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Sammamish Valley Grange Partners In Community Beevesting Initiative

BEEvesting is a local initiative raising awareness of pollinators' importance to our health and making the information and tools for pollinator conservation available to all.

The program, originated by several community partners, including the Sammamish Valley Grange, are working to

bring residents, farmers and businesses together encouraging everyone to further understand local environmental issues, food systems and climate challenges. Free rentals of native mason bees and their nesting boxes were provided to local farmers and growers, improving pollination of local crops and the expansion

of native bee populations in the Sammamish Valley.

Mason bees don't sting and are an easy, native, worry-free pollinator for any location, not just farms. The Sammamish Valley Grange and their BEEvesting partners provide expert local resources for members of the community to develop a pollinator conservation

habitat for their unique area. Schools, businesses, farms, homes, public parks and roadsides can all benefit from pollinator-friendly practices and the presence of native pollinators.

Everyone can support pollinators! For further information on the program e-mail: sammamishvalley286@gmail.com.

(Photo Above) With support from Sammamish Valley Grange #286, mason bee boxes were recently delivered and installed at several Sammamish Valley locations: (clockwise from top left) Liesl McWhorter, 21 Acres; Jim Watts, Rent Mason Bees; Andrew Ely, Viva Farms; Tim Schreiber, Apple Farm Village; Jessi Bloom, NW Bloom Farm.

July/August 2020 issue deadline – June 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 canceled or postponed.

This listing reflects new dates for several items. Please call prior to the event to confirm.

- June 1Grange Hall Improvement Contest
Entries due to State Grange Office
- June 30Second Quarter Secretary
Reports Due
- July 1Community Service Reports Due to
State Grange Office
- August 1Grange Week/Month Display Entries
Due to State Grange Office
- September 10Credentials Forms Due to the State
Grange Office
- September 10Committee Preference Sheets for
Convention Delegates Due to
State Grange Office
- September 28Resolutions Due to State Grange
Office
- September 30Third Quarter Secretary Reports Due
- October 28-31, 2020131st Annual Session of the
Washington State Grange @ Walla
Walla County Fairgrounds
- November 17-21, 2020154th Annual Session of the National
Grange @ Valley Forge, PA

Lecturer's Department

Lecturer Contests – Revisions Because of Convention Reschedule



Leslie Jo Wells

By Leslie Jo Wells
State Grange Lecturer

I hope all of you are well – if you haven't gone crazy with our stay at home situation still in effect. But look at the bright side – some of us are taking care of long put-off chores or activities around the house. If you are still looking for something to do though, I have a couple of opportunities for you. With the rescheduling of State Convention to the end of October and it being a “business only” convention, the normal contest activity will not take place. Since many of you have been working on your various entries for this year already, your work is not wasted. Next year's Arts & Crafts and

Photography Contests will cover two years. However, I am making changes to two of our Lecturer contests and they will still take place.

Creative Writing Contest: I am extending the entry postmark date for this contest to August 15th. With all the upheaval to our daily lives and many Grange meetings being canceled I am sure some of you put this contest on a back burner. Well, bring it back out and enter the contest. The rules and topics as shown in the Program Handbook are still the same just a new entry postmark date.

Photography Contest: This contest is being modified; it's going to be a Digital Photo Contest this year. This is open to Subordinate

members only and the winner will be forwarded to the National Grange Photography Contest. There are no classes – it's wide open (but remember this is a Grange contest.) You don't have to worry about matting either. All you need to do is go through all your photos either on your phone or your camera and pick out your best one. The minimum photo size is 5” x 7”. Attach the photo to an email that tells us your name and Grange and send us the email. On the email subject line please show Photo Contest Entry. The email address to use is: grange@wa-grange.org. There is a limit of one entry per person and entries must be received by September 15th.

Cowlitz Prairie Grange 100-Year Celebration Suspended To Later Date



Cowlitz Prairie Grange's 100-year Anniversary is suspended to a later date to be announced due to the Coronavirus. A special thanks to Sam Zion for painting the sign!



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

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President’s Message

Use Creativity And Careful Planning In Reopening Your Grange

By Tom Gwin
State Grange
Master/President

This will be the year we, as Granges, learned to live outside of our comfort zone and to try things a little differently than our usual traditional methods.

Thank you to our Grange leaders at the subordinate and Pomona levels for seeing your Grange through this time. I know it has been difficult for many Granges, especially with little or no money coming in and bills piling up. As stated last month, no Grange in our state is going to be challenged for not holding a regular full-form meeting during this pandemic period.

Many of you have called regarding the lack of funds to pay your Grange’s bills and are concerned about having funds to pay dues to the State and National Granges. I am not going to demand payment on time, realizing that many Granges are struggling financially. While we are also concerned about finances at the State Grange level, we certainly understand and are willing to work with any Grange who may need

extra time to pay their quarterly dues payment. If you find your Grange in this precarious position, give us a call and we will work with you to get your Grange through this difficult time.

I am also receiving telephone and email messages about when Granges can reopen and begin

The opportunity is waiting for our response in how we meet the needs of our communities and to establish relationships that will build the partnerships and cultivate the connections.
-- Tom Gwin

their activities. My best advice is that you follow the reopening process for your county. When your county gets to Phase 3 of the Governor’s reopening plan, you may have social events with 50 or less persons. Phase



Tom Gwin

4 will allow us to go beyond the 50 person limitation. We certainly hope to be in Phase 4 well before the October convention dates.

Some counties are already in Phase 2 and will be moving to Phase 3 in the near future. I suspect some counties may continue in Phase 1 for a bit longer. I ask all Grange members to be patient as we reopen our Granges to the community.

As we do reopen our Granges, we may need to do our activities differently than in previous times. Keep an open mind as you make decisions regarding the future of your Grange. Continue to be creative in solving the problems facing our Granges. The opportunity is waiting for our response in how we meet the needs of our communities and to establish relationships that will build the partnerships and cultivate the connections. With careful thought and creative planning, we can build a stronger Grange in every community across the state!

Legislative

Looking Ahead To The November Election And More



By Heather Hansen
Legislative Lobbyist

In last months column, I reported on bills that passed the legislature and items that were included in the budget. Shortly after that writing, Governor Inslee vetoed many of those bills and budget items.

Among the items vetoed were:

- a work group intended to update the Growth Management Act (GMA)
- a work group to study the design and use of the state water trust, water banking, and water transfers
- a pilot program to reimburse farmers for purchasing compost from facilities with solid waste handling permits.
- funding for the soil health initiative (The policy bill directing the Department of Agriculture, the Conservation Commission and Washington State University to coordinate on creating a soil health baseline and developing best management practices for improving soil health remains in place.)
- ESSSB 6518 regarding the insecticide chlorpyrifos, was vetoed in its entirety to save money.

With the Corona Virus pandemic in full swing and the economy in free fall, legislators are looking for ways to help businesses, and get both workers and the economy going again. The impact on next years operating budget is expected to be staggering. Agencies will be asked to propose budget cuts.

Looking ahead to the November election

This November, all statewide elected officials will be on the ballot along with all 98 members of the state House of Representatives and one-half of the state Senate. Since it is a presidential election year voter turnout is expected to be high. So far, only one sitting statewide elected official has announced retirement, Lieutenant Governor Cyrus Habib. One member of the Washington congressional delegation, Congressman Denny Heck, is stepping down. Congressman Heck will run for Lieutenant Governor.

Twelve House members and four Senators have announced that they will not seek reelection. Several of them will run for other seats. Expect more announcements before filing week which is May 11-15.

Sitting Legislators not running for their existing seat:

- **House Democrats:**
Pat Sullivan
Eric Pettigrew
Sherry Appleton
Christine Kilduff
Gael Tarleton – running for Secretary of State
Beth Doglio – running for the congressional seat being vacated by Denny Heck
Mike Pellicciotti – running for Treasurer
Jared Mead – was appointed to the Snohomish County Council

- **House Republicans:**
Norma Smith
Richard Debolt
Bill Jenkin – running for Senate seat being vacated by Maureen Walsh
Chris Gildon – running for Senate seat being vacated by Hans Zeiger

- **Senate Republicans:**
Randi Becker
Maureen Walsh
Hans Zeiger

- **Senate Democrats:**
John McCoy

From The Chaplain’s Desk

Make Plans For When We Meet Again

By Pam Matthews
State Grange Chaplain

It is my prayer that all of you are staying safe and healthy. I realize it is difficult to find ways for our Granges to meet, but we will persevere and overcome the challenges. Worthy Chaplains, please encourage your members to phone, email, or send cards to fellow members so our Brothers and Sisters don’t feel so isolated. We don’t all have family close by and hearing from a friend always makes the day brighter.

When we are, again, allowed

to meet together, plan to have a Memorial service for the members that your Grange lost in the previous year. Perhaps work with the Lecturer and organize a program that will lift up the spirits and help dispel the gloom of social isolation and distancing.

As you know, the State Grange Convention has been postponed until October 28-31, 2020. The cutoff date for the Memorial roll and Eulogies will, however, remain the same. Please send the names of your past Masters and/or spouses who have passed

away this last year to the State Grange office with the quarterly report. The form is in the secretary’s packet. I would also like to remind you to send me the names of any members who were Deputies, State Officers, District Directors, or their spouses so they may be eulogized at the State Convention.

If you have any questions, comments, or have a report to make please phone 360-352-7043 or email mathewstwin@hotmail.com. Please put “Grange” in the subject line.

May God bless and keep you all.



Pam Matthews

National Grange Corner

Take Action Now! Help Save The USPS

By Burton Eller
National Grange
Legislative Director

Grange members are concerned about the future of United States Post Office mail delivery especially to rural routes. The Postal Service has been running on a deficit budget supported by government loans in recent years. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, USPS now projects a 50% drop in business and revenues. While the National Grange has long supported a self-sufficient Postal Service, no business can survive such a loss without emergency funding. The Postal Service is fundamental in this time of emergency. It delivers prescriptions, household and business staples, groceries,

meals to rural school children, Personal Protective Equipment, greeting cards and personal correspondence to bridge social distancing. The House of Representatives passed another stimulus package (HEROES Act) on May 15 that added \$25 billion to make up for lost USPS revenue. This legislation now goes to the Senate for its consideration in June. Grange members are urged to voice their support for emergency Postal Service funding directly to their U.S. Senators by June 1. How to weigh in with your Senators:

- Go to this National Grange link: <https://www.nationalgrange.org/contact-your-representatives/>
- House of Representatives will appear



- Scroll down to U.S. Senators
- Click on U.S. Senators
- Choose a state
- Choose one of your two senators
- Click contact the Senator
- Click share/message
- Click your personal information
- Click your personal message
- Leave your personal message about the Post Office
- Repeat this process with your second senator

Grange Outreach Grant Deadline 6/5

Please continue to send information about your Grange's outreach and projects, events and other efforts to help your community in a variety of ways, including reducing loneliness by holding open-house virtual

meetings, game nights and more, to intern@nationalgrange.org. Then use that information to apply for a \$100 grant from Grange Foundation - **DUE BY JUNE 5!** Grant information can be

found at: www.grangefoundation.org/grants Please help Granges that may be doing great things but are not online by printing and sending them the application.

Barberton Grange Makes Masks



With the Coronavirus hitting hard here in Washington State, several of the ladies of the Barberton Grange on their own have been hard at work making masks to donate to local hospitals and other agency's or individuals who need them. Thank you ladies for your support.

Baw Faw Grange Celebrates 70th Wedding Anniversary



The Baw Faw Grange and local friends helped Ed and Norine Jones celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary at their home on the 2nd of April. We did a drive by, sounding horns and ringing cowbells then parked across the road for an inpromtu 'Happy Anniversary' song, all keeping their social distancing during this remarkable time. It was the least we could do in their honor!!

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September 10 -
Credentials Forms due to the State Grange Office

September 10 -
Committee Preference Sheets due to the State

Grange Office
September 28 -
All Resolutions due to the State Grange Office

The convention will be streamlined and will follow the State Grange Bylaws for the nine items that are required to be held at the convention. We will not be holding our traditional Grange contests this year. We will, however, continue with the community service contest and others where the entries are mailed in advance. With concerns on social distancing and food handling, we will not have the breakfast or banquet this year. There are plenty of restaurants close to the

fairgrounds to handle the needs of our members. The hospitality room will modify their activities and what may be served.

A tentative convention schedule is as follows:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

9:00-5:00	Registration
1:30	Deputy Meeting
2:00	Committee Chair Meeting
2:30	Committee Meetings Group A
4:30	Committee Meetings Group B
6:30	Committee Meetings Group C
7:30	State Officers/6th Degree Practice

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29	11:30	Grange Leadership Award Presentation
8:00-7:00	Registration	
8:00	Delegate Orientation	12:00 Session Recesses - Lunch
9:00	Open - Credential Report, Master's Address, Committee Reports, Cooperative Reports	1:30 Session will reopen - approve minutes, Committee Reports
		4:30 Session Recesses
12:00	Session Recesses - Lunch	4:35 Group Convention Photo
1:30	Session will reopen - Committee Reports	7:00 5th Degree
		7:30 6th Degree
5:00	Session Closes in the 4th Degree	
7:00	Deputy Group Photo	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31
7:30	Memorial Service	8:00 Open - Committee Reports, approve minutes
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30		9:00 Junior Program - Junior Awards
7:30-12:00	Registration	9:30 Youth Program - Youth Awards
8:00	Open - Credential Report, Election of Officers, Committee Reports	11:00 Installation of Officers
		12:00 Adjourn

Convention Info

OCTOBER 28-31, 2020

131st Annual State Grange Convention

Walla Walla County Fairgrounds, 363 Orchard St., Walla Walla, WA 99362

Writing Resolutions

Each and every Grange member can take an active part in policy development by writing resolutions. If members are concerned about an issue or the way the Grange is conducting operations, writing an effective resolution is the first step toward change. Take time to consider issues that will make a difference in members' lives. Think about how realistic results can be achieved. Discuss ideas at Grange meetings, and consider input from all members. Prior to finalizing a resolution, have someone, other than the writer, read it aloud to the group to check for clarity, wording and sentence structure. Please don't use abbreviations.

KNOW YOUR FACTS: Identify the problem. It is essential that the writer has a clear understanding of the subject matter. Before writing a resolution, check current Grange Policy (in the annual Legislative Handbook). It is important to know what the existing policy is in order to know what portion needs to be changed. It is also important to know how the law reads. Resolutions are much more effective when they are clear about what needs to be changed. Resolutions that inadvertently include inaccurate information can damage the credibility of the organization. The Washington State Grange office is available to assist with background research on existing laws and policy.

STATEMENT OF ACTION: The resolution must clearly state the desired action to be taken and who is to act. Consider the goal of the resolution, what are the intended results? What course of action is required for an acceptable solution?

CONTACT PERSON: Each resolution must include the name and daytime telephone number of one or more contact persons who are knowledgeable about the issue. This will assist the legislative department in preparing background information for the convention committee.

FISCAL IMPACT: If the resolution relates to Grange law or Grange activities and would cost money to implement, a fiscal impact statement must be prepared showing the cost of implementation. It is important that such resolutions come in early so the Executive Committee can review the cost estimate prior to convention. This statement of cost may be on a separate sheet of paper from the actual resolution.

SEND TO: Resolutions should be sent prior to deadline to the State Grange headquarters in Olympia.

RECOMMENDED FORMAT

- 1. Title** - Should clearly reflect the issue.
- 2. Problem statement** - Clearly state the problem and why it is a problem. This should be stated in two or three short paragraphs. Statements should be concise and factually correct.
- 3. Action statement** - State the action requested.
- 4. If the resolution is to be sent to other Granges, please identify which group** - all community Granges, all Pomona Granges or both. A fee will be charged for this service.
- 5. Authorization** - State the name of the Grange and the date the resolution was passed. The resolution must then be signed by the master and secretary and have the Grange seal affixed.
- 6. Contact person(s)** - Name and daytime telephone number.



State Convention Housing Options

The Washington State Grange Convention will be held October 28-31, 2020 at the Walla Walla County Fairgrounds. In preparation for the convention, the host committee has provided the following list of hotels in the area. Convention attendees should make their reservations soon as there are other events happening in the area. Rates listed may be off-season average rates.

Best Western Plus Walla Walla Suites Inn - 7 E. Oak Street, Walla Walla WA 98362; phone 509-525-4700. Average room rate: \$84.

LaQuinta Inn & Suites by

Wyndham Walla Walla - 776 Silverstone Drive, Walla Walla WA 99362; phone 509-394-8815. Average room rate: \$79.

The FINCH - 325 E. Main Street, Walla Walla WA 99362; phone 509-956-4994. Average room rate: \$119

Comfort Inn & Suites - 1419 W. Pine Street, Walla Walla WA 99362; phone 509-522-3500. Average room rate: \$78.

Hampton Inn & Suites Walla Walla - 1531 Kelly Place, Walla Walla WA 99362; phone 509-525-1398. Average room rate: \$111. The closest hotel to the fairgrounds.

Marcus Whitman Hotel &

Conference Center - 6 W. Rose Street, Walla Walla WA 98362; phone 509-525-2200. Average room rate: \$126.

Courtyard by Marriott Walla Walla - 550 W. Rose Street, Walla Walla WA 99362; phone 509-876-8100. Average room rate: \$137.

Quality Inn & Suites - 520 N. 2nd Avenue, Walla Walla WA 99362, phone 509-240-8413. Average room rate: \$55.

Super 8 by Wyndham Walla Walla - 2315 Eastgate Street, Walla Walla WA 99362; phone 509-525-8800. Average room rate: \$46.

2020 WA State Grange Convention RV Reservations

Bring your RV to the 2020 State Grange Convention at the Walla Walla Fairgrounds. There will be water and electric hook-ups for \$25 a night and tent camping for just \$5 per night. Please sign up early as there are only a few 100 sights available. We will be very close to all activities as well as restrooms and showers.

Please mail your RV reservation forms to James Lyle at 307E Cooper St., Colfax, WA 99111. Please make checks payable to the "Washington State Grange NE District".

GRANGE CONVENTION RV PARKING RESERVATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Street Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Grange Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Date of Arrival _____ # of Nights _____

Please circle your RV hook-up choice: Tent Camping (\$5 a night) Elec. & Water (\$25 a night)

Total amount paid: _____ RV License #: _____ Length of RV: _____

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Mail to: James Lyle at 307E Cooper St., Colfax, WA 99111

Resolution E-Mail Sign-ups

Send us your email at skeller@wa-grange.org to receive the resolutions that have been approved by the State Executive Committee and ready to be presented at the 2020 State Grange Convention in Walla Walla, WA. We will begin emailing after the September 2020 Executive Committee Meeting.

Do you LOVE taking photos? Will you be attending State Convention?

We are looking for people who would like to help capture the memories of this year's convention in Walla Walla. What do we need? Someone with a camera, not afraid to snap candid shots of various activities around the fairgrounds. Once convention is over, please forward your photos to grangenews@wa-grange.org.



The Membership Corner

Welcome New Members

GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS May 2020

	# Joined	Jr. +1
Addy #6031 Cheryl Sweers		
Baw Faw #344 Alexander Eades, Oliver Eades, Josiah McCloskey Nancy O'Connor		
Bryant #7912 Matt Simonis, Dewan Simonis		
Cedar Valley4 Robert R Reichle, Jeffery Jones, Jan Doran Faulds Gary Faulds		
East Spokane #1481 Nicolas Crowner		
East Wenatchee #10121 Sue McIntire		
Entiat #10141 Claudia Trapp		
Fredonia #5451 Evalynn Perry		
Forest #1531 Anna Ballard		
Fort Colville #5333 Kay Kenyon, Dustin Bartolo, Erin Walston Bartolo	4	
Green Bluff #3006 Lodi Jackson, Dorothy Johnson, Larry Edginton Melinda Edginton, Olivia Edginton, Emma Edginton		
Goldendale #495 Earlene Sullivan, Marilyn McKune, Barbara Robinson K C Sweeney, Lucas Donelan		
Hazel Dell #11241 Patricia J Griffith		
Lincoln Creek #4072 Daisy Podhola, Colton Podhola	1	
Lummi Island #9251 Susan Peterson		
Mossyrock #3551 Jason Terrasi		
Mt View #984 Gabrielle Gilbert, Marion Fox, Caroline Elliott Martha Johnson		
Newaukum #1982 Clarion Miles, Lee West		
Quilisascut #3724 David Nielsen, Patty Nielsen, Dorothy Skinner Linnea Miller		
Ralston #9432 Patty Cains, Wheatland Bank		
Roy #3981 Robin Vee		
Saint Andrews #8324 Patrick Hunter, Sarah Hunter, Krystopher Perry Betsy Chapa		
San Juan Island #96610 Meagan Brown, Rachel Dietzman, Jennifer Harris Melina Lagios, Lois Moore, Brook Moore, Bruce Nyden Ryan T. Palmateer, Bruce Robinson, Amy Saxe-Eyler		
Samish Valley #9261 Lea Lawrence		
San Poil #6841 Kathy Debus		
Sequim Prairie #11085 Phil Goddard, Nicole Murray, Marc Bilow, Eric Adolphsen Karalynn Adolphsen, Jill Adolphsen	1	
Spring Hill #9091 Carol Lynch		
Summit Park #2611 Bill Mendum		
Swauk-Teaway #9842 Becky Houle, Susan Lillquist-Dodge		
The Agate #2751 Eli Gaa		
The Valley #10482 Judy Vangement, Mackenzie Acord		
Washington #821 Lori Weidhuner		
TOTALS75	6	

Cultivating Connections in a Time of Uncertainty

As we watched April pass by with the “stay at home” order, we also watched Grange Month come and go. We had just a small handful of Granges throughout the state that were still able to set up their displays.

Grange Month is such an important time for our communities. It is a time to not only remind those around us what the Grange is, but also what the Grange can do for them. It is an opportunity to teach them about the history of the Grange while also showing ways in which the Grange is still relevant in the 21st Century. Because we feel Grange Month is so important, we have decided to again change our deadline for our Grange Month Display contest. The new deadline is August 1st. We look forward to seeing your creativity in this year’s theme “Cultivating Connections”.

The activities of the Grange

may have been altered because of this pandemic, but the true spirit of Grange can never be changed! As history has shown us, in great times of need, the Grange has been there for our neighbors in our cities and towns. We have and will continue to be an integral part of our communities.

It is so inspiring to see our Granges get involved with their communities through this hardship. Granges opening their parking lots for internet service to our students, helping with the distribution of school lunches, the countless hours of mask making and donating and the need and ability to help in the distribution of food or any other supplies our fellow neighbors are in need of. Now is the time for you to invite friends and neighbors to join. Nothing compares to the joy of helping those around us.

Is your Grange staying relevant

through this time? Ask yourself; “what is it that our Grange can do to help our community right now?” This answer may be very different than what we thought even a few short months ago. Now is the time to think outside of the box and discover new and exciting ways to continue as a Grange. We have new sets of challenges, but those challenges do not mean we sit in the waiting, but that we show our relevance. Now is the time to get involved and assist where we are needed, with social distancing of course.

Congratulations to those who have brought in new members in 2020! Our membership continues to grow as we have added close to 270 new members in the first quarter of this year. It is such an inspiration to see your love and commitment to the Grange transpire into our communities.

Individual Membership Incentive Program – Winners Announced

Our 1st Quarter reports are in and winners of our individual membership contest have now been revealed. Congratulations to the following Grange members who brought in 3 or more new members into their Grange:

Birdsview Grange #957 –
Jessie Mattingly
(17 new members)
- T-shirt & 3-\$25 Amazon gift cards

Goldendale Grange #49 –
Lucille Bevis (3 new members)
– T-shirt

Humptulips Grange #720 –
Patty Emery (4 new members)
– T-shirt

Trout Lake Grange #126 –
Cora Lee Warner
(4 new members)
– T-shirt

Sequim Prairie #1108 –
David McDaniels
(5 new members)
– T-shirt & 1-\$25 Amazon gift card

If you have brought in 3 or more new members since January 1, 2020 and do not see your name listed, please email Sophia at skeller@wa-grange.org.

Recruit 3 new members and receive a state Grange mission statement T-shirt

Recruit 2 more new members for a total of 5 new members and

receive a \$25 Amazon gift card

Recruit an additional 5 new members and receive an additional \$25 Amazon gift card – no limit to how many gift cards you can earn.

Incentive program runs from January 1, 2020 thru December 31, 2020

*** Attention Subordinate Grange Secretaries:**
Please be sure you are using the NEW quarterly report so you can report who the new members are recommended by. This information was either left blank by some or the new report was not used leaving no ability to report who recommended the new member.



Grange Month Extended

Grange Month and our Grange Month Contest will be extended through the month of July. **Entries Due August 1st.** See contest rules and guidelines for more information. This contest does not include any fair displays. Those should be entered in the fair displays contest.

Home & Family

Family Living

News From Family Living

By Helen Berg
Family Living Director

Many of you have had many questions about our contests so I will attempt to shed some light on what is going to happen this year. First of all we will NOT have a contest at state this year. With our abbreviated schedule and the threat of COVID-19, the Department heads met this week and decided this is the best avenue to take. That being said; Next year you may enter those projects you have been working on for this year's contest. We will accept anything made within the last 2 years. If you have canned something special be sure to enter it. We will make sure the judges

know that we have bent the rules for 2021.

We will be having the silent auction, however since there will be no banquet there will be no live auction. The silent auction will be our only fund raiser this year. I hope to see some great items for our auction.

If you have been working on a quilt of valor we will be having a presentation at some time during the convention. Be sure to let Chris Hamp know if you have one. I have three.

We will have the state quilt block contest. Remember these blocks need to be 12 1/2 " so they will finish 12 inches in the quilt. You may enter any block you wish as long as it is teal and purple.



Helen Berg

We will be collecting used eyeglasses, canceled stamps, toiletries and hygiene products, adult bibs, and chemo caps. Please find some place local for your hugs in a mug and comfort toys.

You may bring any National Quilt Blocks with you as the deadline is Oct. 31. Chris Hamp will gladly accept your donations.

I know this is an exceptional year. Who would have thought we would be distancing ourselves and changing our life so much. My prayer for you is to stay safe. Wash your hands, wear a mask when shopping for the essentials and stay home.



Serve a Sweet Treat

(Courtesy of Family Features)

Surprise your family with a dessert fit for any season. This Carrot Cake recipe is a traditional take on the timeless treat and created using everyday ingredients. Find more dessert inspiration at Culinary.net.

Carrot Cake

- 2 1/4 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups carrots, shredded
- 1 cup crushed pineapple with juice
- 2/3 cup walnuts

Frosting:

- 2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese
- 3/4 cup butter, softened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 5 1/2 cups powdered sugar

Heat oven to 350 F. In large bowl, sift flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon and baking powder. In mixing bowl, cream together oil and sugar. Add eggs one at a time. Gradually add in carrots and crushed pineapple. Add dry mixture to wet ingredients and beat until smooth. Fold in walnuts.

Pour batter into two lightly greased 8-inch round cake pans and bake 25-30 minutes, or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Allow cakes to cool completely. Remove cakes from pans and slice off tops to level cakes.

To make frosting: In mixing bowl, cream together cream cheese, butter and vanilla. Gradually add in powdered sugar and mix until smooth. Spread two large spoonfuls frosting over top of one cake and stack second cake on top. Frost entire cake with remaining frosting.

Community Service

Review Your Grange Community Service Goals And Objectives

State Lecturer Leslie Wells will be handling the community service program for the remainder of the year. Community Service Reports for all subordinate and Pomona Granges are due by July 1 to the State Grange. This is an extension from the original June 1 deadline. We will still accept nominations for the Community Recognition Program until July 1 as well. The winners of these contests will be

selected and awards presented at the convention in October. We will continue with our community service collections at this year's convention. Personal care items will be collected and then distributed in the Walla Walla area. The junior department will remain collecting new and gently used books for children and the youth department will continue collecting for their

Keep Washington Warm project. Bring your donations of these items to the convention.

PLEASE NOTE:
Community Service
contest deadline
extended to
July 1st

Mt. Valley Grange Has Grange Month Display



Mt. Valley was able to put up a display for Grange Month. The local Amboy Hardware and General Store was considered an essential business and the owners, Ginger Nims & Robert Derring, graciously agreed to host our display in their window.

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www.wa-grange.org

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Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Youth

Major Changes In WA Grange Youth Program



Jerry Gwin

By Jerry Gwin
State Youth Director

The coronavirus is creating havoc with the Grange youth activities in our state.

The postponement of the State Grange Convention until October will cause major changes in our programs. With the youth in school in October, we will not have the normal youth activities at the convention. There will be a youth awards program on Saturday morning. We will also be collecting items for the Keep Washington Warm project.

We will continue with our youth department raffle. Raffle tickets will be sent out this summer. The drawing will be held at the youth awards program at the state convention. We will also have a silent auction, but not a live auction, this year. Donations for the silent auction are always appreciated and will go to support our youth travel.

Any youth interested in the Youth Ambassador or Outstanding Young Adult programs needs to contact me no later than July 1. If there is interest, we will make alternative arrangements for this year. With a shorter timeframe, we strongly recommend potential candidates to consider waiting a year, unless this is their last year of eligibility. Details on these two programs can be found in the 2020 State Grange Program Handbook.

As the Western Regional Youth Conference is also canceled, the National Grange has made alternative arrangements for the public speaking and sign-a-song contests. Please look for those details elsewhere in this issue of The Grange News.

Nominations for the Youth Service Award, Junior Grange Mentor Award, and Grange Youth Recruiter Award are now due to the state youth director by July 1. The application deadline for the WA State Grange Youth Achievement Award is July 1. I have received seven applications thus far. Application forms are available on the youth department page of the State Grange website: www.wa-grange.org

Let's continue working together to beat this virus and end the pandemic. It will be good for all of us when we can once again meet and enjoy the fellowship we only find in the Grange.

Juniors

Reduced Programs In WA Grange Junior Dept.



Heather Ferguson

By Heather Ferguson
Junior Grange Director

Wow, what a year this has been and it's not even half way done. Hard decisions have had to be made by our Executive Committee concerning the safety of our membership. For the Junior Department this means extremely reduced programs both at convention and the cancellation of all Junior Grange camping programs. I know this is a huge bummer for all of our Juniors and they are going to miss so much by these restrictions. But, how are all of our Juniors going to stay active and involved. The great thing about the Juniors is their imaginations and the fact they never run out of ideas if they are just given the chance.

This year, Convention will not have a Junior program for children nor any craft or speaking contests. Since the new scheduled date is the end of October, children should be back in school. We will still

have a Juniors awards giving program for those contests where applications have been sent into the Junior Grange Director. For example, the Junior Grange fair booth award, Junior Granger of the year, Leader of the year, etc. These awards will be given out on Saturday Morning during convention.

There are ways to keep your Juniors busy and occupied this year. In your 2020 Programs Handbook you will find the Juniors Achievement Badges. There are eight different and interesting topics to choose from. Some of the requirements are not possible with our current restrictions, but do the best you can and think outside the box. Virtual tours of museums, video conferencing or phone calls are all great options. I want to report a huge number of Juniors completed badges at convention.

Juniors can also stay involved by participating in the National Junior Grange programs.

There are many to participate in including creative arts, photography, quilting, writing and many others. Submissions are to be postmarked, depending on the contest, by September 1 or October 1. These can either be sent directly to National or to me by August 15th or September 15th and I will send them on to National. Juniors are also encouraged to submit news articles for National Grange's "Good Day!" Magazine. All of the rules and deadlines can be found in the 2020 Junior Programs Handbook that you can find at www.nationaljuniorgrange.org.

This year, so far, seems to be about change and adaptation. Our Juniors are losing a lot during this year, education, fellowship, experiences and a sense of security. Hopefully keeping them busy and giving them needed reassurance and praise will relieve some of their stress. Stay busy and use that imagination.

Junior Connection

JUNIOR GRANGE CAMPS

The six Junior Grange Camps in Washington State have all been canceled for 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The State Grange Executive Committee voted to not hold the camps this year due to issues with social distancing and liability issues. Watch for a bigger and better camping program in 2021!

GREEN BLUFF JUNIOR GRANGE

Green Bluff Junior Grange will participate in the Keep Green Bluff Green Project originally scheduled for April 22 at 5 pm has been set now for May 26—Lord willing it happens. The Jr. Grangers and others who help pick up trash all around our community whilst working with the Department of Corrections! The Jr. Grangers do indicate that one can get out onto our roads and start cleaning up anytime!!

HUMPTULIPS JUNIOR GRANGE

Humptulips Junior Grangers will be meeting over Memorial Day weekend to place flags on veteran's graves at the Humptulips Cemetery.

State Grange To Recognize 2020 Graduates In July Issue

As we move from spring to summer in these unprecedented times, this should be the time of year when students are celebrating their graduations. We are all aware that schools across the country have canceled these important milestones, but we as the Grange have an opportunity to reach out to our members and congratulate them. We would love to honor our Grange members who are scheduled to be 2020 graduates from high school and college.

The July issue of The Grange News will feature our Grange members in the Graduating Class of 2020. To accomplish this task, we ask that the following be emailed by June 15 to grangenews@wa-grange.org or to grange@wa-grange.org. Those without email may send them to The Grange News, PO Box 1186, Olympia WA 98507.



- a recent picture of the graduate
- the member's name
- Grange name
- school graduating from (high school or college)
- if graduating from college, list the degree earned (i.e. AA in General Studies, BS in Architecture, MA in Education, etc.)

The photos will be printed in the July issue.

Please note, we will only be printing photos of Grange members and will check our membership database to verify membership.

We will also be recognizing the 2020 Washington State Grange Scholarship Awards in the same issue.

Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Juniors

Update On National Grange Junior Programs

By Samantha Wilkins
National Junior Grange
Development Director

The contest dates are tentatively scheduled for July 18-19.



I hope this finds you all safe and healthy. As I am sure you are now all aware, Regional Conferences have been cancelled across the nation due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to keep moving forward, the National Grange Junior department has established a contingency plan for the Regional Public Speaking and Sign-A-Song contests.

Every Granger is welcome to participate in these contests, but I am urging you to encourage your Junior Grangers to compete. These contests are open for all to participate in regardless of State contest prerequisites. Contestants must register by June 15, 2020, with no exceptions for late entries. Junior contests will include: Prepared/Short Story Speeches and Novice/Hobbyist/Group Sign-A-Song.

Contestants will need to register through the following link: <https://form.jotform.com/201387762355056>

After the June 15 deadline, a link will be sent to all those who have registered, and they will then be able to select a time that will work best for them to compete. At that time, the participant will be required to submit the name of their song/speech for the judges. Each Junior contestant will be required to adhere by the rules that are set forth in the Junior Grange Program Guide. Please refer to the Program Guide which is located on the home page of the National Junior Grange website: www.nationaljuniorgrange.org.

Each Junior will compete against other Juniors from their region- one best of show winner will be chosen for public speaking and one for the sign-a-song contests per region. The best of show winners will then qualify for the National contests.

Please note that this year we will not be hosting an Impromptu Speech contest. Also, please note that Grange Baseball will not be

held as a regional competition this year- please be on the lookout for more information on how to participate at a later date.

As we continue to work in a virtual world, I want to encourage you to also push your Juniors to participate in any of the national contests- This digital age would be a perfect time to submit an entry in the digital talent show. Also, a time to be creative and participate in the creative writing, handy craft, or creative art contests. Please know that Juniors do not have to submit their entries through their states prior to their submissions to the National Grange. Juniors may submit entries directly to the National Junior Grange department.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out: samantha@nationalgrange.org.

Youth

Update On National Grange Youth Programs And Contests

With the cancellation of the regional conferences this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic that has swept our nation, we have established a contingency plan for the Regional Prepared Speech and Sign-a-Song contests.

These contests will be held virtually via Zoom, by region. Dates of virtual contests will be July 18-19. Entries will be made via JotForm. The deadline for all entries will be June 15. Contest dates will be released after June 15. As a friendly reminder, while each state has its own regulations on contest entries, the National Grange contests are open for any Grange member to enter.

Grange Commercial entries can be submitted via email by July 1 and will be judged and released on National Grange Youth social media platforms. A waiver of release will be sent

to entrants that will need to be returned with signatures before they will be released on social media.

The Impromptu speaking contest will not be held this year.

In the 2020 Youth and Young Adult Program Guide, it is indicated that if a youth/young adult is applying for National Youth Officer Team or John Trimble Legislative Experience, contestants will need to participate in the public speaking contest. For 2020, that stipulation will not go into effect. State

Ambassadors and Young Patrons will still need to participate in the specified State Ambassador and Young Patron Prepared Speech contest.

Grange Baseball will not be held for the regional competition. More information will come out a



later date.

Entries will need to be made for each individual person. The link for entering the public speaking and/or sign-a-song contest is : <https://form.jotform.com/201387762355056>.

Remember the entry deadline of June 15.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact National Grange Youth Development Director Mandy Bostwick.

Washington Students Win GIA Scholarships

Grange Insurance Association is pleased to announce that Camden Weber of Odessa was awarded the Top Academic - Charles F. Keiser Memorial Scholarship for \$2,500.



Morgan Browning of Mossyrock was awarded the Top Vocational Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500.

Jakob Starkel of Odessa was awarded a vocational scholarship for \$2,000.

Litzy Gomez of Pateros was awarded the Dee & Ina McKern Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.

Other winners included:

Madelynn Wagner of Odessa, Emily Banks of Mabton, Erin Hall of Carnation, Tabitha Revak of Everson, Jessica Pham of Marysville, Kayla Shipley of Lynden, Rory Knowles of Seattle, Nichols Orr of Federal Way, Jordan Hummel of Yelm, Megan Wesenberg of Puyallup, Gracie Thomsen of Hoquium, Sammantha Church of Sequim, Victoria Richter of Puyallup and Dylan Miles of Camas were awarded scholarships.

Each year Grange Insurance Association awards scholarships to deserving applicants. The applicant or their parents must be policyholders of Grange Insurance Association. Among the 49 applications received, 27 scholarships were awarded this year.

The quality of applicants was exceptionally high again this year and the Company is extremely pleased with the caliber of students who applied for our scholarships. It is always a difficult process to make the selections when all the applicants are so highly qualified. An announcement will be made in the late fall regarding the program for the following year, and we encourage you to check our website www.grange.com

Grange Insurance Association has made scholarships available since 1965. They may be used at any accredited school or college and are offered throughout GIA's operating territory, which includes the states of California, Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, Wyoming, and Washington. The Home Office of Grange Insurance Association is in Seattle, WA.

The Grange Exchange

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Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Washington State Grange Scholarship Awards 2020

The Washington State Grange, through the WA State Grange Foundation is awarding 20 scholarships for the 2020-2021 academic year. Each scholarship is in the amount of \$750 to \$1,000. The scores of six judges were used to determine the amounts for each scholarship. While a listing of the recipients is included here, the biographies of each of the recipients will be in next month’s issue of The Grange News.

SCHOLARSHIP	AMOUNT	NAME OF RECIPIENT	HOMETOWN	GRANGE
BEAR CREEK/HORSESHOE GRANGE	\$1000	Isabella Lierman	Lake Stevens	Horseshoe #965
DELPHA GOUDE MEMORIAL	\$1000	Estella Sheldon	Ocean Park	Humptulips #730
DELPHA GOUDE MEMORIAL	\$1000	Joel Emery	Hoquiam	Humptulips #730
ADRIAN & BETTY DEVRIES MEMORIAL	\$1000	Morgan Browning	Mossyrock	Mossyrock #355
FIDELITY GRANGE	\$750	Naomi Lierman	Lake Stevens	Horseshoe #965
FORRY MEMORIAL	\$750	Kendra Gadey	Rockford	McIntosh #1001
FOX ISLAND GRANGE	\$750	Matthew Panuska	Mossyrock	Mossyrock #355
FRENCH CREEK GRANGE	\$750	Nathan Skinner	Snohomish	Horseshoe #965
RAY & MARIAN KAMMERER MEMORIAL	\$1000	Marguerite Bailey	Spokane	McIntosh #1001
RAY & MARIAN KAMMERER MEMORIAL	\$750	Akela Hunter	Monroe	Issaquah Valley #581
KEGLEY AGRICULTURAL	\$1000	Jack Mallonee	Curtis	Baw Faw #34
LONE YEW GRANGE	\$1000	Alexander Eades	Curtis	Baw Faw #34
McCLEARY GRANGE	\$1000	Josie Emery	Hoquiam	Humptulips #730
NOB HILL GRANGE	\$1000	Micah Stalder	Vancouver	Fruitvale #348
NOB HILL GRANGE	\$750	Kayla Derrey	Zillah	Buena #836
POMONA VILLA	\$1000	Megan Georgia Clark	Cosmopolis	North River #946
POMONA VILLA	\$750	Arlene Law	Sequiam	Sequim Prairie #1108
POMONA VILLA – PIERCE COUNTY	\$1000	Ethan Hokenstad	Puyallup	Fruitland #999
ROCK CREEK GRANGE	\$1000	Sophia Ogden	Castle Rock	Sunnyside #129
FAMILY LIVING VOCATIONAL	\$750	Jason Terresi	Mossyrock	Mossyrock #355

Attention Grangers!

JUNIOR AND YOUTH CONTESTS GO VIRTUAL!

SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE IN REGIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKING OR SIGN-A-SONG CONTESTS AT THE LINK BELOW:
[HTTPS://FORM.JOTFORM.COM/201387162355056](https://form.jotform.com/201387162355056)

For more information please contact:
youth@nationalgrange.org OR junior@nationalgrange.org

Your 2020 Program Handbook Is Nearby

This year’s Washington State Grange Program Handbook is available through department heads, and as an online publication. It is right at your fingertips at any time on the WA State Grange website.

Refer to the Handbook often for details about contests and programs from each Grange department. Valuable information about Grange Foundation and GIA scholarships is also in the handbook.

<http://wa-grange.com/downloads/ProgramHandbook.pdf>

Download the Handbook file to your PC for ready access.

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

Here’s how you can help:

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Did you know your purchases can make a difference? AmazonSmile will donate to the Washington State Grange Foundation when you do your shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/91-6064592 (you can also search by our name, the Washington State Grange Foundation). By remembering to shop at smile.amazon.com, Washington State Grange Foundation can significantly increase its AmazonSmile donations (you MUST shop at AmazonSmile not just the normal Amazon website).

Are you a Fred Meyer Customer?

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

Grange Connection

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Chimacum Grange is offering use of its hall and/or parking lot to Jefferson Healthcare, the Department of Emergency Management and Bloodworks Northwest for use in dealing with some aspect of the COVID- 19 pandemic. Rentals of the hall to the public have been suspended during COVID-19 in compliance with state closure orders regarding social distancing.

SPOKANE COUNTY

Green Bluff Grange has been closed since our Governor put a “stay safe, stay home” directive out in March which is set to go until May 4 as of this writing. So, NO April events have happened. We stay in contact thru email, texts, FB and phone calls. We are still encouraging people to prepare for the Grange contest entries which will be judged on May 15 at Five Mile Grange if this still happens. We received 4 scholarship applications and the committee is reviewing them and will make a recommendation at our next business meeting. When we do meet Green Bluff Grange #300 will vote to confirm the updating of their By-Laws and of a change in their dues and then have the final vote at the next following business meeting. The notice was in the April WA Grange News. Let’s hope spring is really here when we get the April edition.

STEVENS COUNTY

Camas Valley Grange members had been called the day before about holding a May 9 Grange meeting, with the meeting in the Hall, and each were told to wear a mask. Ten members were able to attend. The Hall was set up for proper social distancing. There was a lot of business to discuss - a couple months’ worth, whew! The meeting lasted an hour, and it was decided to allow a June 6 Bingo. The “Little Lending Library” is available on the front porch of the Grange for any one to choose a book. These are still strange times. Every person is waiting for covid-19 to get over. There are still empty shelves and increased costs at grocery stores. If you look, there are also many positives: a greater appreciation for all of the “essential” workers; neighbors still calling and checking in on other neighbors; those that sew are still making a lot of face masks; various manufacturing businesses are cranking out needed PPE and hand sanitizers; gardeners are busy gardening - - too many positives to list. A huge thank you to each one that is being a blessing and making a such difference. Just think of the stories each one of us can share later on! Remember to support your local businesses.

THURSTON COUNTY

Skookumchuck Grange heeded our Presidents call for social distancing. We could not just sit

around and do nothing while our community is taking financial hits, so we donated monetarily to the Tenino food bank and also to the Sandstone Distillery who is producing hand sanitizer and distributing it for free to our community. Perhaps in the future we will hold a gardening workshop as it seems more than ever people are planting a garden.

South Union Grange reports that the April meeting was cancelled due to Corona virus restrictions. The first Saturday monthly dances are cancelled until further notice. The St. Pauly Textiles donation shed has been filling up to capacity between the regular truck pick up days.

WAHIAKUM COUNTY

Grays River Grangers are still busy with community service projects. Our current project, for the sewers amongst us, is making washable masks. Wearing masks is now recommended for everyone when you do have to leave home. Wearing masks is not only to protect ourselves but to protect others in our community. These masks are available for community members by contacting Grays River Grange at grange@wwest.net or any Grange member. We do remind everyone that staying home is the best defense against the virus. The Grange would also like to express our appreciation for all those essential workers that are keeping us healthy, safe, and fed.

Pomona Calendar

All Pomona Granges are reminded to send their list of 2020 meeting dates, times, and locations to grange@wa-grange.org for inclusion into this calendar.

This list of dates was submitted to the WA State Grange in January. Due to COVID-19, there may be numerous changes in this schedule. Please confirm your dates with the Pomona Grange Master prior to the scheduled meeting.

- CHELAN**..... August 15, picnic at Rocky Reach Dam, 1 p.m.
June 18 and July 16, social luncheon at Smitty’s in Wenatchee, 11:30 a.m.
- CLALLAM**..... June 8 at Quillayute Valley, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. meeting
- CLARK** June 10 at Fargher Lake with Fishers/ Pioneer hosting, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting.
- COWLITZ/ WAHIAKUM** August 15 at Silver Lake, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. meeting.
- EXCELSIOR**..... July 18 at Gardenspot, 10:30 a.m. Picnic at 12 noon.
- FERRY** June 14 at San Poil, 6 p.m.
- GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC** July 11 at Long Beach, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting.
- KING**..... July 18 at Meridian, 10 a.m. BBQ at 12 noon.
- KITSAP** July 17 at Bainbridge Island, 7:30 p.m.
- KLICKITAT** September 12 at Alder Creek, 5 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting.
- LEWIS**..... August 1 at Logan Hill, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting.
- MASON**..... September 19 at The Agate, 11 a.m.
- OKANOGAN** July 11, location to be announced, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- PEND OREILLE**..... June 13 at Calispel, 10 a.m. Potluck lunch at 12 noon.
- PIERCE**..... June 6 at Collins, 10 a.m.
- SKAGIT** June 3 at Summit Park, 7 p.m.
- SNAKE RIVER** September 19 at Columbia Valley, 10 a.m. No Host lunch following meeting.
- SNOHOMISH**..... to be determined.
- SPOKANE** to be determined.
- STEVENS**..... July 24 at Douglas Falls Park with Quillisascut hosting. Meeting at 11 a.m., with 12 p.m. potluck.
- SUNNYSIDE** June 9 at Buena, 7:30 p.m.
- THURSTON** June 4 at South Bay, 7 p.m.
- WHATCOM** June 18 at Laurel, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Flower show and contest entries due 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- WHITMAN**..... July 18 at Jim & Bonnie Lyle’s home in Colfax, 1 p.m. picnic.
- YAKIMA** June 19 at Selah Heights, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting.

Pomona Connection

GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC POMONA

Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Grange cancelled their May meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 11 at the Long Beach Grange Hall. We will begin with a 12 noon potluck, followed by business meeting at 1 p.m. As both county fairs have also been cancelled, we will be looking at alternative service projects for the coming year.

THURSTON COUNTY POMONA

Thurston County Pomona #8 met on May 7 via teleconference for their monthly meeting. Members voted to send a \$100 donation to Thurston County Food Bank. The Silver Star/Golden Sheaf recognition and Quilts of Valor presentation event scheduled for May 17 will be rescheduled to a later date. The April meeting was cancelled due to Corona virus meeting restrictions, as were the Pomona Family Living and Lecturer Department contests. The next meeting is scheduled for

June 4. Please watch the Pomona Facebook page and, if you are on the Pomona e-mail list watch your e-mail, for updates on upcoming meetings and activities. Please contact Christie Vintilo if you wish to be added to the Pomona e-mail list.

WHATCOM COUNTY POMONA

Whatcom County Pomona will hold their next meeting on Tuesday June 9 at Laurel Grange. All Arts & Crafts entries will be due on Monday June 8.

Happy Valley Grange And Operation Teddy Bears



In March Happy Valley Grange #322 took part in Bartell Drug Store’s annual Operation Teddy Bear. Every time a bear is purchased, Bartell donates a bear. Happy Valley Grange purchased 12 Bears and Bartell donated 12 bears. In addition to supporting first responders, EMTs and police officers, the bears are distributed to organizations in the Greater Puget Sound that help children and families. This includes shelters, hospitals, counselors, schools, and more. These bears can positively impact the lives of many. They not only help children, but they also help the caregiver of those children. Happy Valley Grange is proud to contribute to this bear drive.

Grange Connection



Share the Share – Grange Member and Team Grow Food for Community in Need

Claire Thomas is the owner of Root Connection Farm and a long-standing member of Sammamish Valley Grange #286 in Woodinville, WA. Thomas and her farm team are known for growing the best seasonal vegetables and herbs for inclusion in their annual CSA membership subscriptions, otherwise known as CSA's or Community Supported Agriculture shares.

Thomas, in light of the unclear food supply this summer due to Covid-19, created the "Share the Share" program to support families in the local community who are in dire need. The program, funded through numerous donations, offers free shares to families. "We are all well aware of the serious financial toll on our communities," Thomas said, "and I hear from folks every day, how can we help? The one thing we can provide is food – nutritious fresh vegetables!"

Sammamish Valley Grange members are also helping those in the community who are seeking fresh, local food through its support of local food banks and assisting in food production and distribution for local farmers who have also been affected by Covid-19. For more information visit the new website, svgrange.org.

COVID-19 Pandemic Provided Goldendale Grange Chance To Assist School District

Goldendale Grange #49 had the pleasure of working with Goldendale School District during spring break. Our local Schools have been in lock down since March 16, due to COVID-19. They traditionally provide "in need" students a "Care Package" during spring break. With our schools closed and with a limited staff, they needed help. A dedicated group from the Grange and community volunteered to assist the school in preparing 150 care packages. We agreed to the challenge Tuesday afternoon, realizing we only had until Thursday afternoon at 4:30 to deliver. Leaving only 48 hours for this project to come together. Our first concern, the school district, had limited products available. Each food box would need supplies for twelve meals, 3 breakfast and three lunches for two students – 1800 total meals. The shelves of both Goldendale grocery stores were essentially empty. Not, a good start to our project when our nearest big box store is 35 to 70 miles away. Aimee Waddell, Bette Wilde and Lori Klug spent Wednesday morning gleaning product from stores as far away as Yakima and Portland. To add to the challenge, most big box stores limited the number of items we could purchase even though we had letters from "The City of Goldendale" and "Klickitat County Emergency Services" requesting larger quantities. Our determined buyers persevered, by early afternoon they were back at the Grange Hall breaking bulk packages into individual serving. The process of stuffing boxes at the Grange started Thursday morning at 5 a.m. Project was successfully completed by 4:30 and delivered with time to spare. Goldendale School district paid for the product used, we provided all the labor.



Calispel Grange Donates Masks



Calispel Grange #500 recently donated 20 masks to local Fire District 6 of Pend Oreille County. They were made out of cotton with a polypropylene liner. Accepting for District 6 are volunteers, Mr. and Mrs. John Allison.



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