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# Grange News

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## Washington Congressman Dan Newhouse receives "Champion of Rural America" Award from National Grange

The National Grange presented the Champion of Rural America Awards during a reception at the organization's historic headquarters on H Street near the White House on Tuesday evening

to four deserving recipients.

"This is one of the most important awards that could be given," said National Grange President Betsy Huber. "For 155 years, the Grange has worked through nonpartisan

means for America's agricultural communities and rural residents nationwide. The process of selecting these Champions is something we take very seriously, as we want to ensure that our

honorees are truly deserving because of their lifelong efforts."

Huber and National Grange Legislative Director Burton Eller believe that each of this year's honorees is a true "Champion" for

the people living and working in rural America.

The 2022 Champions of Rural America are Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), Representative Dan Newhouse (R-WA 4th), Sara

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



2022 Champions of Rural America Rep. Dan Newhouse, Sara Wyant, and Nona Bear, with National Grange President Betsy Huber.

## Mark Your Calendars

### Upcoming State Grange Events

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

- MAY 1** ..... Grange Month Contest Entries Due
- MAY 15** ..... Convention Credentials and Committee Preference Forms Due
- MAY 15** ..... Grange Hall Improvement Contest Entries Due
- MAY 23** ..... Resolutions due to the State Grange Office (for consideration at this year's state session)
- MAY 25** ..... Zoom Meeting "Preview of the 2022 State Grange Convention", 7 p.m.
- JUNE 1** ..... Community Service Reports Due
- JUNE 1-15** ..... State Session Committee Meetings via Zoom (exact schedule to be announced)
- JUNE 2-5** ..... State Grange Camper Association Fun Rally at Mossyrock
- JUNE 4** ..... State Grange Picnic (with Grange Camper Association) at Mossyrock (time and location to be announced)
- JUNE 22-25** ..... 133rd Annual State Grange Session at Puyallup
- JUNE 30** ..... Secretary Quarterly reports Due
- AUGUST 5-7** ..... Western Regional Grange Youth and Leaders Conference in Oregon
- NOVEMBER 15-18** ..... National Grange Session at Reno/Sparks, Nevada

## Fruitland Grange Welcomes 103 Year Old Member



Fruitland Grange was honored to have our 103-year-old member Eloise Boyer attend our March 28th meeting. She originally joined Benston Grange 59-years ago, at that time she lived in the Lacamas area. Currently Eloise resides in a senior community keeping busy playing pinochle and walking her dog 3 miles a day. She's quite a lady!

Pictured are Fruitland Grange President Carolyn Hojem, Mrs. Eloise Boyer, and Jim Moebius.

## By-Laws

**EAST HILL GRANGE #786** will meet on May 26th, 2022 at 7 pm to vote on their Bylaws to change their meeting date and time to the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 pm.

**FRUITLAND GRANGE #999** will meet on Monday, May 9th at 6:30 pm to vote on their Bylaws to change their meeting time from 6:30pm to 7:00pm.

## Lecturer's Department

### Mostly about Convention...



Leslie Jo Wells

By Leslie Jo Wells  
State Grange Lecturer

#### Contest Results Reminder

As soon as possible after your Pomona Contests are completed, please send me the information on the form that was included in the Pomona Lecturer information packet. The information on that form is what I use to make the master list of entries and the entry tags for the items coming to convention - which means you don't have to stand and wait while we make handwritten tags when you check in your entry at convention.

#### HELP WANTED!!!

If you are going to be at Convention and are not a Delegate, we need help in the Lecturer display area. We need people to help getting items to the correct table display areas as they are checked in on Tuesday, June 23rd 1:00 - 5:00 PM and on Wednesday June 24th 8:00 - 11:00 AM. We could also

use help on Saturday the 27th from 12:00 noon - 2:00 PM for check out of entries. Let me know if you can help us out - lesliewells@att.net.

#### Auction Donations

Auction items from individuals and Granges help fund the activities and monetary awards in the various departments. If you are bringing a donation for either the silent or live auction please include a description of the item being donated. If your donation is a "basket" of items please provide a legible listing of what is included attached to the item. This is especially important for the items in the live auction. Don't forget to provide the name of the Grange or individual donating the item. Thank you for your generosity it is greatly appreciated.

#### Talent Contest

As most of you are aware, we are no longer holding District Talent Contests. If someone, or a group, plan to participate in the

Talent Contest they will need to come to the Lecturer display area before 12 PM noon on Friday the 24th to sign up and receive a rehearsal time. The categories are still the same - Vocal, Instrumental and Variety. The Talent Contest is scheduled for 8 PM on that Friday evening. If you or your group know ahead of time that you will be entering, I would greatly appreciate it if you would let me know that. Tell me Who (a contact name), Grange, Category and what basic equipment you need. You can email me with the info at: lesliewells@att.net. You will still need to check in at the Lecturer area when you get to Convention to get your rehearsal time.

#### Apology

My apology to the members of King County Pomona. In last month's article, I neglected to acknowledge their entry in the Fair Booth Contest. Sorry.

## National Grange Virtual Telethon For Juniors And Youth Coming Soon

By Mandy Bostwick  
National Grange Youth and Young Adults Development Director

The 2nd annual Grange Foundation Virtual Telethon will be here soon on July 9th! Last year Mandy Bostwick, National Grange Youth Development Director, and Samantha Wilkins, National Junior Grange Director, came up with a creative fundraising idea for the Youth and Junior Leadership Funds in the Grange Foundation to be able to continue to support Youth and Junior programming for years to come.

The two departments joined together and set a goal to raise \$20,000 last year and, after surpassing last year's goal, they are here to do it again. This year, they will be coming to you live on July 9th with a Fiesta-themed celebration. The 8-hour event will be live-streamed on all the National Grange Facebook pages and on the National Grange

YouTube page. "Even if you can't be there the whole time, be sure to check in throughout the day to see our fundraising progress or to watch some of the awesome talents and testimonies from Grangers across the country," said Mandy.

During the 2022 event, you can expect to see cooking segments with National Grange Lecturer, Ann Bercher; tune in for a 2022 National Convention Sneak Peek with Lillian Booth and Martha Stefenoni, host region co-chairs; Grange Foundation Board members will be on throughout the day with live testimonies and to celebrate as funds are raised. "We are excited to continue for a second year and are looking forward to a high-energy day filled with a fun, fabulous fiesta," said Samantha Wilkins.

Wondering how you can be involved in the telethon? You or your Grange can become sponsors today, with sponsorships starting at \$25. Donations of \$100 or more, will receive a FREE telethon



t-shirt. You can visit the Grange Foundation website (<https://grangefoundation.org/telethon/sponsorship-levels/>) to check the different levels of sponsorship available for you or your Grange.

Talent and testimonies are still being sought for this year's event. You can submit your video using this handy form: <https://bit.ly/2022TelethonSubmissions>. If you need help with your video submissions, contact Mandy at [youth@nationalgrange.org](mailto:youth@nationalgrange.org).

So don't siesta on this fiesta and mark your calendars for July 9th. Viva la Grange!

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## President's Message

# Looking Forward To A Summer Of Mostly "Normal" Grange Activities

By Tom Gwin  
State Grange  
Master/President

It has been three years since our last "normal" summer of Grange activities across the State of Washington. Other than the Junior Grange Camping Program, we will be back to our regular activities this year. Here is a highlight of what we all have to look forward to:

**State Grange Picnic:** will be held on Saturday, June 4 at 1 p.m. at the Armit residence, 139 Del Ray Road, Mossyrock. This will be in conjunction with the Grange Camper Association's Annual Fund Rally. Attendees should bring their own place setting, lawn chair, and something for the potluck. If you want to camp (dry camping only), the cost is \$20 for the weekend.

**State Grange Annual Session:** we will be meeting in full session for the first time since 2019. The business session, scheduled for June 22-25 in Puyallup, will include action on resolutions, committee recommendations, and reports. Currently, only six resolutions for consideration have been received. The deadline for resolutions is May 23 to the State Grange Office. Awards will be presented for several Grange contests, with awards and prize money presented to the winners. The State Grange Officers, ten of which are either newly elected or in difference office than in 2019, will exemplify the

Sixth Degree of Wed, June 22. Degree tickets for candidates will be available at the session.

**Annual Session Committees:** The preference sheet for session committees is due back to the State Grange Office by May 15. Committees will be assigned. All committees will meet prior to the session via zoom. Committee members will be notified of date, time, and log in information. Look for

*Let's continue working for the Grange through the remainder of 2022 and beyond!*

-- Tom Gwin

the zoom meeting schedule on our facebook page.

**Junior Grange Camping Program:** Due to the ongoing pandemic and restrictions imposed by many camping facilities, we will only have one camp operate in 2022. Camp David will be held on July 5-8. The camp is located on Lake Crescent in Clallam County. Registration information is available online. Look for the full complement of six Junior Grange Camps to return in 2023.

**Local, County, and State Fairs:** It appears that all fairs and back and will be fully operational this year. Some of you will create intricate



Tom Gwin

displays, some will have food concessions, while others will sponsor or help put on their local event. Whichever role your Grange plays, I encourage you to complete your tasks and to do it well. This year will also be the debut of the Grange Youth Fairs Program in our state. Nine fairs have approved the program. Grange Youth and Junior Members will be showing their animals and displaying their wares. Be sure to visit the Grange Youth and Juniors. Show them your support and encourage them to continue their work in our program in the future.

**Other Grange Activities:** As this is an election year for many offices, from U.S. Senator to local County Commissions, Granges have always stood for the right to voice and the power of the people. We must remember that while our organization is politically active, we refrain from partisan politics. Our politics are issue driven and not candidate or political party driven. We must continue to hold those candidate forms, inviting all candidates.

Let's continue working for the Grange through the remainder of 2022 and beyond! Membership wise, 2021 was a great year for the Washington State Grange. 2022 is proving to be even more productive as we continue rebuilding Granges across the state.

## Legislative

# Good News For Grange Hosted Farmers' Markets



Heather Hansen

By Heather Hansen  
Legislative Lobbyist

Even though the legislature has adjourned, some issues continue to develop. In 2017, the legislature created the Tax Structure Work Group to identify options to make the Washington State tax code more fair, stable, and transparent. The work group is scheduled to make recommendations for legislation in 2023. So far, they have decided not to recommend an income tax. They are still considering a wealth tax; replacing the B&O tax with a margins tax; adjusting the property tax growth factors; adding new property tax exemptions; and enhancing the working family tax credit. (A wealth tax is levied on a taxpayer's net worth, while an income tax is imposed on the taxpayer's income during the past year.) The capital gains tax passes in 2021 is still working its way through the court system. The next stop will be the Washington Supreme Court.

While you are thinking about taxes, ponder this, the financial website, WalletHub, ranks Washington among the bottom fifteen states with the lowest taxpayer return on investment. To determine its rankings, WalletHub evaluated each state's tax burden and compares it to the quality of services taxpayers receive in five main categories: education, health, safety, economy, and infrastructure & pollution. Washington residents pay a fairly high amount in taxes, about \$5,000 annually, yet the quality of government services are only slightly above average. We have comparatively low public high school graduation rates, hospital beds per capita, and a higher property crime rate. Infrastructure and air pollution are other areas where Washingtonians are not getting their tax money's worth. Washington ranks 36th out of 50 states, Oregon was ranked 32nd, Idaho came in 25th.

Another legislative issue going on behind the scenes is the Governor's salmon table. When the Governor's bills to create huge buffers on farmland died, the legislature created a work group to develop recommendations for the 2023 legislative session. The recommendations must include changes in policy focused on land use and spending priorities to improve riparian habitat to ensure salmon recovery. That means new buffers will be proposed. The work group will include tribes, legislative leadership, local governments, agricultural producers, commercial and recreational fisher organizations, business organizations, salmon recovery organizations, forestry and agriculture organizations, and environmental organizations. A final report must be submitted to the legislature by November 1, 2022.

More work will go on behind the scenes without public participation. The Office of Financial Management, a branch of the Governor's office, will evaluate the effectiveness of voluntary incentive programs for landowners and of existing regulatory programs intended to protect riparian areas. They must report to the governor and the legislature with recommendations for improvement by the end of this year.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will study how to incorporate net ecological gain into state land use, development, and environmental laws and propose legislation for 2023 that could include new buffers and more limitations on building. They must also assess the status of current riparian ecosystems with respect for the status of salmon stocks.

There is a bit of good news. A bill passed allows public meeting halls, such as Granges, that are property tax exempt to host qualifying farmers markets for up to 53 days per year without losing their property tax exemption.

Farmers in Whatcom County who were harmed by last winter's floods can apply to their Conservation District for short-term disaster recovery financial assistance. Grants may be used for payroll, utilities, rent, marketing and advertising, building improvements or repairs, replacing damaged or lost crops, livestock, and equipment, and other operations and business expenses. However, the total amount of funding available is only \$600,000.

## Resolution E-Mail Sign-Ups

Send us your email at [skeller@wa-grange.org](mailto:skeller@wa-grange.org) to receive the resolutions that have been approved by the state Executive Committee and ready to be presented at the 2022 State Grange Convention in Puyallup, WA.



# 2022 Convention Info

## JUNE 22 - 25, 2022

133rd Annual Washington State Grange Convention at the  
WA State Fair Events Center, 110 9th Ave SW, Puyallup, WA 98371

### GRANGE CONVENTION BANQUET ORDER FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grange Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Are you planning to be a delegate to the convention?  YES  NO

**Note: The Family Living Breakfast will be held at the Fruitland Grange Hall, located approximately four miles from the fairgrounds. The Celebration Banquet will be held at the fairgrounds.**

**THURS, JUNE 23**

Family Living Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Celebration Banquet \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**BANQUET RESERVATIONS DUE JUNE 15th**

Checks should be made payable to: Northern District Grange Convention.

Please mail payment and reservation form to:  
Carolyn Hojem, 5616 Pioneer Way E., Puyallup WA 98371



## WA State Grange Convention 2022 Hotel/Motel Listing

The Convention Steering Committee is submitting the following list of hotels and motels in the Puyallup area. The Steering Committee and the Washington State Grange is unable to verify prices or quality of each facility. It is recommended to book early as rates will increase as summer approaches.

- **Fairfield by Marriott Inn and Suites Puyallup** – 202 15th Ave SW, Puyallup – (253) 770-3100; 0.3 mile from convention site- Features pool and is Pet friendly – Continental breakfast
- **HomeTowne Studios by Red Roof Puyallup** – 2101 N Meridian, Puyallup – (253) 445-5945; 2 miles from convention site
- **Best Western Premier Plaza Hotel** –

620 South Hill Park Drive, Puyallup – (253)848-1500; 1.4 miles from Conventions Center-Features Indoor pool-pet friendly

- **Motel Puyallup** - 1412 South Meridian St, Puyallup – (253)845-8825; 0.3 mile from convention site-- Pet friendly, free breakfast
- **Hampton Inn and Suites** - 1515 South Meridian, Puyallup – (253)770-8880; 0.4 miles from conventions site -features pool, free Breakfast
- **Holiday Inn Express Hotel (Puyallup)** – 812 S Hill Park Drive, Puyallup – (253)841-2600; 1.4 miles to convention site -Pet Friendly, pool, buffet breakfast included
- **Northwest Motor Inn** - 1409 South Meridian Street

Puyallup – (253)841-2600; 0.3 miles from convention site pet friendly

- **Emerald Queen Hotel** - 5700 Pacific Highway East, Fife – (253)594-7777; 5 miles to convention site – features pool, pet friendly starting at \$133
- **Motel 6 (Fife)** – 5201 20th St East, Fife – (253)922-1270; 4.9 miles to convention site starting at \$ 84 – pet friendly
- **Guest House Fife** - 3021 Pacific Highway East, Fife - (253)922-3500; 6 miles from convention site – Pool
- **Holiday Inn Express Suites (Sumner)** – 2500 136th Ave Court East, Sumner – (253)299-0205; 4.4 miles from convention site – Features pool

## WA State Grange Convention RV Information

All RV reservations need to be made in advance by calling the Fair office at (253) 845-1771, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Any reservations made after hours or weekends, can be made through our host at the lot.

Reservations made in advance: \$40 per night

Reservations made after hours: \$45 per night

Reservations can only be reserved in a maximum of 7 day increments. There are no assigned spots. There will be no refunds for any reservations. If you have questions, please email [info@thefair.com](mailto:info@thefair.com).

Full power, sewer and water hookups are available in the Orange Lot; power and water is available in the Green Lot – there is a sewer dump available. Specific RV spaces are not reserved. You will be assigned a spot based on availability. The green lot is the closest lot to the location of the Grange convention.

We are taking every precaution necessary to ensure the safety of our employees and guests.

We accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover Card. The Fair cannot guarantee RV spaces without advance reservation.

### RV PARKING RULES:

- RV spots are first-come, first-serve. You may not reserve specific spaces.
- No tent camping.
- All RVs must be self-contained. No restroom facilities are available.
- Pets must be kept on a leash at all times. Clean up after your pet.
- Garbage must be deposited in the appropriate dumpsters and not be left around the outside of the RV.
- No dumping or dripping of gray or black water except in the appropriate sewer hookup. (\$500 fine per occurrence.)
- Personal items left outside the RV must be kept tidy and within your assigned space at all times.
- Driving speed limits are 5 MPH.
- You are expected to be considerate at all times to others in the lot as well as our neighbors. Absolutely no loud or disruptive noise after 10pm.
- Any RV or vehicle left in the parking lot after the designated registration time will be towed at the vehicle owner's expense. You must have a current WWF registration form in your window at all times.
- Check-out time is 1pm unless prior arrangements have been made.
- If you do not follow the above rules, you will be asked to leave the parking lot and you will forfeit any RV payments.

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

### Here's how you can help:

#### Looking for a way to help?

Shop our AmazonSmile Charity Lists to donate items we need

amazon smile



#### Do you shop at Amazon?

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

#### Are you a Fred Meyer Customer?

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



# 2022 Convention Info

**\*TENTATIVE\***

## WA State Grange Convention Schedule

**TUESDAY** 10:00 Set Up  
 2:00 Lecturer and CFL contest entry check in  
 6:30 Rose Drill Practice – closed event

**WEDNESDAY** 8:00-5:00pm Registration  
 8:00-1:00 Lecturer and CFL contest entry check in  
 9:00-12:00 State Officer Practice – closed event  
 12:00-2:00 Workshops  
 2:00 Deputies Meeting  
 3:00 Delegate Orientation  
 6:30 5th Degree  
 7:00 6th Degree Opening – credential report, adoption of program, exemplification of 6th degree  
 9:00 Close Session in the 4th degree

**THURSDAY** 7:30-12:00 Registration  
 7:00 Family Living Breakfast  
 8:30 Open, Credential Report, Master's Address, Committee Reports, Cooperative Reports  
 10:00 Youth Tour  
 12:00 Session Recesses - Lunch  
 12:00 Departmental Display Open (until banquet that evening)  
 1:30 Session will reopen, credential report, approve minutes, Committee Reports

**THURSDAY** 5:00 Session close in the 4th degree  
 5:05 Group Convention Photo  
 6:00 Celebration Banquet – Membership/Scholarship Awards, Community Service Awards, & State Grange Auction

**FRIDAY** 8:00 Open Session, Final Credential Report, Elections, Committee Reports  
 9:00 Departmental Displays Open (until 7 p.m.)  
 11:00 Junior Program – Junior Awards  
 12:00 Session Recesses – Lunch/Ice Cream Social - RED TENNIS SHOE DAY!!!  
 1:00 Youth Public Speaking Contest  
 3:45 Session will reopen, approve minutes, Committee Reports  
 5:00 Close Session in the 4th Degree  
 5:30 Talent Practice – closed to public  
 8:00 Talent Show

**SATURDAY** 8:00 Open Session by Youth – Youth Awards  
 9:00 Committee Reports  
 11:30 Granger of the Year  
 12:00 Session Recesses - Lunch  
 1:30 Memorial Service  
 3:30 Installation of Officer  
 5:00 Adjourn

### Grange Clothing Orders Now Available Online

Grange Clothing can now be purchased online. Pre-order your clothes before the Annual Convention. Start shopping today at <https://stores.creativeink1.com/wa-grange/shop/home>.

Clothing can be picked up at convention or mailed to your house for an additional shipping fee. Additional items not on the website will also be available at convention.

Deadline for convention pick up will be June 3rd. Clothing can be ordered after convention as well but will be mailed to your home.

### Washington State Grange Foundation Scholarship Awards

The Washington State Grange announces the following scholarship awards for the 2022-2023 academic year. Biographies and photos of the scholarship recipients will be printed in the next issue of the Grange News.

NAME	GRANGE	AWARD
BAILEY, MARGUERITE	MCINTOSH 1001	FOX ISLAND GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP \$1250
BROOKS, LEXUS	PROSPECT POINT 1067	BEAR CREEK/HORSESHOE GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP \$1000
BROOKS, MICHELLE	PROSPECT POINT 1067	NOB HILL GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP \$1500
BROWNING, MORGAN	MOSSYROCK 355	LONG YEW GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP \$1250
COMPTON, KADINCE	BEE HIVE 385	KOSS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP \$1000
CROUSE, ZACHARY	RIMROCK 941	HELEN MARIE SNYDER SCHOLARSHIP \$1000
DOELMAN, NATALIE	SHARON 800	NORMAN BUCCHOLZ SCHOLARSHIP \$1250
KILLEEN, LAURA	SOUTH BAY 250	ADRIAN & BETTY DEVRIES SCHOLARSHIP \$1000
ISAAK, MAGUIRE	ST ANDREWS 832	KEGLEY AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP \$1250
ISAAK, MARIANNA	ST ANDREWS 832	RAY & MARIAN KAMMERER SCHOLARSHIP \$1500
MILLER, BROOKLYNN	CAMAS VALLEY 842	INGA ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP \$750
POLAND, HANNAH	EAST WENATCHEE 1012	MARTIN & GRACE FORRY SCHOLARSHIP \$1250
ROIBAL, ELIZABETH	MCINTOSH 1001	POMONA VILLA SCHOLARSHIP \$1000
ROIBAL, JACOB	MCINTOSH 1001	FRENCH CREEK GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP \$1000
SHERLEY, BAILEY	MENASTASH 1054	KEGLEY AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP \$1500
SMITH, MELIA	EAST WENATCHEE 1012	DELPHA GOUDE SCHOLARSHIP \$1250
STOLLER, ALLYSON	FARGHER LAKE 853	ROCK CREEK GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP \$750
TERRASI, JASON	MOSSYROCK 355	MARION & SNOWIE VANDERPOOL SCHOLARSHIP \$1000
WATTS, SHIANNE	MENASTASH 1054	RIVERVIEW GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP \$750



## The Washington State Grange ORDER FORM

Date:  E-mail:


Name:

Phone:

	Color	SIZE	QUANTITY
Ladies Concept Open Cardigan L5430 			\$38
Ladies Modern Stretch Cotton Cardigan L515 			\$35
Ladies Puffy Vest L709 			\$55
Puffy Vest J709 			\$55
EcoSmart® Unisex Full-Zip Hooded Sweatshirt P180 			\$40



L5430



L515



L709



J709



P180

**Total**

Add for Each \*2XL\* OR \*3XL\* - \$4.00 x Qty

Add for Each \*4XL\* - \$6.00 x Qty

**Grand Total:**

Prices include sales tax.  
Logo size may vary based on garment size & availability.

\*All items can be picked up at the convention

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Wyant, founder of Agri-Pulse Communications, and patient rights advocate Nona Bear.

"One doesn't have to explain the rural and small-town citizen to Joe Manchin: he is one," says Eller, noting that Manchin's upbringing and life in West Virginia strongly influence his votes and positions for his constituents. "In this day of rampant partisan politics, Senator Manchin is all about bipartisanship on Capitol Hill."

Senator Manchin's work for rural America has included keeping promises to seniors and veterans by protecting Social Security and Medicare.

Like previous recipients Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MN) and Sen. Pat Roberts (R-KS), Representative Dan Newhouse continues to champion agriculture and work with legislators and advocates from many different industries to fight on behalf of America's farmers, ranchers and rural residents.

Eller says Rep. Newhouse "is the consummate example of one of the Grange's slogans, 'American Values. Hometown Roots.'"

"Representative Newhouse comes from rural America and truly understands the people he represents – and he fights for not only his own constituents but all of Washington and rural citizens across the country," Huber says. "We are grateful to be able to honor Dan Newhouse with this award, as he truly is a champion for rural America."

Huber said that while those at the top rungs of government who have received the award have done much for rural residents, a lot of the work to "bring the horse to water" is done by respected groups and individuals with a history of leadership in areas that matter most to rural Americans.

One of the primary connectors for many rural Americans is Agri-Pulse Communications' founder and President Sara Wyant.

"Sara's Agri-Pulse is the first thing I read every day by the movers and shakers at the intersection of agriculture, policy and government," says Eller. "Sara is a real reporter: knowledgeable, informed, fair, unbiased, nonpartisan and deeply committed to what she does."

"Agri-Pulse connects the people who live in rural America directly

to the people who make decisions about rural America," says Huber. "Sara has created an unbiased direct approach to reporting the news for the benefit of those throughout the agricultural spectrum."

Patient rights and healthcare reform advocates have a true champion in Nona Bear.

"Nona works tirelessly to address and advocate for the needs and concerns of older Americans," Huber says. "Her work connects major national nonprofit health advocacy organizations to the people. She is an incredible, thoughtful spokesperson for the health care needs of rural America."

"America's patient population has a far greater public voice today as a result of Nona Bear's ability to build alliances across patient advocacy interests," adds Eller.

Huber said the award criteria were established in line with the Grange's grassroots priorities and values.

"Our recipients are expected to show a clear understanding of the importance of agriculture in our economy and as part of our national security; they fight to ensure equitable access for



Sara Wyant (left), founder of Agri-Pulse Communications, and Nona Bear (right), patient rights advocate, receive their Champions of Rural America Awards from National Grange President Betsy Huber.



rural Americans in relation to business, healthcare, educational and other opportunities; they place a value on doing the right thing and serve the public above any political party, and they consistently work across the aisle, placing an emphasis on bipartisanship in their legislative work or advocacy," Huber said. "But also, we expect that each recipient show perseverance in the fight for rural Americans and embody our core values of faith, hope, charity and fidelity and live by our motto: in essentials, unity; in nonessentials liberty; in all things, charity."

Previous awardees include Sen. Debbie Stabenow, Sen. Susan

Collins, Rep. Collin Petersen, Rep. Greg Walden, FCC Chairman Ajit Pai, Sen. Pat Roberts, and the National Rural Health Association.

The National Grange is a 154-year-old fraternal organization founded to bring America back together after the Civil War by uniting farm families in service, social life and advocacy. Today, the Grange is more than 140,000 members strong in 1500 chapters across the country, focused on improving the livelihoods of those living in rural America through community service, agriculture and rural life advocacy and direct involvement in the public policy process.

## Long Beach Grange In Loyalty Day Parade



Long Beach Grange (Pacific County) participated in the Loyalty Day Parade in downtown Long Beach on May 1.

## Let's Keep "Grange Month" Going

Throughout Grange Month, it has been incredible to see Open Houses, Grange Month events, special presentations and more in Granges nationwide. Thank you to everyone who has tuned in to our special National Grange sponsored Grange Month Zoom events, and who have used the energy and excitement of the month to try new things and invite people into their Halls.

Now, let's keep the "Grange Month energy" going! As Granges continue to reopen and restart programming as the pandemic wanes, it is imperative to see the excitement for Grange and our

connection to rural America growing.

YOU are the connectors and the energizers of the Grange throughout the country. YOU are the spirit of the Grange, and the movers and shakers – the

ones who get things done! Let's keep encouraging our members (and future members!) to become stakeholders in your community, to grow the Grange – not just in membership but in influence and recognition.



## Lopez Island Grange Maypole Dance



Lopez Island Grange (San Juan County) celebrated May Day with their Annual Maypole Dance.



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

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# Membership Corner

## Welcome New Members

### GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS April 2022

	# Joined	Ir. +1
603 <b>Addy</b> ..... 6 Steve Hurst, Alice Hurst, Kelsie Dronen, Kyleigh Dorow Alysia Erickson, Jenna Barker	6	7
417 <b>Adna</b> ..... 2 Ron Bieker, Mary Jo Bieker	2	
385 <b>Bee Hive</b> ..... 1 Herbert Diede	1	
647 <b>Broadway</b> ..... 2 Kara Brown, Aaron Brown	2	
842 <b>Camas Valley</b> ..... 3 Brooklynn Miller, Miniffani James, Evianah James	3	
681 <b>Chimacum</b> ..... 1 Earl Randall	1	
938 <b>Columbia Valley</b> ..... 1 Dan Blasdel	1	
1123 <b>Crescent</b> ..... 5 Sabrina Meyer, Jeremy Meyer, Lily Meyer, Linda Mellott, Stanley Mellott	5	
846 <b>Deer Lagoon</b> ..... 3 Rolland Quade, Mary Quade, Molly Quade	3	
902 <b>East Oakville</b> ..... 4 Aaron Hurd, Sunshine Hurd, Joe Boers, Nadine Boers	4	
148 <b>East Spokane</b> ..... 1 Christine Mott	1	
26 <b>Elma</b> ..... 1 Bentley Brown	1	1
33 <b>Fords Prairie</b> ..... 2 Franklin Gallup, Theresa Gallup	2	
153 <b>Forest</b> ..... 1 Teresa Hagen	1	
533 <b>Fort Colville</b> ..... 1 Rylee Sloan	1	
300 <b>Green Bluff</b> ..... 1 Richard Irvin	1	
322 <b>Happy Valley</b> ..... 2 Wade Davis, Arlene Ritzhaupt	2	
169 <b>Haynie</b> ..... 1 Trevor Kudsk	1	
1120 <b>Kettle River</b> ..... 1 Dylan McKnight	1	
796 <b>Manson</b> ..... 10 Marisa Ascanio, Aaron England, Dale England, Rae Anne England Janet Pellon, Deandra England, Andrew Bloch, Geri Bloch, Robin Bloch Rich Watson	10	
276 <b>Marion</b> ..... 1 Mark A Smith	1	
1054 <b>Menastash</b> ..... 24 Pat McNutt, Allison Bovos, Kody Skinner, Taylor Kahler, Michael Kahler Nathan Foster, Jenieve Foster, Brandon Comfort, Candice Comfort Jill Weekes, Chet Weekes, Brook Shull, Ryan Shull, Landon Henrichsen Jolie Feddema, Brett Mackay, Jinni Mackay, Brynlee Mackay, Ashlynn Mackay Kevin Aider, Amy Aider, Taylor Aider, Jeff Raap, Rikki Raap	24	17
1125 <b>Olalla</b> ..... 4 Sean Williams, Jaelyn Williams, Frank Davidson, Julie Davidson	4	
1067 <b>Prospect Point</b> ..... 21 Matt Reeves, LaZelle Russell, Preston Hansen, Steve Thonney, Lisa Thonney George Klein, Karina Klein, Laura Klein, Justin Klein, Sophia Klein Emily Klein, Jason Lynch, Dana Lynch, Emily Kely, Isaiah Kely, Brian Smith Shawnita Smith, Ty Lane, Heather Usko, Isaiah Velazquez, Ashley Lane	21	10
702 <b>Roy</b> ..... 3 Karen Byrd, Victor Stevens, Amy Cruver	3	
966 <b>San Juan Island</b> ..... 5 Lenore Bayuk, Marc Santos, Donna Gallagher, Nancy Best, Sandra May	5	
1108 <b>Sequim Prairie</b> ..... 4 Marie Dickinson, Travis Decker, Allie Decker, Aaron Hodge	4	1
105 <b>Silver Lake</b> ..... 3 Laura Hays, Anna Meadows, Eric Meadows	3	2
250 <b>South Bay</b> ..... 4 Robert Blake, Kathleen Hurd, Emily Killeen, Laura Killeen	4	
930 <b>South Camano</b> ..... 2 Elizabeth Walden, Richard MacQuarne	2	
860 <b>South Union</b> ..... 2 Eddie Armstrong, Gloria Armstrong	2	
909 <b>Spring Hill</b> ..... 2 Lisa McConnel, Bruce McConnel	2	
121 <b>Stevenson</b> ..... 1 Sally Munoz	1	
399 <b>Ten Mile</b> ..... 1 Henry Ohana	1	
1048 <b>The Valley</b> ..... 3 Christopher Holt, Bob Wolsky, Travis Dixon	3	
1111 <b>Waller Road</b> ..... 54 Judy Allan, Steven Allan, Matt Anderson, Tara Anderson, Paula Bacon Nancy Baskett, Carly Bellock, Julie Blanchard, Margaret Bothwell Barret Carpenter, Bruce Cook, Joshua Cook, Candice Cook-Lee Char Davenport, Gloria Earl, Danice Feller, Mike Feller, Steven Fredrickson Karen Gerken, Ted Gessner, Cheri Harris, Carol Hendershot, Joe Hendershot Janet Hersey, Sandi Holdener, Paula Hunter-Mahon, Lindsey Jacobson Jeff Johnson, Denise Kelley, Charles Kimmel, Melanie Knox, Mina Lucatero Allison Martin, Paul Marin, Susan Mitchell-Matson, Will Matson, Amber Mitchell Robert Mitchell, Caol Munsey, Marcy Naubert, Lori Price, Diann Puls, Zana Rios Jonathan Scott, Jackie Shelton, Nancy Slotnick, Gabriel Tetrault, Steve Thomas Julie Thomas, Ken Vanderberg, Tandra Vanderberg, Sheila Wynn, Keenan Wynn-Smith, Michael Smith	54	1
1143 <b>White Trail</b> ..... 26 Frank Robinson, Elaine Robinson, Jamie Dearing, Brandon Rodeback Samantha Rodeback, Brydon Stacy, Jeremiah Thoma, Nikki Limbarger Tammy Avey, John Shultz, Emily Shultz, Carter Shultz, John Burke Cassie Burke, Audrey Burke, Scott Myers, Niconia Butler, Hailey Howell Justin Lee, Katie Lee, Shaun Meseberg, Meghan Meseberg, Chris Cox Erin Cox, Jacob Reardon, Lianna Frost	26	13
980 <b>Windsor</b> ..... 1 Kristine Bowman	1	
<b>TOTALS</b> ..... 210	210	52

## Membership: Retaining New Members

We have talked a lot about how to recruit new members into the Grange, now let's talk about how we can retain these new members.

800 new members joined our organization last year! 800... we haven't seen growth like this since the insurance era. In fact, we hadn't had a net gain in membership since 1996 until 2021 came around. That is TWENTY-FIVE YEARS without a net gain!! As of this writing, we have 560 new members so far for 2022. That is more than 1300 new members in 2021-present. Wow! Its impressive, exhilarating and just downright exciting to see all the new growth.

Here at State Grange headquarters, we immediately process new members as they come in. Within just a few short days, that new member will receive a "Welcome to the Grange" letter from the State President, their membership card, and a new member handbook. If they joined as a family, every single family member will also receive a membership card. Even the Junior Grangers receive a junior membership card that is signed by the State President.

Our new system allows us the ability to get new information to the new member(s) while joining the Grange is still exciting to them. Gone are the days of waiting quarterly before a member was reported. This left new members with absolutely nothing from the Grange. Some could wait 6 months or better depending on the quickness of the Grange reporting. This meant they weren't even able to receive a Grange Newspaper.

So now that you have new members, and they have received all the information about the

Grange, now what should you do? How do you get them involved in the Grange?

It is extremely important for you or someone in your Grange to include them any chance you get. For example, you know that the Secretary has sent in the new names to State Grange, and you know they will soon receive their Welcome information; reach out to them and ask about receiving their Grange information. Ask them if they have any questions and invite them to the next meeting or event. This would be a great task for someone on your membership committee as well.

Mentors are another great way to get new members involved while they also learn about the Grange. Assign a mentor to your new member and/or their family. Be sure it is a person in your Grange with a positive outlook on the Grange. Share your stories about your membership and what the Grange has meant to you and/or your family. Remember that sharing is so important!

Let's also not forget to invite all our membership to every single meeting and event. Include all your members in either email

or letter each month. Remember that some people will not come unless they are invited. When a new member or even a long-time member that usually does not come to events or meetings attend, make them feel welcome and important. It is so important that you make sure they feel at home and not excluded. This is also more important than ever as we are all slowly getting back to our monthly meetings and finally holding events again.

### Would you like your Grange featured in a coming issue of the Grange News?

If your Grange has sponsored 5 or more new members this year, we would love to hear what you are doing to entice new members to join. We would like to share what has worked for your Grange and feature your story.

Did you set up a committee to focus on membership? Did you hold specific community events to remind others about the Grange? Are you having success using social media? Send your story and any photos you would like to share to grangenews@wa-grange.org.

## Membership Packet Order Form

Grange Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grange Number \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_ (Small-3XL) \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_ (Small-3XL)

Qty \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Each packet includes two Membership T-Shirts (to be worn while introducing others to the Grange), 50 membership applications, 50 Declaration of Purpose brochures (What the Grange is all about), 25 Grange Benefits brochures for \$25.

## Congratulations

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

- Debbie Harbin – Addy #603
- Cindy Kelly – Dry Creek #646
- Doug England – Manson #796
- Valerie Ellard – Sequim Prairie #1108
- Lew Gaskill – Ten Mile #399
- Ronda Fredrickson – Waller Road #1111
- Rita Butler – White Trail #1143

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

- Menastash – 4 gift cards
- Valerie Ellard – Sequim Prairie #1108 – 1 gift card
- Rick Ferguson – Prospect Point #1067 – 3 gift cards
- Ronda Fredrickson – Waller Road #1111 – 9 gift cards
- Rita Butler – White Trail #1143 – 4 gift cards

This Contest runs from January 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2022.  
There are many members close to receiving their membership t-shirt or a \$25 gift card.  
So, let's get out there and invite our friends and neighbors to join the Grange!

# Home & Family

## State Convention Judging and Entries Information

By Helen Berg  
Family Living Director

It's getting close to State Convention time. I am so looking forward to seeing all of you face to face. I thought I would take some time to bring you up to speed on when you can bring your entries in for judging on the state level. June 22nd we will begin taking entries at 2:00 until 6:00 P.M. If you are in Puyallup on Tuesday, I would encourage you to bring your entries on this day as it can get very hectic the closer to

judging time. Wednesday we will take entries from 8:00-1:00. Don't forget to bring your comfort toys and state quilt blocks along with all purple entries from your Pomona contests. This is also the time to bring in your collectibles. There will be a book to record these items as well as items that make a difference such as chemo caps, adult bibs, Project Linus, etc.

We can always use help in the display room. If you can help with setting up the display, being a runner, scribing for judges,

servicing as a host, or any other job which comes up let me know and I will be glad to put you to work. I am sure this will be the best contest since we have had to wait so long to have a full contest.

Our Family living Breakfast will be held at Fruitland Grange on Thursday morning at 7:00 A.M. I know they were still firming up the menu. All options sounded great so come and join us.

See you in June.



Helen Berg



## A Delicious Fruit Tart Surprise For Mom

(Courtesy of Family Features)

Mother's Day is a time to celebrate and treat your mom to a delicious breakfast or brunch. Whether it's a meal in bed or a beautiful spread on the dining room table, make the day special with simple recipes that are sure to impress.

Try this Brunch Fruit Tart with a tasty granola crust and colorful fruit topping to start Mother's Day in style. It's a sweet option to begin her day on the right note.

With a crunchy crust and smooth center, this tart is balanced, easy to make and a beautiful addition to the menu. It's also easy to customize as the fruit topping options are nearly unlimited. Pick your mom's favorites and decorate the top however you please. Or, let the little ones get creative and put their own spin on an essential Mother's Day meal.

For more brunch recipes, visit [Culinary.net](http://Culinary.net).

### Brunch Fruit Tart

#### Ingredients:

#### Crust

- 4 cups granola mixture
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 4 1/2 tablespoons honey
- nonstick cooking spray

#### Filling

- 2 1/4 cups vanilla Greek yogurt
- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 package gelatin

#### Toppings

- strawberries, sliced
- blueberries
- kiwis, sliced

#### To Make the Crust

Preheat oven to 350 F. In large bowl, combine granola, butter and honey. Grease 11-inch tart pan with nonstick cooking spray. Line bottom of tart pan with parchment paper. Press granola mixture into tart pan. Place tart pan on baking sheet and bake 10 minutes. Cool completely.

#### To Make the Filling

Using mixer, combine yogurt, cream cheese, sugar, vanilla extract and gelatin until whipped completely. Pour yogurt mixture into tart crust. Refrigerate at least 1 hour.

Top with strawberries, blueberries and kiwis.

## Community Service

## Community Service Reports Are Due On June 1st

By Heather Ferguson  
Community Service Director

Spring is definitely here, but I also thought that a few weeks ago when it snowed and a few days ago when I woke up to frost. So, maybe, spring SHOULD be here is a better way to put it. Either way, the flowers are blooming and I'm carrying a few flats of hail damaged vegetable starts in and out of the garage every day. That is definitely the marker for springtime in my house.

This is also the time of year

to think about planting a little extra in your garden to pass on to a gardenless neighbor, the food bank or a local soup kitchen. I also enjoy starting my vegetables from seed and donate tomato and pepper plants to my local food bank along with a planting and care sheet. These plants seem to be very popular and much appreciated. Every year I try to do this, not only because I love gardening, but it makes me smile and feel good to help others with the veggies that I grew. Maybe it is something

you can try.

I could talk about gardening forever so let's switch gears and remember that Community Service reports are due to Headquarters on June 1. Don't be intimidated by the report. All you need to do is fill out the form and send it in. For those that did not keep track of hours, just make your best educated guess on the numbers. Books are lovely and definitely appreciated but all I need is the form. See you at convention.



Heather Ferguson

## Goldendale Grange Creates Special Easter Goodies



Four ladies from Goldendale Grange met before Easter to resolve a problem that had been nagging each of them. On Easter small children look forward to hunting colored eggs and eating chocolate rabbits but what about our elderly members confined at home or in care facilities. What do they have to look forward to? To solve this dilemma these creative ladies' hand-crafted Easter treats for them and added more treats for Goldendale's New Hope Farms. New Hope Farm is a Christian based facility that provides full life care for developmentally challenged adults. The residents' range in age from 21 to 86. Grange Lecturer, LuAnn Whitmire said it best, "Special treats were shared in the spirit of kindness and the Easter season with residents of New Hope Farms and our senior community. Each treat was delivered with cheer and a short visit." Thank You ladies for providing a meaningful Community Service project.



# Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

## Youth

### Summer Youth Activities On The Horizon



Jerry Gwin

By Jerry Gwin  
State Youth Director

Thank you to those Granges who quickly sold their youth raffle tickets and returned them. Be sure to send the completed ticket stubs with the payment. If additional tickets are needed you can contact either me or the State Grange Office. We still have tickets available.

The youth activities at the upcoming State Grange Session will begin on the morning of Wednesday, June 22. We will start with get acquainted activities and the selection of our state youth officer team. We are planning on a full schedule, which will include:

- **Wed, June 22** – Fifth and Seventh Degree Exemplification
- **Thurs, June 23** – Celebration Banquet
- **Fri, June 24** – Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song Contests
- **Sat, June 25** – Youth Officers Will Open the State Grange Session

Additional information will be next month's column.

The National Grange Youth and Junior Grange Departments will hold their Annual Rund Raising Telethon on July 9. The purpose is to raise funds for both the Youth and Junior Programs at the national level. In addition to financial contributions, the telethon will include testimonials and a variety of Grange talent. If either the Youth or Junior Grange programs have made a positive impact on your life, we would ask to you provide a testimonial. We will be filming testimonials at our session. Sign up to participate at the youth raffle ticket table at the state session.

## Junior Connection

### Clallam County Junior Grange

Clallam County Junior Grange is proceeding with plans for Camp David Junior Grange Camp, to be held July 5-8 on Lake Crescent in Clallam County. Registration is available on the camp's website.

### Humptulips Junior Grange

Humptulips Junior Grange has taken in 13 new members in the past six months. Members are preparing for Grange contests and will have entries in art, craft, photo, food preservation, and sewing. We will have a flag activity on May 28, meeting at the Grange Hall and then proceeding the Humptulips Cemetery to place flags on the veteran's graves. We will then go to Quinalt and do the same at the Quinalt Cemetery. Members are asked to bring a sack lunch for a picnic at Lake Quinalt before proceeding back home.

## A Green Bluff Welcome

A welcome basket was presented by Green Bluff Grange to a new Green Bluff Grange Family.



## Junior

### State Convention Changes Parents/Leaders Need To Know



Heather Ferguson

By Heather Ferguson  
Junior Grange Director

Convention is getting close and I am making lists of everything that still needs to get done. It is a very long list but I have no doubt that it will get done one way or the other. Despite the list I am so excited to be going back to a normal convention. I'm sure I am not the only one that has missed catching up with our Grange Brothers and Sisters lives. This year tho, it will be catching up with almost three years. That will be a lot of talking. For our Juniors, three years is a long time and involve many changes. I just hope to recognize most of them.

Convention for the Juniors will be an exciting one with a few changes parents and leaders need to know before attending. The Junior program will only be available Thursday thru Saturday from 9 am to 4:30 pm, at all other times the Junior room is closed and the participants are the responsibility of their parent or guardian. At the end of the day, Juniors will need to be signed out and picked up by an authorized person before leaving the Junior room. We will not be doing an off-site tour like in past years but have opted for an educational presenter and a pizza party

picnic and outside games. All of these changes are for the safety of the Juniors which is our highest priority.

I do not have a final schedule for convention but here are the highlights parents and leaders will need to know. I can't wait to see everyone.

### Convention 2022 Schedule- Draft

**Thursday-**

- 9:00 - Arrival and Paperwork
- 12:00 - Lunch – Provided
- 4:30 - Pick-up

**Friday-**

- 9:00 - Arrival and Junior Opening and Awards
- 12:00 - Ice Cream Social (No Lunch Provided)
- 4:30 - Pick-up

**Saturday-**

- 9:00 - Arrival
- 12:00 - Pizza Party
- 4:30 - Pick-up and Goodbyes

## Addy/Stranger Creek Grange Beef Group Meetings & Activities



The Addy/Stranger Creek Grange Beef Group has been very active over the past four months, having meetings once a month. The group has been going over giving shots, tying ropes, making rope halters, reading labels, how to show, how to treat your animal, feeding your animal, all about brands, and much more. All of the kids have done a demonstration on their beef poster, some of their posters were on stress in cattle, cattle snake bites, beef breeds, dehorning, hoof rot, vaccinating, cattle teeth, certain genes, and cattle diseases. Pictured: (Top Left) Beef group members learning how to make their own rope halters. (Top Right) One lesson taught us the different types of shots and how to give them to our steer or heifer. (Bottom Left) Courtney giving a demonstration on teeth in cattle. (Bottom Right) Identifying various types of livestock feed.

# Pomona Connection

## CHELAN COUNTY POMONA

Chelan County Pomona Grange will hold their Lecturer and CFL Contests on May 13-14 at the Bee Hive Grange Hall.

## CLARK COUNTY POMONA

Clark County Pomona Grange met on April 13th via Zoom as the weather was very questionable. Quite a few people found snow on the ground each morning, and the roads were questionable. There were 25 members in attendance. Jen Kennedy and Michael Gilmour, from Fargher Lake Grange, received the 5th Degree. The Baking, Candy, & Preservation contest was moved to April 30th at Fargher Lake Grange, along with the Arts & Crafts, Sewing, and Photography contest. Master Janice Anderson and State Deputy Debbie Richards attended the conference for State Officers, Pomona Masters, and Grange Deputies in March. Debbie shared information on changes to the Bylaws and changes being made by the IRS. Rodger Lance gave a recap of the Session Watch. He listed several bills that failed. PUD Commissioner, Jim Malinowski, reported many outages in the area due to the snow and trees falling.

Pomona in May will be on the 11th, 7:00 pm, at Mt. Valley Grange #79 in Amboy, WA.

## EXCELSIOR POMONA

Excelsior Pomona will hold all Pomona contests (except baking and photography) on May 21 at Greenwood Park.

## GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC POMONA

Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona

Grange will have all contests, except baking, on May 13 at the Sharon Grange Hall with entries due by 1 p.m. The Pomona Grange will meet on Sat, May 14 at 10 a.m. at the Sharon Grange Hall.

## PIERCE COUNTY POMONA

Pierce County Pomona will hold the craft and photography contests will be on May 7 at the McMillin Grange Hall.

## SKAGIT POMONA GRANGE

Skagit Pomona Grange held their Lecturer and Family Living Contests prior to their April meeting. The Lecturer had 55 photography entries with 22 purple ribbon winners and 36 Arts & Crafts entries with 22 purple ribbon winners. There were 18 youth entries in the photos and two youth entries in the crafts contest. Family Living reported 11 entries in baking with 6 winners, 19 food preservation with 7 winners, 14 needlework entries with 8 purple ribbons, and two quilts, both being winners. The auction of baked goods after the meeting brought in \$118 for the Family Living charities. We are going to start holding "sewing bees" once a month at Samish Valley Grange, starting on May 15th. The first month we will work on comfort toys, and discuss other possible community service type projects such as adult bibs or lap robes for nursing homes for future "bees". We will meet from 10 AM to 4 PM. It will be "come when you can and leave when you have to", and bring your own lunch. Non-sewing members are encouraged to come, too, as there will be

plenty of tasks that they can do.

## SNOHOMISH COUNTY POMONA

Snohomish County Pomona held their Family Living Contest during the Pomona meeting on Saturday March 19 at the South Lake Stevens Grange. Several entries earned purple ribbons and will be represented at the State Convention in June. The rest of the Grange Contests for the Family Living and Lecturer Departments will be held in May at the Garden City Grange in Snohomish, WA. The Date to enter is Thursday May 19, between 10 AM and 2 PM. Your entries may be picked up after the Pomona meeting on Saturday May 21st.

## THURSTON COUNTY POMONA

Thurston County Pomona met at Violet Prairie Grange Hall on April 7. The meeting was preceded by a potluck dinner. The baking and candy contests were held, then entries were presented and auctioned to the highest bidder by the brother-sister team of CFL Ginny Nelson and Assistant Steward Ron Nelson (our auctioneer). The next meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on June 2 at South Bay Grange and will include the flower arranging contest.

## WHITMAN COUNTY POMONA

Whitman County Pomona will hold their Lecturer and Family Living Contests, other than baking, on May 21 at the North & South Palouse Grange Hall.

## Pomona Calendar

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

<b>CHELAN</b>	May 14 at BeeHive, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Contest entries will be due on May 13.
<b>CLARK</b>	May 11 at location to be determined, 7 p.m.
<b>COWLITZ/ WAHKIAKUM</b>	May 21 at Skamokawa, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. meeting
<b>EXCELSIOR</b>	May 21 at Greenwood Park, 10:30 a.m. Craft and Family Living Contest entries due.
<b>FERRY</b>	July 11 at Malo, 6 p.m.
<b>GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC</b>	May 14 at Sharon, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. All contest entries (except baking are due on May 13 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.).
<b>KLICKITAT</b>	May 7 at Mountain View, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting.
<b>LEWIS</b>	May 7 at Lincoln Creek, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. All Grange Picnic will be on June 4 at 12 noon at Armit's in Mossyrock as a part of the Camper Club Fun Rally.
<b>MASON</b>	May 21 at Skokomish, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
<b>OKANOGAN</b>	July 9 at Okanogan, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck lunch.
<b>PIERCE</b>	May 7 at McMillin, 10 a.m. Craft and photography contest entries due. The next meeting will be June 4 at Riverside Valley.
<b>SKAGIT</b>	May 4 at Samish Valley, 6 p.m. The next Pomona meeting will be June 1 at Summit Park.
<b>SNAKE RIVER</b>	May 21 at Columbia Valley, 10 a.m.
<b>SNOHOMISH</b>	May 21 at Garden City, 10 a.m. Pomona contest entries due on May 19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
<b>STEVENS</b>	July 23 at Quilliscut, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck lunch.
<b>THURSTON</b>	May 5 at South Union, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. The next meeting will be June 2 at South Bay,
<b>WHATCOM</b>	June 21 at Laurel, 7 p.m. Will have the flower contest.
<b>WHITMAN</b>	May 21 at North & South Palouse, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. no-host lunch. Will hold Family Living and Lecturer Contests.
<b>YAKIMA VALLEY</b>	May 9 at Fruitvale, 5 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting. Will include the Pomona Grange Contests.

## Latest News from Inland Grange

Inland Grange spent January through March trying to replenish our budget with BINGO nights for the community. We had a great turnout and lots of support from the community. During the event we had concessions which was supported by Country Pride 4-H and Boy Scout Troop 240. The sold pizza, popcorn, desserts and beverages. This partnership led to success.

The month of April we had our annual spring clean up. Again, Country Pride 4-H and Boy Scout Troop 240, showed up and helped us get the Grange ready for all events. From outside to inside the Inland Grange had so much love put into it.

Our next event is an Inland Grange benefit with live music! This will happen May 7th starting at 3 pm. It is a community event bring your best potluck meal and enjoy our community. Featuring The Rocking Chair Romeos and The Coffin Dodgers.

SHiNE Dance Fitness Instructor Ann has fitness class scheduled for Monday and Wednesday at 6:15 pm in May. It is an easy way for the community to stay in shape without driving to the city. We appreciate her willingness to offer this much need service.



## The Grange Exchange

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Boxed	1.00	.75
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# Grange Connection

## ADAMS COUNTY

**Ralston Grange** welcomed our newest members, Jeff Duval, Steve Duval and Debbie Binam and the rest of the Luke McRae family, Trish, Henry, Merit, Mae and Jase. Yard sale plans are moving forward for the event on April 30. There will be lunch for sale too! We were awarded a grant from Innovia Foundation for \$15,000 to go toward the drilling and installation of a domestic water well. Options were discussed, those being to go ahead with the well project or continue our current situation for water access for the Grange hall and return the grant funds. A vote was taken with all present agreeing we should go ahead with getting our own well. Estimated cost of the project is \$20,000. It was agreed to form a committee which would take on the project and move it forward. \*It was decided to set up a "Well Fund", the proceeds of which would be used to help make up the difference between the estimated cost of the well and the grant amount. A picnic table for the Keppler Memorial Park has been purchased with funds donated by the Palouse to Cascade Coalition. As part of our program next month at the Women's Dinner, Tuesday, May 17th, we would like our members' kids (or grandkids) to help out by sharing something for the program. It can be anything of their choice. We do have one youth who will use that time to share his 4-H presentation with us. The evening closed with Lee Agnew sharing with us the four buildings, complete with detailed furnishings, that he made. They were absolutely unbelievable!

## ASOTIN COUNTY

**Clarkston Heights Grange** had a Easter community event April 16. Lola Collinsworth had a great party for our community. Egg hunt, lots of games, cake walk & lunch. Hot dogs, chips & drinks. We can hardly wait for the next great event.

## CLARK COUNTY

**Mountain Valley Grange** met on Saturday, April 9th at 10:30 am. A program was presented by Gordon Brooks, Clark County Fire District #10, on fire extinguishers. His helper was his granddaughter, Laila. Gordon

spoke on the different types of fire extinguishers and what type of fires they are used on. He also stressed the importance of having them available and knowing how to use one. A fire extinguisher is the first line of defense, and the most important place to have one is the kitchen. He also suggested having one in a person's vehicle. The Charter was draped for Hope Witt Hazen, a Golden Sheaf member.

Rentals are coming in slowly. Meals on Wheels People may be starting up the senior lunch program in May.

## GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

**Humptulips Grange** will have a new roof installed during the first two weeks of May. It will take at least a week for a full crew to complete the job. We will be replacing the toilets in the hall in the near future. The Grange food bank served 64 families in May. Plans for our summer activities are moving forward.

## KLICKITAT COUNTY

**Mountain View Grange** members learned about the Underwood Conservation District's Farm Tool Library, which has over 90 tools that can be reserved and checked out. UCD staff will provide instructions on how to use the equipment, and to promote best-management practices. The Farm Tool Library project is a good fit for the Mt View Grange, part of whose vision is "To advocate for sustainable food systems that leave the planet better than we found it". The opening celebration was held April 20. Also new is the Gorge Farmer Collective's refrigerated trailer. The Farmer's Collective runs a farmers' marketplace featuring locally produced meat, vegetables, flowers and more. The Mt View Grange is White Salmon's pick-up spot, as well as a packing location for the Collective. The Gorge Farmer Collective mission is rooted in promoting and fostering local family farmers.

## LEWIS COUNTY

**Adna Grange** will hold a Community Garage Sale on May 27-28 at the Grange Hall, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on each day. Spaces are available. There will also be a Potato Bake on May 28, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, email

adnagrang417@gmail.com

## SKAGIT COUNTY

**Skagit Valley Grange** members discussed lighting in their parking lot during their April meeting. Results of the Lecturer and Family Living contests at the Pomona Grange meeting were announced. Skagit Valley was well represented, with purple ribbons won by Barbara Hoffman and Phil Hoffman in photography, Mary Ann Weeks in flower arranging, Karen Castello and Jean Swift in needlework, Dennis Hall, Barbara Hoffman and Jean Swift in baking, and Jean Swift in food preservation. Mary Hall presented a program on "Spring".

## SPOKANE COUNTY

**Green Bluff Grange** had some newer Bluffers attend the Booster Night and Pie Auction, which brought in \$430. One person paid \$50 and just wanted one piece of that chocolate cream pie; then gave it back for a 2nd auction bid which came in for \$23. The welcome committee has delivered 6 welcome baskets to new Green Bluff residents. We

continue the last Sunday of the month "All you can eat Pancake Breakfast"—dates of April 24, May 29, and June 26. The May 3 community event has Master Gardner, Steve Nokes speaking on planting in containers and in the garden. June 7 will be a "US Flags Retirement" presented by the Boy Scouts—bring you old raggedy Flag to Retire. We awarded Linsey Scarlett a \$1000 scholarship and Sarah Smith a \$600 scholarship—congratulations to both of these young women. Contest judging will be held on May 13 at Five Mile Grange. The "Custer Grass Band" will present a concert on May 28 at the Grange. Our Grange will be holding the famous "Cherry Pickers Trot" for 2022 on July 21.

## STEVENS COUNTY

**Camas Valley Grange** cancelled their April meeting - some members had traveled over Spring Break and road conditions were hazardous. Deep cleaning of the building was on April 26. Bingo held on May 7. The wood floors will be refinished in the summer. Once weather improves, the

Little Lending Library will be in front of the Grange and filled with books. There is a Springdale-Wide Yard Sale on May 21, with tables in and around the Grange building. The June monthly meeting will start with the annual memorial/remembrance. There are many items to be discussed at upcoming monthly meetings. Please shop local and support small businesses. Stay safe and healthy.

## THURSTON COUNTY

**South Union Grange** met on April 18 for their regular meeting. Members voted to accept Eddie and Gloria Armstrong as new members, and Billie Williams as an affiliate member. A successful garage sale was held on April 22 and 23, and included plants and home baked goodies. The next meeting will be at 7 pm on May 16. Monthly dances with live country music by "The Country Four and More" are held the first Saturday of each month from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. All ages are welcome and the cost is \$6 per person.

## Latest News from Crescent Grange

Crescent Grange members bade a fond farewell to ZOOM meetings at their first live in house meeting in almost two years. The business meeting plus a no host dinner got things off to a good start. The big item on the agenda was the replacement of the roof on the hall and the fund raising needed to do this.

We welcomed into the Grange family Linda and Stanley Mallot and the Mayer family Sabrina, Jeremy and Lily. The Obligation was given by President Emil Moilanen.

Following a talk by Benji Astrachan, WSU, we have established a Little Free Pantry. This makes the 4th little Free Pantry across Clallam's West End. A very successful bake sale was held to fund stocking the Little Free Pantry. The profits will be split between the pantry and the roof replacement account.

Getting back into the swing of things had our first community dinner since the start of the pandemic. The dinner plus Brown Bag Bingo made for a fun evening. In May we will host our semi-annual Flea Market and Plant sale. Dictionaries were present

to the Crescent School 4th graders and we are scheduled to host Pomona. Future plans include a Grange Cook Book and Neal Moilanen is working to get wireless internet for the Grange. Delegates and Alternates for the State Annual Convention were named.

The Grange Hall has been busy hosting the Crescent Water Assoc. annual meeting, the Crescent Fire Dept. awards



night, the Junior Grange Camp Planners and a Treasure Hunt for the Crescent School kindergarten and 1st graders.

While we did not officially meet throughout the pandemic, Crescent Grange members continued to support their community where ever and whenever they could maintaining the Grange tradition of Service.



### Twisp Valley Grange Erects New Sign Board



Thank you to Brother Gibb for erecting the reader board outside our Twisp Valley Grange Hall. Its going to be a great addition to keep people informed on what is going on not only at the Grange but around our little village.

## Clarkston Heights Grange Hosts Easter Carnival & Egg Hunt



Clarkston Heights Grange recently held their Easter Carnival. Part of the Easter Carnival was their egg and painted rock hunt. A hot dog lunch was also served. The kids and adults alike all had a great time.

## Malo Grange Hosts Easter Egg Hunt



Malo Grange is finally getting active again and what better way than an Easter Egg Hunt? No one expected the two inches of snow we would receive the day before.

The white ground cover made it easy for the few hardy soles to find the colored plastic egg shells. We won't talk with Family Living about the huge hauls of candy the few collected.

## Catlin Grange Presents Awards To Longtime Members



Worthy State Gatekeeper Butch Ogden presented members of Catlin Grange with Membership Awards. Roy Painter was presented his 75 year Membership Certificate and Jerome and Myrtle Mies were awarded their 50 year Certificates in the Grange .

## Spring Cleaning At Lower Naches Grange



Naches Valley High School sent students who volunteer to do community service to our Grange to do some much needed yard cleaning. They were assisted by their teacher Mr. Patrick who worked right alongside them hauling more than 50 wheelbarrows of trash to a burn pile. In the meantime Grange members were inside cleaning out a storage room where they hope to hold meetings in the winter so the whole Grange does not have to be heated. It was a very successful spring cleaning for our Grange.




Grange Declaration of Purpose

**INFLUENCED BY OUR STRONG BELIEFS IN THE INSTITUTION OF THE FAMILY, WE ARE CONVINCED THAT EDUCATION BEGINS IN THE FAMILY CIRCLE.**

