspiration showcasing the legacy and traditions of the Grange

Established in 2007, and rededicated in 2023, the garden first served as a place for Grange gatherings, then as a pea-patch garden, and more recently renovated to include herbs and pollinators with ornamental trees and shrubs providing a scenic backdrop. Currently, in September 2024, the garden highlights the lushness and beauty of the rural setting during the transition from summer to autumn.

The public is invited to visit, at no charge, to sit a spell, take a tour, and dig in the soil with volunteers if they are so inclined. Open through October, Fridays and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



with farm tours on Saturday at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., the garden is accessible via the Sammamish River Trail (about a quarter mile south of Wilmot Gateway Park in downtown Woodinville). Special parking accommodations can be arranged by contacting Grange President and Garden Manager, Tom Quigley via sammamishvalleygrange286@gmail.com.

Sammamish Valley Grange #286 supports local agriculture and our communities dedicated efforts to preserve the rural character of the valley.



Silver Lake Grange Hosts First Family Fun Day Event



Silverlake Grange #105 hosted their first Family Fun Day on July 20. The day included games, food, prizes, and just plain old-fashioned family fun. The event was an opportunity to give back to the community. The day was free of charge for all participants, even though some did make donations to the Grange. Attendance was mostly young kids and their families. We had water balloons, ring toss, cornhole, and a photo booth of Big Foot, which was drawn for us by a neighbor. Lunch was a picnic consisting of hamburgers, hot dogs, homemade salads, and watermelon.

Fargher Lake Grange Builds Youth/Juniors Greenhouse



Pictured is the greenhouse Michael Gilmour is building for the Fargher Lake Grange juniors and youth with the help of Larry Goble and granddaughter Teagan.