



# WASHINGTON STATE Grange News

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## Grange Travel Adventures Program Visits Mount Vernon Tulip Festival

The Washington State Grange Travel Adventures Program completed its first official bus tour with a trip to beautiful Mount Vernon, WA where the Tulip Festival, with its sights of spring, were in full bloom everywhere.

The bus began in Olympia at the state headquarters building where most of the members boarded. Mike Burdick, Grange member and co-owner of

Northwest Passage Charter and Tours was the official bus driver. He did an outstanding job getting the Grange members to and from the day's destinations while entertaining everyone with his jokes and knowledge of Western Washington. After a few stops along the way, the bus arrived in Skagit County and headed for Tulip Town. Fields of daffodils and tulips adorned the majestic drive with partly

sunny skies and the brilliance of the Cascades in the background. Excitement grew in anticipation of arriving in Tulip Town.

Finally, the wait was over, the bus had arrived at our first destination. Members took in the sights and sounds of Tulip Town, admiring the beautiful display work and art that adorned the walls. The indoor gardens featured many varieties of tulips, as well as a man-made

lazy river and spectacular murals which created the backdrop. The gift shop was filled with tulip paraphernalia, other wonderful art work and specialty items to remember the trip. After taking in the indoor festivities, everyone moved on to the beauty that awaited outside.

Stunning gardens surrounded the path to the tulip fields as large kites flew above the backdrop bursting with color.

Rows and rows of tulips created a rainbow of colors as far as the eye could see. With many rainy days prior to the visit, the fields were muddy, and the trolley was out of commission, but it didn't stop anyone from enjoying the beautiful sights. Grangers snapped dozens of pictures to capture the exquisite array of

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**June 2018 issue deadline – May 12th**







President's Message

Let's Cross The Horizon With Summer Grange Activities

By Tom Gwin  
State Grange  
Master/President

The warm days of April remind us that summer is fast approaching. Many of us have been on the move forward through the spring and we now have the opportunity to cross the horizon in the upcoming months.

In April, we had a bus tour to the Skagit Valley Tulips Festival. The 30+ Grangers who attended enjoyed a beautiful sunny day at the tulips fields, followed by a delicious salmon dinner. It was a great way to finish the wet spring as we have since welcomed the drier days of summer.

Our next opportunity will be the Grange Day with the Seattle Mariners on June 2. You are invited to join us at the baseball game as the Seattle Mariners take on the Tamp Bay Rays. Tickets are just \$20. Order forms are in this newspaper. Be sure to send your order in by May 15.

The next opportunity will be the 129th Annual Washington State Grange Convention, which will be held at the Skagit County Fairgrounds in Mount Vernon on June 27-30. Housing and meal information is printed in this issue of The Grange News. In the next issue, you will find a full convention schedule and information on speakers and workshops during the convention. If you haven't booked your hotel room yet, please do so immediately as our dates are conflicting with the other events in the Mount Vernon are that weekend.

Just prior to our convention, some of you in the southwest corner of the state may want to visit the Oregon State Grange Convention, which will be held at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds in Astoria. Their

convention begins on June 23 with an agricultural tour, the exemplification of the first four degrees, and their talent show that evening. The official opening of their convention will be on the morning of Sunday, June 24, followed by business sessions. With the fifth and sixth degrees held that evening. Their convention will continue through Thursday, June 28

Late June will also see the first of multiple Junior Grange camps

Take each opportunity and make the most of it as we work to invite our friends and neighbors to join us on this summer's Grange sailing.

-- Tom Gwin



Tom Gwin

elaborate Grange displays. If you haven't started your fair design, now is the time to start the first sketches of your display for this year. Some of you will choose to create an "agricultural produce" display, while others will prefer to create a "project" display. Whichever you choose, I encourage you to take the time to design and execute a well-planned booth this year. Your work is should be designed to give an accurate portrayal of our organization and the work we do to improve our communities and agriculture as a whole. Take the extra moment as you create your display to see that it portrays a positive image of our organization.

While some Granges are preparing displays, others will be operating food concessions at a fair. Once again, take the time to see that food is prepared properly and all health guidelines are met. Granges have a strong reputation for quality foods. For those without food concessions, I ask that you support your brothers and sisters by patronizing their food concessions.

In August, we will be hosting the Western Regional Grange Youth and Leaders Conference on August 3-5 in Olympia. Registration material will soon be available and will be printed in next month's newspaper.

In addition to the above activities, many Granges will be holding picnics, barbecues, open houses, and celebrations in their own communities. Take each opportunity and make the most of it as we work to invite our friends and neighbors to join us on this summer's Grange sailing.

across the state. The Junior Grange Camping Program is designed to teach Grange values and philosophies, while at the same time enjoying traditional camping activities. Each of the camps is operated by a board of directors, who selects the camp staff and plans the camp activities. Each of the camps is chartered as a Junior Grange, thus those who attend will become Junior Grange members. Camps are held during six different weeks, beginning in late June and going until mid-August. For a complete list of dates and registration information, please refer to the State Grange website, [www.wa-grange.org](http://www.wa-grange.org). Once you are on the website, click under "departments" and then scroll down to "junior camp".

County and area fairs will begin in mid-July and last into October. Many Granges will participate in the fairs with their

Hall Improvement Contest Entries Due May 15

Entries in this year's Grange Hall Improvement Contest are due by May 15 to the Washington State Grange Office.

Each Subordinate Grange is encouraged to improve and beautify its hall and grounds. This contest is designed to promote Grange hall improvements by awarding cash prizes each year.

Granges should be proud of the achievements in improving their halls and the surrounding grounds. Each Grange should prepare an attractive and well-organized notebook illustrating the hall improvement projects completed in the past year.

The notebook should be prepared with the Grange name on the front cover. Include a written description, 500 words or less, of the hall improvement projects completed. Pictures, both before and after, should be included with small captions for each picture. Include any newspaper clippings about the project. Helpful facts to include in your notebook are: listing of major projects, source of funds for improvement projects, and details about the volunteers who helped (both members and non-members).

The prepared notebook is to be sent by May 15 to the Washington State Grange, PO Box 1186, Olympia WA 98541.

Four top entries will be selected in the contest. Each of the four winners will receive an interior wall plaque and cash awards of \$500 for first place, \$300 for second place, \$200 for third place, and \$100 for fourth place. Each Grange that enters the contest will receive a Grange hall town marker sign.

The Grange Hall Improvement Contest is sponsored by the Grange Cooperative Group, which is made up of the Washington State Grange News, the Grange Insurance Association, Great American Insurance Company, and the Washington State Grange.

Legislative

Online Legislative Information Is Readily Available



Heather Hansen

By Heather Hansen  
Legislative Lobbyist

Are you interested in knowing more about your legislators? Would you like to know which bills the sponsored and how they voted on certain topics? Would you like to know more about voting in Washington? That information and more is readily available online.

The Washington State Legislature website has a wealth of information and is easy to use, see <http://leg.wa.gov/>. You can find your legislative district, look up your legislators. Find contact information, committees, bill sponsored, bio and more for each legislator. You can also search for bills by topic and search state law.

For those of you interested in legislative statistics, there is a website named Washington Votes.org. It has a wealth of information and allows you to look up how your legislators voted and create your own scorecards on issues that are important to you.

As an example, for the 2018 session, the WashingtonVotes.org website shows the following:

- New bills introduced: 1,425
- Number of bills passed: 310
- Total roll call votes (bills and amendments): 1,041

That's a lot for a 60-day session. During the 2017 regular and special sessions, the legislature passed 377 bills in 193 days. Note that the number of bills passed does not reflect the quality of the work. The big different between the 2017 session and the 2018 session was split party control. In 2017, the Democratic party controlled the

House of Representatives while the Republican party controlled the Senate. In 2018, the Democratic party controlled both chambers. That makes it much easier to pass bills.

Another website of interest is the Secretary of States Elections page, <https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/>. This shows all of the offices up for election this year. At the federal level, all members of Congress are up for election as well as US Senator Maria Cantwell. At the state level, all members of the House of Representatives are up for election as are half of the state Senators. Three Supreme Court Justices must run, along with numerous Court of Appeals Judges and Superior Court Judges. Another link will show you all of the offices up for election in each county. The site contains a link to the statewide online Voters Guide, allows you to update your voter registration, see which candidates have filed to run for election, read any citizens initiatives that have been filed and after the election, see results. The Research link allows you to delve deep into election law and statistics. For example, did you know that Washington currently has 4,235,390 registered voters? 7.4 million people live in the state, so only 57% are registered to vote.

Currently, the candidate filing page is blank. Candidates are only allowed to file for election between May 14-18 in 2018. The Washington state primary is August 7 this year. The general election is November 6.

Look for more information about candidates and voting as election day gets closer.

Community Service

A Great Time Of Year To Support Your Communities



Yvonne Knuth

By Yvonne Knuth  
Community Service Director

Those who went to the tulip fields, I hope you enjoyed yourself. Visiting the fields in Skagit Valley were beautiful.

Thanks to those who have sent in your notebooks and reports. I have received 35 so far by the deadline. But please send in any way for the table and I will need a count of hours for National Grange.

There were some changes I had to make, nothing serious only the class the books were to be in. It is very important that you get a handbook either at conference or from your deputy. I know

books were given to the deputies to hand out to others to give out, but some didn't do it. By coming to the conference one can receive all the changes in the departments especially when you have new officers. One can go to WA State Grange and look up the pages that you do need. Thanks to those who called or e-mailed for answers. I was glad to help you. Plan on stopping by the community service table during convention and look at the reports and books. Maybe you will get some great ideas.

Remember that this is a great time of year to be supporting your communities!



# Convention Information



JUNE 27 - 30, 2018

129th Annual Washington State Grange Convention at the  
Skagit County Fairgrounds, 479 West Taylor Street, Mt. Vernon, WA 98273

## !! REMINDER !! MARK YOUR CALENDARS

All Resolutions must be received by May 28 at the State Grange Office to be considered at the State Grange Convention. Resolutions must have the original signatures of the sponsoring Grange Master and Secretary and have the Grange seal affixed.



## \*TENTATIVE\* 2018 Convention Schedule

WEDNESDAY	8:00-5:00pm	Registration
	8:00-11:00	Lecturer, CFL and Junior Contest Entry Check-in
	10:00	Delegate Orientation
	11:30	Committee Chair Meeting
	12:00-2:00	Committee Meetings Group A
	12:00-4:00	Committee Meetings Group B
	2:00-4:00	Committee Meetings Group C
	3:00-4:30	Workshops
	6:00	6th Degree Opening and adoption of program
	7:15	Memorial
	8:30	Welcome Reception Hosted by State Officers
THURSDAY	7:30-12:00	Registration
	7:00	Family Living Breakfast
	8:30 -5:00	Business Meeting, Master's Address, Elections, Committee Reports, Cooperative Reports
	10:00	Youth Tour
	5:05	Group Photo (Weather permitting)
	5:30	Celebration Banquet Membership/Scholarship Awards
		State Grange Auction
FRIDAY	8:00-12:00	Business Meeting, Final Credentials Report, Committee Reports
	8:00-7:00	Displays Open
	12:00-1:30	Junior Grange Ice Cream Social
	1:30	5th Degree
	2:30	Conferral of the 6th Degree
	3:45-5:00	Business Meeting, Approve Minutes, Committee Reports
	5:30	Talent Practice – Closed to Public
SATURDAY	8:00	Talent Show
	8:00	Open by Youth – Youth Awards
		Junior Program – Junior Awards – <u>RED TENNIS SHOE DAY!!!</u>
	11:00	Granger of the Year
	12:00-2:00	Lecturer & Family Living Contest Entry Check-Out
	3:00	Installation of Officer
	4:30	Adjourn
		Deputies & State Officer's Convention Recap (directly after)

PLEASE NOTE: Convention Schedule is TENTATIVE and subject to change

## Multiple Options For Housing At State Grange Convention

There are many options for housing at this year's State Grange Convention, scheduled for June 27-30 at the Skagit County Fairgrounds in Mount Vernon. We encourage Grangers to make reservations early as there are other events occurring in the Mount Vernon area during the same week.

The convention Housing Committee has compiled the following information on hotels in the area:

**Tulip Inn** – 1200 Freeway Drive, Mount Vernon; 2.8 miles from the fairgrounds. Includes breakfast that you must take back to your room, free Wi-Fi, in-room mini fridge, microwave, coffee maker and hair dryer. Currently under renovation and

will be done by June. Allows dogs at \$10 per night, but no cats. Cost - \$75 per night plus tax. Telephone 800-599-5969 or 360-428-5969. Email: gm@tulipvalleyinn.com

**Quality Inn** – 1910 Freeway Drive, Mount Vernon; 2.6 miles from the fairgrounds. Includes free breakfast and free wi-fi, pool and spa. Pets are \$20 per night. Cost – Double Queen \$121.49/night plus tax, Single King \$112.49/night plus tax. Telephone 360-428-7020. Email: Qualityinnwa083@gmail.com

**Holiday Inn Express** – 900 Andis Road, Burlington. 5.3 miles from the fairgrounds. Includes free breakfast and free wi-fi, pool, and hot tub. No

pets allowed. Telephone 360-755-7338. Email: sales.bkob@smjmanagement.com

**Days Inn** – 2009 Riverside Drive, Mount Vernon. 2.2 miles from the fairgrounds. Includes free breakfast and free wi-fi, pool, in room microwave and mini fridge. Pets are \$10 per night. Telephone 360-424-4141. Email daysinnMV@aol.com

**Best Western College Way Inn** – 300 W. College Way, Mount Vernon. 2.5 miles from the fairgrounds. Includes free breakfast and free wi-fi, pool and hot tub. Pets are \$20 per night. Telephone 360-424-4287. Email: bwclegewayinn@comcast.net

## Grange Convention Meals Scheduled

Daily lunches will be available at the Skagit County Fairgrounds in Mount Vernon on each day, Tuesday through Saturday. The lunches will be a complete meal and consist of a sandwich, chips, green salad, fruit, and cookies or cupcake, and beverage. The cost will be \$7 per person. You may order lunch tickets on the order form below. Hot dogs and pizza slices will also be available, but may not be pre-ordered.

The following group meals have been scheduled for the convention:

- Family Living Breakfast: to be held Thursday, June 28 at 7 a.m. at the Skagit County Fairgrounds. The cost is \$22 per person.
- Celebration Banquet: to be held Thursday, June 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Skagit County Fairgrounds. The cost is \$30 per person and will be an Italian Buffet featuring seafood or meat cannelloni, Italian Roasted Garlic Parmesan Potatoes, Caesar Salad, Italian Style Veggies, Dinner Rolls, Mini Canola for Dessert, Coffee, Tea, and Iced Tea.

Additional meal functions, such as the Has Beens Lunch and the GROW Club Dinner will be scheduled at a later date at restaurants in the Mount Vernon area.

### 2018 GRANGE CONVENTION MEAL ORDER FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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

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TUESDAY, JUNE 26

Complete Lunch                      @ \$7 each =    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

Complete Lunch                      @ \$7 each =    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

Complete Lunch                      @ \$7 each =    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Family Living Breakfast                      @ \$22 each =    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Celebration Banquet                      @ \$30 each =    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

Complete Lunch                      @ \$7 each =    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

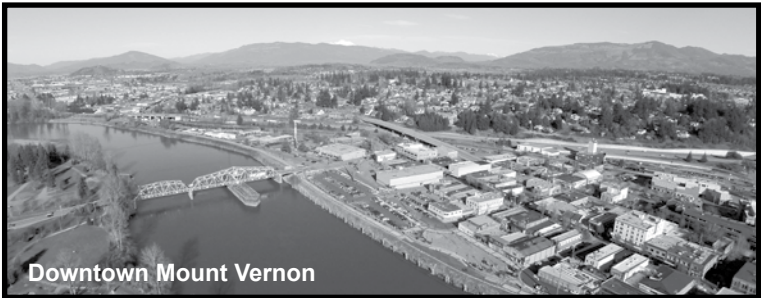
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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Checks should be made payable to: Northern District Convention District. Please mail payment and reservation form to: Russ Weston, 2223 Cody Avenue, Bellingham WA 98225.



Downtown Mount Vernon

# Convention Information

## Resolution Writing Tips

Resolutions are not hard to write!

One of the real benefits of membership in the Grange is the opportunity that membership gives to every Grange member to have an effective voice regarding the issues that affect their lives. Each of the National and Washington State Grange policy positions all started as resolutions that were written and adopted by a local Grange chapter.

Even so, some people are still intimidated at the idea of writing a Grange resolution.

As the State Grange is scheduled to hold its Annual Convention this June, we hope it will help generate greater interest in grass-roots participation in our Grange legislative program. The postmarked deadline for submission of resolutions from Subordinate and Pomona Granges is May 28.

Here is a quick and easy overview of writing a resolution:

**Title of Your Resolution Here** (This should be just a few words and easily summarize what the resolution is about)

**Whereas**, this is where you identify one problem that needs to be addressed or solved; and

**Whereas**, only place one reason or fact that supports your argument in each whereas para-graph; and

**Whereas**, only put facts in the whereas paragraphs that make it easier for the reader to understand the purpose of your resolution; Therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that this is where you clearly state the primary action that you propose to solve the problem you identified in the whereas paragraphs (Resolved should stand alone from the Whereas' as this will be the policy printed in the Legislative Handbook. No information from the Whereas' will be printed in the handbook), and

**Be it Further Resolved**, that any secondary actions to address the problem are placed here.

Be sure to include both the Master and Secretary signatures, Grange seal, contact information and any supporting materials.

## Ag In The Classroom

### Wash. Fair Season Is Quickly Approaching!

It's already May, the last full month of this school year!

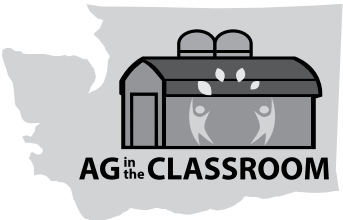
We strive to promote and develop agricultural literacy in all of Washington State.

Thousands of Ag@School magazines were mailed out on April 12 to Washington State teachers. Issue 3 is filled with wonderful articles about Washington agriculture, has great pictures, and includes many excellent activities for teachers, students, and parents. All of this with our spring issue theme of agriculture stewardship.

**Are your children, grandchildren, neighbor kids receiving and using Ag @School?**

We're preparing for another little farmer ag experience in Pullman having also participated this school year in school to farm events in Franklin and Whitman counties. Next year, we plan to also participate in the Ellensburg farm to school sessions.

**We'd love to be a part of your**



**county's event too!**

Thank you for allowing me to attend your subordinate and Pomona meetings!! I've received so many positive comments and ideas about our materials!

**When you take dictionaries to your local 3rd graders, please consider- -**

- asking to read Who Grew My Soup to a 2nd grade class (We supply the lesson plans and the book then remains with the teacher for the class library.)
- taking a few copies of Ag @ School for the principal and 4th grade teachers (along with teacher guide)

**Fair season is quickly approaching!**

Last year, Washington Ag in the Classroom was represented at several Washington fairs- -near/ amongst the Grange booths.

Please let me know if we can help you with information for a booth (again, near/amongst the Grange booths).

Our summer meeting will be in Ellensburg, at the Cattlemen/ Cattlewomen's office, just off I-90. This meeting focuses on our future plans and all are welcome Friday June 29th, beginning at 10 A.M. with a reception/social before our actual meeting. You are always welcome to come and see what we're all about!!

**Please contact me if you need information, materials, a 2nd grade classroom reader, or someone for a lecturer's program.**

We are so fortunate to be supported by so many of you through your donations and volunteerism. You are greatly appreciated!

Judy Hossner  
Washington State Grange Rep. to the WAIC Board  
WAIC Board Secretary/Treasurer  
jmhhag@gmail.com  
360-394-7744  
(please leave a message if I don't promptly answer)

### This Earth Day, We Celebrate Major Impacts Through Soil Health

**By C. Wayne Honeycutt, Ph.D.**

U.S. farmers and ranchers are adopting soil health-promoting practices (e.g., no-till, cover crops, prescribed grazing) to increase soil organic matter (carbon), while also reducing soil and nutrient losses to our waterways and greenhouse gas emissions to our atmosphere.

However, it is clear that we simply cannot afford to be complacent, thinking that we have all the answers to soil health and environmental stewardship, because we do not. Doing so would ignore our responsibility to both current and future generations for providing plentiful and nutritious food, feed

for livestock, fiber for clothing and other uses, as well as resources for fuels, while also delivering clean water and clean air.

So today, I challenge us to imagine a time when we fully understand the chemical signaling – that dialogue – between plants and soil microbes. Imagine understanding how to manage those communications to naturally suppress plant diseases and build drought resilience.

Imagine a time when our understanding of the interactions among plants, soil microorganisms, and their environment (i.e, the phytobiome) is married with our understanding of the microbiome in humans, so that through a

fundamental knowledge of soil and plant processes, we deliver what humans need for optimal health and longevity.

Now imagine a time when all farmers and ranchers use soil health management systems that improve water quality, increase carbon sequestration, increase drought resilience, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and provide wildlife and pollinator habitat, too. Imagine what we can celebrate, in just a few short years, on Earth Day 2025.

**About the author: C. Wayne Honeycutt, Ph.D., is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Soil Health Institute.**

<https://soilhealthinstitute.org/>

## 2018 State Grange Convention RV Parking

Overnight RV Parking will be available at the Skagit County Fairgrounds for this year's convention. RV's can arrive beginning on Monday, June 25 and must depart no later than 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 1. The rate is \$10 per night and may include water and electrical service. There are no sewer hook ups.

**GRANGE CONVENTION RV PARKING RESERVATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Nights at \$10 per night = \$\_\_\_\_\_ (amount enclosed)

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Checks should be made payable to Northern District Grange Convention. Please mail payment and reservation form to: Russ Weston, 2223 Cody Avenue, Bellingham WA 98225.

## Grange Connection

### Sammamish Valley Grange Connects To The Local Arts Community



Sammamish Valley Grange #286 hosted several Board Members of the local non-profit organization, Woodinville Arts Alliance, who shared the organization's accomplishments and its vision for the future as they celebrated their first year in operation. Sammamish Valley Grange members are looking forward to building this relationship. Historically, Grange members have been involved not only with farming instruction and techniques, but home economics, and the visual and social arts. Through contests and county fairs, Grange initiatives have long supported programs showcasing artistic talent. Pictured: Woodinville Arts Alliance celebrated their one month birthday at a recent Sammamish Valley Grange #286 community program.

## The Grange Exchange

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

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**WANTED-Working Victrola to \$75.00 Thurston County**  
Contact: Barbie – barbiedoll123@aol.com

➡

**WANTED- Acreage with Artesian Well – up to 70K**  
Contact: Barbie – barbiedoll123@aol.com

➡

**GRAIN ELEVATORS Columbia Basin new Project 87,000 acres circles, Surplus Grains for pelleting, distilling, feed, seed, fertilizers, Highway, Railbed 14 deeded acres, Sacrifice terms. Contact Warden at 509-467-4381**

Cost per word	one month	4 or more
Regular	\$.30	\$.25
Boxed	.60	.50
Centered or reversed text	\$1.50/line	
Minimum for one month	\$3.75	

Word count: A hyphen, space or / creates separate words, except for phone numbers which count as one word.

Deadline: First Monday in each month. Ads must be paid in advance. (Tear sheets not sent for classified.)

Ad copy (or attach copy): \_\_\_\_\_

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



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tulip variations. The group completed their stay in Tulip Town with a photo to remember the day.

The Kiwanis Wild Salmon Barbeque, at Hillcrest Park Lodge, was the next stop on the Granger’s agenda. Each spring during the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival the Kiwanis Club of Mount Vernon hosts a 23-day long salmon BBQ. And while the perfectly grilled fish and delicious sides make this a great event, the best part is that all the money goes directly to youth and community programs in the Skagit Valley. The food was wonderful, and the hosts were welcoming of the group.

The group loaded the bus one last time for their trip back home. The trip was a great success, and everyone is ready for the next Grange Travel Adventure.

So, what is the next destination..... Mark your calendars now for Saturday December 8th and look for more information at the 129th Annual State Grange Convention in Mount Vernon as we travel to Leavenworth, WA for the opening weekend of the 2018 tree lighting ceremony.





# Grange Teens Gather For Weekend Conference



Grange youth members take a break from their raking duties to pose with the park rangers. The youth completed three hours of community service in preparing the park for the upcoming camping season.



Youth members raked leaves from the camping spaces at the Lewis & Clark State Park. Pictured are Leah Bardal of Pleasant Hill Grange, Sheyenne Koen of Kellogg Marsh Grange, and Lori Ogden of Sunnyside Grange.

Grange teenagers gathered for their Annual Teen Weekend on April 20-22 at the Lewis & Clark State Park ELC, located near Toledo in Lewis County. The teens met for a weekend of learning, service, and fun.

The weekend began with a Friday evening arrival. Following a taco bar dinner, the teens had a series of get acquainted activities and played games.

Saturday morning started with a breakfast of pancakes, bacon, and fruit. The teens then delved into a box of fleece remnants and made fleece hats for the “Keep Washington Warm” project. A portion of the teens traced patterns, while others cut the fleece or sewed the fleece into hats. By Saturday evening, over 70 hats were completed. They will be taken to the upcoming State Grange Convention for display and then distributed.

Later Saturday, the teens were led to the campground area of the park where they raked and cleaned campsites in preparation for the May 1 opening of the park. Later that afternoon, the teens hiked through a remote area of the park, mapping downed trees that will need to be removed.

Two workshops were held during the retreat. The first workshop featured the youth program opportunities available at the state and national levels. The second workshop focused on the process of the utilization of the Grange resolution process to create legislation and making changes in our communities. While there were no resolutions approved for state level considerations, several resolutions were written on local topics.

Following dinner of lasagna and chicken enchiladas, the youth played a variety of games to end the evening.

The conference ended with breakfast on Sunday morning. Sleeping bags were rolled, belongings packed, and the retreat center was cleaned.

The Lewis & Clark State Park ELC is an outstanding facility for a conference of this type with dormitory style sleeping arrangements, food preparation area, and activity areas.



Grange youth members take their tools and wheel barrow on a trail through the park in preparation of raking the campsites.



Braden Szczepanski of Steele Lake Highline Grange and Georgia Clark of North River Grange cut fleece patterns to be made into hats.



Lori Ogden of Sunnyside Grange works on sewing fleece hats for the Keep Washington Warm project.



# Grange Connection

**CLARK COUNTY**

**Fargher Lake Grange** held their annual Tree and Plant Sale on April 20-21. A bingo activity will be held on Sat, May 5, 5-8:30 p.m.

**COWLITZ COUNTY**

**Rose Valley Grange** has scheduled A Mother's Day Bazaar for May 12, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Silver Lake Grange** host the Toutle Valley Great Pumpkin Growing Kick Off on May 12. May 12 will also be the first Saturday Market of the year. The market is an opportunity to bring farmers and crafts people together for residents to shop locally.

**GRANT COUNTY**

**Moses Lake Grange** is hosting a Spring Picnic BBQ on May 12 at Connelly Park in Moses Lake. The event will be 1-4 p.m. The Grange will be providing Carne Asada. Please bring your favorite side dish to share. We are raffling off a new gas grill. The winner will be drawn at our May 17 meeting. On Thursday June 7, Moses Lake Grange #1151 will be voting to consolidate with O'Sullivan Grange, Adrian Grange, and the old Moses Lake Grange. This will be taking place at 6:30 pm. For questions call Brittney Oliver 253-906-6076

**White Trail Grange** is working to revitalize itself. Two new members joined in March. State Master Tom Gwin attended the April 2 meeting, where 15 new Subordinate members and 5 +1 Junior Grangers joined. New bylaws were adopted and a permanent meeting date was set.

**GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY**

**Humptulips Grange** held their annual fund-raising auction on April 7. Over 300 items were donated and auctioned off to help pay the annual mortgage payment on the Grange Hall. New lights have been placed on the exterior of the building to light the parking lots. Applications for our Grange scholarship have been mailed to each of the local high schools. The food bank served 58 families last month. The last two bingo events of

the season are scheduled for May 5 and 19. A large delegation from our Grange is planning to attend Seattle Mariners baseball game on June 2.

**KING COUNTY**

**Sallal Grange** is hosting an Electronics Recycling Event on Saturday, May 19th from 9am to 5pm. This event is open to businesses and individuals from all over Washington.

**KITTITAS COUNTY**

**Swauk Teanaway Grange's** annual Bluegrass Concert is Saturday, May 12, 7:00-9:00 PM. We welcome "Rusty Hinges Bluegrass Band" to our stage. Each member of Rusty Hinges is a veteran of the Pacific NW bluegrass scene. Their collective experience results in a musical program that is polished and entertaining. Band members are Ron Clark on mandolin, Jan Delfel on bass, Curt Fields on guitar, Al Price – vocals and banjo and Jim Delfel – guitar and vocals. Doors open at 6:30 pm, the band takes the stage at 7:00 pm. The hall is located at 1361 Ballard Hill Rd, about 8 miles NE of Cle Elum near the intersection of SR 970 and Teanaway Rd. Admission is \$10, kids under 12 years of age are free, refreshments will be provided.

**LEWIS COUNTY**

**Adna Grange** #417 is pleased to present the Fern Hill Bluegrass Band, from Rainier, OR, in concert on Saturday, May 12. The grange is in need of a new refrigerator and will have a Pie & Ice Cream Social fundraiser during intermission. Raffle drawings will also be held. Fern Hill is comprised of accomplished musicians Paul Smith (guitar/bass/vocals), Mike Eisler (fiddle/vocals), John Van Brocklin (banjo/guitar/vocals), Rollie Champe (mandolin/bass/vocals) and Brett Champe (bass/mandolin/vocals). Fern Hill's approach to bluegrass music is in the style of the classic bands of the 1950s. The door opens at 2:30pm. The concert price is \$15.00 per person. The Pie & Ice Cream Social during intermission

is by donation with the proceeds going toward the purchase of a new Grange refrigerator.

**Baw Faw Grange** will hold the Boistfort Valley Spring Festival on May 12. The event begins at 10 a.m. and lasts until 4 p.m. This event will include a plant sale, lunch and many vendors selling their wares. Grange lunch and plants proceeds go to the upkeep of the Grange.

**OKANOGAN COUNTY**

**Twisp Valley Grange** will hold a Flea Market and BBQ on Saturday, June 2. The event begins at 9 a.m. and lasts until 1 p.m. The BBQ lunch will begin at 11 a.m. Enjoy a hamburger, chips, lemonade, and cookie for \$5.00. Tables are available for \$10. Donations of gently used are gladly accepted for the Twisp Valley Grange Fundraising table.

**PACIFIC COUNTY**

**Long Beach Grange** will hold their next Consignment Auction on Sat, May 12.

**PEND OREILLE COUNTY**

**Fertile Valley Grange** a Grange Month Open House on April 27. The Community Citizen of the Year Award was presented.

**SAN JUAN COUNTY**

**Lopez Island Grange** will a rest stop for the bikers for this year's Tour de Lopez on April 29. We've had a very positive response of bikers to the Grange on past tours, and are looking forward to this year's ride.

**Orcas Island Grange** will host a swap meet on Sat, May 26 for the Orcas Island Exchange.

**SKAGIT COUNTY**

**Skagit Valley Grange** met on April 9. Donations were made to the Family Living charities. A campship was made to the Cornet Bay Junior Grange Camp. The charter was draped for George McRae, 1 69-year member of the Grange. He was the Grange Treasurer for many years.

**SPOKANE COUNTY**

**Green Bluff Grange** is the midst

of exciting times for our Grange. We are proud to announce the KXLY 4 NEWS Extreme Team will be doing a Green Bluff Grange Makeover in September. We have also been blessed with a sizable donation from BECU!! We are showing good faith by raising funds to help with this Makeover so most of our 1st Tuesdays Community Events are special fundraising events. On April 3 we had our Open House to include Grange information for all visitors, a hot dog dinner and pie auction. On May 1 we are making May Day baskets, might even dance around the May Pole, and a Chili Cook Off—group entries are the Grange, Church, Growers, Home Ec Club, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, BECU, KXLY, and Take a Peake square dancers. A memorial service will be held at our May 15 meeting. And for the 9th year our Grange will be hosting the Women Warriors Retreat the weekend of May 18-20. We are open for breakfast on Sunday May 27 from 8-11 a.m. Coming up on June 23 is a "Roof Raising Barn Dance" and Silent Auction at the Grange.

**STEVENS COUNTY**

**Camas Valley Grange** helped Gerald Brown celebrate his 82nd birthday before the March meeting. A "Murder Mystery" Play and Dinner was held at the Grange on March 24, the local high school drama class did a great job. Here has been a little rough as the community has been hit hard with all the different "bugs" going around. Spring is finally make its appearance as there has been

some sunny days - finally. On April 14, the Grange donated the use of the great hall to Breast Intentions - this great nonprofit organization goes to various communities and show young ladies how to measure to get a bra in the right size, and each one was given two new bras. Grangers have been busy knitting and crocheting prayer/comfort shawls for those in need in the community. Grange member and quilter extraordinaire, Irene, has scheduled "Sew Day"s to assemble the prepared blocks for quilts to hand out at the September Dinner of Thanks to veterans and first responders. There are other events in the coming months that include memorials for grange members and community members that have passed on. It is a busy time of year.

**THURSTON COUNTY**

**Skookumchuck Grange** voted to send our Master and his wife as delegates to the upcoming 129th State Grange Convention. Last month, Pomona met at our Grange and it was great to see our State Master present. Our Facebook page continues to bring us income from Grange hall rentals and advertised events. Our Facebook page has the most "likes" of all the Granges in Thurston County with Black Lake Grange coming in second. Brighten Park Grange was visited by our Overseer in April. They were having a potluck dinner, working on resolutions and planning to invite Oakview Grange from Lewis County to come visit them in May.

## Sunnyside Grange Presents Citizen Of The Year Award

Yvonne Knuth (right) Sunnyside Grange lecturer and State Community Service Director presented Ryana Covington with the Sunnyside Grange #129 Citizen of the Year award. Ryana has been the treasurer for the city of Castle Rock for 31 years.




## Five Mile Prairie Grange Hosts Successful Pie Night



Five Mile Prairie Grange kicked off Grange Month by hitting Pie Night out of the park last night. A couple hundred friends and neighbors stopped by to visit and to eat pie. County Commissioner Josh Kerns joined us for the evening.

## Catlin Grange Donates To Womens' Support Center

Catlin Grange #199 of Kelso, WA donated items they collected for their Pomona Community Service Project to the Longview, WA Womens' Support Shelter. Pictured are Tena Hedges, Joan Frymire, Cathy Reed of the Support Shelter, Marjorie Willenberg and Amanda Nichols.



## Rose Valley Grange Hosts Jelly 101 Clinic and Rock Painting For Kids

On Sat Mar 3rd, Rose Valley Grange #953 hosted a "Jelly 101 Clinic where participants learned how to make juice and turn it into jelly. Annie Scott along with Rose Valley's Cathleen Miller and Nicole Nickel instructed local residents in the art of making and canning jelly and what the requirements are for participating in local fairs and baking contests. There was also rock painting for the kids who attended. Peanut butter and "jelly" sandwiches and Franz cookies were served and a good time was had by all who attended. A big thank you to Jennifer at Franz Bakery who partnered with the Grange by donating refreshments.



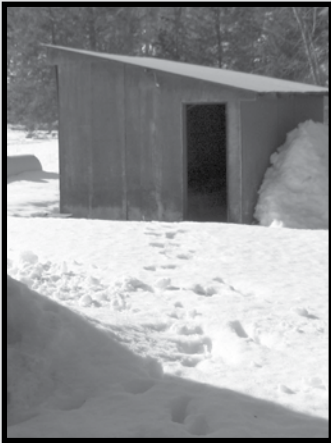


# Grange Connection

## Malo Grange Has Interesting Neighbors

### Who Are Your Neighbors?

It's nice to have a fresh layer of new snow to be able to see who has been passing through. Outside the back door of the Malo hall we had tracks. We are very rural and have both cougar and wolf for neighbors. Looking at the claw-less tracks, the guess is a cougar came by to check us out. Maybe that is why our outhouse isn't used much anymore.



## Pomona Connection

### Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona

Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona is offering four partial campships to attend Morehead Junior Grange Camp this summer. Letters from campers are due by May 10 to the Pomona Master. We will have the art, craft, photography, sewing, quilting, and food preservation contests with entries due on May 11 to the Elma Grange Hall, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Pomona will meet on May 12 at 10 a.m. at Elma.

### Lewis County Pomona

Lewis County Pomona will hold their Golden Sheaf and Silver Star Dinner on June 2 at 5 p.m. at the Newaukum Grange Hall.

### Skagit County Pomona

Skagit County Pomona met in April at the Fredonia Grange Hall. Dennis Hall and Seth Peebles were selected to be the delegates to this year's state Grange convention. A donation was made to the Cornet Bay Junior Camp to help pay for rent of a cabin. Donations were also made to the Family Living charities. The next meeting will be at Samish Valley Grange on May 7. A memorial service will be held.

### Thurston County Pomona

Thurston County Pomona will hold their Silver Star & Golden Sheaf celebration on May 20 at 2 p.m. at the Prosperity Grange Hall.

## Green Bluff Grange Open House and Clean-Up Day



(Left) Green Bluff Grange hosted an Open House on April 3rd which included a Pie Auction where Jim Lahde, auctioned off 18 pies. (Right) Junior Grangers lenda hand cleaning up the Grange Hall to get ready for the Open House.

## Washington Grange Resurrects Memorial Garden

Resurrection of Washington Grange # 82 Memorial Garden. Over the years the garden has been neglected. There was a garden arbor in front of the Memorial head stone that has deteriorated and collapsed from age. The Garden has been cleaned up and thanks to a friend of one of the Grange member who enjoys building yard ornaments, built the new Garden Arbor. Three Grange members secured the new arbor in place anchoring it in place with concrete footings. Showing off the new Arbor are from left to right; Don Kapitanovich, Rodger Lance, RuthAnne Lance, Janice Anderson, Georgia Goff and Frank Grobli.



## Junior Connection

### Fargher Lake Junior Grange

Fargher Lake youth and juniors planted vegetable seeds for an upcoming sale and contests. New Clark County Deputy Master Debbie Richards visited the youth and discussed the Clark County Fair and the Grange Youth Fairs Program. She assisted in helping plant the vegetables for the tree and plant sale. At the April meeting, the youth and juniors planted strawberries to be sold at the tree and plant sale, the funds will be used for future events for the children.



Fargher Lake Youth and Juniors with their plantings for their upcoming Plant Sale.

### Green Bluff Junior Grange

Green Bluff Junior Grangers helped clean up the Grange for the Grange Open House on April 3. May 29 will be our Junior Granger's Keeping Green Bluff Green 5 years running!! They pick up trash all around our community whilst working with the Department of Corrections!

### Humptulips Junior Grange

Humptulips Junior Grangers provided pies for the Grange Fund Raising Auction. The pies were purchased proceeds from the Bingo event held in February. Junior Grangers met to finish planning their spring retreat, to be held on April 27-29 at Morehead Park on the Long Beach Peninsula. A work party will be held to place flags on the veteran's graves for Memorial Day in May. Junior Grangers are beginning to think about ideas for their display at the county fair in August.

### San Poil Junior Grange

San Poil Junior Grangers finished up their work on several Merit Badges. Members have earned 11 badges so far. They are excited about going to Mayfield Junior Grange Camp. Four members wrote letters to the Richard Kimball Scholarship committee sharing their enthusiasm. A bake sale is planned to earn additional camp funds for this year. Their book collections are going great, they have filled one box and are working on a second box. We welcome Liz Stinson and Heather Baldwin as their newest Junior Grange Leaders. The May meeting will be a week early on May 21.

## Pomona Calendar

All Pomona Granges are requested to send their list of 2018 meeting dates, times, and locations to [grange@wa-grange.org](mailto:grange@wa-grange.org) for inclusion into this calendar.

<b>Clallam</b>	June 11 at Quillayute Valley, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. meeting
<b>Clark</b>	May 9 at Manor, 7 p.m.
<b>Cowlitz</b>	May 19 at Woodland, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. meeting. Memorial service to be held.
<b>Excelsior</b>	May 19 at Greenwood Park, 9:30 a.m. meeting, 12 noon potluck. Lecturer and Family Living contest entries due.
<b>Ferry</b>	time and date to be announced.
<b>Grays Harbor/Pacific</b>	May 12 at Elma, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 noon potluck. Lecturer and Family Living contest entries due on May 11, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
<b>King</b>	May 12 at Sallal, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 noon potluck.
<b>Kitsap</b>	May 18 at Olalla, 7:30 p.m.
<b>Klickitat</b>	May 5 at Alder Creek, 5 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting.
<b>Lewis</b>	May 5 at Forest, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Community service is non-perishables for the food bank.
<b>Mason</b>	May 19 at Skokomish, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 noon potluck.
<b>Okanogan</b>	July 14 at Molson, 10 a.m.
<b>Pend Oreille</b>	June 9 at Camden, 10 a.m. Sewing and Crafts contests to be held on May 1 at Calispel with entries due by 9:30 a.m.
<b>Pierce</b>	May 5 at McMillin, 10 a.m. June 2 at Marion, 10 a.m.
<b>Riverside</b>	Tri Pomona Picnic on August 26 at Ag Museum, Fulbright Park, 1:30 p.m.
<b>Skagit</b>	May 2 at Samish Valley, 7 p.m. Program will be the Memorial Service. June 6 at Summit Park, 7 p.m.
<b>Snake River</b>	May 19 at Columbia Valley, 10 a.m. Lecturer and Family Living contests to be held.
<b>Snohomish</b>	May 19 at Granville, 10 a.m. Lecturer and CFL contest entries due May 17, 2-6 p.m.
<b>Spokane</b>	May 19 at Five Mile Prairie, 10 a.m. All contest entries due on Friday, May 18.
<b>Stevens</b>	May 19 at Addy
<b>Sunnyside</b>	May 8 at Buena, 6:30 p.m. Includes judging of all contests.
<b>Thurston</b>	May 3 at McLane, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Memorial program to be held. Silver Star and Golden Sheaf Recognition event will be on May 20 at Prosperity at 2 p.m.
<b>Whatcom</b>	June 19 at Laurel, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Flower contest to be held.
<b>Whitman</b>	May 19 at North and South Palouse, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. CFL and Lecturer contests to be held.
<b>Yakima</b>	May 18 at Fruitvale, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting.

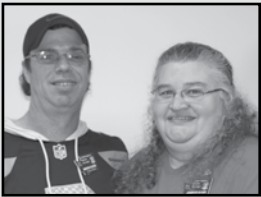


# Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

## Juniors

### Junior Grange Important Dates

By Marvin & Jennifer Oliver  
Junior Grange Directors



Marvin & Jennifer Oliver

We know that June and July seem so far away but it is coming fast. The reports that are due in May are a great to show off the wonderful people that we have in the Junior Grange from the members to the leaders. Let's get those reports filled out and recognize some amazing people at the State convention!

**We don't know if you don't toot their horns!**

Have questions about completing the forms? Don't know if someone qualifies? Please reach out to us. Email [jenandmarv@yahoo.com](mailto:jenandmarv@yahoo.com), Text or call Jennifer at 253-906-6078 / Marvin 253-906-6075. Facebook us or write us a letter at 3307 128th St East Tacoma, Wa. 98446. We are here to help in any way we can. If you would like we can come and visit your Grange! We love to visit! If you have something that you would like in the next article or have something to share, please let us know!

**May**

- Community Service
- Ned Cullen Award
- Progress Charts
- Junior Secretary Reports
- Junior Grange Leader of the Year
- Junior Grange Individual Builder
- Junior Grange of the Year
- State Membership Building Award

**Washington State Grange Convention**

- June 27th – June 30th at Mt Vernon

Lots of fun activities planned for Juniors please plan on bringing your Juniors to participate and open for the Washington State Grange Session on Saturday, Red Tennis Shoe day. Guaranteed you will have a great time. Bring your crafts, your talent and your friends!!

**Camp Dates**

- June 24th-June 29th
- July 1st – July 7th Camp Mayfield
- July 15th – July 21st Camp Moorehead
- July 22nd- July 27th
- July 22- July 28 Camp NEWA
- August 5th – August 10th Camp Cornet Bay

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## Youth

### Spring Leads To An Increase In Grange Youth Activities

By Jerry Gwin  
State Youth Director



Jerry Gwin

The youth activities for the upcoming State Grange Convention are starting to fall together. A full schedule will be available in next month's column. Thank you to Lacey Rude and Naomi Lierman for serving as the Host Youth Committee Co-Chair.

The Teen Conference was a great success! Attendance was right on par with previous years and we had an excellent facility for the conference. The retreat center at the Lewis & Clark State Park provided us with an opportunity to learn, serve, and have fun. Workshops included a discussion on our youth programs and a hands-on resolution writing activity. We completed three service projects this year. We raked the campsites for the upcoming park opening and

then did a hike through the park while identifying downed trees. We also sewed over 70 fleece hats for the Keep Washington Warm Project. Thank you to those youth who attended and the adults who served as chaperones for the conference.

Last month, we sent raffle tickets out to each Grange for this year's youth department raffle. Each Grange received 1-2 books of 10 tickets. We ask that you sell the tickets and return the stubs and check to me in the enclosed envelope. If you need additional tickets, please call my home phone and leave a message. We will send additional tickets to you as requested.

The youth department is looking for items for the Live Auction at the convention. Please drop them off at the youth sales table. We have a good supply of degree pins, silver star pins, and golden sheaf pins

available for sale at the table this year.

Applications for the Washington State Grange Youth Ambassador and Outstanding Young Adult Awards are due on May 15. The applications and the accompanying trivia challenge are available on the National Grange Youth website, [www.nationalgrangeyouth.org](http://www.nationalgrangeyouth.org). I also need to know of any entries in the Sign-a-Song and the Prepared Speech Contest.

I hope you are gathering items for the Keep Washington Warm Project. We can certainly use your handmade or purchased socks, hats, mittens, scarves, and gloves. The items should be checked in at the display room

It will be good to see all of you at the convention. Mount Vernon, here we come!

### Grange Travel Adventures Invites You To Join Us For An Evening At The Ballpark Note: Deadline is May 10th



Join us at the ballpark for another exciting excursion with your fellow Grangers, friends and family.


Grange Travel Adventures have planned again this year to have a day at Safeco field for Grangers across the state. We have reserved 95 seats

in section 329, which is behind home plate, for the Saturday, June 2nd game against the Tampa Bay Rays at 7:10 pm. With a Saturday night event, we hope that more Grangers can attend this year to not interfere with work schedules and busy week night

activities. Reduced group ticket rates are just \$20 each.

Reserve your tickets today!

*\*Mail your check with registration to Washington State Grange, PO Box 1186, Olympia, WA 98512*



### The Washington State Grange AT SAFECO FIELD

**GAME DATE:**

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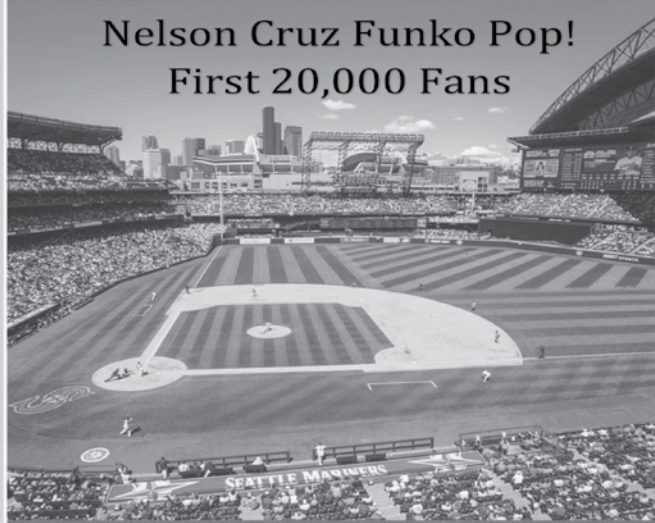
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If you would like to sit with another family, please place one order for the entire group. Orders are filled on a first come first serve basis and are based on availability. Order Now!

**SCOREBOARD GREETING:**

Watch for our name on the video board in the 4th inning for our special welcome to Safeco Field.

The Seattle Mariners are extending a discount ticket offer! Enjoy a special outing with your friends and family members!



To order tickets, fill out the form below and return it to the office or Mail to: PO Box 1186, Olympia, WA 98507-1186  
**Deadline to order is May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 | Questions? Contact Sophia Keller at 360-943-9911 or [skeller@wa-grange.org](mailto:skeller@wa-grange.org)**

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# Home & Family

## Family Living

### Let's Talk Convention 2018!

By Cecelia Hamilton  
Family Living Director

Our Pomona Contests are coming to an end throughout the state and I have received many contest reports letting me know just what to expect at convention in Mt. Vernon next month. I am so pleased to say that we have many outstanding entries, some never before entered recipes for candies and baked goods. Keep them coming and great job! I do want to thank all of the dedicated CFL's and volunteers who have assisted them with the contests this year. It is a lot of work and you are truly appreciated. You make it happen and we couldn't have these activities without you.

So, let's talk convention 2018; this year we are in Tulip country! The entry take in is same as years passed. One stop check- in. Beginning Tuesday June 26th our area will be open at 11:00 am until 5pm and on Wednesday from 8:00am until 11:00 am. Please expect a few minutes in line as you bring your treasures.

We have our judging on Wednesday beginning at 11:00 am. If you have free time and would like to assist in the Family Living areas

please come on in. We need Judges assistants, scribes, runners and smiles! We will welcome your help! Auction donations,CFL Notebooks, Comfort Toys, and Collectible items to include Stamps,Can Tabs, Toiletries, and Eye Glasses are taken in during entry take in times. If you bring an entry for someone else or yourself be sure to collect your entry tags for pick up. It is vital you have your tag in order to receive entries.

If you have a Heritage Quilt Square entry or notebook with display please feel free to bring it to convention. We will have a Heritage Quilt Trail Display and would love to share your design! If you don't have a notebook or display, go outside your hall,take a few pictures and make a tri fold poster or a Photo Album. Have fun!

One of the fun activities we have at convention is our "Family Living Celebration Breakfast". This year the outstanding Farmhouse Restaurant in Mt. Vernon is catering our buffet. A delicious country buffet including Eggs, Breakfast Potato Casserole, Bacon and Sausage, Breakfast Pastries, Fruit, Juice, Coffee and Tea. Don't forget to order your meal ticket today. Convention Meal options are found in this issue.



Cecelia Hamilton

At our breakfast you will have the opportunity to meet other CFL's from across the state as well as visit with our National Grange Representatives and State Officers. The awards for Outstanding CFL's will be presented as well as service awards for your Family Living Team. Come join us for a delicious meal and have some fun! The Breakfast will take place on the fairgrounds and will begin at 7am on Thursday morning.

In closing May is our month for honoring Mothers as we celebrate spring and welcome in the beauty of new life all around us. Let us remember to show the mother figures in our lives just how special they are to us as we join with our families to pay tribute to them. I think of my mom every day and though she is no longer with us on this earth I continue to honor her with fun traditions and favorite recipes as well as by example of her wit and love that I share with my own family. I keep her with us by sharing her ways. To all of the moms out there, Happy Mother's Day!

## Lecturer's Department

### 2018 Contest Season Is Almost Over

By Leslie Jo Wells  
State Grange Lecturer

We are in the middle of our Grange contest season. The entries for the Creative Writing contest have been received and I am getting ready to distribute them to the judges. They will be available for pick-up at convention in Mount Vernon. I received quite a few entries for the Poetry, Short Story and Essay categories and even several for the Book Review.

I have also received the first few reports from Pomona Granges

on this year's Arts & Crafts and Photography contests. We must keep working to promote the contests by reaching out to our Grange members and neighbors and encouraging them to participate. You may use our contests as a membership tool with non-Grangers. From painting to woodworking to needle arts, we certainly have a variety of contests that will fit their interests. All Pomona Granges should have their contests completed by the end of May. Please be sure to send in the results so we can be



Leslie Jo Wells

prepared for your entries at the convention. For those Pomonas who have contests scheduled for early June, please be sure to send in the contest results immediately after the contest. The sooner I receive your results the better - it means check-in at convention will be easier for you. Also, when you bring the purple ribbon winners to state, please make sure the only thing attached to the item is the entry tag that was used at the Pomona contest. I am looking forward to hearing how your contests went this year.

As was mentioned at the Leadership Conferences, there were changes made to some of the Arts & Crafts classes, but we pretty much left the Photography intact. The State Lecturer Team will be reviewing all contests and the associated classes this Fall before setting the 2019 program. If you have any suggestions for changes to the contests please let me know.

Please contact me with your questions and concerns regarding our contests or programs. It is easiest to contact me via email, [lesliewells@att.net](mailto:lesliewells@att.net).

### Better, Healthier Baking

(Courtesy of Family Features)



Olive oil is a flavorful and versatile cooking oil that is often trusted in popular cooking methods such as sautéing, stir-frying, dressing, marinating and grilling. It can also earn your trust when it comes to baking.

One easy way to incorporate olive oil in your baked goods is during the prep work: where recipes call for buttering or flouring pans, instead brush the pan with olive oil and dust with flour for the same effect as butter.

Explore more tips and recipes using olive oil at [filippoberio.com](http://filippoberio.com).

#### Double Chocolate Biscotti

Prep time: 30 minutes	Cook time: 25 minutes	Servings: 40
3 cups all-purpose flour	1 cup packed light brown sugar	
1/2 cup cocoa powder	1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder	
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon	2 eggs, plus 1 egg yolk	
1/4 teaspoon salt	1/3 cup milk	
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar		
1 cup semisweet or bittersweet chocolate morsels		
1/2 cup Filippo Berio Extra Light Olive Oil, plus 1 tablespoon for coating pans		

On sheet of waxed paper, combine flour, cocoa powder, baking powder, cinnamon and salt; set aside.

Using electric mixer, beat olive oil with sugar until smooth and light. Add eggs and egg yolk, one at a time, beating until smooth. Add milk and vinegar; beat until smooth. With mixer on low speed, gradually add flour mixture, beating until just combined. Stir in chocolate morsels with large spoon; cover with plastic wrap. Refrigerate at least 4 hours.

Heat oven to 325° F. Grease two large baking sheets with 1/2 tablespoon olive oil each. On lightly floured surface, divide dough into quarters. Roll each piece of dough into log, about 1 1/2 inches in diameter. Place logs on baking sheets, leaving space in between. Bake about 30 minutes, or until golden and set. Transfer to rack; let cool 10 minutes.

Reduce oven temperature to 300° F. On cutting board using serrated knife, cut each log into 3/4-inch-wide slices diagonally. Place slices, cut-side down, on baking sheets. Bake 15-18 minutes, or until toasted. Transfer to racks; let cool.

## Grange Connection

### Goldendale Grange Connection To House Bill 1539 – ERIN'S LAW

When Governor Jay Inslee recently affixed his signature to House Bill 1539, "Erin's Law," it was a major victory in Washington's battle against Childhood Sexual Abuse. House Bill 1539 requires all schools in Washington State to provide age-appropriate information and training related to the prevention of sexual abuse of children. Sexual Abuse in children is more common than people think, national statistics show that one in 4 girls and one in six boys will be sexually abused in some form before they turn 18.

What isn't widely known is the legislative work creating House Bill 1539, Washington's version of Erin's Law, got its start in Klickitat County. Olivia Holderman, a member of Goldendale Grange #49, had been sexually abused as a child. She didn't understand what was happening at that young age but she knew it was inappropriate. It took her almost six decades to be able to openly discuss and deal with the experience.

When Olivia discovered Erin's Law three years ago she immediately knew the time was right to pursue her mission. She contacted 14th District State Representative Gina McCabe, also from Goldendale, explained her early abuse and asked for McCabe's help, Representative McCabe listened intently and turned Holderman's pain into action by writing and sponsoring HB 1539 – Erin's Law.

Ultimately, in January of this year Olivia testified before the House Education Committee with support from a good friend, Grange member Fran Finn Songer. Erin Merry, a 33-year mother, originator of Erin's Law and sexual abuse survivor, made the trip to Washington from Illinois to testify about her childhood sexual abuse. Their combined testimony captivated the attention of everyone in the room and moved the legislative process forward.

On Monday February 12, Representative McCabe's bill passed the House of Representatives without a single negative vote. In a surprisingly swift vote the bill unanimously passed the State Senate. Finally, by Mid-March the bill promoting Washington's version of Erin's Law moved from the Capital Legislative Chambers to Governor Inslee's desk for his signature. He was onboard with the legislation and immediately signed the bill. With the Governor's signature, Washington State became the 32 State to establish Erin's Law.



### Grange Camper Assn. Sets Annual Fun Rally

The Washington State Grange Camper Association held their spring officer meeting in Ellensburg on April 7. Five officers and three members attended.

The Annual meeting and Fund Rally will be June 1-3 at Mike & Chery; Britton's homestead with the SpoKampers hosting. A dues increase and the location of future rallies was discussed and will be on the agenda at the annual meeting during the rally.

All registered Grangers at the convention in Mount Vernon will be eligible to win the prizes donated by the Grange Camper Association. They must be present at the time of the drawing.

Chapter dues and rosters need to be send for inclusion in the association roster. Also, the death of camper club members needs to be reported.



# Fruitland Grange Honors Outstanding Community Citizens



On March 26, 2018, Fruitland Grange recognized our Outstanding Community Citizens. Master Jim Moebius presented the recipients with certificates and thanked them for their service to the community. Pictured: Master Jim Moebius, Puyallup Police Officer Mark Ketter, Pope Elementary School 3rd Grade Teacher Carrie Nielsen, and Central Pierce Fire and Rescue Chaplin Glen Luebke of Tacoma Pierce County Chaplancy.

# Salmon Creek Grange Presents 55 Year Membership Seal



Janet Lee from Salmon Creek Grange received her 55 year membership seal from Master Susan Lillegard, with assistance from Robert Lillegard and Jahnea Lecouris.

# Washington Grange Presents 50 Year Golden Sheaf Membership Award

At the April 4th meeting of Washington Grange #82, Master Georgia Goff presented a fifty-year Golden Sheaf Certificate and pin to Janice Anderson.

Some of Janice Anderson's achievements in the past fifty years were being Master of Fern Prairie Junior Grange #186, Master of Fern Prairie Subordinate Grange #866, for nine years, Master of Clark County Pomona Grange #1 for six years. While Janice was a member of Fern Prairie Grange #866, she helped with hall improvements, yard clean-up, the hot dog feed, and making curtains. Janice demitted to Washington Grange # 82 in March of 2008 and held the offices of Lecturer, Steward, and Ceres. Janice is currently the new Lady Assistant Steward of the Washington State Grange.



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