



WASHINGTON STATE Grange News

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Youth Fairs Program Proves Successful In First Year

One year ago, the Grange Youth Fairs Program was still in the visionary process in Washington State. Due to the high number of requests for the program, state Grange officials quickly moved forward in adapting the national program for use in our state.

Moving quickly to implement

and promote the program, we can look back with the thought that it was the right thing to do for the youth of Washington State. Nine fairs, plus one youth livestock show, allowed Grange members to participate in our inaugural year. Over 460 Youth and Junior Grangers, from ages 5

to 19 participated in the program. Participating shows and Granges were:

Clallam County Youth Livestock Show – Dry Creek, Sequim Prairie

Clark County Fair – Barberton, Fargher Lake, Sequim Prairie

Ferry County Fair – Kettle River

Grant County Fair – Moses Lake, White Trail

Grays Harbor County Fair – Camp Morehead, Humptulips, North River, Sharon

Kittitas County Fair – Menastash

North Central Washington Fair – East Wenatchee, Saint Andrews

Northeast Washington Fair – Addy, Camas Valley, Fort Colville, Kettle River

Othello Area Fair – Columbia Valley, Moses Lake

Walla Walla Fair – Frontier Days – Prospect Point

Following a Zoom meeting with participating Granges in

early October, the guidelines were updated for 2023. The guidelines are now available on the State Grange website: www.wa-grange.com/YouthFairs

Plans are also underway to incorporate pieces of the Youth Fairs Program into the 2023 Washington State Grange Annual Session, scheduled for June 21-24 in Moses Lake.

We are hopeful these fairs and Granges will expand their program in 2023. We also expect another 3-5 fairs to adopt the program allowing Grange Youth members the opportunity to participate in their fairs as a part of the Grange program.

*Pictured above:
The Othello Area Fair*

DECEMBER 2022 issue deadline – NOVEMBER 20th
Submissions can be sent to grangenews@wa-grange.org

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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.

- NOVEMBER 15-18 National Grange Session at Reno/Sparks, Nevada
- NOVEMBER 30 Q & A With the State Grange President, 7 pm – Zoom meeting; Topic – An Update from the Happenings of the National Grange Session
- DECEMBER 1 Grange Officer Lists (2023) due to State Grange Office
- DECEMBER 10..... State Grange Christmas Party, 1 p.m. potluck, at the State Grange Office in Olympia
- DECEMBER 15 Grange Fidelity Bond Payments due to State Grange Office
- DECEMBER 28 Q & A With the State Grange President, 7 pm – Zoom Meeting; Topic – A preview to Leadership Conferences and 2023 Grange Programs

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AND POTLUCK AT STATE GRANGE OFFICE

The Washington State Grange will host a Holiday Open House and Potluck.

Saturday, December 10th at the State Grange Office, 924 Capitol Way S. in Olympia.

Activities will begin at 1 p.m. with a potluck dinner.



There will be games and activities, along with a silent auction.

All Grange members and their families are invited.



President’s Message

2022 Was A Good Year; 2023 Can Be A Great Year

By Tom Gwin
State Grange
Master/President

The summer of 2022 went down as one with little moisture and higher than average temperatures. As we were suffering through the abnormally wet weather in May and June, who would have thought that we would see so little rain from July through October? The wet spring weather delayed the planting of many crops as the fields were just too wet to work. The late plantings contributed to a delayed harvest as well. Luckily, the fall rains held off until just recently, allowing a regular harvest...just a little later than we are accustomed to.

Changes in State Grange personnel have continued. In June, Heather Hansen retired as our Legislative Liaison. In July, Patti Cochran retired as the State Grange Accountant. We are currently seeking their replacements.

I have appointed one more member to our deputy force. Toni Blanchard, a member of Silverdale Grange, will be the new State Grange Deputy for Kitsap County.

In October, the Washington State Fairs Association held their annual convention in Pasco. The Washington State Grange has joined the WSFA as a service member. We had a display in their trade show and met with representatives from several fairs at the convention. There was also a panel discussion on the Grange Youth Fairs Program. The panelists included representatives from the Kittitas County Fair, Clark County Fair, and the North Central Washington Fair.

Brittney Pittman, Grange Fairs Coordinator for Grant County, represented the State Grange on the panel. The discussion focused on how the fairs incorporated the program into their fair and how their first year went. I am pleased to report that all participating fairs shared the positive impact of the Grange Youth Fairs Program and are planning to continue with the program. The North Central Washington Fair has made the Grange Youth Fairs Program a permanent part of their fair. We

Plan your events wisely, keeping in mind that every event is an opportunity to promote membership in our organization.

-- Tom Gwin

have also picked up the Chelan County Fair for 2023. There are proposals out to additional fairs, and still more fairs have asked us to identify potential participants as they want to include the program as well. The Grange Youth Fairs Program is off to a great start in our state and will continue to grow.

In just a few weeks, the 156th Annual Session of the National Grange will be held in Sparks, Nevada. As a part of the host region, we are busily preparing to the session. Two of our Granges will be recognized as Distinguished Granges this



Tom Gwin

year. Over 100 Granges (Subordinate, Pomona, and Junior) will be recognized as Granges in Action. The Vetter/Vest Family of Olympic View Grange will be honored as a Grange Legacy Family. We also have entries in several other contests and programs. Results will be in the next issue of The Grange News.

Information on fidelity bonds for Grange officers has been sent to each Subordinate and Pomona Grange. Rates are the same as last year, but the due date has been moved up. All Granges wishing to purchase the bonding insurance must submit their payment to the Washington State Grange no later than December 15 of this year for coverage during the calendar year of 2023. The insurance company will no longer accept late payments. The result will be a full year of coverage for your Grange.

After a busy summer of camps and fairs, Granges are busy planning booster programs, fund raising events, and holiday happenings. Plan your events wisely, keeping in mind that every event is an opportunity to promote membership in our organization. Be sure to order your banners, membership applications, and flyers from the state at headquarters. Our new updated materials are attractive and will make your job of attracting new members easier.

Here's to a successful autumn of successful Grange activities in every Grange!

Advocacy Playbook: Midterm Elections

By Sean O’Neil
National Grange Legislative Assistant

The Issue:

On Tuesday, November 8th, the 2022 midterm elections will be held for the entire House of Representatives, one-third of the Senate, and many state and local positions. These elections will have more impact than any other factor on what proposals do and do not become law in the next two years in Washington, D.C. and many state capitols. As a result, voting in these midterm elections is one of the most powerful ways that any individual can influence the direction of government policies and actions in the short term.

Why it Matters:

As a grassroots organization, the National Grange depends on the active civic engagement of our membership to influence policy at the federal level. While we often encourage you to be engaged through letter writing, phone calls, town halls, and more, the power of that advocacy comes from the reputation of Grangers across America as citizens who are seriously engaged with their government. This reputation is built not just through the presence of local Granges in their community but through the knowledge that Grangers are also likely voters. When elected officials and other decision-makers are aware that the group that is advocating for something is a group of people who may hold them accountable at the ballot box for not following through then they are more likely to pay attention. With this in mind, not only is voting in the midterm elections an effective way for individual Grangers to influence government policy going forward it also strengthens the power of the National Grange to influence elected officials in between elections.

How to Vote:

While voting rules vary widely from state to state, there are a few essential things to keep in mind. First, it is essential that you make sure you are registered to vote and that your registration is up to date. Using the resources at <https://vote.gov/>, you can find out how to register to vote in your state. Be sure to act soon as many state deadlines for registering to vote in the 2022 election are quickly approaching. Once registered to vote, find out from your local board of election or state resources where your polling place may be on election day. If you are unable to vote in person on election day for any reason, look into what options your state offers for early, absentee, or vote by mail. Finally, research the candidates on the ballot, make your decision, and be sure to make your voice heard at the ballot box this November!

BONDING INSURANCE
NEW DEADLINE DATE FOR 2023

Fidelity Bonding coverage is again available through the National Grange. 2023 coverage begins January 1, 2023 and must be received in the State Grange **no later than 12/15/2022.**

DUE DECEMBER 15, 2022,
TO WA STATE GRANGE

Fidelity Bonding is a type of insurance overage to protect the financial assets of your Community, Pomona, or State Grange. According to the Digest of Laws of the National Grange, all Granges, at their own expense, are to be bonded or insured for employee with coverage to include at least the Secretary and Treasurer of each organization.

By-Laws

BRIGHTON PARK GRANGE #163 will vote on by-laws changes at their next regular meeting on November 10th. The changes to be voted on will be a time change from 7:30 to 7:00 pm and a dues change of an additional \$5.00 and a fee of \$3.00 per new application for membership and \$6.00 fee for new Family application.

BLACK LAKE GRANGE #861 will vote on a by-laws change at their meeting on November 10, 2022. The by-laws change will be to hold their meetings on the 2nd Thursday for the months of November and December only. All the other meetings will continue to be on the 4th Thursday.

Membership Corner

Welcome New Members

GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS October 2022

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417 Adna2		
Judi Beaty, Taylor Eiswald		
842 Camas Valley2		
Margaret Koepping, Denise Sheckler		
782 Elk Plain3		
Blain Moebius, Eileen Moebius, Henry Moebius		
853 Fargher Lake2	1	
Katie Running, Lori Winn		
124 Grays River3		
Mary Cronin, Brooke Bennett, Ian Wilson		
300 Green Bluff6	3	
Richard Halbig, Erica Halbig, Owen Halbig, Emma Halbig Wyatt Halbig, Therese Weed		
965 Horseshoe2		
Virginia Carey, Mark Rohde		
1120 Kettle River2	2	
Justin Eslick, Abby Eslick		
925 Lummi Island1		
Christine Green		
383 McLane1		
Dianne Johnson		
265 Meridian1		
Annabelle Parker		
315 Prosperity2		
Mike Reavis, Dee Tropp		
720 Quimper2		
Kate Davis, Vickie Townsend		
702 Roy2		
Nick Lamothe, Lori Lamothe		
966 San Juan Island21		
Elizabeth Herbert, Rachel Brooks, Kevin Connolly Judy Nelson, Tom Lemly, Kristina Stucki, Tom Nolan James McCubbin, Elizabeth McCubbin, Paulyne Stayberg Arna Garcia, Meaghan Rader, Erin Christie, Trinity Althof Paul Hopkins, David Anderson, Linnea Anderson Karl Kuetzing, Conner Kuetzing, Lauren Drake Alexa Rust		
1108 Sequim Prairie1		
Patti Block		
930 South Camano1		
Clint McPhee		
690 South Lake Stevens3		
Robin King, Elizabeth King, Kim Ludlow		
1058 Stillaguamish2		
Earl Dorman, Joan Love		
1093 Triway2		
Jay Offutt, Romy Bernhard		
1111 Waller Road1		
Arin Hinnian		
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Membership: Visualizing the Future of Your Grange

As we finish up with our fall festivities and prepare for our winter events, it is also a great time to look at the future of your Grange and begin setting goals for the new year.

What are your wants and needs for your Grange? How many new members would you like to welcome in this next year? Have you identified what your community needs from your Grange? These are just a few of the questions we can ask ourselves as we begin our work. Here are a few things to consider as you begin your discussions.

Visioning for the Future:

A vision is an attainable dream for your Grange. If everything were the way you wanted, the result would be your vision. A vision is your Granges direction, its incentive, and its hopes. With a clear vision, leadership may change but the Grange can continue moving in the same direction.

What is the mission of your Grange? Where does it need to go to grow?

These are the two critical questions you must first answer. As leader's, you must provide opportunities for growth and the vision needs to set forth direction to do so.

Some believe that visions should be like a mission, others believe that visions should be more measurable than that. The following describes a vision that is measurable.

Grange Visions may include elements such as:

- *Size of the Grange
- *Influence or Image

- *Leadership in the Grange
- *Service to Members
- *Service to the Community
- *Training

Other areas that will accomplish the mission of your Grange may also be included. A vision is like a globe, it doesn't contain all the little roads and towns you will pass through but shows the big picture. The small details will be the goals or local maps to accomplish individual parts of the vision. Items such as to have a pancake breakfast would not be part of the vision. The breakfast might be one goal of many to accomplish the vision.

Visions have five elements:

- *Leadership initiated
- *Shared with and Supported by the Team
- *Positive and Inspiring
- *Difficult but Attainable
- *Measurable

The vision of your Grange is highly important in giving direction to your Grange. It will positively affect the attitudes of the members and give them common goals to work for.

The vision must be positive and inspiring.

To do so, it must call for action. A vision with action equals a dream, while a vision with no action equals nothing. Every statement in a Vision must be positive and do something, such as, "Our Grange will have 30 members at each meeting." A vision statement such as this requires a Grange to set goals to reach their vision. The people, who a viable organization must

attract, are willing to follow a dream but they will not waste their time. Your vision must inspire your members to positive action.

All the elements of your vision must be attainable.

They should be difficult, but your members must believe that it is possible, even if it may be difficult or even challenging to be accomplished. Unattainable visions discourage people and may prevent them from even attempting the possible. Attainable visions encourage people to give their best and can often make "miracles" happen.

Visions must be measurable.

People must know when they have achieved a part of the vision. One achievement may ignite the membership to complete the vision and set a new vision for the future. Without a measurable vision you and your Grange can never tell whether you are moving forward or not. With a measurable vision the leadership of your Grange is also accountable to the membership for the success or failure of the goals leading toward the vision. People whom the Grange wishes and needs to attract value their time. The Vision will show them what they are working for.

Share the Vision.

Once the vision statement is in place the real work begins. Most importantly, the Grange must begin setting both short-term and long-term goals to accomplish their vision. Without goals and planning the vision can never be achieved.

Issaquah Valley Grange Distributes Dictionaries

Once again Issaquah Valley Grange #581 celebrated National Dictionary Day by distributing dictionaries to all the third grade students in the three valley schools; 24 dozen this year. Covid restrictions are still in place so we communicated with the students by letter. The Words for Thirds Mission Statement bears repeating;

The goal of this program is to assist all students in becoming good writers, active readers, creative thinkers, and resourceful learners by providing them with their own personal dictionary. The dictionaries are a gift to each student to use at school and at home for years to come. Educators see third grade as the dividing line between learning to read and reading to learn, so we encourage our sponsors to give dictionaries each year to children in the third grade.



Some of the first Issaquah students to whom we gave dictionaries now have third graders of their own yet the Words for Thirds program is still a valid program.



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

Heirloom Project Readings for Winter

Here are the Winter Heirloom Project readings for your upcoming meetings:

Year A. Winter 1 - December 2022 -- It is in the home that we enjoy the fruits of our labors in the fields of the farm, and the fields of life. *(Fourth Degree. Steward)*

Year A. Winter 2 - January 2023 --
If we desire to encourage (children) to love rural life, we must make its labors cheerful. What a child sees makes the most lasting impression. We may tell them of the pleasures - and independence of [rural life]: but if their daily intercourse with us shows it to be tedious, irksome, laborious, without any recreation of body or mind, they will soon lose all interest in it and seek enjoyment elsewhere. *(Fourth Degree, Vice President)*

Year A. Winter 3 - February 2023 -- ... May our friendship be as firm as the stone itself. *(Fourth Degree, President)*

People are searching for a place to belong – make it the Grange

By Amanda Brozana-Rios
National Grange Membership & Leadership Development Director

It’s inquiry season. At least that’s what I’m calling it. If you think the Grange is struggling to attract or inspire people, I would counter your claim by showing you the list of current Grange prospects in my work binder.

People from more than half of these states – many from states where we currently have no active Community Granges – have inquired about starting a Grange. Several of our State Granges with easy-to-find membership contacts on their website have reported similar inquiries from areas with no current Grange presence.

From Alabama to Arizona, Maine to Missouri, Hawaii to the Dakotas, the concept of Grange is resonating with people who have little or no direct experience with our Order but believe in what they have read about us historically and what we espouse currently.

Individuals who have never been to a meeting and heard the passion of our members as they plan community events or debate legislative matters; who have never seen someone’s smile as they were part of the good Granges perform through service, education and outreach; who have never felt the embrace of a Brother or Sister to whom they are connected through the shared experience and fellowship of Grange – these people are seeking out the Grange and all we have to offer.

Most, of course, don’t know much about how fraternal



organizations work – they ask about terms we use and processes. These things are unfamiliar and require explanation. These discussions require a willingness on our part to admit that some of our ritual and the “hoops” built into our application and membership process can be odd and time-consuming. Equally important is speaking about these potential barriers to entry with positivity and personal perspective on what it adds to the overall member experience, noting that it’s precisely these things that helped to build and continue to shape the course and culture of the organization to which the person making the inquiry is now attracted.

These far-flung individuals – that in most cases live in communities or states that have not had a Grange present in generations – are not unlike people in your own backyard.

In this latest stage of the pandemic era, people are searching for a place to belong.

Those inquiring with me have noted what attracted them to the Grange as their potential outlet. Paraphrasing, they seek a quiet place that gets work done where people can be themselves but

still get along; a place that comes with prestige and respect, where their efforts will be amplified; a place that builds individuals up rather than tearing them, their ideas, or their dreams for a better community or life station down; a place where the whole family can grow, work, and serve their community together with others that are not necessarily like-minded in religion or politics, but believe in service, mutual cooperation, and civil conversations around important issues.

There are many reasons why now is the time for people who had previously been too busy, too skeptical, or too consumed with other priorities.

As you prepare for end-of-year fellowship and service events, I urge you to make them welcoming to guests. Encourage your members to bring a “plus-one,” or to identify ways in which individuals who are not yet Grangers can be plugged in as volunteers and shown appreciation for their service. Then, let your friends and community know that you are just as ready as they are for a new chapter and that together you can do great things.

GRANGE GEAR ORDER FORM

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 Womens V-Neck \$18	Royal/Black L XL Circle size		
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 \$40	Full Zip Hoodie Unisex Red - L XL Royal - S M L Black - S M L XL Circle size		
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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

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.

Betty Garrison – Roy #702
Kerry Alexander – South Lake Stevens #690
Roger Ellison – San Juan #966

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

Roger Ellison – San Juan #966 – 1 gift card
Pricilla Davis – Green Bluff #300 – 1 gift card

This Contest runs from January 1, 2022 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!

Grange Youth Fair Program

Clark County Fair



Grange Youth Fair Program

Northeast Washington Fair



Ferry County Fair



Kittitas County Fair



Grange Youth Fair Program



Grays Harbor County Fair



**Othello
Area
Fair**



**Grant County
Fair**



Grange Youth Fair Program



**Walla
Walla
Fair**



**North Central
Washington
Fair**



Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Youth

Developing Our 2023 State Grange Youth Program

By Jerry Gwin
State Youth Director

This is the time of year we start putting our new program together. Next week, we should be getting the details on the 2023 National Grange Youth Program that will be included in our state program.

We are also looking for ideas from our members on what programs will attract youth

members over the next few years. Please mail your ideas to me at davona1242@outlook.com

Reminder – All adults working with the youth and juniors must have a background check. This includes the Grange Youth Fairs Program. Background check forms are available on the State Grange website. Please return the forms to the State Grange Office.

The 2023 Western Regional Grange Youth and Leaders

Conference will be held July 27-29, 2023. It will be hosted by the California State Grange in Sacramento. The 2023 National Grange Convention will be held next November in Niagara Falls, New York.

The 2023 National Grange Youth Program Guide is now available on the National Grange website: www.nationalgrange.org

Happy Thanksgiving to you from the Youth Department.



Jerry Gwin

Big NE Washington Fair Successes For Stranger Creek Junior Grange

We had a lot of big successes at the Northeast Washington Fair in Colville this year. In the beef barn, our president Cody, won the senior class, as well as overall grand champion fitting and showing. Cameron won reserve champion market for her steer and reserve champion senior fitting and showing. Audrey won reserve champion intermediate class fitting and showing. Cooper and Jordan did an amazing job showing their heifers for the first time. Big thanks to Kacey for helping out in the barn a lot even though he did not have an animal to show this year. Although we only had one member in the sheep barn this year, we still did well. Wyatt won grand champion junior class fitting and showing. We had a lot of members in the zoo barn this year showing goats, chickens, and rabbits. Showing goats, Tristan won grand champion in the pet class, Kitra won reserve champion in the pet class and breeding class, and River did a great job showing her goat. We had four members showing rabbits this year; Orson won reserve champion fitting and showing, while Baylor won grand champion confirmation, Kitra won overall grand champion fitting and showing and reserve champion in the confirmation class, and Max won overall reserve champion fitting and showing. River did a great job showing her stuffed chicken as live poultry were not allowed at the fair. Marlin's tree got fifth place in the big tree contest and sold for a high price in the big tree auction.



Importance Of Leadership In Grange Youth

By Mandy Bostwick
National Grange Youth and Young Adults Development Director



Leadership. We tend to hear that word and we just think of it as someone who is in charge of something. But leadership is so much more than just being in charge. The Grange has valued the importance of having young members since its inception, but currently, we tend to ignore the leadership qualities that our youth of today possess, or even give them the opportunity to attend the National Grange Convention and see what it is about.

Youth organizations such as FFA, FCCLA, 4-H, etc. provide opportunities for their members to lead a meeting, speak in public, and generally comport themselves in a public setting. Sure, we have opportunities in our State and community Granges when the youth conduct the meeting, but how often do we truly give those youth a role to start their leadership journey?

In order to give more youth across the country a meaningful leadership role at a National level - this year's National Grange Youth Officer team is the pilot group for what is to come in the future years. In the 2023 Youth Handbook, you will notice that the National Grange Youth Officer Team has been renamed the National Grange Youth Officer Council. The term "council" has been chosen because councils are often referred to as a group of people who come together to consult and deliberate. This group of Youth will still uphold the tradition of opening the Grange on Friday morning during National Session, but they will also now serve throughout the year (October through September) to provide valuable input on current and future programming, fundraising, youth events at National Convention, regional conferences, and other youth/young adult focused events.

As members of the Youth Officer Council (which will be led by the National Grange Youth Leadership Team), they will attend virtual meetings throughout the year to give the youth of our Order a voice for what types of things they find relevant and important to help continue to build our programming.

If you have noticed, we are short a few Youth Officers this year. I don't have a definitive answer as to why our numbers are down; I'm sure there are a multitude of factors contributing – cost, school obligations, location, etc., but we - as adults - need to make sure we are giving and encouraging our youth the opportunities to lead this organization into the future and helping them get there.

Looking towards next year, I encourage all Youth and Young Adults to reach out to your State Grange Youth Directors to see how you can get involved and be a part of the National Grange Youth Officer Council.

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Home & Family

Make A Quilt Block Challenge: Theme: Down on the Farm

By Helen Berg
Family Living Director

Happy Fall from your Family Living Director. The morning chill is so refreshing. The fairs are done so now is a good time to be looking forward to changes to our program.

The first item I would like to address is the comfort toys. We had some beautiful toys donated this year. Thank you to all who participated. One comment that I heard over and over again was that there is no place to donate them as their local police and fire departments

do not want them. Well, I have a great program that would gladly take them. Many churches all over the state participate in the Shoebox program sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. They pack these wonderful boxes to be give to children who may have never been given anything in their life. Our church puts shorts, dresses, school supplies, toiletries, a stuffed toy as well as many other things which will fit in a shoe box. Many times these comfort toys provide a place for the child to lay their head of when sleeping. Check with your local churches and see if you can help

them in any way. What a great community service project.

With our theme for next year's State convention being "Down on the Farm", I would like to challenge you to make a quilt block using that theme. It must measure 12 ½ inches square and can be any pattern of your choice. You may applique, find a preprinted block and embellish it, or anything else you can think of. I am giving you this early notice so you may want to use those winter days to be creative. Most of all, just have fun.



Helen Berg

2023 National Grange Quilt Block Contest Nine Patch with a Half Square Corners

- Begin with 2.5-inch squares of multiple fabrics:
- 6 dark colors (prefer all monochrome – all blue, all green, all red, etc, but each can be a different pattern or solid)
- 5 very light colors (white, cream, light gray; different patterns or solids)
- Create a nine-patch block.
- Keep all light colors on one side, and dark colors on the other.
- Create one half-square triangle on the top right, and one on the bottom left.
- Use a scant 1/4 inch seam allowance.
- This 9-patch block should measure 6-1/2 inches, unfinished on edges.
- Looking for scrappy blocks, but with similar colors in the “dark” fabrics.
- These are small blocks, so the more you send in, the better!



Finished Quilt Block

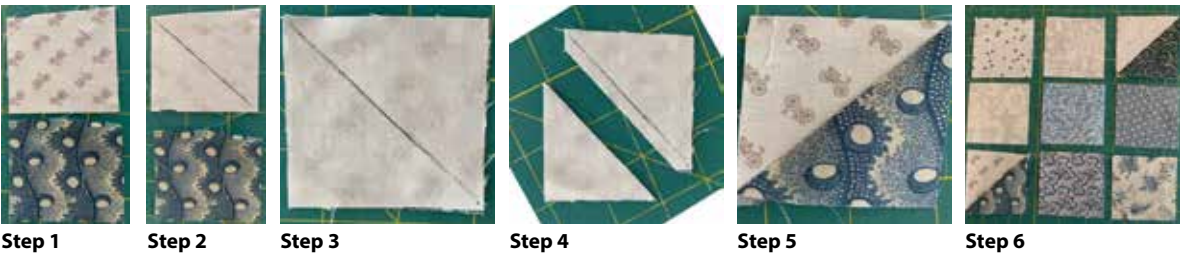
Questions? Email
lecturer@nationalgrange.org
for guidance.

The Quilt Block Contest provides an opportunity for Grange members and friends to collaborate in creating quilted items that can be donated or auctioned for funds to provide additional services to community members in a nationwide effort.

- RULES:**
- A. The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to everyone.
 - B. All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by September 1, 2023. Send entries to: Ann Bercher, National Lecturer, 777 Excelsior Blvd. Apt #310, Excelsior, MN 55331
 - C. Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged. However, all entries received will be exhibited at the 157th National Grange convention in Niagara Falls, NY.
 - D. The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you.
 - E. There is no limit on the number of quilt blocks a person may submit, but choose one quilt block per person to be judged. Please consider sending four completed squares.
 - F. All entries will be retained by the National Grange to be made into finished quilts and other items to be sold at a later date.
 - G. A 2023 Quilt Block Contest Entry Form must be completed for the block to be judged.

GROUPS: • Group I – Adult (Age 14+) • Group II – Junior (Age 13 and under)

- PRIZES:**
- Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each Group.
 - Ribbons will be awarded to all entrants.



An Easy Appetizer To Add Holiday Cheer

(Courtesy of Family Features)

Before the big meal, gifts and cherished moments at the family table, almost every holiday party starts with an important tradition: breaking the ice. This year, you can serve up a smile and start the party with this crave-inducing appetizer to get everyone talking.

The sweet touch of Roasted Garlic Whipped Feta Crostini from Milk Means More can be your delightful way to brighten the season of gifts and gatherings. With its creamy cheesiness from a homemade whipped topping boasting the richness of feta and whole milk, it's an easy and tasty way to invite friends, family and neighbors into your home. This shareable treat comes together in a cinch while adding pops of cheerful color to plates and platters.

Find more holiday recipe inspiration at MilkMeansMore.org.

Roasted Garlic Whipped Feta Crostini

Recipe courtesy of Liz Della Croce of “The Lemon Bowl” on behalf of Milk Means More

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Servings: 16

- 1 bulb garlic (about 12 cloves)
- 4 tablespoons olive oil, plus additional for drizzling, divided
- 1-1/2 teaspoons salt, divided
- 1-1/2 teaspoons pepper divided
- 32 baguette slices
- 8 ounces feta cheese
- 1/2 cup whole milk, plus additional, if necessary (optional)
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/2 cup pomegranate seeds
- 1/4 cup parsley, minced

Preheat oven to 400 F. Slice garlic bulb in half, exposing garlic heads, and place in center of large piece of tinfoil. Drizzle each half with 2 tablespoons olive oil, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper. Wrap foil tightly around garlic and roast until caramelized, about 30 minutes.

Place baguette slices on large baking sheet and drizzle with olive oil. Bake on second rack in oven until golden brown about 10 minutes; set aside.

In high-speed food processor, pulse feta cheese, milk, lemon juice, remaining salt, remaining pepper and roasted garlic cloves until whipped and creamy, adding more milk as needed to reach desired consistency. Check for seasoning and adjust, to taste.

To serve, spread each baguette slice with whipped feta and sprinkle with pomegranate seeds and minced parsley.

National Grange News

A View From The Hill - October 2022

By **Burton Eller**
National Grange
Legislative Director

WASHINGTON OVERVIEW

Elections Fast Approaching

Washington has been quiet in October with both the House and Senate out of town for the majority of the month campaigning for the midterm election on November 8th. Control of both the House and Senate are up for grabs with tight races across the nation. The results of the election will have major impacts on the contours of legislation for the next two years and also shape the last few months of 2022 as the current Congress finishes out the current session. To learn about how to register and vote in your state, information can be found at <https://vote.gov/>

If Republicans take control of either the House or the Senate, Democrats are likely to rush to pass as many priorities as they can during their final months of total control in 2022. Priorities are likely to include funding the government for another year, passing the National Defense Authorization Act, spending related to the ongoing war in Ukraine, codification of same sex marriage laws, elections reforms, a ban on congressional stock trading, executive branch and judicial confirmations, and more. Of interest to the

National Grange, legislation on issues such as concentration in cattle markets, railroad shipping troubles, voluntary carbon credits in agriculture, expanded coverage for early cancer detection through Medicare, and more.

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

Inflation Hikes Price of Holiday Meals

Shoppers are adjusting their holiday food shopping to address rising food costs according to FMI-The Food Industry Association. Here are some ways the 71% of shoppers concerned about inflation are adjusting to cost concerns:

- 28% are looking for deals
- 21% are buying more store brands
- 17% are sharing menu responsibilities such as potluck dishes
- 17% are substituting more affordable options
- Interestingly, 45% of shoppers are more concerned about the price of holiday meals than travel or gifts

USDA Intervenes in Farm Debt

USDA and Secretary Vilsack are unrolling plans for the \$3.1 billion provided by the Inflation Reduction Act to assist USDA farm loan borrowers whose direct or guaranteed loans are considered “distressed”.

A separate \$2.2 billion from the IRA will go to producers who have experienced discrimination through USDA’s lending programs. USDA is seeking public comment on how to best implement these assistance mandates.

Study Looks at Foreign Land Ownership

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) is planning to conduct a farmland ownership study to focus on several key questions raised by lawmakers, producers and national security experts. The study will address the following:

- What is known about the extent of and trends in foreign investment of domestic ag land?
- How does USDA’s Farm Service Agency collect data on foreign investment in U.S. land and how does FSA ensure data reliability?
- What procedures are in place to ensure disclosure of foreign acquired, sold and transferred land?
- Are there standards to ensure land acquired through a U.S. company is accurately disclosed as a foreign investment?
- What improvements could be made to strengthen reporting of foreign investment in agricultural land?
- What government agencies should be partnering to ensure accurate disclosure?

Support Agriculture Research

The National Grange and 87 food, agriculture, academic and producer groups called on the appropriations committees in Congress to support increased investments in a broad suite of research, education and extension programs at USDA

HEALTH CARE

Food as a Medicine?

The recent White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition and Health, the Rockefeller Foundation, American Heart Association and Kroger announced their food as medicine research initiative. The initiative is in line with the White House’s national food strategy that calls

for testing the use of medically tailored meals through Medicare and Medicaid. FDA meanwhile, has pledged to work toward reducing diet-related diseases by giving consumers more information about what they’re eating and pressuring food companies to reformulate products, actions that are key elements of the White House’s new national food strategy.

Guidance for New Pneumonia Vaccines

The National Grange joined several patient and medical groups to request guidance from the CDC on whether previously vaccinated patients age 65 and older are eligible for two new and improved pneumonia vaccine options as the winter flu and pneumonia season approaches.

Physician Fees for Telehealth

The National Grange and 53 patient groups filed comments with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to support physician fees that would utilize a tailored combination of virtual and in-person care. Telehealth visits increased 63-fold during the pandemic.

Bring Farm Youth into Mental Health Conversations

Considerable research has centered on farm stress but it’s been predominately focused on adults. Youth with farm responsibilities have largely been left out of studies and mental health conversations. The Farm Adolescent and Adult Mental Health Study at the University of Illinois is now in year two of the five -year program. A collaborative group, the Progressive Agriculture Foundation, convened a roundtable focused on farm youth mental health. Roundtable participants discovered specific stressors are common to farm youth:

- Weather
- Family finances
- Negative interactions with those who have disconnect with agriculture
- Pressure to carry on farming tradition



- Inability to participate in extracurricular activities

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Streamline Permitting for Broadband Buildout

Senate Commerce Committee ranking member Roger Wicker (R-MS) and House Energy and Commerce Committee ranking member Cathy Rogers McMorris (R-WA) have asked the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to streamline the permitting process for some of the broadband buildouts subsidized with billions of taxpayer dollars. NTIA is allocating most of the \$65 billion from the infrastructure act package. Wicker and McMorris want states to work with local governments to reduce buildout barriers by reducing red tape, using existing infrastructure, promoting dig-once policies, and cost-effective access to poles, conduits, easements and rights of ways. The National Grange has filed several comments with the NTIA advocating these same policies.

TRANSPORTATION

Continued White House Engagement Necessary

The National Grange, members of the Agriculture Transportation Working Group, and members of the retail industry (over 260 total) have urged President Biden and key administration officials to continue to work diligently with the railroads and railroad unions to get contracts ratified. One major union has rejected the administration-negotiated agreement and there are concerns that others may follow.

The Grange Exchange

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

Cost per word	one month	4 or more
Regular	\$.50	\$.40
Boxed	1.00	.75
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Minimum for one month	\$5.00	

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

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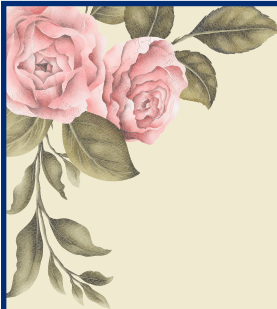
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In Memoriam

Lyman E. Hubenthal

Past Washington State Grange Deputy

October 14, 1923 – August 6, 2022



Grange Accomplishments

Moran Prairie Juvenile Grange #119:

- Master and other offices
- Drill Team and Degree Work

Moran Prairie Subordinate Grange #161:


- Master and other offices
- Executive Committee Member
- Pianist
- Drill Team and Degree Work
- Hall Janitor
- Card Party Organizer
- Musical Entertainer at Grange Dances and more
- Many Skits and participant in yearly events
- Men's Baseball Team Score Keeper

Spokane County Pomona

- Master and possibly other offices

Washington State Grange

- Spokane County Deputy 1985 – 1989



It is with a heavy heart that we announce that shortly after breakfast on August 6, 2022, Lyman took the last few steps in his long journey to rejoin his wife, Gwendolyn, his parents, and many friends and family in heaven.


Lyman was born October 14, 1923, to Edwin and Laura Hubenthal, in Spokane, Washington, and was a graduate of Lewis & Clark High School. Before he was two years old, he met Gwendolyn at the old Moran Prairie Grange where they could be found fast asleep under the benches during meetings and dances.

As teenagers, they formed a band with other family members and became known as "The Red Shirts". The Red Shirts played at Grange dances where the proceeds were used to build the new Grange Hall. This started his life-long involvement with Grange where he held several leadership offices at the local, county, and state levels. Lyman was known for his piano playing and was instrumental in keeping everyone in line with his snappy marches, patriotic with the Star-Spangled banner, reverent with hymns, and toe-tapping joyful with other songs in his playlist.

Lyman served honorably in the Navy aboard the USS Washington battleship during World War II. Later, Lyman worked thirty years for Spokane County, ending his career by managing the bridge crew. Lyman was well-known for raising chickens and rabbits, as well as his very large garden where he insured that his table was covered with fresh fruit and vegetables.

Summer evenings you would find him picking berries, to make sure there would be fresh fruit for breakfast and picking tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, peas, beans, and corn for dinner. What was not eaten, was canned by Gwen and he kept her quite busy.

Lyman is survived by his daughters Janet (Joseph) Lane, Savannah Georgia, Lonita (Dean) Daly, Spokane Valley, Washington, Sharilyn Stark, Mukilteo, Washington, and Valree (Gene) Gayken, Spokane, Washington. Lyman will be deeply missed by his grandchildren Tamra Davis, Dustyn Hubenthal, Erik Stark, and BreAnne Stark, and great-grandchildren Chablis, Eliza, Isabelle, Alexis, Olivia, Liesel, Elijah, and Annika. He is also survived by his brother Leland Hubenthal of Spokane, Washington. He was preceded in death by his grandson Danyl Davis, his parents Ed and Laura Hubenthal, and his wife Gwendolyn who passed in 2008.



October Busy For Fargher Lake Grange



October was a busy month for Fargher Lake Grange. It started out with Bingo, that raised money for the children's Halloween party. The annual Halloween party is given free of charge for all the community children. This year it was a huge success.

The weekend before the Halloween party Fargher Lake Grange hosted their annual pumpkin growing and carving contest for Junior and Youth Grangers. The Doty family, owners of Fargher Lake Store donated the pumpkins. Jim Lester, Master of Fargher Lake Grange donated the prizes. Prizes were given for the biggest pumpkin (which had to be grown by the contestant). The idea is to promote agriculture by having the pumpkin growing contest. The pumpkin carving contest was split into 3 categories: ages 5 to 8 years old, 9 to 13 years old and 14 to 19 years old. A first, second and third place prize was given in each category. There was a great turn out and everyone had a good time.

November will be a fun month too, Fargher Lake Grange will be having their Harvest Bazaar on November 12th. Come on by, we will have lots of vendors showing and selling their wares.





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

ZOOM MEETING

Last Wednesday of Each Month at 7 p.m.

November 30 – An Update from the National Grange Session

December 28 – A Preview to Leadership Conferences and 2023 Grange Programs

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

Meeting ID: 980 3697 1581

One tap mobile: +12532158782,98036971581# US (Tacoma)

Dial by your location: 1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 980 3697 1581



Grange Connection

Pomona Calendar

The 2023 date request forms have been mailed to the Pomona Grange Secretaries. Please complete and return to the State Grange Office by December 1.

- CHELAN**November 19 at BeeHive, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- CLARK**November 9, location to be determined.
- COWLITZ/ WAHKIAKUM**November meeting is cancelled.
- EXCELSIOR**November 19 at Williams Valley, 10:30 a.m. Will include election of officers.
- FERRY**January 9 at San Poil, 6 p.m.
- GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC**November 5 at Olympic View, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- KLICKITAT**November 12 at Goldendale, 1 p.m.
- LEWIS**December 3 at Fords Prairie, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- MASON**November 19 at Twanoh, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- OKANOGAN**November 12 at Brewster, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- PIERCE**December 3 at Waller Road, 10 a.m. Will include election of officers.
- SKAGIT**December 7 at Fredonia, 6 p.m. Christmas Party.
- SNAKE RIVER**November 19 at Columbia Valley, 10 a.m.
- SNOHOMISH**November 19 at Horseshoe, 10 a.m.
- SPOKANE**November 19 at Tri Community, 9 a.m.
- STEVENS**to be announced.
- THURSTON**December 1 at Brighton Park, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting and Christmas Party.
- WHATCOM**November 15 at Haynie, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Will include election of officers.
- WHITMAN**November 19 at Jim & Bonnie Lyle's home in Colfax, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- YAKIMA VALLEY**November 14 at Fruitvale, 5 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting.

Snohomish County Pomona Awards Longtime Members



Snohomish County Pomona Grange #12 held a “Silver Star Gold Sheaf Celebration” to honor Grange members who have been in Grange 25 years and longer. For their 50 years of Grange membership, Gold Sheaf Certificates were presented to John Aviana and Pam Gallagher, Triway Grange and Vicky Loomer, South Lake Stevens Grange, by Pomona Master, Steve Dalton. The event, including dinner and a program, was held on Sunday October 2, 2022 at the South Lake Stevens Grange, Lake Stevens, WA.

CLALLAM COUNTY

Crescent Grange cancelled their September business meeting due to a Covid outbreak in the community. Customers to the September Flea Market welcomed back to the lunch menu our home baked pies and our homemade chili. October Potluck Dinner was a fun night with the decorations reflecting Halloween. Pumpkins, Fall leaves and our Halloween table runners. Lecturer Steve Singhose filled us on the Great Shake Up drill. Crescent Grange member Bob Pensworth brought us up to date on the plans to add WiFi to the Grange. A tall Pine tree on the grounds of the Grange has been fitted with a receiver for signals to supply WiFi and plans should

be finalized by the end of the month. Our monthly book sale continues to add to the new roof account. It is growing little by little. We closed the meeting with a pumpkin carving contest.

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

Humptulips Grange started bingo back up in October. A full house was present for the October 8 event. Upcoming bingo dates are November 5, December 3, and December 17. In addition to providing dictionaries for the two elementary school in Hoquiam, we have decided to add the Lake Quinault Elementary School and the Wishkah Valley Elementary School to the program. The food bank is preparing for a busy holiday season.

LEWIS COUNTY

Adna Grange will honor veterans with a Pie & Ice Cream Social on Friday, November 11 at 4 p.m. This will be followed by an Illusion of Elvid concert featuring Danny Vernon at 5 p.m. Danny has agreed to make an appearance especially for Veterans Day as Elvis in his Army uniform. The cost for this concert is \$20 per person. On Saturday, December 10, we will hold our annual Breakfast with Santa from 9-11:30am. The breakfast (\$6.00/all ages) consists of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage links, drink, and fruit. The Kid's meal includes a make-and-take craft and a visit with Santa.

Pomona Connection

CLARK COUNTY POMONA

Clark County Pomona met on June 8th at the Manor Grange Hall. Calvin Russell, Manor Grange, gave an interesting talk about “What is the Grange”. Calvin is truly knowledgeable about the history of the Grange from the very beginning. He has an immense amount of knowledge of all aspects of the Grange and shared a lot of that history. We also met on July 13th at Manor. Kari Hann reported about the Youth at State Grange in June. Other members attending State Grange also gave a report. Tom Hann and Mike Gilmore reported on the Youth and Junior getting ready for the Clark County Fair in August. There wasn't a meeting in August as it would have been during the county fair. Grange members manned the Grange building was manned for all ten days of the fair. Grangers were able to share information with the public, and the Youth grangers were well represented at the Fair. Their display of projects was great! They also had many animals to show. Fern Prairie #866, Washington #82, Mt. Valley #79, Barberton #571, Fargher Lake #853, and the Campers Club display their ideas for “Worth the Weight”. The September meeting was held on September 14th. Ann Van Antwerp was honored for receiving a Quilt of Valor at

State Grange in June. Janice Anderson, Master, read a bio on Ann, and Ann showed everyone the quilt she received. Election of officers will be held in November. Kari & Tom Hann and Mike Gilmore gave reports on how the Youth and Juniors did at the Clark County Fair.

COWLITZ COUNTY POMONA

Cowlitz County Pomona has cancelled their November meeting. Plans for the December meeting will be announced.

GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC POMONA

Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Grange will meet on November 5 at 10 a.m. at the Olympic View Grange Hall. The January meeting will be on January 14 at the Satsop Grange Hall.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY POMONA

Snohomish County Pomona changed their November meeting to Saturday November 12 at 10:00 a.m. at the Horseshoe Grange Hall. The original meeting date was set for November 19. Meetings will revert back to the third Saturday in December.

THURSTON COUNTY POMONA

Thurston County Pomona

met on October 7 at Skookumchuck Grange hall. Election of officers for 2023 was held and Mike Fair was re-elected as Master. The annual Farm-City Dinner was held on October 9 at Violet Prairie Grange. Special guests included representatives of local government, fire department, and several community resource organizations. Renee Corcoran presented a living history reenactment from her family's days as early settlers in the Tenino area. The Good of the Order committee met at Brighton Park Grange Hall on October 19 to plan the calendar of meetings, events, and activities for the 2023 Pomona calendar year. The proposed calendar will be voted on at the December Pomona meeting at Brighton Park Grange Hall on December 1 at 7:00 pm. It will be the Christmas celebration and the meeting will be preceded by a potluck at 6:00 pm. Installation of officers will be held on January 8 at 2 pm at McLane Grange Hall. Officers of Pomona and all Subordinate Granges in the county will be installed.

YAKIMA VALLEY POMONA

Yakima Valley Pomona Grange will hold its quarterly meeting on January 9, 2023 at 3:00 pm, along with a dessert social.

Grange Connection

SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Garden City Grange will meet on Sunday December 18, at 2:00 p.m. to vote on a change in their meeting day and time. The bylaws now read the meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 7:30 PM. The Grange will vote to change their meeting time to 2:00 p.m. on the 3rd Sunday of each month. On a trial basis the Grange has been meeting the 3rd Sunday at 2:00 p.m. and since this has worked out well the Grange will vote to make it official in their Bylaws."

SPOKANE COUNTY

Green Bluff Grange had a fantastic Harvest Festival in October. We held four Sunday pancake breakfasts served with applesauce. The Craft Faire, held the first 3 weekends of October was successful—many vendors, lots of visitors, and beautiful fall weather. Welcome to new members Therese and Rich and his wife and children. Therese will create a Green Bluff Grange website. Words for Thirds will be presented at two schools' third graders when we receive them. November 1 will be our community event—Chili Cookoff. The Junior Grange is having a Halloween Candy Drive Thru on Oct. 29. Jackie Fox & The Hounds will present a bluegrass concert on Saturday, Nov. 19. We'll do our Toys for Tots Santa Drive Thru on Saturday, December 10 from 4:30 – 6pm. Booster night will be December 6 at 7 pm.

Grange is rented several times in coming months. Our 2023 calendar of events is being set.

STEVENS COUNTY

Camas Valley Grange will hold Bingo on November 5. Raffle tickets for the quilt made by Irene are going fast - with Grange member Charley selling the most tickets so far. The quilt drawing will be during the December 4 Community Christmas Dinner-and it is "in person" this year, unless there is another restriction put in place

THURSTON COUNTY

Black Lake Grange will meet on December 8 and will vote to change their by-laws regarding their meeting date in the months of November and December.

South Union Grange participated in Thurston County Conservation District's Harvest Fair, held at the Grange on October 8. It was a surprisingly warm October day and Grangers were able to talk to many of the event's visitors and share Grange promotional materials while enjoying the sunny day. The Grange held a public forum for Thurston County Sheriff and County Commissioner candidates on Friday October 14. Both candidates for each of the two positions gave a timed presentation, then answered questions from the audience. They also stayed for individual questions after the

formal portion of the forum. An open house was held on the afternoon of October 16 and visitors were able to meet members, find out about Grange programs and activities, and enjoy refreshments. Quite a few people stopped by, including visitors from some other Granges in the area. Their "Deck the Hall" party to put up the Christmas tree and decorations will be held on Friday November 25 at 2 pm. The Christmas dinner and party will be held on December 11 at 2 pm. The Grange will provide meat and some sides, with the rest being potluck. If you are bringing a child under age 12, please bring a wrapped gift for that child (with their name on it) and sneak it to a Granger who will slip it into Santa's bag for a surprise when the jolly old elf makes his entrance. The holiday food drive for Thurston County Food Bank continues. Donations will be accepted at all South Union Grange meetings and events through December 19. The next meeting will be on Monday November 21 at 7:00 pm and will include election of 2023 officers.

YAKIMA COUNTY

Terrace Heights Grange has plans to resume its annual community Christmas party on December 14 at 6:00 pm. Highlights include a visit from Santa with goodie bags for all the kids and the lighted Christmas trucks.



Pumpkin Carving At Crescent Grange

At our social potluck October 19, 2022 we hosted a pumpkin carving event after dinner. Many of our members put forth an impressive array of jack-o-lantern fun. Can't wait until next year.



Steve - Judy - Emil - Elizabeth - Neal - Catherine

Baw Faw Grange Presents Words For Thirds Dictionaries To 2nd & 3rd Graders



Baw Faw Grange members presented Dictionary/Thesaurus to Ms. Hoffman's 2nd & 3rd grade class at Boistfort School on September 27, 2022 continuing to honor the Words for Thirds tradition.

Ralston Grange Hosts Fall Fest



A big crowd enjoyed the Ralston Grange sponsored "Fall Fest" at their hall on October 16. Kids enjoyed pumpkin painting, crafts, face painting, games and snacks. The next Grange sponsored event will be a community Thanksgiving potluck and program on Tuesday, November 15 beginning at 6:00 PM.

Honeybees: An Agricultural Asset

By Eileen Moebius
Special to the Grange News

Have you or someone you know every wanted to raise bees? Here is a little information about bees to help you know a little about them.

Did you know that honeybees are considered agriculture?

There are 5 major kinds of bees in the United States:

Italian – they are a Golden in color

Carniola – they are dark in color

Caucasian – which is dark in

color

Russian – also dark in color

Buckfast – a hybrid and is lighter in color.

There are more kinds of bees than the 5 listed but these are the most popular.

November is the month to order your bees to be sure you are able to get the kind OF bees you want. There is a lot of information on the web sites you can read. Find out about the different kinds of honeybees but be careful some of the information may not be correct.

Now you know the kinds of

bees there are, I will give you the most popular kinds of Beehives: Langstroth, which has 2 sizes of boxes - one has 8 frames and the other one has 10 frames; the Top box hive; the Warre Hive; and the Langstroth Long, which you can make up to 32 inches long and it has the same frames in it as the Langstroth and it is easier for people that cannot lift heavy boxes.

Bees come 2 ways, one is a nuc which is a box with 5 frames with honey in them so the bees can eat.

The other one is a box with screen all around it has a sealed



can with a few holes in the bottom for the bees to drink, it is filled with sugar water.

Bees usually come to you in April when the weather starts to

warm up.

Information is from Washington State Beekeepers' Association

WSDA Specialty Crop Block Grant

The WA State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) is pleased to announce a competitive solicitation process to award USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP) funds for projects that enhance the competitiveness and increase demand for Washington's specialty crops. This will be in two phases.

Phase I Concept Proposal
(Subject to change)
October 21, 2022 - Request for Concept Proposals released
January 13, 2023 - Concept Proposals due, 12:00pm PST
February 15, 2023 - Notification and feedback to applicants

Phase II Full Proposal
(only by invitation)
February, 2023 - Request for Grant Proposals released
March 15, 2023 - Grant Proposals due, 12:00pm PST
April 2023 - Notification and feedback to applicants

May 2023 - WSDA Application due to USDA

We encourage you to thoroughly read the Request for Proposals document available from the Grant Opportunities section of the WSDA website at <http://www.agr.wa.gov> prior to applying. If you have questions about eligibility, please reach out to the SCBG Team at specialtycrop@agr.wa.gov or call 360.485.1255. The deadline to submit a concept proposal is January 13, 2023, 12:00 p.m. PST.

Eligible organizations include:

- industry associations
- producer groups
- commodity commissions
- non-profit organizations
- for-profit organizations
- local, state, and federal government entities
- educational institutions

Projects cannot benefit a single commercial product.

Projects cannot provide a profit to a single organization, institution, or individual. Recipients cannot use grant funds to compete with private companies.

DEFINITION OF A SPECIALTY CROP

A specialty crop is:

- fruits and vegetables
- tree nuts
- dried fruits
- horticulture
- nursery crops (including floriculture)

Eligible specialty crop plants are cultivated for food, medicinal purposes, or beautification. Processed goods should consist of more than 50% of the specialty crop by weight.

ACCEPTABLE PROJECTS

- A non-profit requests funds to show the viability of organic

small fruit production. They partner with University Extension to promote the working model to other regional growers.

- A state requests funding to contract with a university to conduct research on the feasibility of planting, cultivating, and growing a specialty crop in a specific area, the results of which will be shared with growers throughout the state

UNACCEPTABLE PROJECTS

- A company requests funds to buy starter plants or equipment to grow specialty crops to make a profit or to expand production for single organization.
- A single specialty crop organization requests funds to promote themselves to increase membership.



Gnomes Of Calispel Grange



Calispel Grange members gathered on a Thursday to learn how to make gnomes. This activity was followed by a delicious pumpkin themed potluck lunch.

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

amazonsmile

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.

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