



WASHINGTON STATE Grange News

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Washington State Grange Officers Elected For 2025-2027

Delegates to the Annual State Grange Session elected a full slate of officers at this year's session.

Tom Gwin (Humtulsips Grange) was reelected as the State Grange President. The former fair manager will continue leading the state organization through the next two years. He previously served as the State Lecturer, Assistant Steward, and Gatekeeper. Tom also holds the office of National Grange Lecturer, Pomona Grange Lecturer, and Subordinate Grange Secretary. He is a former State

Grange Youth and Membership Director.

Rusty Hunt, of St. Andrews Grange in Douglas County, was elected to be the new State Grange Vice President. The wheat and cattle rancher currently serves as the Douglas County Pomona Grange President. Hunt previously served as the State Overseer, Steward, Treasurer and on the Executive Committee. He is a former State and National Grange Membership Director.

The newly elected State

Lecturer is Claudine Mincks (Centerville Grange). Claudine moves to the Lecturer position after serving a year as the State Grange Community Service Director. She is the President of Klickitat County Pomona Grange and the Lecturer of Centerville Grange. She previously served as the Master of Columbia Grange.

Yakima County's Tom Cullen (Buena Grange) was elected to serve as the State Grange Steward. Cullen is retired from the nursery industry and serves as

the President of the Yakima Valley Pomona Grange. While new to the State Officer Team, Tom has a wealth of Grange experience. He was the Installing Officer at the 2024 and 2025 State Conventions, along with the 1981 State Convention held in Ellensburg.

Denise McCartan (Black Lake Grange) was elected to serve as the State Treasurer. Denise is a state employee who also serves as the Master of Black Lake Grange. She previously served as the Secretary and Treasurer of the State Grange.

Jarrod Gardner (McMillin Grange) was selected as a first-time officer to fill the office of State Gatekeeper. He is employed in Human Resources by the WA State Department of Natural Resources. Jarrod has served for the past ten years as the Master of Pierce County Pomona Grange.

Pam Mathews (South Union Grange) returns to the state officer team as the new State Ceres. Pam returns to the team after

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A recap of the 2025 Washington State Grange Convention can be found throughout this issue. (Above) The Rose Drill Team and Flora's Court.



In Memoriam

Mary Jane Fox

Past Lewis County Deputy



Mary Jane Fox, age 77, past State Grange Deputy Master for Lewis County, passed away peacefully on March 25, 2025. Mary Jane was preceded in death by her parent, Velma and Wilmar (Bud) Fox; nieces Jennifer Dickinson and Maggie Engel; and her sister, Janice Mahoric.

Mary Jane was a lifetime resident and lover of all things Adna, where she proudly lived her entire life. She was active as a member of the Newaukum Grange for 64 years and held leadership positions at the Southwest Washington Fair. In 2001, she was inducted into the Washington State 4-H Hall of Fame.

She enjoyed researching the history of her family through genealogy and had many friends she held dear.

She is serviced by her sister, Carol Fox (Chehalis), cousins Mary Lou Storm and Rita Oldoren and many others; nieces and nephews Brittney (Brad) Garnas, Ashley Dickinson, Hailey (Drew) York, Gabe Dickinson, Maddie Dickinson, Theresa (Ruben) Ramirez, Jim (Cynthia) Jussila, Bobbie Jo Leneker, and 12 grand nieces and nephews.

A Grange Memorial Service was held on June 8 at the Newaukum Grange Hall with State President Tom Gwin and State Chaplain Carolyn Hojem presiding.

Well Done Good and Faithful Servant

By-Laws

TEN MILE GRANGE -- On September 11, 2025, at our regular meeting, **Ten Mile Grange #399** will be voting on amendments to our By-Laws about a change in the wording of the document as instructed by Washington State Grange.

TRIWAY GRANGE -- Triway Grange #1093 will vote on the following proposal to their Bylaws at the August meeting: Change meeting day to the first Friday of the month at 7:00pm and Increase of Annual Dues.

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
- AUGUST 1-10**Grange Youth Fairs Program at Clark County Fair, Ridgefield
- AUGUST 3-8**Clallam Junior Grange Camp at Camp David
- AUGUST 11**National Grange Distinguished Grange Q & A, 5:30 p.m. via Zoom
- AUGUST 11-16**Grange Youth Fairs Program at Grant County Fair, Moses Lake
- AUGUST 12**National Grange Night Out, 5:30 p.m. via Zoom
- AUGUST 14-17**Grange Youth Fairs Program at Pend Oreille County Fair, Cusick
- AUGUST 19-23**Grange Youth Fairs Program at Benton Franklin Fair, Kennewick
- AUGUST 21-24**Grange Youth Fairs Program at NE Washington Fair, Colville
- AUGUST 21-24**Grange Youth Fairs Program at North Central Washington Fair, Waterville
- AUGUST 24**Yakima Valley Pomona Grange Potluck Picnic, 1 p.m. at Fullbright Park at the Central WA Ag Museum in Union Gap (all Grangers invited)
- AUGUST 27-31**Grange Youth Fairs Program at Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days, Walla Walla
- AUGUST 28-SEPTEMBER 1**Grange Youth Fairs Program at Kittitas County Fair, Ellensburg
- AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 1**Grange Youth Fairs Program at Ferry County Fair, Republic
- SEPTEMBER 1**Distinguished Grange Applications due to the National Grange
- SEPTEMBER 1**National Grange Quilt Block Entries due to the National Grange Lecturer
- SEPTEMBER 1**National Grange Virtual Photo Contest Entries, Garden Design Contest Entries, Design a Program Contest Entries, and Creative Writing Contest Entries due (submit electronically...link on the National Grange website)
- SEPTEMBER 4-6**Grange Youth Fairs Program at Columbia County Fair, Dayton
- SEPTEMBER 4-7**Grange Youth Fairs Program at Chelan County Fair, Cashmere
- SEPTEMBER 9**National Grange Night Out, 5:30 p.m., via Zoom
- SEPTEMBER 10-13**Grange Youth Fairs Program at Othello Fair, Othello
- SEPTEMBER 30**Secretary Third Quarter Reports due to the State Grange Office
- OCTOBER 5**State Grange Leadership Academy, 10 am to 4 pm at a Western Washington location
- OCTOBER 26**State Grange Leadership Academy, 10 am to 4 pm at an Eastern Washington location
- NOVEMBER 8-16**159th National Grange Convention Cruise aboard the Carnival Horizon – leave Miami on 11/8; visit Aruba, Bonaire, and Curacao; arrive back in Miami on 11/16
- NOVEMBER 21**National Grange Awards Recognition Program, 5:30 p.m., via Zoom

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President's Message

Thank You For A Successful State Grange Convention

By Tom Gwin
WA State Grange President

The 136th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange is now history! The weather was beautiful, our hosts were friendly, and the fairgrounds proved to be an excellent venue for our session.

At the convention, we debated 42 resolutions and the recommendations of eight Standing Committees. We elected a full slate of state officers. There were inspirational speakers and a wide array of workshops. Contests were held and awards were presented. There certainly was something for everyone to enjoy at this year's convention.

There are many, many Grange members who contributed to the success of this year's convention:

► The Convention Steering Committee, chaired by Phyllis Ogden with Lucy Vest as the secretary, and Marilyn Armit as the treasurer, and all the other host committees... you did an excellent job of meeting the needs of the delegates. It was good to see representatives from several counties involved in the host duties.

► The staff of the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds in Centralia/Chehalis, specifically our fair contact, Violet Barboza, was wonderful to work with. Their excellent facilities and professional staff are to be commended!

► To those who completed each of the details necessary for our success, including Progress Room Workers, deputies, officers, directors, and others, thank you for your part to make this a memorable convention.

► To the National Grange Representatives, Christopher and Connie Johnson, thank you for your words of wisdom and guidance to the delegates. We also appreciate our other guests, Joyce and Marty Billquist (MT), Joseph Stefanoni (CA), and Priestess Annalist Martha

Stefenoni.

► To the delegates and committee chairs, congratulations on discussing each aspect of every resolution and recommendation. The in-depth discussion on each subject was astounding! We had several first-time committee chairs who fully completed their tasks in a timely manner. You did a great job of answering the delegates' questions and providing the requested information.

► To the office staff, each of

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in the fairs,
I encourage you
to do it well and
to the best of
your ability.*

-- Tom Gwin

whom brings their own special talent and skill level to their job, your long hours and dedication to your jobs is truly remarkable.

► To the youth and juniors, who bring a lively can-do attitude that reminds many of us of our not too distant past.

FAIRS – OUR NET EVENT

Now that the convention is over, we quickly turn our focus to the Grange Youth Fairs Program. Our fairs have already begun and will continue across the state through the month of September. There are 17 fairs across the state that are allowing our Grange Youth and Juniors to showcase their projects, including livestock animals. Other fairs will have intricate Grange designs and still others will have Grange operated food concessions. Whatever role your Grange plays in the fair, I encourage you to do it well and to the best of your ability.



Tom Gwin

STATE GRANGE LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

The State Grange Livestock Judging Contest will be on Friday, September 12 at 8 a.m. at the Othello Fair. Please arrive early to check in. We are counting on adults and parents to assist with monitoring the kids in our contest. All participants will need to pay fair admission. You will be reimbursed when you turn in your contest forms at the end of the contest. Awards for the top individuals and Grange teams will be presented that afternoon.

GRANGE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Plans are moving forward for our State Grange Leadership Academy. This event will focus on providing information to those interested in serving as State Grange Officers, Deputies, Directors, Standing Committee Members, and/or team members for the various departments. While locations are still to be determined, we have set aside Sunday, October 5 for the westside session and Sunday, October 26 for the eastside session. We will review the duties of each position, requirements, time commitment, etc. Lunch will be provided.

You may want to make plans now to attend the 137th Annual State Grange Session. We will be meeting at the Skagit County Fairgrounds in Mount Vernon on June 24-28, 2026. We've had some discussion on slightly altering the convention dates to begin on Tuesday, June 23 and closing on Saturday, June 27. That change is still pending and will be confirmed, one way or the other, in the next few weeks. The Grangers of the Northern District are already making plans for our visit to their area.

Legislative

Legislative Update

By Jesse Taylor
Legislative Lobbyist



Jesse Taylor

Happy August Washington Grange members! The warm, dry season is upon us and I hope you've had the opportunity to soak up some Vitamin D from the big orange thing in the sky. I'm starting to get little Mariner fever as the M's are in the playoff hunt deep in the second half of the season! If any of you are Mariners fans you know the long half-century of misery we have endured trying to catch that elusive American League pennant. We will see what happens as the boys of summer become the boys of fall and the playoff picture comes into better view.

State Revenue Forecast

At the end of June our state issued a revenue forecast that had another round of bad news for the state budget. As a reminder, our state operates on a four-year outlook and we are mandated to pass budgets that balance over a four-year revenue cycle as predicted by the Washington State Economic and Revenue Forecast Council (ERFC).

2025-27 Biennium: Projected revenues dropped by \$490 million to around \$70.95 billion, reflecting a 0.7% decrease from earlier estimates. The council contributes this decline to lower expectations for sales taxes, business and occupation (B&O) taxes.

2027-29 Biennium: Revenues are forecasted to decrease by \$638 million to approximately \$76.42 billion, a 0.8% reduction from prior projections, due to similar factors like reduced sales and B&O tax collections.

Combined, these don't paint a great picture for the supplemental legislative session that will start in January 2026. Supplemental years offer legislators the opportunity to allocate additional resources that may be available from increased revenue. But when revenue forecasts are showing a billion dollar shortfall supplemental sessions can be used to trim spending that lawmakers deem as unnecessary. We will get two more revenue forecasts before the state of next session on September 27th and November 20th. This will be the story line as we meet soon at the capitol for legislative assembly days in preparation for the next session.

Capital Budget Grants

Granges which were awarded grants from the state capital budget this year have been contacted by their Department of Commerce agents and the process of using those grants is now underway. There will be several opportunities to join Department of Commerce live webinars on the grant process as well as view it later online. Once those calls starting coming out we realized two more grants that weren't originally realized were awarded to two additional Granges. That brought our total capital budget allocation for the 2025 session to Washington State Grange's to \$2.98 Million and over \$3.7 million over the past two sessions. Great job to all the Granges that have been active in this process!

Elections

By the time you get this version of the Grange News the votes will be counted for the August 5th primary. These primary races will set the stage for the general election on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. These "off-year" elections are often very important as they include school board races, special elections, local school levies and bonds, county commissioners, port commissioner and others. Don't forget to stay active with your local candidates in these odd year elections.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to seeing many of you this fall!

**Pictures of Fair Displays
will be featured in the
October issue.**



**Submit one pic of
your display via email to
grangenews@wa-grange.org
no later than September 20.**

Membership Corner

Welcome New Members

GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS

June/July 2025

Joined Jr. +1

417	Adna	1	
	Leeroy Wisner		
571	Barberton	3	
	Timothy Thorpe, Erika Thorpe, Trinitee Thorpe		
687	Camden	1	
	Derrick Nicholas		
893	Collins	2	
	Joseph Smith, Kevan Inman		
87	Columbia	2	
	David West, Todd Andrews		
737	Cowlitz Prairie	2	
	Laurie Eaton, Kaidence Brown		
1123	Crescent	1	
	Don Irving		
501	Davis Lake	3	
	Bobby Coleman, Marie Coleman, Tim Whitlock		
853	Fargher Lake	2	
	April Giese, Summer Giese		
153	Forest	6	1
	Enrique Sanchez, Maria A. Sanchez, Shane Holmen, Sarah Holmes, Savannah Holmes		
999	Fruitland	3	
	Robert Culp, Bonnie Stevens, Kimberly LaBiosa		
348	Fruitvale	2	
	Douglas White, Trish Soto		
94	Glenwood	5	
	Mary Scott, Lloyd McCullough, Cindy McCullough, Sarah K. Small, James Koski		
965	Horseshoe	1	
	Steven Emier		
667	Long Beach	3	
	Mike Shirley, Lexi Shirley, Hana Bruher		
925	Lummi Island	4	
	Tom Brokaw, Tom Kennedy, Kathy Kaiser, Di Kegelas		
1101	Manor	3	
	Danielle Toma, Jeanne Ellis, Elaine Pelton		
357	Matlock	1	
	Edward Damouni		
1054	Menastash	9	7
	Austin Gordon, Brittany Gordon, Tommy Wilmart, Morgan Wilmart, Charlie Allenbaugh, Russ Allenbaugh, Brandy Allmand, Keith Allmand, Aspyr Sandnes		
985	Oroville	2	
	Mike May, Derrick Shaw		
286	Samnamish Valley	1	
	Mark Bailey		
966	San Juan Island	12	
	CJ Cusick, Theora Moench, Kristen Rezabek, Eric Rezabek, Hilary Day LaConte, Amanda Zee, Dawa Tsering, Dan Whitman, Carole Kosturn, Amanda Azous, Laura Noriis, Ken Crawbuck		
425	Skamokawa	1	
	Kimberly J. Howell		
584	Skookumchuck	1	
	Aachary Davis		
250	South Bay	2	
	Megan Gaskell, Rachel Eaton		
399	Ten Mile	7	
	Jeff Van Beek, Courtney Paton, Bradley Stirling, Sarah Stirling, Adrianna Paide Veloz, Emily McQuarrie, Tammy Brandvold		
586	Terrace Heights	4	
	Wesley Ketchum, Stephanie Ketchum, Kate Ketchum, Jack Ketchum		
482	Twisp Valley	1	
	Mary Kolts		
1	Waitsburg	2	
	William Ferguson, Lillian Ferguson		
TOTALS		89	8

YEARLY TOTALS: New Subordinate Members: 517, New Junior Members: 38

Grange Fair Booths Offer Opportunity To Boost Membership

By Sophia Keller
Membership Director

As summer unfolds across Washington, local fairs are once again drawing crowds—and with them comes a golden opportunity for Granges to reconnect with their communities and spark new interest in membership.

Fair season offers Pomona and Subordinate Granges a unique chance to highlight the Grange's values, community service, and fellowship. Many Granges already set up fair booths filled with pamphlets and photos, but the question remains: Are these booths truly inviting people to join?

It's important to ask ourselves whether our displays are just informative, or if they're actually inspiring people to become part of the Grange. If you were not a member and walked by your booth, would it make you want to join?

Visuals That Connect

One suggestion for this year's Pomona fair booths is to create "Granges in Action" posters that showcase recent community events. Each participating Subordinate Grange can contribute an

8½ x 11-inch sheet featuring:

- The Grange name and number,
- Three to four photos of events from the past year,
- Captions describing each event, from Easter egg hunts and Santa breakfasts to candidate forums, rummage sales, or farmers markets.

Mounted on colorful poster

boards with titles and contact details, these displays serve as visual proof that Granges are active and impactful in their communities.

*Fair season is
a time to celebrate
community —
and that's what
the Grange
is all about.*

Information That Inspires

In addition to posters, booths should offer:

- Membership applications ready to go,
- Handouts listing local Granges, meeting times, and contact information,
- Copies of the Grange News, Legislative Handbook, and Program Handbook,
- The updated Declaration of Purposes brochure, which succinctly explains the mission and values of the Grange.

These materials help answer the common question: "What is the Grange?" in a way that's accessible and appealing.

Fun with the Little Ones: Attracting Families to Your Fair Booth

Looking for a fun, easy way to draw families to your Grange fair booth? Consider adding a coloring corner for children. It's a great way to keep young fairgoers entertained while giving their parents time to learn more about

the Grange.

Websites like Canva offer a wide variety of free coloring pages, everything from farm animals to seasonal themes—that are perfect for little artists. Granges can even create custom coloring sheets featuring tractors, barns, or Grange halls to tie into local events and traditions.

Tip: Don't forget to add your Grange name, contact information, and the Grange website (either your local Grange's or the State Grange's) to the bottom of each coloring page. That way, families take home a fun keepsake and a reminder of how to connect with the Grange.

Providing crayons, a small table, and a welcoming space shows your Grange's commitment to family-friendly fun—and might even inspire the next generation of members!

Wear Your Grange Pride

Volunteers working at the booth are encouraged to wear Grange shirts or gear. Matching apparel not only helps booth visitors identify members but also sparks curiosity and starts conversations.

And, of course, all volunteers should be ready with a friendly, 30-second "elevator speech" about what the Grange is and why it matters. Personal stories, local impact, and enthusiasm are key.

Building a Stronger Future

Fair season is a time to celebrate community—and that's what the Grange is all about. Let's use this opportunity to show fairgoers that the Grange is alive, vibrant, and ready to welcome new members.

With thoughtful displays, engaging conversations, and a little Grange pride, this fair season could be the start of exciting growth for local Granges across the state.

Congratulations Winners! New Membership Contest

Congratulations to the following Grangers for bringing in 3 new members into your Grange. You will each receive the membership T-shirt.

T-Shirts

Cathy Savage – Rexville #815
Allison Wood – Ten Mile #399
Matt Hodges – Barberton #571
Mary Scott – Forest #94
Vickie Whitmarsh – Long Beach #667
Shannon B. – Menastash #1054
Alice Deane – San Juan #966

Congratulations to the following Grangers for bringing in an additional 5 or more new members into the Grange. After recruiting your first 3 members and receiving your t-shirt, when you bring in another 5 members you will receive a \$25 "Grange Bucks" Certificate, which can be spent on any Grange gear, pamphlets, jewelry or other paraphernalia we have on hand at State Grange.

Grange Bucks:

Mary Jane Perry – Twisp Valley #482 1-\$25 Grange Bucks

Our new contest begins January 1, 2025 and runs through December 31, 2025.

Congratulations LaCenter Grange!

Janice Anderson (Clark County Pomona Master) accepts a 150 year recognition plaque for LaCenter Grange, the first Grange in our state to reach 150 consecutive years.



Convention Recap



Rusty Hunt
State Grange Vice President



Claudine Mincks
State Grange Lecturer



Tom Cullen
State Grange Steward



Denise McCartan
State Grange Treasurer



Jarrod Gardner
State Grange Gatekeeper

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(above) Officers Drill

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previously serving as the State Chaplain and State Lady Assistant Steward. She currently serves as her Pomona Grange Chaplain and Subordinate Grange Treasurer.

David Bryant (Elk Plain Grange) moved back to the State Grange Executive Committee. David is a retired state employee who most recently served as the State Vice

President. He previously served as the State Secretary, Treasurer, and as an Executive Committeeman. He is active at the local level as the Subordinate Grange Secretary and Pomona Grange Treasurer.

Debbie Fisch (Bee Hive Grange) will serve as the new State Director of Family Living. Debbie is employed in local government in the Wenatchee area. She moves to her new position after serving as the State Ceres. Debbie is active as the Subordinate Grange Treasurer and has been active for several years in the Family Living program at both the subordinate and Pomona levels.

Other officers reelected this year include: Jonny Pittman

(Moses Lake Grange) as the Assistant Steward; Alexis Kudsk (Haynie Grange) as the Lady Assistant Steward; Carolyn Hojem (Newaukum Grange) as the Chaplain; Isabella Lierman (Horseshoe Grange) as the Secretary; Jordanne Webb (Rimrock Grange) as the Pomona; and Jennifer Oliver (Collins Grange) as the Flora.

Two members of the State Grange Executive Committee, Rick Ferguson (Waitsburg Grange) and Brittney Pittman (Moses Lake Grange) will continue serving in their unexpired positions.

Thank you to our previous state officers for their dedication to the State Grange for the past two years:



Pam Matthews
State Ceres



David Bryant
State Grange Executive Committee



Debbie Fisch
Director of Family Living

2025-2027 Washington State Grange Officers

President:	Tom Gwin
Vice President:	Rusty Hunt
Lecturer:	Claudine Mincks
Steward:	Tom Cullen
Assistant Steward:	Jonathan Pittman
Lady Assistant Steward:	Alexis Kudsk
Chaplin:	Carolyn Hojem
Treasurer:	Denise McCartan
Secretary:	Isabella Lierman
Gatekeeper:	Jarrod Gardner
Ceres:	Pam Mathews
Flora:	Jennifer Oliver
Pomona:	Jordanne Webb
Executive Committee:	Rick Ferguson
Executive Committee:	Brittney Oliver
Executive Committee:	David Bryant
Director of Family Living:	Debbie Fisch

Leslie Wells (Tualco Grange) as Lecturer; Jacob Gwin (Humtulsips Grange) as Steward; Annie Scott (Catlin Grange) as Treasurer; Butch Ogden (Sunnyside Grange) as Gatekeeper; Duane Hamp (Five Mile Prairie Grange) as Executive

Committeeman; and Helen Berg (Sunnyside Grange) as Director of Family Living.

The next full election of State Grange officers will be held in 2027.

WA State Grange Delegates Debate, Vote On Internal Issues

Delegates to the 136th Annual Session debated and voted upon several internal issues aimed at moving the organization forward:

AUDIT & BUDGET:

- The delegates approved the Annual Review of the Washington State Grange Foundation.
- The delegates acknowledge the work of the staff in selecting a local firm to write a new accounting program for use by both the Washington State Grange and the Washington State Grange Foundation.
- The delegates acknowledge the work of the staff in selecting and contracting with an auditing firm to complete the annual reviews of both the WA State Grange and the WA State Grange Foundation.

GRANGE ACTIVITIES:

- Recommended the highlights of the WA State Grange Executive Committee meetings be published in The Grange News.
- Recommended Subordinate and Pomona Granges to update their bylaws using the new bylaws template by the end of 2025.
- Agreed that Granges notify their members of the vote to update their bylaws one time free of charge in The Grange News by the end of 2025.
- Adopted the installation charge for the office of "Director/Chair of Family Living".

GRANGE LAW:

- Adopted the proposed National Grange dues increase of \$6 (second vote on that dues increase will be

in November) and a State Grange dues increase of \$3. This will make the combined state and national dues a total of \$50 beginning in 2026.

- Formalized the 2024 action of the State Grange making the Proceedings of the Annual State Grange Session available on the WA State Grange website (in a pdf format).
- Recommended to change references in the Subordinate Grange Bylaws from "Women's Activities" to "Family Living".
- Recommended that future consolidations of Subordinate Granges be limited to an official singular name.
- Recommended to the National Grange that years of Grange service based on total years rather than continuous years.

Convention Recap

2025 Outcome Of Proposed Resolutions

The delegates to the 2025 State Grange Session voted on 42 proposed resolutions. The outcome of each resolution is as follows:

NUMBER	TITLE	SPONSORING GRANGE	OUTCOME
2025-01-1501	Vehicle Miles Traveled Tax	Whitman Co. Pomona #2	Adopted as Amended
2025-02-1601	Automated & Self-Driving Vehicle Driver Endorsement	Matlock #357	Rejected
2025-03-1301	Saving Time No More	Matlock #357	Rejected
2025-04-1001	Digital Communications Committee	Matlock #357	Rejected
2025-05-1101	Rename Women's Activities to Family Living in Subordinate Grange Bylaws	Matlock #357	Adopted as Amended
2025-06-0101	Hay	Whitman Co. Pomona #2	Adopted as Amended; Sent to National
2025-07-1201	Medical Credit Cards	Issaquah Valley #581	Adopted as Amended; Sent to National
2025-08-0701	Curriculum Mandates by State and Local Government	Horseshoe #965	Adopted; Sent to National
2025-09-1302	Right to Repair	Kellogg Marsh #136	Adopted as Amended; Sent to National
2025-10-1502	Oppose Per Mile Tax	Kellogg Marsh #136	Rejected
2025-11-1303	Social Security Insurance Resource Limits	Kellogg Marsh #136	Adopted as Amended; Sent to National
2025-12-0901	Delisting Grizzly Bears from the Endangered Species Act of 1973	Humptulips #730	Adopted; Sent to National
2025-13-1401	Oppose Ending Vote by Mail	Kellogg Marsh #136	Adopted as Amended
2025-14-1202	Long Term Care Insurance Costs	Clark Co Pomona #1	Adopted as Amended; Sent to National
2025-15-0301	Camp Bonneville	Clark Co. Pomona #1	Rejected
2025-16-1602	Higher-Speed Rail in Washington State	Clark Co. Pomona #1	Adopted as Amended
2025-17-1603	Improving Railroad Passenger Travel in Washington	Clark Co. Pomona #1	Adopted as Amended; Sent to National
2025-18-1304	National Anthem	Pierce Co. Pomona #16	Rejected
2025-19-1102	Subordinate Grange Names	Pierce Co. Pomona #16	Adopted as Amended; Sent to National
2025-20-1002	Director of Family Living Official Installation Charge	Pierce Co. Pomona #16	Adopted
2025-21-1402	Preserving the Initiative Process	Humptulips #730	Adopted as Amended
2025-22-0702	Opposing the Promotion of Ideological Agendas in Public Schools	Clark Co. Pomona #1	Rejected
2025-23-1003	Specifying Subordinate Grange Bylaws Membership Dues	Matlock #357	Rejected
2025-24-1302	Calling on Congress to Balance and Provide a Check on the Executive Branch of the Federal Government	Whatcom Co. Pomona #6	Rejected
2025-25-1604	Standardizing of Seat Belt Buckle Mechanisms	Whatcom Co. Pomona 6	Adopted as Amended; Sent to National
2025-26-1503	Wealth Tax	Whatcom Co. Pomona 6	Adopted as Amended

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2025 Outcome Of Proposed Resolutions

NUMBER	TITLE	SPONSORING GRANGE	OUTCOME
2025-27-1004	The Annual Directory/Roster of the Washington State Grange	Whatcom Co. Pomona 6	Rejected
2025-28-1103	Term of Subordinate Grange Officers	Whatcom Co. Pomona 6	Rejected
2025-29-1306	Raise Social Security Maximum Taxable Earnings	Whatcom Co. Pomona 6	Adopted as Amended; Sent to National
2025-30-1203	The Development of Pill-Form Treatments and Repeal; of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Pill Penalty	Five Mile Prairie #905	Adopted as Amended; Sent to National
2025-31-1204	Pharmacy Benefit Manager Reform	Five Mile Prairie #905	Adopted as Amended; Sent to National
2025-32-1307	Prohibit Social Media Accounts for Minors Under the Age of 18	Barberton #571	Rejected
2025-33-1308	Sports Participation	Barberton #571	Adopted as Amended; Sent to National
2025-34-1205	Insurance Coverage of Infertility Treatment	Moses Lake #1152	Adopted; Sent to National
2025-35-1403	State vs. Federal	Whitman Co. Pomona #2	Rejected
2025-36-1404	Background Checks for Firearms	Moses Lake #1152	Adopted
2025-37-0302	Legislative Priorities Amendment	San Juan Island #966	Rejected
2025-38-0303	Snake River Dams	San Juan Island #966	Rejected
2025-39-1104	Officer Titles	San Juan Island #966	Rejected
2025-40-1105	Retaining Grange Membership Years	St. Andrews #832	Adopted as Amended; Sent to National
State Leg Comm Res #1	Oppose Federal Legislation to Limit Vote by Mail	State Legislative Committee	Adopted; Sent to National
Transportation Comm Res #1	Funding for High-Speed Rail Safety	Transportation Committee	Adopted

The full set of adopted resolutions will appear in the Journal of Proceedings.



Grangers Remembered In Memorial Service

The Annual Memorial Service was held on Sunday, June 29 at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds. State Chaplain Carolyn Hojem coordinated the service. She lined up Pastor BJ Kuykendoll to speak and provide

inspiration to the attendees. Music was provided by Chris and Kaitlyn Guenther.

State Grange Officers eulogized the Past State Officers, Deputy Masters, and Spouses who passed on to the Great Grange Above over the past year. Eulogies were read for:

- Mary Jane Fox – past Lewis County Deputy
- Al Harrington – past Cowlitz County Deputy
- Carole Lee Kraemer – spouse of past Lewis County Deputy
- Patricia Major – past Island County Deputy
- Verna Rosenberg – spouse of past Stevens County Deputy

- Betty Schumacher – past State Musician
- William “Bill” Weiss – past State Officer and Spokane County Deputy
- Lynn Wells – past Stevens County Deputy

In addition to the eulogies, the names of 27 Past Grange Masters and/or Spouses were read aloud during the service. Music was provided by State Grange musician Dr. Jim Ogden.



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Delegates Debate And Take Action On A Wide Range Of Subjects

The delegates to the Annual State Grange Session debated numerous subjects. Highlights of these actions are as follows:

AGRICULTURE

➤ We urge the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) to include hay as a program commodity crop in the next USDA Agriculture Farm bill.

CONSERVATION & ECOLOGY

➤ We reaffirmed our opposition to the removal of the four Lower Snake River Dams.

EDUCATION

➤ We believe the ability to maintain and regulate curriculum should remain a local and state responsibility regardless of the funding source. We oppose any attempt by the federal government to use federal funding or lack thereof as a means to mandate or regulate curriculum.

FISH & WILDLIFE

➤ We support legislation advocating for the delisting of the Grizzly Bear, *Ursus arctos horribilis*, from the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

HEALTH, HEALTH CARE & SAFETY

➤ We support legislation that requires the patient fill out a credit application prior to any procedures to be paid for with credit, while not under anesthesia and the application not be completed by provider without the patient's knowledge or consent.

➤ We believe legislation should be enacted to limit the amount of increase in premium an insurance company can apply to a long-term care insurance policy per the entire class of customers opposed to a rate increase based on an individual insurance age or health. We further believe all long-term care insurance policies should

include a buyout option that would allow a client an option to use the premium paid to date to be applied to a paid-up policy.

➤ We support the development and accessibility of pill-form medications as a critical component of modern medicine and rural healthcare access. We urge Congress to amend or repeal the provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act that create a disincentive for the development of pill-form medications, ensuring equitable support for all drug delivery methods in federal pricing policy.

➤ The Grange will advocate for complete transparency and accurate accountability within the pharmacy benefit manager system to lower prescription drug prices for patients and to assure survival of our local pharmacies in rural communities.

➤ We support legislation that mandates insurance companies

to offer coverage of infertility treatments.

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE

➤ We support legislation ensuring the consumers' right to repair their items with the repair service of their choice, including going outside of the original manufacturer or dealership.

➤ We National Grange lobby to have the Social Security taxable earnings threshold raised to \$600,000 with an annual adjustment for inflation.

➤ We support legislation raising the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) resource limit.

➤ We believe the Social Security taxable earnings threshold be raised to \$600,000 with an annual adjustment for inflation.

➤ We oppose biological males in female sports,

➤ We oppose federal legislation forcing an end to vote by mail or creating undue burdens to access vote by mail. We further believe the use of vote by mail remains a decision of each individual state.

TAXATION & FISCAL POLICY

➤ We oppose any vehicle miles traveled tax.

➤ We oppose a "Wealth Tax" in the State of Washington.

TRANSPORTATION

➤ We urge the State of Washington to use the definition as defined by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) of High-Speed Rail (trains that can travel over 110 mph) and Higher Speed Rail (trains that can travel up to 110 mph) to clarify the definition of the terms.

➤ We ask the National Grange to support the enforcement of passenger trains receiving priority over freight trains on shared tracks across the nation.

➤ We recommend standardization of seal belt buckle mechanism operations.

➤ We encourage the State of Washington to use a portion of the allocated funds to include research of the estimated cost of creating a high-speed railroad track between Portland OR and Seattle WA as a first phase to start the transition from current passenger train travel on separate tracks.

STATE LEGISLATIVE

➤ We oppose legislation reverting Washington to in-person voting.

➤ We oppose legislation which could limit the Washington State citizens of their right to express their desires through the initiative and referendum filing process.

➤ We urge Washington State to return to solely utilizing the National Instant Criminal Background Check Program (NICS) for firearm purchases, with the eligibility of purchase and immediate possession determined at the point of sale.

Degree Teams



(above) The Fifth Degree Team, comprised of members from the Southwest District



(above) The Sixth Degree Team of State Grange Officers

BBQ Time!



State Grange Officers hosted the BBQ Picnic by cooking, cutting, slicing, and serving the dinner

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Lucille Bevis And Davona Gwin Each Presented With 2025 Grange Leadership Award

With the 2021 State Grange Session canceled due to Covid, the State Grange presented two leadership awards this year. The awards were presented to Lucille Bevis and Davona Gwin. Both longtime active Grange members.

Lucille Bevis is one of the recipients of the 2025 Washington State Grange Leadership Award. Originally from New York, Lucille joined Elmira Grange. She served in numerous offices, including Junior Grange Deputy, County Deputy, and State Grange Flora. Lucille moved to Washington in 2000, where she joined Centerville Grange #81 and affiliated with Goldendale Grange #49. Lucille attended her first Washington State Grange Convention in 2000 and was quickly appointed to be the Deputy State Master for Klickitat County. She served as the Klickitat County Deputy for 25 years, before retiring last winter. She has held numerous offices in the Subordinate and Pomona Granges, including Pomona Master for several years. Lucille can still be called upon to provide guidance and a clear mind on all issues Grange!

Davona Gwin is a 54 year member of Humptulips Grange. As a child, she recalls attending the meetings of Quinalt Grange with her grandmother. Davona was part of a group of "young" people that joined Humptulips Grange in 1971 after years of sparse

activity. A fourth generation Grange member, she became the Subordinate Grange Master in 1974 and quickly became active in the Pomona Grange. Her area of interest was the Women's Activities Department, where she was the Pomona CWA, later becoming the Northwest District Director of Women's Activities for 14 years. She was elected to be the State Director of Women's Activities in 2007. She has served as the Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Master sporadically for 12 years and been on several State Grange Committees. She was the Hospitality Committee Chair for the National Grange Convention in 2007 (Reno), 2012 (Boise), and 2017 (Spokane).

The awards were presented at the annual convention on Saturday, June 28. Both recipients were escorted to the President's station where they graciously accepted the honor and provided numerous words of wisdom from their Grange involvement.

In announcing the awards, State President Tom Gwin stated, "Both Lucille and Davona are to be commended for the mentoring they have provided to Grangers from the local up through the state level is unparalleled. They are truly deserving of this honor."

The State Grange Leadership Award, presented annually since 1957, is the highest honor accorded by the Washington State Grange.



(Top) Davona Gwin and Lucille Bevis, 2025 Leadership Award recipients. (Middle) Lucille Bevis with the delegation from Centerville Grange #81. (Bottom) Davona Gwin with her family from Humptulips Grange #730.

Session Testimonial

June 29, 2025

Worthy President Tom Gwin and fellow Grange brothers and sisters,

I wish to express my deep gratitude for the past 5 days of this convention.

First, to worthy President Tom Gwin and National Grange President Christine Hamp, and National Grange Steward Chris Johnston, and all the rest of the state leadership for their kindness and professionalism in guidance of this organization.

This was my first convention, and I am a very new Grange member, so much of the business and ceremony of this was new to me.

I really appreciated the constant kindness and help and respect extended to me by all, especially Bekki Weston for sitting next to me and regularly clarifying and explaining both process and ritual. It all goes pretty fast, so this was of great help!

The main purpose of the State Convention is to allow members to discuss, debate and establish our organization's legislative priorities for the coming year, as well as share, strategize and develop ideas for local Grange community activities. What really impressed me here was seeing and participating with such a dedicated fellowship of citizens who have decades together- in some cases, generations even- sustaining and nurturing their local communities, creating opportunity, and most importantly, making their collective voices heard in the service of civic duty.

We live in a participatory democracy, and your collective service to the ideals of our Constitution and Nation are exemplary. This is especially true in that advocacy for rural populations and patrons of husbandry interests is often an uphill struggle in a political system dominated by the overwhelming power of urban areas.

In your work and fellowship this week, you helped me better understand these interests, and helped me feel even more proud to know you, and count myself a Granger.

In Faith, Hope, Charity and with Fidelity, Thank you.

-- Andy Snow, Rome Grange President



GROW Club Members present at the session

The Grange Exchange

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

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

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

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

Ad copy (or attach copy):

No. words _____ @ rate \$ _____ x # months _____ = \$ _____ (enclosed)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

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Convention Live Auction Results

As many of you know, the Silent and Live Auctions at Convention are used to raise funds that support the activities of the Junior, Youth, Family Living and Lecturer Departments throughout the year. This year's Live Auction, held after the State Officer "cooked" the Barbecue, was a great success. Our auctioneer Kelly Jensen proved why the host area was so excited when he agreed to help us out. His wife was also a huge help with keeping track of the winning bid numbers and amounts.

Once again, our visitors from Montana brought some jewelry from Montana Silversmiths for our auction, the proceeds of which were divided equally between the four departments.

During the Sunday closing session, Steve Hall passed his hat and again, our members were more than generous donating an additional \$1005.00.

Speaking of amounts...both of these activities resulted in the following for each department (including any credit card surcharges):

Juniors: \$2164.75 Family Living: \$2164.75
Youth: \$4174.75 Lecturer: \$2265.75

Unfortunately, I don't have all the results of the individual Department's Silent Auctions but can share that for the Lecturer Department your bids totaled \$581.00. Again, we thank you for your participation and donations to our departments.



Helen Gardner with the Pendleton Wool Blanket from the Live Auction

Quilts of Valor



Quilts of Valor presentation and display at the convention



Grange Volunteer of the Year Awards: Beverly McGuire of Barberton Grange and Bruce Bolme of Mountain View Grange.



WSG Community Service Awards June 2025

The Community Service Contest is sponsored by the Washington State Grange Foundation, the Washington State Grange, and the National Grange. There are two classes for this contest, based upon the membership of the Subordinate Grange. The classes are Class 1 – Subordinate Granges with 40 or less members; and Class 2 – Subordinate Granges with 41 or more and all Pomona Granges. The reporting period for this award began on June 1, 2024, and ended on May 31, 2025. Judging is focused on the projects initiated by a Grange, rather than following the leadership of other groups. The judges evaluated the impact the Grange had on its local community. 24 Granges out of 214 Granges submitted their yearly Community Service Reports for judging and the panel awarded the following WSG Awards.

Under 40 Members

1. North River Grange #946 – Well-rounded community involvement.
2. Horseshoe Grange #965 – Partnership with schools in their community.
3. McLane Grange #383 – Variety of community service projects.
4. Samish Valley Grange #926 – Community service motto with strong follow through.

Over 41 Members

1. Barberton Grange #571 – Well-rounded community involvement level.
2. Happy Valley Grange #322 – Interesting community service project that grew.
3. Five Mile Prairie Grange #905 – Focused on community service events to draw in.
4. Oakview Grange #311 – Community service projects to keep youth in Grange.

Grange Member Volunteer Recognition

- Beverly McGuire from Barberton Grange #571 – read tribute
- Bruce Bolme from Mt View Grange #98 – read tribute

Volunteer Group Recognition

- Lewis County ABATE by Oakview Grange # 311 – read tribute

Junior Grange Recognition

- Humptulips Junior Grange #376 – Junior Department to award

Alice Coakly & Lark Schwartz

➤ A HUGE thank you to two ladies, Alice Coakly and Lark Schwartz, who collected all the Keep WA Warm, Personal Care Items, and School Supplies, at the convention and then distributed them to various shelters, schools, and centers around SW Washington Counties. There were 514 pairs of socks, 14 coats, 193 hats, 48 scarves, 40 mittens, 23 headbands, 2 throws, 2 vests, 9 slippers, 63 eyeglasses, 59 eyeglass cases, 3 prescription lens, 63.3 lbs of personal care items, and loads of school supplies, that were collected by 24 Washington State Granges!

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Lecturer's Department

2025 Lecturer Contest Results

2025 STATE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Total entries pre-submitted: 277 Total entries received/judged: 254

GROUP I - Adults, age 20 and over

Best of Show: \$50	Kathy Brumfield	Sharon #800	Grays Harbor/ Pacific #28 Thurston #8
2nd Best of Show: \$25	Jennifer Taylor	Brighton Park #163	
Best of Class Winners:			
A. Scenic Photo	Carolyn Hojem	Newaukum #198	Lewis #3
B. Washington My Home	Jenny Vincent	East Hill #786	King #13
C. Animals/Pets	Mike Ohlsen	Tualco #284	Snohomish #12
D. Birds	Lloyd Wilbur	Elk Plain #782	Pierce #16
E. People	Patti Tuller	Washington #82	Clark #1
F. Portraiture	Kathy Brumfield	Sharon #800	Grays Harbor/ Pacific #28
G. Historical	Chris Hamp	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
H. Agriculture and Farming	Denny Lippert	Camden #687	Pend Oreille #29
I. Celebration	Jennifer Webb	Rimrock #941	Whitman #2
J. Water	Lew Gaskill	Ten Mile #399	Whatcom #6
K. Flora	Vickie Gilmour	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
L. Winter	Jennifer Taylor	Brighton Park #163	Thurston #8
M. Spring	Rebecca Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
N. Summer	Kathy Brumfield	Sharon #800	Grays Harbor/ Pacific #28
O. Autumn/Fall	Debi Brooks	Ten Mile #399	Whatcom #6
P. Insects & Bugs	Tena Hedges	Catlin #199	Cowlitz #7
Q. Grange Activities	Vickie Gilmour	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
R. Recreational Activities	Chad Sweitzer	Matlock #357	Thurston #8
S. Lines, Shapes or Forms	Elizabeth Hogan	Crescent #1123	Clallam #31
T. Transportation	Kellogg Marsh #136	Snohomish #12	Snohomish #12
U. General Interest	Brenda Ohlsen	Tualco #284	Pierce #16
V. Manipulated Photo	Lloyd Wilbur	Elk Plain #782	

GROUP II - Youth, ages 14-19

Best of Show: \$25	Martin Taylor	Brighton Park #163	Thurston #8
2nd Best of Show: \$15	Jacob Smith	Humtulsips #730	Grays Harbor/ Pacific #28
Best of Class Winners:			
BA. Scenic Photo	Laura Kline	Prospect Point #1067	Columbia #56
BB. Animals/Pets	Brighton Park #163	Thurston #8	Thurston #8
BC. People	Jacob Smith	Humtulsips #730	Grays Harbor/ Pacific #28
BD. Food	Lauren Rohde	Waitsburg #1	Columbia #56
BE. General Interest	Martin Taylor	Brighton Park #163	Thurston #8
BF. Grange Activities	Jacob Smith	Humtulsips #730	Grays Harbor/ Pacific #28
BG. Water	Jacob Smith	Humtulsips #730	Grays Harbor/ Pacific #28
BH. Flora	Jacob Smith	Humtulsips #730	Grays Harbor/ Pacific #28
BI. Recreational Activities	Jacob Smith	Humtulsips #730	Grays Harbor/ Pacific #28
BJ. Manipulated Photo	*****No Entries*****		

GROUP III - Juniors, ages 5-13

Best of Show: \$25	Donna Kennedy	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
2nd Best of Show: \$15	Collin Taylor	Brighton Park #163	Thurston #8
Best of Class Winners:			
CA. Scenic Photo	Kamryn Cable	Humtulsips #730	Grays Harbor/ Pacific #28
CB. Animals	Donna Kennedy	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
CC. People	*****No Entries*****		
CD. Food	Collin Taylor	Brighton Park #163	Thurston #8
CE. General Interest	Kamryn Cable	Humtulsips #730	Grays Harbor/ Pacific #28
CF. Grange Activities	*****No Entries*****		
CG. Water	Donna Kennedy	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
CH. Flora	Donna Kennedy	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
CI. Pets	*****No Entries*****		

Lecturer's Department

2025 Lecturer Contest Results

2025 ARTS & CRAFTS CONTEST

Total entries pre-submitted: 260

Total entries received/judged: 214

Group A - Paintings and Drawings, Adults, ages 14 and over

Best of Show: \$50	Jim Beerbower	Sharon #800	Grays Harbor/ Pacific #28
2nd Best of Show: \$25	Willow Cox	Molson #1069	Okanogan #53
Best of Class Winners:			
A-1 Oils	Janice Johnson	Kellog Marsh #136	Snohomish #12
A-2 Acrylics	Willow Cox	Molson #1069	Okanogan #53
A-3 Watercolors	Jim Beerbower	Sharon #800	Grays Harbor/ Pacific #28
A-4 Mixed Medium	Cheryl Britton	Central #831	Spokane #4
A-5 Drawings - Any Medium	Lucy Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
A-6 Miniature - Any Medium	Mary Lee Rozelle	Camden #687	Pend Oreille #29
A-7 Other	Dianne George	Kellog Marsh #136	Snohomish #12

Group B - Fiber Craft/Needle Arts, Adults, ages 14 and over

Best of Show: \$50	Janine Kay	Green Bluff #300	Spokane #4
2nd Best of Show: \$25	Becky Escobar	Oakview #311	Lewis #3
Best of Class Winners:			
B-1 Weaving	Becky Escobar	Oakview #311	Lewis #3
B-2 Embroidery, Hand	Lois Cummins	Fertile Valley #1094	Pend Oreille #29
B-3 Knit, any item	Betty Reed	Williams Valley #452	Excelsior #37
B-4 Crochet, any item	Becky Escobar	Oakview #311	Lewis #3
B-5 Counted Cross Stitch (Framed)	Janine Kay	Green Bluff #300	Spokane #4
B-6 Counted Cross Stitch (Unframed)	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/ Pacific #28
B-7 Plastic Canvas	Sherry Cummins	Fertile Valley #1094	Pend Oreille #29
B-8 Other Fiber Craft	*****Not Recorded*****		
B-9 Other Needle Art	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/ Pacific #28

Group C - Holiday Crafts, Adults, ages 14 and over

Best of Show: \$50	Rodger Lance	Washington #82	Clark #1
2nd Best of Show: \$25	Steve Tjarnberg	Terrace Heights #586	Yakima Valley #11
Best of Class Winners:			
C-1 Christmas Ornament	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/ Pacific #28
C-2 Christmas Decorations	Steve Tjarnberg	Terrace Heights #586	Yakima Valley #11
C-3 Thanksgiving Decorations	*****No Entries*****		
C-4 Halloween Decorations	Rodger Lance	Washington #82	Clark #1
C-5 Other Holiday Decorations	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/ Pacific #28
C-6 Non-Holiday Decorations	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/ Pacific #28
C-7 Seasonal Decorations	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/ Pacific #28
C-8 Other Celebration Décor	Debbie Riegel-Yates	Rexville #815	Skagit #10

Group D - Wood Crafts, Adults, ages 14 and over

Best of Show: \$50	Denis Gamache	Terrace Heights #586	Yakima Valley #11
2nd Best of Show: \$25	Julia Chege	East Hill #786	King #13
Best of Class Winners:			
D-1 Woodworking (with a finish)	Denis Gamache	Terrace Heights #586	Yakima Valley #11
D-2 Woodworking (w/o a finish)	Rodger Lance	Washington #82	Clark #1
D-3 Wood Birdhouse	Karri Marsh	McMillin #848	Pierce #16
D-4 Wooden Toy	*****No Entries*****		
D-5 Any Woodworking Item	Marvin Oliver	Collins #893	Pierce #16
D-6 Other Wooden Item	Julia Chege	East Hill #786	King #13

Group E - Recycled Crafts, Adults, age 14 and over

Best of Show: \$50	Jodi Ann Cameron	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
2nd Best of Show: \$25	Lily Oswalt	Moses Lake #1151	Grant #59
Best of Class Winners:			
E-1 Recycled Fabric/Fiber	Lily Oswalt	Moses Lake #1151	Grant #59
E-2 Recycled Wood	Hannah Patching	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
E-3 Recycled Metal	Jodi Ann Cameron	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
E-4 Recycled Plastic	Syn Omega	Matlock #357	Mason #20
E-5 Recycled from Any Other Item	Chria Hamp	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4

Group F - Constructive Crafts, Adults, age 14 and over

Best of Show: \$50	Ted Vander Hauwen	Lower Naches #296	Yakima Valley #11
2nd Best of Show: \$25	Steve Dalton	Horseshoe #965	Snohomish #12
Best of Class Winners:			
F-1 Glass Craft	Adrona McClellan	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
F-2 Metal Craft	Chase Metzger	Long Beach #667	Grays Harbor/ Pacific #28
F-3 Sculpted Clay/Pottery	Steve Dalton	Garden City #280	Snohomish #12

F-4 Yard Art	*****No Entries*****		
F-5 Ceramics, any item	*****No Entries*****		
F-6 Leather Craft	Ted Vander Hauwen	Lower Naches #296	Yakima Valley #11
F-7 Other Constructive Craft	Debi Tusken	Williams Valley #452	Excelsior #37

Group G - Paper Crafts, Adults, age 14 and over

Best of Show: \$50	April Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
2nd Best of Show: \$25	Michelle Nicolson	Camden #687	Pend Oreille #29
Best of Class Winners:			
G-1 Handmade Card (holiday)	Michelle Nicolson	Camden #687	Pend Oreille #29
G-2 Handmade Card (all occ)	Michelle Nicolson	Camden #687	Pend Oreille #29
G-3 Origami	*****No Entries*****		
G-4 Quilling	April Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
G-5 Adult Coloring	April Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
G-6 Other Paper Craft Item	April Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4

Group H - General Crafts, Adult, Ages 14 and over

Best of Show: \$50	Cheryl Britton	Central #831	Spokane #4
2nd Best of Show: \$25	Lloyd Misnar	East Hill #786	King #13
Best of Class Winners:			
H-1 Beading	Nadra Betcher	Molson #1069	Okanogan #53
H-2 Jewelry	Jane Hutchison	Selah Heights #608	Yakima Valley #11
H-3 Decorative Painting	Cheryl Britton	Central #831	Spokane #4
H-4 Wearable Art	Tracey Brownrigg	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/ Pacific #28
H-5 Toys (other than wood)	Lucy Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
H-6 Nature Craft	Davona Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/ Pacific #28
H-7 Flower Arrangement/ Corsage (dried or silk)	Debbie Riegel-Yates	Rexville #815	Skagit #10
H-8 String, Cord, or Macrame	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/ Pacific #28
H-9 Other General Craft Item	Lloyd Misnar	East Hill #786	King #13

Group I - Grange Promotional Art/Craft, Ages 14 and over

Best of Show: \$50	Janice Anderson	Washington #82	Clark #1
2nd Best of Show: \$25	Ralph Rise	Molson #1069	Okanogan #53
Best of Class Winners:			
I-1 Grange Promo Brochure	Chris Harris	East Hill #786	King #13
I-2 Grange Event Flyer	Connie Hauver	Terrace Heights #586	Yakima Valley #11
I-3 Posters	South Union	South Union	Thurston #8
I-4 Grange Promo T-Shirt Or Vest	Grange #860	Grange #860	
I-5 Other Grange Promo Art/Craft Items	Janice Anderson	Washington #82	Clark #1

Group J - Arts & Crafts, Children, Ages 10-13

Best of Show: \$25	Byron Boshart	Prospect Point #1067	Columbia #56
2nd Best of Show: \$15	Ella Sargeant	Camden #687	Pend Oreille #29
Best of Class Winners:			
J-1 Paintings	Ella Sargeant	Camden #687	Pend Oreille #29
J-2 Drawings	Tristan McClellan	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
J-3 Lego Item - from a Kit	Donna Kennedy	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
J-4 Lego Item - not a Kit	Colt Sinkbeil	Waitsburg #1	Columbia #56
J-5 Woodcrafts	Byron Boshart	Prospect Point #1067	Columbia #56
J-6 Fabric/Fiber Craft	Donna Kennedy	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
J-7 Paper Craft	*****Not Recorded*****		
J-8 Decorations	Donna Kennedy	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
J-9 Wearable Art	Donna Kennedy	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
J-10 Any Item made from a Kit - Other than Legos	Truman Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
J-11 Other Arts & Craft Items	Byron Boshart	Prospect Point #1067	Columbia #56

Group K - Arts & Crafts, Children, Ages 5-9

Best of Show: \$25	Addy Wilcox	Molson #1069	Okanogan #53
2nd Best of Show: \$15	Teagan Gilmour	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
Best of Class Winners:			
K-1 Paintings	Addy Wilcox	Molson #1069	Okanogan #53
K-2 Drawings	Rhinnon Kemano	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
K-3 Lego Item - from a Kit	Declan Kemano	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
K-4 Lego Item - not from a Kit	*****No Entries*****		
K-5 Woodcrafts	Teagan Gilmour	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
K-6 Fabric/Fiber Craft	Garrett Thorson	Prospect Point #1067	Columbia #56
K-7 Paper Crafts	*****No Entries*****		
K-8 Decorations	James Stinebaugh	Prospect Point #1067	Columbia #56
K-9 Wearable Art	Gracyon Payne	Waitsburg #1	Columbia #56
K-10 Any Item made from a Kit - Other than Lego	Weston Sinkbeil	Waitsburg #1	Columbia #56
K-11 Other Arts & Crafts Item	Addy Wilcox	Molson #1069	Okanogan #53

Lecturer's Department

Convention Contests Wrap-Up & More

By Claudine Mincks
State Grange Lecturer

If you missed this year's state convention then you missed a week of great weather, engaging workshops, informative legislation, delicious food, lovely contest displays, members comradeship, lively auctions, officer elections, and so much more. Please make sure to mark next year's convention

down on the calendar now so you don't miss out!

Most of you wouldn't consider me a stranger as last year I served as WSG Community Service Director. I had the delightful opportunity to meet a great deal of you, from all over the state, face to face at convention. My name is new to Lecturer as I was elected for the next two-year term at convention. I'm looking forward to the new

responsibilities.

First and foremost, I would like to thank Leslie Jo Wells for her commitment to the Lecturer's program at WSG for the past many terms. She is not only a kind soul but has put her heart and soul into the Lecturer's program. It's an honor that she has put her trust in me to continue in her footsteps. Thank you, Leslie! I would also like to

offer a big heartfelt thank you to her committee and those that stepped up to help at convention in set up, judging, tearing down, and welcoming me. It takes a village or in this instance a large family of fellow Grangers to get the tasks at hand done, and done well, THANK YOU!

Fellow WSG members, my pledge to you as I take on my new responsibilities as your state Lecturer, is that I will serve with the grace and humility of which I pray to God to bless me with each day. You'll find that as I facilitate these new duties I will adhere to the office of Lecturer as stated in the Guidelines for Grange Leaders.

Tidbits I have taken notice of but not limited to are: "... primarily keeping in mind that the Lecturer is the educator of members, the subject of programs should be informative and suitable for all ages...fun activities and entertainment are to be included when appropriate...get to know your

members... what they like, how they'd be willing to participate... what isn't working or desirable but recognizing that not every program will delight everyone...it's a personal privilege to encourage people to share talents and ideas, thus developing the abilities of others... acknowledging when changes are needed for whatever reason..."

My intention is to take the opportunity to learn from each of you while helping you to continuing a Lecturer's department that is both enlightening and rewarding, with growth and enjoyment for all ages. I have already been welcomed to a few WSG county Pomona's to do just that, and I plan on visiting the rest throughout the coming year, or any subordinate Grange that would like me to. Feel free to contact me anytime. Thank you for allowing me to serve you as your new Lecturer.



Claudine Mincks

Heirloom Project Readings

August, September & October 2025

AUGUST 2025: "Do good, hoping for nothing in return, and your reward shall be great. Love one another."
(Second Degree; Chaplain)

SEPTEMBER 2025: "We shall advance the cause of education by all just means within our power."
(Grange Declaration of Purposes)

OCTOBER 2025: "We emphatically and sincerely assert the oft-repeated truth taught in our Constitutional Law, that the Grange—National, State, Pomona, or Subordinate—is not a partisan or party organization. The principles we teach underlie all true statesmanship, and if properly carried out, will tend to purify the whole political atmosphere of our country; for we seek the greatest good to the greatest number."
(Grange Declaration of Purposes)

Lecturer's Department 2025 Convention Photos



2024/2025 Outstanding Lecturers

Pomona

Brenda Lester
Clark County Pomona #1

Tom Gwin
Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona #28

Subordinate

Jim McGinty
Camden #687

Steve Singhose
Crescent #1123

Valerie Gibson
Fruitland #999

Joanie Raymond
Molson #1069

Beverly York
South Union #860

Lorell Fisher
Stranger Creek #374

Patti Tuller
Washington #82

Spotlight on Youth & Juniors



Youth

Convention Thank Yous And Youth Award Winners

By Jerry Gwin
Youth Grange Director

Thank you to all those who worked with the youth department at our recent state session. Thank you to our new Youth Team Member, Brittney Gordon, for her work with the youth at this year's session.

This was our third year for the Youth Educational Poster Contest. Our entries were down, primarily to the convention location. The posters were evaluated and ribbons awarded. Cash prizes were awarded to the top posters. Thank you to Terry Ferguson and Toni Blanchard for coordinating the contest this year.

The Livestock Judging Contest was canceled and will now be held on Friday, September 12 in conjunction with the Othello Fair. The Othello Fair Livestock Committee was generous to allow our participation. Participants will have to pay fair admission. You will then be reimbursed after completing the contest.

We also owe a big thank you to those who supported the youth department by purchasing tickets for our annual raffle. The support is universal across the state. We also thank those who donated items for the live and silent auctions. Your generosity will allow us to continue providing opportunities for our Youth Grangers to grow and learn.

A summary of youth awards is as follows:

YOUTH BOOSTERS OF THE YEAR

Marvin & Jennifer Oliver – Collins #893

PIZZAZZ AWARD

Lauren Rohde, Waitsburg #1
Keyalei Compton, Mossyrock #355

PUBLIC SPEAKING – PREPARED SPEECHES

- First Place, ages 14-20 (tie) – Lauren Rohde, Waitsburg #1, and Gideon Jones, Five Mile Prairie #905
- First Place, age 31 and over – Heather Ferguson, Waitsburg #1

PUBLIC SPEAKING – IMPROMPTU

- First Place, ages 14-20 – Lauren Rohde, Waitsburg #1
- Second Place, ages 14-20 – Melissa Kudsk, Haynie #169

- Third Place, ages 14-20 – Keyalei Compton, Mossyrock #355
- First Place, ages 21-30 – Brittney Gordon, Rimrock #941
- Second Place, ages 21-30 – Sheyenne Koen, Kellogg Marsh #136
- First Place, age 31 and over – Heather Ferguson, Waitsburg #1, and Andy Barth, East Wenatchee #1012
- Second Place, age 31 and over – Mary Brouillard, South Union #860
- Third Place, age 31 and over – Rick Ferguson, Waitsburg #1

YOUTH EDUCATIONAL POSTERS

Animal Science – Ages 5-7

- First Place – Faustina Boshart, Prospect Point #1067
- Second Place – Asheley Juchetta, Moses Lake #1151

Animal Science – Ages 8-10

- First Place – Garrett Thorson, Prospect Point #1067
- Second Place – Owen Boshart, Prospect Point #1067
- Third Place – Maggie Winona, Prospect Point #1067

Animal Science – Ages 11-13

- First Place – Byron Boshart, Prospect Point #1067
- Second Place – Shelby Manderville, Moses Lake #1151
- Third Place – David Williams, Moses Lake #1151

Animal Science – Ages 14-19

- First Place – Cheyenne Boshart, Prospect Point #1067
- Second Place – Jacob Bauder, Fargher Lake #853
- Third Place – Lila Sackmann, Moses Lake #1151

Plant Science – Ages 8-10

- First Place – Jenna Meats, Fargher Lake #853



Jerry Gwin

Youth Convention Memories



Youth Ambassador Melissa Kudsk



Youth Boosters of the Year - Marvin & Jennifer Oliver



Display of Youth Educational Posters



Youth Drill Team



Youth and Junior Bowling Event

Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Scholarship Winners

State Grange Scholarship Award recipients were recognized at the Convention's Annual Celebration Banquet:



Nickolas Bowdish of Centerville Grange



Maya Hankins of Mossyrock Grange



Melissa Kidsk of Hayne Grange

Junior Convention Memories



Juniors and Youth served up the ice cream and topping at the Junior Grange Ice Cream Social



Junior Grange Awards



Junior Grange entries on display



State Grange officers celebrate Junior Grange Red Tennis Show Day

Junior Connection

Camp Morehead Junior Grange

Camp Morehead Junior Grange held their summer day camp at the Humptulips Grange Hall. Campers learned to make sauerkraut in a jar, homemade pasta noodles, and fruit leather. In addition to a variety of craft projects, the kids got to try archery. On the final day of the camp, they visited the Ocean Shores Interpretive Center and had a picnic at the beach.

Humptulips Junior Grange

Humptulips Junior Grangers created a display for the Cowlitz and Grays Harbor County Fairs. Members also manned the "Kids Coloring Corner" at the Grays Harbor Fair. Junior Grange members had over 200 exhibits in the Junior Grange Department at the county fair.

National Grange Youth And Juniors Deadlines

SEPTEMBER 1

- 2025 Junior Grange Service Project: Coastal Clean-Up (Juniors)
- Ag Awareness Award Submissions (Juniors)
- Cape of Honor (Juniors)
- Creative Art Contest (Juniors)
- Creative Writing Contest (Juniors/Youth)
- Design-A-Program Contest (Youth)
- G.R.O.W. Club Travel Scholarship (Youth)
- Junior Mentor Award (Juniors/Youth)
- National Grange Junior Mentor Award (Youth)
- National Junior Grange Ambassador Program (Juniors)
- Public Speaking Contest (Youth)

- Sign-A-Contest (Youth)
- State Distinguished Youth Program (Youth)
- Sticker Design Contest (Youth)
- Social Media Reels Contest (Youth)
- Virtual Photo Contest (Juniors/Youth)
- Wib & June Justi Community Service Award (Youth)

OCTOBER 1

- Ocean Farm Journey Placemat Contest - Theme: Ocean Agriculture (Juniors)
- Junior Grange Community Service Project (Through the National Grange Community Service Department) (Juniors)

Home & Family

2025 Family Living Contest Results

WHEAT GROWERS AWARD

Adult – Susan Baughman, BeeHive Grange #385, Chelan County #23
Juniors 2 Ages 9-14 – Morgan Arthur, Humptulips #730, Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Juniors 2 Ages 9-14 – Donna Kennedy, Fargher Lake #853, Clark #1

GROUP 1 BAKING CONTESTS – ADULTS AGES OVER 19

Best of Show – Susan Baughman, BeeHive Grange #385, Chelan Co #23
Second Best of Show – Dianne Johnson, McLane Grange #383, Thurston Co #8
Second Best of Show – Marlys Arthur, Humptulips #730, Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Yeast Breads	Susan Baughman	BeeHive #385	Chelan #23
Quick Breads	Carol Brent	Rose Valley #953	Cowlitz #7
Quick Bread, Muffins	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Sourdough Bread & Rolls	Lillie Savage	Olympic View #774	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Frosted Cakes	Carol Brent	Rose Valley #953	Cowlitz #7
Frosted Cupcakes	Tyler Boyce	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
Other	Lora Eckert	Tenmile #399	Whatcom #6
Cookies, Baked	Dianne Johnson	McLane #383	Thurston #8
Cookies, Gluten Free	Karen Crombie	Edgewood #266	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Cookies, Gluten Free	Marlys Arthur	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Bars, Brownies	Lisa Harner	Olympic View #774	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Bars, Other	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

BAKING CONTEST – JUNIOR I AGES 5-8

Best of Show – Collen Taylor, Brighton Park #163, Thurston #8
Second Best of Show – Lena Gilmour, Fargher Lake #853, Clark #1

First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Frosted Cupcakes	Lena Gilmour	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
Cookies, Baked	Sophie Griffith	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
Cookies, Cake Mix	Collen Taylor	Brighton Park #163	Thurston #8

BAKING CONTEST – JUNIOR 2 AGES 9-13

Best of Show – Morgan Arthur, Humptulips #730, Gray's Harbor/Pacific #28
Second Best of Show – Donna Kennedy, Fargher Lake #853, Clark #1

First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Cookies, Baked	Morgan Arthur	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Cookies, Non-Baked	Martin Taylor	Brighton Park #163	Thurston #8
Cookies, Cake Mix	Elizabeth Entrop	Marion #276	Pierce #16
Bars, Brownies	Morgan Arthur	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Bars, Other	Donna Kennedy	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1

GROUP 2 CANDY – ADULTS

Best of Show – Becky Meats, Fargher Lake #853, Clark #1
Second Best of Show – Eve Rogers, Fruitland #999, Pierce #16

First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Candy, Cooked	Eve Rogers	Fruitland Lake #999	Pierce #16
Candy, Uncooked	Becky Meats	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1

GROUP 2 CANDY – YOUTH AGES 14-19

Best of Show – Aiyana Hann, Fern Prairie #866, Clark #1

First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Candy, Cooked	Aiyana Hann	Fern Prairie #866	Clark #1

GROUP 2 CANDY – JUNIOR 1 AGES 5-8

Best of Show – Pearle Hanson, Marian #276, Pierce #16

First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Candy, Uncooked	Pearle Hanson	Marion #276	Pierce #16

GROUP 2 CANDY – JUNIOR 2 AGES 9-13

Best of Show – Donna Kennedy, Fargher Lake #853, Clark #1

First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Candy, Cooked	Donna Kennedy	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1

GROUP 3 FOOD PRESERVATION – ADULTS

Best of Show – Tom Gwin, Humptulips #730, Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Second Best of Show – Gary Kimura, Cedar Valley #306, Snohomish #12

First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Fruits	Barbara Wilburn	Catlin #199	Cowlitz #7
Vegetables	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Jams, Jellies, & Preserves	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Meat	Carol Courtney	Mossyrock #355	Lewis #3
Tomato Products	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Pickles & Relishes	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Vinegars	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Juices	Mary Hursh	Fruitland #999	Pierce #16
Pie Fillings	Karen Derry	Buena #836	Yakima Valley #11
Soups	Syn Omega	Matlock #357	Mason #20
Syrups	Jeff Prowse	Cedar Valley #306	Snohomish #12
Other	Syn Omega	Matlock #357	Mason #20
Dried, Vegetables	Phyllis Ogden	Sunnyside #129	Cowlitz #7
Dried, Fruits	Gary Kimura	Cedar Valley #306	Snohomish #12
Dried, Soup Mixes	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Dried, Herbs	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Dried, Fruit Leather	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Dried, Jerky	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Dried, Other	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

GROUP 3 FOOD PRESERVATION – YOUTH AGES 14 to 18

Best of Show – Jacob Smith, Humptulips #730, Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Second Best of Show – Jacob Smith, Humptulips #730, Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Fruits	Jacob Smith	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Jams, Jellies, & Preserves	Jacob Smith	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Tomato Products	Jacob Smith	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Salsa	Jacob Smith	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Other	Jacob Smith	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Dried, Vegetables	Jacob Smith	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Dried, Fruits	Jacob Smith	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Dried, Herbs	Jacob Smith	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

GROUP 3 FOOD PRESERVATION – JUNIOR 1 AGES 5-8

Best of Show – Lilliana Brownrigg, Humptulips #730, Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Second Best of Show – Hunter Brownrigg, Humptulips #730, Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

First Place Winners: (Ages 8 and under not eligible for canning)

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Dried, Fruits	Lilliana Brownrigg	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Dried, Herbs	Hunter Brownrigg	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

GROUP 3 FOOD PRESERVATION – JUNIOR 2 AGES 9-13

Best of Show – Morgan Arthur, Humptulips #730, Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Second Best of Show – Karlie Schumacher, Humptulips #730, Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Second Best of Show – Kamryn Cable, Humptulips #730, Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Fruits	Karlie Schumacher	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Jams, Jellies, & Preserves	Kamryn Cable	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Tomato Products	Morgan Arthur	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Salsa	Kamryn Cable	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Pickles & Relishes	Morgan Arthur	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Dried, Vegetables	Karlie Schumacher	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Dried, Fruits	Karlie Schumacher	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Dried, Herbs	Karlie Schumacher	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

GROUP 4 NEEDLEWORK – ADULTS

Best of Show – Mark George, Sharon #800, Gray's Harbor/Pacific #28
Second Best of Show – Terrie Shepler, Clayton #456, Excelsior #27

First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Large House Item, Crochet	Mark George	Sharon #800	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Large House Item, Knit	Pat Peterson	Camden #687	Pend Oreille #29
Small, House Item, Crochet	Sheryl Hemp	Kellogg Marsh #136	Snohomish #12
Wearable, Crochet	Elizabeth Hogan	Crescent #1123	Clallam #31
Wearable, Knit	Marcy Belles	Oakview #311	Lewis #3
Wearable, Tat	Laura Ast	Camden #687	Pend Oreille #29
Afghan, Crochet	Debi Brooks	Ten-Mile #399	Whatcom #6
Baby/Lap Afghan, Crochet	Elaine Myers	Mossyrock #355	Lewis #3
Cross-Stitch, Counted	Terrie Shepler	Clayton #456	Excelsior #27
Embroidery, Machine	Jan Shaw	5 Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4

GROUP 4 NEEDLEWORK – YOUTH

Best of Show – Symphonie Woods, Camden #687, Pend Oreille #29
Second Best of Show – Taylor Allen, Fargher Lake #853, Clark #1

Home & Family



Contest Results Continued

First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Small, House Item, Crochet	Taylor Allen	Fargher Lake #853	Pend Oreille #29
Wearable, Crochet	Taylor Allen	Fargher Lake #853	Pend Oreille #29
Plastic Canvas	Symphonie Woods	Camden #687	Pend Oreille #29

GROUP 5 SEWING - ADULTS

Best of Show - Debbie Reigel-Yates, Rexville #815, Skagit #10
Second Best of Show - Sheryl Hemp, Kellogg Marsh #136, Snohomish #12

First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Clothing, Adult	Syn Omega	Matlock #3357	Mason #20
Household Item, Large	Debbie Reigel-Yates	Rexville #815	Skagit #10
Household Item, Medium	Florence Ogden	Sunnyside #129	Cowlitz #7
Household Item, Small	Judy Felker	East Hill #786	King #13
Apron	Sheryl Hemp	Kellogg Marsh #136	Snohomish #12

GROUP 6 QUILTING - ADULTS

Best of Show - Linda Becker, Brighton Park #163, Thurston #8
Second Best of Show - Barbara Ridgeway, Brighton Park #163, Thurston #8

First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Traditional Quilt, Large	Elizabeth Richmond	Elk Plain #782	Pierce #16
Traditional Quilt, Medium	Pam Bright	Terrace Heights #586	Thurston #8
Traditional Quilt, Medium	Cindy Hoover	Brighton Park #163	Thurston #8
Traditional Quilt, Small	Elizabeth Richmond	Elk Plain #782	Pierce #16
Traditional Quilt, Lap	Linda Myrick	Rexville #815	Skagit #10
Traditional Quilt, Baby	Pauline Oliver	Elk Plain #78	Pierce #16
Traditional Quilt, Wall Hanging		Maureen Tofner	Brighton Park #163
Thurston #8			Thurston #8
Non-traditional Quilt, Small	Cindy Hoover	Brighton Park #163	Thurston #8
Non-traditional Quilt, Lap	Barbara Ridgeway	Brighton Park #163	Elk Plain #782
Non-traditional Quilt, Wall Hanging		Elizabeth Richmond	Pierce #16
Non-traditional Quilt, Small item		Debbie Reigel-Yates	Rexville #815
Non-traditional Quilt, Other	Linda Becker	Brighton Park #163	Thurston #8
Non-traditional Quilt, Other	Wilma Pittman	Moses Lake #1151	Grant #59
Hand Quilted, Other	Sue Rothfus	Catlin #199	Cowlitz #7
Quilt made by an organization		Quilt of Valor Skagit	Rexville #815
			Skagit #10

GROUP 7 COMFORT TOYS - ADULTS

First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Comfort Toys	Sherry Crespo	Elk Plain #782	Pierce #16

GROUP 8 STATE QUILT - ADULTS

Best of Show - Elizabeth Richmond, Elk Plain #782, Pierce #16
Second Best of Show - Elizabeth Richmond, Elk Plain #782, Pierce #16
People's Choice Award - Marilyn Armit, Mossyrock #355, Lewis #3

The Season of Salads

(Courtesy of Family Features)



The summer months mean one thing: salad season is officially here. Now is the perfect opportunity to tap into an unexpected veggie: celery.

Made up of 95% water, Celery is naturally hydrating and high in fiber to keep you feeling full and refreshed.

This fresh Salad with Grilled Strawberries and Celery, Berries and Burrata combines celery with other fresh, warm-weather berry favorites on a bed of arugula - topped with a sweet, citrusy dressing - for a refreshing, nourishing lunch or dinner.

Find more recipes for salad season and beyond at [DudaFresh.com](https://dudafresh.com).

Salad with Grilled Strawberries & Celery

Servings: 2

Ingredients: Salad

- 4 sticks Dandy Celery, divided
- 4 strawberries, cut in half
- 1 handful each of blackberries, blueberries and raspberries
- 1 medium burrata ball, cut in half
- 3 cups arugula
- 1 handful hemp seeds

Ingredients: Dressing

- 3 tablespoons orange juice
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 1/2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon honey or maple syrup
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 pinch sea salt

Instructions:

Using grill pan or directly on grill, cook two celery sticks and strawberries until soft with grill marks on either side.

While celery and strawberries grill, make dressing. In jar, mix orange juice, lemon juice, Dijon mustard, honey, olive oil and salt.

Cut grilled and remaining raw celery sticks at angle into 1/4-inch pieces.

In mixing bowl, toss celery, strawberries, blackberries, blueberries, raspberries, burrata, arugula and hemp seeds with dressing. Mix well.

* Fresh Salad with Grilled Strawberries and Celery, Berries and Burrata Recipe courtesy of Marie Reginato on behalf of Duda Farm Fresh Foods

Grange Connection

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

Humtulpis Grange members spent months creating their design following the theme "Big Foot! Big Fair! Big Fun!" for the Grays Harbor County Fair. Nine members travelled 50 plus miles to Elma to put the display in place. The Grange Youth Group created a display titled "Potatoes: A Top Washington Crop" from the Cowlitz County Fair and the Grays Harbor County Fair. Members are now planning a display for the Puyallup Fair. Golden Sheaf Awards, for 50 years of consecutive Grange membership, were presented to Tom Gwin and Peggy Furth.

PIERCE COUNTY

Fruitland Grange will host a free Introduction to Dehydration Class scheduled for August 13. Junk in the Trunk is scheduled for August 16. The Grange will be taking a summer break from the Bingo and Bunco nights which are always on the first Wednesday of each month, alternating. These fun, loud and well-attended evenings will start again in the fall.

SPOKANE COUNTY

Green Bluff Grange's Bluegrass on the Bluff was considered a success. On June 3, our community event was a BBQ ribs & beans snack, followed by our Spokane River Tellers entertaining us. June 29 was the 4th annual Sherm Simpson & Mel Walker Tractor parade around the bluff. This followed our Strawberry & Pancake breakfast. August 5 is our annual National Night Out Against Crime and hot dog feed.

August 31 special all you can eat breakfast is one of the public's favorites—"Peaches & Pancakes."

THURSTON COUNTY

Black Lake Grange held their first Gardening For Kids event on May 18. The event was led by Grange member Gary Kline. The kids participated in the event while Gary explained about the importance of having the correct soil in a raised garden bed. He talked about the necessity of knowing what elements the soil needs to grow the specific vegetables you are planting. He stressed there is more to gardening than dirt, water and seeds. He indicated the need to get the soil ready for planting and how important it was to know when to plant certain vegetables at the correct time of the year to thrive and grow. Gary Kline is a well-known figure in the Black Lake area. He has a long and varied background in gardening and soil conservation. He has owned the Black Lake Organic Garden Store for many years as well as publishing articles on soil and fertilization with a view to perfecting plants and nutritional health and protecting the environment. His passion comes through when talking to the kids about the importance of getting the soil ready to grow the best vegetables. He believes that learning this lesson from the beginning will get kids involved in gardening and, therefore, better nutrition for kids and their families. Kids can take great pride in planting the seeds in the best soil and watching what they planted grow

while they continue caring for the vegetables they planted. Another goal with this program is to bring the community's attention to the importance of agriculture in their lives. As the gardens grow, so will the community's understanding of agriculture, its healthy nutritional benefits and a sense of pride and accomplishment. Another goal would be to have 10 raised garden beds with healthy vegetables, giving the area a community garden.

South Union Grange had several members, including two of their 1+ Junior Grangers, attending the Washington State Grange Convention in June. Christie Vintilo and Pam Mathews served as our delegates, and both were involved with convention planning. Golden Sheaf members Donna Smith and Bob Roberts performed their special brand of music at the convention. The brother and sister, who've been performing at South Union Grange dances for well over five decades, perform with "The Country Four & More" at South Union Grange on the first Saturday of every month, beginning at 1:30 pm. There will be no dance on October 4, as the Grange will again co-host Thurston Conservation District's Harvest Festival on that date.

Violet Prairie Grange hosted the Pomona Grange meeting along with our annual "flower arrangement" contest. Attendees voted for winners in each category and a "Best Overall". The Grange hosted a local Homeschool Co-op Science Fair which was open to the public.

Laurel Grange Honors Edith Ward, 50-Year Member



Edith Ward, Laurel Grange #208, received her 50-year Golden Sheaf award at her home on Sunday July 13th. Edith still enjoys planting and harvesting green beans, and visiting with friends and family.

Pomona Calendar

Please submit your 2025 Pomona Meeting Dates.

CHELAN	.....to be announced.
CLALLAM	.....September 9 at Fairview, 5 p.m., refreshments following meeting.
CLARK	.....September 10 at Manor, 7 p.m.
COLUMBIA	.....to be announced.
COWLITZ/ WAHIAKUM	.....September 20 at Pleasant Hill, 1 p.m. potluck with meeting to follow
DOUGLAS	.....September 18 at St. Andrews, 6 p.m.
EXCELSIOR	.....September 27 at Camas Valley, 10:30 a.m.
FERRY	.....October 13 at San Poil, 6 p.m.
GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC	.....September 13 at East Oakville, 10:30 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
ISLAND	.....September 13 at South Camano.
KING	.....August 16 at Sallal, 10 a.m.
Klickitat	.....September 13 at Columbia, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting.
LEWIS	.....October 4 at Logan Hill, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting
MASON	.....September 20, location to be announced. 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck lunch.
OKANOGAN	.....November 8 at Mount Olive, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
PEND OREILLE	.....October 4 at the Golden China in Newport, 12 p.m. Will be election of officers.
PIERCE	.....October 4 at McMillin, 10 am meeting, 12:30 pm potluck lunch. Will be election of officers.
SKAGIT	.....September 3 at Samish Valley, 6:30 p.m.
SNOHOMISH	.....September 20 at Stillaguamish, 10 a.m.
SPOKANE	.....November 15 at Moran Prairie, 10 a.m.
STEVENS	.....October 24 at Addy, 6 p.m. potluck, 6:30 p.m. meeting.
THURSTON	.....September 4 at Skookumchuck, 7 p.m. meeting.
WHATCOM	.....September 16 at North Bellingham, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting.
WHITMAN	.....September 20 at Wilcox, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
YAKIMA VALLEY	.....October 13 at Fruitvale, 5 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting.

Pomona Connection

COWLITZ/WAHIAKUM POMONA

Cowlitz/Wahkiakum Pomona Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 16 at 1 pm at Sunnyside Grange Hall (note new location).

GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC POMONA

Grays Harbor / Pacific Pomona Grange held their July meeting at the Long Beach Grange Hall. There were 13 Grange displays at the Grays Harbor County Fair, representing Subordinate, Pomona, Junior, and Youth Granges. The Junior/Youth Grange Department had 274 entries, showing an increase

in participation for the fourth consecutive year. The next Pomona Grange meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 13 at 10:30 a.m. at the East Oakville Grange Hall.

THURSTON COUNTY POMONA

Thurston County Pomona Grange met on June 5 at Violet Prairie Grange Hall. The annual floral arranging contest was held and a potluck preceded the meeting. The Pomona picnic was held on July 13 at the Nelson Ranch, surrounded by tall trees that provided shade from the hot summer sun. It was a thoroughly enjoyable time for

the Grangers to enjoy the potluck fare. There will be no meeting in August, but the Golden Sheaf/ Silver Star event will be held at Brighton Park Grange on August 24 at 2 pm. The committee planning Thurston Pomona's display for the Washington State Fair in Puyallup has been busy with preparations for set-up. Contact committee chairs Pam Mathews or Rita Klein if you are able to help with set-up and/ or after-fair takedown, or if you have produce, canning, etc. that you think might be helpful for the display. The next regular meeting will be held at 7 pm on September 4 at Skookumchuck Grange Hall.

Grange Connection



Lummi Island Grange Puzzle Exchange

Members of the Lummi Island Grange #925, have constructed a Puzzle Exchange kiosk, for community members to borrow, and contribute jigsaw puzzles with each other. This has become a very popular part of the community, and is well used and supported. Community members may borrow puzzles for up to six weeks before returning them, and are encouraged to contribute any puzzles they wish to share. The operation requires very little management, with one Grange member, weeding out puzzles with notes about missing pieces, and keeping the contents organized.

Violet Prairie Honors Member Jan Erickson



Violet Prairie Grangers gathered for a group photo around our dear Jan Erickson. She has been a Grange member for 60 years and has served as a Grange Secretary for 50+ years! One of our members and her son reconditioned and repainted the handrails at both entrances.

Stranger Creek And Quillisascut Granges Host Huckleberry Pancake Breakfast



Once again, Stranger Creek and Quillisascut Granges teamed up to serve a Huckleberry Pancake breakfast to the community the morning of the 4th of July. We had a good turnout with lots of great food.

South Lake Stevens Grange Honors 50-Year Member



South Lake Stevens Grange President, Jim Loomer, presented Audrey Kellerman with her 50 year certificate and pin at our June meeting. Audrey, our chaplain, has been head cook at our lunches and dinners for many years.

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- State Officers
- State Deputies
- State Directors

- Standing Committee Members
- Committee Chairs
- Department Team Members

Save the Date

Two Locations and Days to choose from:
Sunday, October 5th - Westside Session
Sunday, October 26th - Eastside Session
10:00 am to 3:00 pm - Locations TBA

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Waller Road Grange Hosts Annual Community Picnic



Waller Road Grange held its annual picnic, organized by members handling logistics, decorations, and refreshments. Over 100 attendees enjoyed kids' activities like face painting and games, with the Woodrow School open for tours. The Grange remains a key community hub for local engagement.

Convention Memories



Group photo of Convention attendees



Grange entertainment during the session – Dr. Jim Ogden of Goldendale Grange and Gideon Jones of Five Mile Prairie Grange



20th District State Representative Ed Orcutt addressed the delegates



(Top Right) Workshop on Promoting Your Grange Events – Claudine Mincks; (Top Left) Workshop of Different Personalities in your Grange – Jonny & Brittney Pittman (Bottom) Workshop attendees.



The Feast Drill Team for the Sixth Degree