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Grange Deputies, State Officers And Pomona Presidents Meet

Grange Deputies, State Grange Officers, and Pomona Grange Presidents met for their Annual Conference on March 25-26 at the South Union Grange Hall, near Olympia. The annual conference resumed after a two-year hiatus due to the Covid pandemic.

Following a dinner of pizza

and salad, the conference participants exemplified the first Four Degrees of the Order on Friday night of the conference. Each of the attendees submitted their preference for an office to fill for the degrees. One team was assigned to open the Grange meeting and to exemplify the

first and second degrees. A second team was assigned to exemplify the third and fourth degrees and then close the Grange meeting.

The Saturday portion of the program featured a variety of presentations and workshops. Brief program updates were given by State Lecturer Leslie

Wells, Family Living Director Helen Berg, Community Service and Junior Grange Director Heather Ferguson and Youth Director Jerry Gwin. Grange Lobbyist Heather Hansen reviewed the 2022 Legislative Session with pointers on what to expect in the 2023 session. Several topics were discussed

as potential resolution topics for our upcoming State Grange Annual Session.

State Grange President Tom Gwin made a presentation on the Grange Non-Profit Status as a 501c8 organization. He reviewed the requirements for organizations to maintain their

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For more photos from the Deputy/State Officer & Pomona Masters Conference, please see Page 6.

President’s Message

It’s Grange Month:
Time To Promote,
Promote, And
Promote Some More

By Tom Gwin
State Grange
Master/President

April is Grange Month! This is an opportunity to promote our organization... again, again, and again!

The National Grange has organized a wide range of activities and projects in honor of Grange month. Grange Spirit Week is April 3-9. The National Grange asks that you post pictures on your Facebook account each day of the week with the appropriate theme. Mark each picture with one of the following hashtags: #GrangeStory or #GrangeMonth22. The days of Grange Spirit Week are:

- April 3 – Grange Shirt Day
- April 4 – Raised Right Here Day
- April 5 – Grange Mentor Day
- April 6 – Community Service Day
- April 7 – Grange Contest Day
- April 8 – Grange Friend Day
- April 9 – Grange Hall Day

As many of you will not have this listing before the dates, I would encourage you to post anyway to tell your Grange Story.

There are a series of Grange meetings throughout the month. Use the following link bit.ly/grangemonthzoom You may go through the National Grange facebook page to join in these meetings (all times listed are pacific time):

- April 8 “Prepare, Perform, Persist, Prevail” Zoom with National Vice President Christine Hamp at 5:30 p.m.
- April 6 – “Solving the Puzzle” Zoom, 5:30 p.m.

We ask you to support those fairs who are graciously supporting our Grange Youth and Junior members by providing them the opportunity to showcase their projects this year.

-- Tom Gwin

- April 11 – New Member Forum, 6 p.m.
- April 12 – Community Service Forum, 5:30 p.m.
- April 18 – State Secretary Seminar, 5:30 p.m.
- April 19 – Membership



Tom Gwin

Matters Zoom Discussion, 5:30 p.m.

- April 20 – Legislative Roundtable, 5:30 p.m.
- April 25 – Legislative Fly-In Virtual Day
- April 26 – Champions of Rural American Reception
- April 27 – Online Trivia Night, 6 p.m.
- April 29 – E-Member Forum, 6 p.m.

Additional details can be found on the National Grange website: nationalgrange.org

Update on Youth Fairs Program: The Grange Youth Fairs Program has been adopted to varying degrees by nine different fairs thus far in 2022. We have been turned down by one fair, with a few more making decisions in the next few weeks. Those who adopted the program will allow our Grange Youth and Junior Members to show their projects at their fair. Some fairs are still life only, some are livestock projects only, while most are including all project areas. A full list of participating fairs with their dates will be in next month’s issue. We ask you support those fairs who are graciously supporting our Grange Youth and Junior members by providing them the opportunity to showcase their projects this year.

Legislative

Passed: One Year
Supplemental Budget

By Heather Hansen
Legislative Lobbyist



Heather Hansen

The 2022 legislative session ended on schedule just before midnight on March 10. Before adjourning, they passed a one-year supplemental budget. By definition, this budget is supposed to include only emergencies and updates for caseloads and things that have changed significantly since the biennial budget was passed last April.

Instead, this budget is 24% larger than the one passed ten months ago. In the past five years, the state budget has increased a meteoric 50%, from \$42.7 billion in 2017 to \$64.1 billion today. During that same timeframe, the state’s population has increased about 6%.

An increase in spending of this magnitude is unprecedented in state history and is most certainly unsustainable, meaning that there will need to be major cuts to programs at some point in the future. This budget will be in effect for only one year, July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Let’s take a look at some of what is included that may affect rural landowners.

The legislature gave \$300,000 to the Governor’s office to bring groups together to discuss saving salmon. Tribes, legislative leadership, local governments, agricultural producers, commercial and recreational fisher organizations, business organizations, salmon recovery organizations, forestry and agriculture organizations, and environmental organizations will be invited to participate in a process to develop recommendations for changes in policy and spending priorities to improve riparian habitat to ensure salmon recovery. Recommendations must include changes in land use such as buffers. A report must be submitted to the legislature by November 1, 2022.

An additional \$226,000 went to the Office of Financial Management (a branch of the Governor’s office) to evaluate the effectiveness of voluntary incentive programs for landowners and of existing regulatory programs responsible for protecting and restoring areas along streams and rivers aimed at achieving a fully functioning riparian ecosystem. A final report is due to the legislature by December 1, 2022.

A bill that would have added salmon recovery as a goal under the Growth Management Act died. It would have required a new standard for “net ecological gain” for all projects near water. After the bill died, language was added to the budget directing the Department of Fish and Wildlife to report to the legislature by December 1, 2022, how to incorporate net ecological gain into state land use, development, and environmental laws. This will lead to proposed legislation in 2023 that could require new buffers on some types of land and more limitations on development.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife was also given \$1 million to assess the status of current riparian ecosystems, to identify gaps in vegetated cover relative to a science-based standard for a fully functioning riparian ecosystem and comparing the status and gaps to water temperature impairments, known fish passage barriers, and status of salmonid stocks.

The Conservation Commission received a huge influx of funds. Most if it will be channeled through various grant programs intended to improve riparian habitat, but new programs are also funded.

- \$10 million to provide grants to landowners for riparian restoration projects.
- \$7 million for the conservation reserve enhancement program (CREP).
- \$3 million for the Voluntary Stewardship Program.
- \$2 million to provide technical assistance, education, and outreach to promote carbon storage and reduce greenhouse gas emissions on farms. Grant funds may be used to promote cover crops, cost-share purchases of equipment, seeds, soil amendments, and development of conservation plans.
- \$2 million to create and administer a Farmland Protection and Land Access program. The program shall support opportunities for all producers but shall prioritize: (a) Conservation of high priority agricultural land at imminent risk of development; and (b) grants for the purchase of agricultural easements to historically underserved

APRIL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				31 Presidents Welcome to Grange Month (Facebook)	1	2
3 Grange Shirt Day	4 Raised Right Here Day	5 Grange Mentor Day "Prepare, Perform, Persist, Prevail" Zoom 8:30 p.m. eastern	6 Community Service Day "Solving the Puzzle" Zoom 8:30 p.m. eastern (sponsored by Grange Trustees)	7 Grange Contest Day	8 Grange Friend Day	9 Grange Hall Day
Grange Spirit Week						
10	11 New Member Forum Zoom 9 p.m. eastern	12 Community Service Forum - Zoom 8:30 p.m. eastern	13	14	15	16
17	18 State Secretary Seminar - Zoom 8:30 p.m. eastern	19 Membership Matters - Zoom 8:30 p.m. eastern	20 Legislative Roundtable - Zoom 8:30 p.m. eastern	21	22	23
24	25 Fly-In Virtual Day	26 Champions of Rural America Reception	27 Online Trivia Night Zoom 9 p.m. eastern	28	29 E-Member Forum Zoom 9 p.m. eastern	30
Legislative Fly-In						

USE LINK: [BIT.LY/GRANGEMONTHZOOM](https://bit.ly/grangemonthzoom)

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GRANGE MONTH

2022 Convention Info

JUNE 22 - 25, 2022

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

GRANGE CONVENTION BANQUET ORDER FORM

Name _____
Grange Name _____
Email Address _____
Telephone _____
Are you planning to be a delegate to the convention? ☐ YES ☐ NO

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

THURS, JUNE 23

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

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

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

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

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



WA State Grange Convention 2022 Hotel/Motel Listing

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

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

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

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

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

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

WA State Grange Convention RV Information

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

Reservations made in advance: \$40 per night

Reservations made after hours: \$45 per night

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

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

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

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

RV PARKING RULES:

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

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

Here's how you can help:

Looking for a way to help?

Shop our AmazonSmile Charity Lists to donate items we need

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Do you shop at Amazon?

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

Are you a Fred Meyer Customer?

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

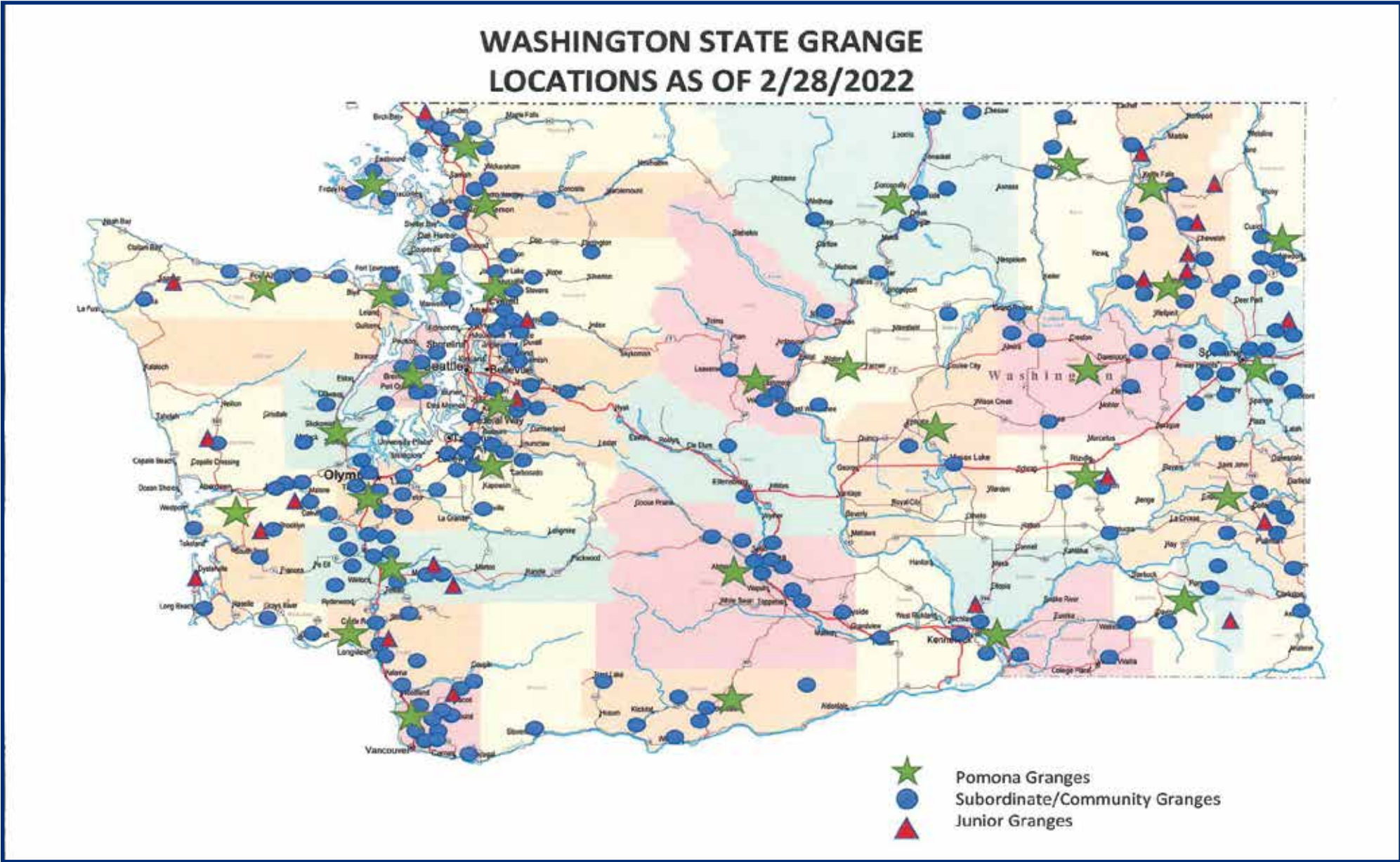


2022 Convention Info

TENTATIVE

WA State Grange Convention Schedule

TUESDAY	10:00	Set Up	THURSDAY	5:00	Session close in the 4th degree
	2:00	Lecturer and CFL contest entry check in		5:05	Group Convention Photo
	6:30	Rose Drill Practice – closed event		6:00	Celebration Banquet – Membership/ Scholarship Awards, Community Service Awards, & State Grange Auction
WEDNESDAY	8:00-5:00pm	Registration	FRIDAY	8:00	Open Session, Final Credential Report, Elections, Committee Reports
	8:00-1:00	Lecturer and CFL contest entry check in		9:00	Departmental Displays Open (until 7 p.m.)
	9:00-12:00	State Officer Practice – closed event		11:00	Junior Program – Junior Awards
	12:00-2:00	Workshops		12:00	Session Recesses – Lunch/Ice Cream Social - RED TENNIS SHOE DAY!!!
	2:00	Deputies Meeting		1:00	Youth Public Speaking Contest
	3:00	Delegate Orientation		3:45	Session will reopen, approve minutes, Committee Reports
	6:30	5th Degree		5:00	Close Session in the 4th Degree
	7:00	6th Degree Opening – credential report, adoption of program, exemplification of 6th degree		5:30	Talent Practice – closed to public
	9:00	Close Session in the 4th degree		8:00	Talent Show
THURSDAY	7:30-12:00	Registration	SATURDAY	8:00	Open Session by Youth – Youth Awards
	7:00	Family Living Breakfast		9:00	Committee Reports
	8:30	Open, Credential Report, Master’s Address, Committee Reports, Cooperative Reports		11:30	Granger of the Year
	10:00	Youth Tour		12:00	Session Recesses - Lunch
	12:00	Session Recesses - Lunch		1:30	Memorial Service
	12:00	Departmental Display Open (until banquet that evening)		3:30	Installation of Officer
	1:30	Session will reopen, credential report. approve minutes, Committee Reports		5:00	Adjourn



Deputy/State Officer & Pomona Masters Conference

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non-profit status including functioning under the “lodge” system, the providing of benefits to members, and other commonalities between all chapters/groups in the Grange organization.

A lengthy discussion was held on Subordinate Grange Bylaws. Copies of each Subordinate Grange’s Bylaws were distributed by county for review. Specific points to discuss with each Grange included:

- meeting date and time as listed in their bylaws versus the actual meeting time and date
- are the application fees correct and being charged?
- are the dues listed in the bylaws above the amount specified in the WA State Grange Bylaws?
- does the Grange offer a family membership plan with the amount listed?
- if lifetime membership fees are different than the minimal amount listed in the State Grange Bylaws, is the

correct amount included in the Subordinate Grange Bylaws?

The deputies were encouraged to review the bylaws with each Grange and to update if necessary. The process for updating bylaws was reviewed. A copy of the updated bylaws must be on file with the State Grange Office.

The 2022 State Grange Session schedule was reviewed, along with the tasks required of the deputies and officers for the session. The attendees were then broken into smaller groups by district to discuss upcoming convention sites. We are scheduled to be in the Central District in 2023, the Eastern District in 2024, and the Southwest District in 2025.

Sophia Keller led a discussion on Grange Membership Programs. After reviewing the membership programs currently offered at the State Grange level, she asked those present about their ideas for new “Grange” apparel. The discussion also included information on the upcoming Grange Month activities and the emerging Grange Youth Fairs Program. Thus far, nine fairs have adopted



the program allowing Grange Youth and Junior to exhibit in a “Grange Department” at their fair in 2022. Both Keller and State Grange President Gwin emphasized the importance on integrating the Youth Fairs Program into our fraternal Granges and that it is not intended to be a stand-alone entity.

Other topics shared at the conference included the Heirloom Program, basic parliamentary procedure, resolution writing, the Grange Hall WiFi Grant Program, and this year’s National Grange Convention, scheduled to be held November 15-19 in Reno/ Sparks, Nevada.

Conference participants

left the conference energized and reinvigorated and that the challenges before us are but opportunities to test our abilities to grow the Grange across the entire State of Washington. We have the opportunity to move the Grange forward by building a vibrant organization that serves our communities and our citizens.

Visit our Website: www.WA-Grange.org

Goldendale Grange Observes 111th Birthday

Goldendale Grange #49 recently celebrated its 111th anniversary, with a glittering bright red three-layer birthday cake, featuring thick layers of scrumptious butter cream filling. Member Lori Walker, knowing a birthday wasn’t complete without a cake, volunteered to bake and decorate the cake for our special event.

Entertainment was provided by Waylon Belaire, an accomplished young country singer and songwriter. Waylon was accompanied by his brother Brody as they performed several

original songs. Although not local boys they have family ties in the Goldendale area.

Grange President Mary Anne Enyeart and Lecturer Luann Whitmire directed the afternoon program.

A review of our membership rolls shows Goldendale Grange has seven 60 year plus members, nine 50 year plus members, and fifteen 40 plus year members. We need more younger members. The late Elanor Dooley had an impressive 84-year Grange membership.

Scholarships available from the Washington State Grange

and Goldendale Grange #49 were distributed and explained during the afternoon session. Completed scholarship applications are due by April 1. Richard Lefever explained that two of the WA State Grange Memorial Scholarships, the Martin and Grace Forry and Delpha Goude Scholarships originated in Klickitat County. It has been several years since a Klickitat County Granger applied for these scholarships

The day concluded with a short presentation describing what the first Goldendale Grange meeting might have been like on Saturday, March 4, 1911. It was held at the No. 4, one room school house east of Goldendale. Horse and buggy would be the main source of transportation. Attendees would not have electricity, running water or even an inside bathroom. Coffee, a necessity even 100 years ago, arrived in a five-gallon galvanized cream can wrapped in burlap. Telephones were in their infancy.







ANYONE CAN ENTER OUR

NATIONAL GRANGE 2022 VIRTUAL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST



Submit entries at bit.ly/22grangephoto

Membership Corner

Welcome New Members

GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS March 2022

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417 Adna 2		
John G. Smith, Yvonne John		
571 Barberton 22		1
Pauline Little, Josh Cady, Joanne Scigliano, Jonah Cady		
Rachel Gillock, James (Luke) Gillock, Hannah Gillock		
Joshua Gillock, Tabitha Gillock, Kelly Babcock		
Debra Babcock, Joseph Caldwell, Trinity Caldwell		
Jessie Ballard, Jodi Ballard, Cody Ballard, Wyatt Ballard		
Kylie Ballard, Gracie Whitten, Mary Jo Haslem		
Tracy Haslem, Travis Haslem		
34 Baw Faw 2		
Hollie Kunishige, Isaac Stormer		
647 Broadway. 1		
Joyce Rikerd		
81 Centerville 2		
Laura Diaz, Jonathan Eldred		
501 Davis Lake. 1		
Leah Driver		
646 Dry Creek 3		1
John Schmeitz, Sarah Schmeitz, Lukas Teague		
1012 East Wenatchee 47		17
Sheri Bock, Ryan 'Zane' Bock, Zack Bock, Aaron Burger		
Nissa Burger, Addy Burfer, Allie Carnline, Hayden Carnline		
Marie Overton, GB Overton, Paige Overton, Zachary Despain		
Shayne Poland, Darcy Poland, Hannah Poliand, Jens Poland		
August Poland, Andrew Poland, Dora Potter, Josh Potter		
Aubrey Potter, Kira Potter, Justin Reeves, Jason Wold		
Faith Richards, Gregg Richards, Kody Richards		
Daniel Richmond, Lindsey Richmond, Abigail Richmond		
Grace Richmond, Jamie Sachs, Justin Sachs, Gabe Smith		
Denaye Smith, Melia Smith, Kiera Smith, Jennifer Troxler		
Brandon Troxler, Chloie Troxler, Emma Troxler		
Zach Williams, Amy Williams, Carys Williams,		
Reise Williams, Tim Cahalan, Sheila Cahalan		
533 Fort Colville 4		2
Judy Morgan, Kyle Sackman, Karey Sackman		
Parker Sackman		
280 Garden City 1		
Victor Pierce Sr		
124 Grays River 2		
Victor Liguori, Wendy Liguori		
300 Green Bluff. 1		
Olivia Edginton		
556 Kenova 1		
Gerald Campbell		
925 Lummi Island. 2		
Leslie Dempsey, Paul Dempsey		
276 Marion. 3		
Catherine Kendo, Sara Fredrickson, Cody Ingebrigtsen		
357 Matlock 1		
Charley Knox		
98 Mountain View 5		
Laura Cortes, Turner Sevard, Jessica Waggoner-Hoff		
Alison Henderson, Kathy Von Mosch		
311 Oakview. 2		
William Dye, Gary Knutter		
985 Oroville 4		
Teresa Oh Happy, Ossitta Richtree, Sandy Vaughn		
Steven Brand		
1067 Prospect Point10		9
K.C. Kuykendall, Kris Kuykendall, Klint Kuykendall		
Kate Kuykendall, Michael Blanc, Laura Pumphrey		
Becky Tompkins, Tara C. Robertson, Mindy Puller		
Carla Thorson		
684 San Poil 1		
Glenna Wilson		
1108 Sequim Prairie. 4		
Susan Ault, Nancy Van Winkle, Terri Johnson		
Maurie Sprague		
800 Sharon 4		
Debra Thibault, Adam Zepp, Rachel Zepp, Ashlyn Warne		
425 Skamokawa. 1		
Judy Wong		
379 Skokomish 1		
Steve Bass		
860 South Union 1		
Jordyn Mitchell		
121 Stevenson 1		
Cyndi Soliz		
374 Stranger Creek. 6		
Annje Esvelt, Ryan Esvelt, Cody Esvelt, Pamelyn King		
Frances Mansfield, Tony Mansfield		
984 Swauk-Teanaway 1		
Patricia Eidemiller		
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Orientate Members On The Lessons Of The Grange

The National Grange has introduced a new program for all of us to use, teach and learn. The Heirloom Program will impart lessons through monthly readings.

With more than 150 years of tradition and culture, it can be difficult for new members and new Granges to acclimate and truly become part of the organization. While our traditions and rituals are beautiful, they are often looked at as unattractive or as barriers to Grange membership without understanding of where and why these rituals began and why they are still such great teaching tools today. These traditions are also important to carry on the legacy of the Grange and its roots. Without these traditions, we lose our identity as well as the things that bond us as a fraternity. Change is a constant aspect of life, as our ritual tells us, but retaining what makes us Grange is essential to fulfilling the charge from our founders.

The Grange traditions and values are our heirlooms. Inseparable pieces of the Grange that are passed down through membership over generations. When new members come into the Grange, they are mostly unaware of where the Grange started. Why we believe what we do and why we carry on the traditions of the old while paving new paths for the future. Teaching these important lessons while also reminding ourselves of the past and what it brought to the work of today, will help us all reconnect and bring forth those values that are

still needed today.

The Heirloom Program is designed to impart these lessons onto new Grange members in a way that meets them at today’s modern age and level of comfort. We hope to create meaningful connection to the lessons themselves that are the most important piece of the ritual work. Values readings are just that, short one or two sentence actions that communicate a lesson or value. It’s a new way to incorporate our basic fundamental lessons to both new and seasoned Grangers that will encourage thought and reflection as well as application to daily life, no matter what age you may be. This should stimulate great conversation and communication within your Grange.

The program provides one reading for each monthly meeting. This is on a 5-year schedule and will allow Granges to pick up at any time in the schedule. The Heirloom Program can be found on the National Granges website. We

will also provide three monthly quotes per quarter here in the membership section of the paper. The program begins with the Spring – March 2022. Even though we are now in April, it is not too late to begin this program or pick it up as needed.

Here are the first three months of the program:

Spring A.1. (March) 2022 – “History proves that where agriculture has been fostered, that nation has prospered and reached a high degree of perfection; but where it has been neglected degeneracy began.” (First Degree; Chaplain)

Spring A.2. (April) 2022 – “I will not knowingly wrong or defraud a Brother or Sister of the Order or allow it to be done by another if within my power to prevent it.” (First Degree; President)

Spring A.3. (May) 2022 – “Influenced by our strong beliefs in the institution of the family, we are convinced that education begins in the family circle.”

Membership Packet Order Form

Grange Name _____ Grange Number _____

Your Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

T-Shirt Size _____ (Small-3XL) _____ T-Shirt Size _____ (Small-3XL)

Qty _____ Total Amount Enclosed _____

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

Congratulations

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

- Shari Bock – East Wenatchee #1012
- Jayne Deardorff – Fort Colville #533
- Rick Ferguson – Prospect Point #1067
- Terry Ferguson – Prospect Point #1067
- Pam Wilson – Stranger Creek #374
- Krista Thie – Mountain View #98
- Shelly Jenkins – Broadway #647

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

- Joan Williams – Camden #687
- Shari Bock – East Wenatchee #1012
- Alice Coakley – Oakview #311
- Rick Ferguson – Prospect Point #1067 – 4 gift cards
- Krista Thie - Mountain View #98 – 1 gift card
- Shelly Jenkins – Broadway #647

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

Home & Family

Quilts Needed For The Quilts Of Valor Program

By Helen Berg
Family Living Director

Happy Spring! My daffodils are in bloom and the grass is beginning to green up. Soon the trees will be resplendent with their canopy of leaves. Spring is such a happy time.

Today I would like to visit the Quilts of Valor program. I have asked Chris Hamp to be our coordinator. As many of you know she is on the national board

of Quilts of Valor. This is a great bonus for our organization.

I have been asked about how to get a loved one the list to receive a quilt. You need to send me a bio about the person stating branch of service, when served, any medals or awards, and any other information which may be interesting. You may send by e-mail or snail mail to me and I will work with Chris.

We are in need of quilts. You can go online to the QOV sight

to get the specifics for making the quilts. Please let me know if you have a quilt you would like to donate for this worthy cause. We only have 4 thus far. I know we could use at least 10. I thank you in advance for your assistance in this endeavor.

I was glad to see so many Pomona contests scheduled. I wish all of you great success and look forward to your reports.



Helen Berg



Easter Dip Goodness

(Courtesy of Family Features)

If you're visiting and making memories with family and friends you haven't seen in a while for the Easter holiday, there are few things better than diving into a marvelous Easter spread.

These Easter Bunny Rolls with Spinach Dip are as eye-catching as they are delicious. Not only will the kids love its shape, but the layers of taste will wow your Easter crowd.

This dish is made for a group, served warm and full of cheesy goodness. You can watch as your family dips into the spinach and one-by-one, before you know it, the rolls will have disappeared and the dip will be devoured.

Find more Easter recipes at Culinary.net.

Easter Bunny Rolls with Spinach Dip

- Ingredients: Servings: 24
- 16 ounces frozen spinach, thawed
 - 8 ounces cream cheese
 - 2 cloves garlic, minced
 - 1/2 cup mayonnaise
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
 - 1/4 teaspoon chili powder
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 - 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
 - 1 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
 - 1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
 - 2 crescent roll tubes (8 ounces each)

Heat oven to 375 F. In skillet, over medium heat, cook spinach, cream cheese and garlic 3-4 minutes until cream cheese is melted. Stir in mayonnaise, salt, onion powder, chili powder, pepper and Italian seasoning. Stir in Parmesan cheese and 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese. Cook until cheese is melted. Keep skillet on burner over low heat.

Remove dough from tubes. Leaving dough intact, roll and stretch into 18-inch ropes. Cut each rope into 12 pieces for 24 total.

On baking sheet with parchment paper, form bunny head by placing one piece of dough in middle then surrounding it with six more pieces. Use 13 pieces to form round body. Use remaining pieces to form ears on top of head.

Scoop hot spinach dip into center. Spoon small portions on each ear. Sprinkle ears and belly with remaining mozzarella cheese.

Bake 18 minutes, or until crescent dough is golden brown and thoroughly cooked.

Community Service

Community Service Contest Entries Due April 15th

By Heather Ferguson
Community Service Director

Are you thinking about your Community Service contests yet? If not, it's time to start. If you have anyone in your community that deserves to be recognized for being an outstanding police officer, fireman, teacher, volunteer group, or individual please get those contest entries in ASAP. They are due April 15 to

the State Grange Headquarters.

It is also time to be considering your Community Service Reports. This report is for the year beginning June 1, 2021 – May 31, 2022. If you do not have time to put together a scrapbook, all I need is the finished report, handwritten or typed. The deadline for your reports is June 1st. Please send them to the State Grange Headquarters. We need a majority percentage of Granges

to send in their reports for us to be able to compete at National Convention.

As always, I am always here to answer questions on your reports, deadlines, or anything else Community Service related, questions. I'm excited to see what your Grange has been up to in the last year. Thank you and continue on with the great work you do.



Heather Ferguson

Calispel Grange Blankets For Ukraine



The power went off in the middle of our sewing day. We put our coats on and continued sewing blankets for the children in Ukraine. We delivered 12 completed blankets to a church in Spokane that was shipping supplies. These two gentlemen came to turn our power back on. Grange members are, Sue Santilli, Diane Stone, Kathryn Hartley, Mira Wyrwal. We shared out giant cookies and thanked them for helping us. All is well at Calispel Grange #500.

Rose Valley Grange Donates Dictionaries To Third Graders



Phyllis and Tammy from Rose Valley Grange delivered dictionaries to local third graders, as part of The Dictionary Project.

Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Youth

Grange Sign-A-Song Contest Scheduled For June Convention



Jerry Gwin

By Jerry Gwin
State Youth Director

It has been several years since our state had any participation in the Grange Sign-a-Song Contest. In support of the former National Grange Deaf Awareness Activities Department, the Grange Youth Departments annually conduct the Sign-a-Song. The purpose of this contest is to increase the non-verbal communication skills of our Grange members.

- There are two categories in the contest:
- Individuals – either a novice or a hobbyist
 - Groups of 2 or more persons

Contestants will select an appropriate song and then perform that song in sign language as a part of the contest. Full contest rules may be found in the youth section of the 2022 State Grange Program Handbook.

The Sign-a-Song Contest will be held at the State Grange Convention in Puyallup on Friday, June 24, beginning at 1 p.m. To enter the contest, the contestant should notify me by June 1. You may notify me via email at davona1242@outlook.com

First place winners in the State Grange Contest will be eligible to enter the Western Regional Contest on August 5-7 in Oregon. The Regional Best of Show winner will advance to the state contest in November in Reno, Nevada.

Youth Raffle Tickets: To support the Youth Programs and travel associated with our activities, we annually hold a raffle. Tickets for the raffle are sent to each Grange later this month. We ask you to sell the tickets and to return the raffle ticket stubs and money to us. They can be mailed to me by June 15 or delivered to the Annual State Grange Session in June. This year's drawing will be held on Saturday, June 25.

Keep Washington Warm Project: This youth department sponsored service project is intended to make an impact on the host convention area by providing warming products that can be distributed in the host area. We ask for your support in donating either handmade or purchased hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, or socks for this project. The youth will display the items and then distribute to homeless programs in the Pierce County area.

WA State Grange To Recognize 2022 Graduates

The Washington State Grange will recognize Grange members who are members of the Class of 2022 in an upcoming issue of The Grange News.

We ask each Grange to submit the names of those who will be graduating in 2022, along with a photo of the graduate. High school graduates will have their name, Grange, and school listed. College graduates will have their name, Grange, school, and degree received with area of study.

Information can either be mailed to the State Grange Office or may be emailed to grangenews@wa-grange.org no later than April 15.



Junior

Answers To Your Junior Grange Questions



Heather Ferguson

By Heather Ferguson
Junior Grange Director

Are you getting excited for convention? I sure am. I also saw that excitement at the recent state deputy's conference. It seems crazy to me that I have been in this position since Fall of 2019 but have yet to have a convention with Juniors. We are going to make this one a fun one. We have many plans in the works and a few surprises also. I will detail all off that in next month's article.

At the deputy's conference, I had the opportunity to chat with many of your deputies and state officers about issues with Juniors in their areas. There were a few questions that I heard over and over. Let me answer the few that I was asked most often.

1) Do I need a background check done, to work with the Juniors or Youth, if I already get one through work where they are mandatory? Yes, our insurance requires that our organization

obtain, personally review and keep filed background checks on anyone working with minors no matter what your job requires. These are done through the Washington State Patrol, cost you no money and is just a simple form to fill out (can be found in the Junior or Camp section on the website).

2) Who needs a background check done? Anyone who will be in charge of minors (who are not their own children), directing them or with them. If you are in anyway working with minors (who are not your own), please send in your background check form ASAP. This includes Junior Granges, +1 Juniors, Camps, Youth, Youth Fairs, at fundraisers or community service activities.

3) Does the Youth Fairs Program have a ritual or manual to run their meeting? Yes, Roberts Rules of Order. There is some confusion about who Youth Fairs Members are within the Grange. I think the easiest way to answer

is like this. All Youth Fairs Members aged 5-13 ½ are Junior Grange or +1 Junior members. All Youth Fairs members aged 14-18 are regular Subordinate Grange members. On the flip side of this, not all Junior, +1 Junior or Subordinate Members have to be Youth Fairs members.

Your Youth Fairs Members should be meeting in a separate Junior Grange or Subordinate meeting also. In your Junior or Subordinate meetings you will use the respective Grange manual for opening and closing the Grange and Roberts Rules of Order as normal. The Youth Fairs program will run more like you run committee meetings. Any voting or work that needs to be done will just be by Roberts Rules of Order.

If this did not answer your questions, I am just a phone call away and will be happy to talk with you. I can't wait to see everyone at convention in a few months.

Silver Lake Grange Delivers Dictionaries



Silver Lake Grange got to resume our favorite activity of the year recently, our "Words for Thirds," program. This program gifts every third grade student at Toutle Lake School with a student dictionary of their very own. This program has been carried out by our Grange for over 30 years!!! This year, we included the fourth grade students as well, as last year COVID kept us from our deliveries. We hope the kids enjoy them!!

Junior Connection

Green Bluff Junior Grange

Green Bluff Junior Grangers are recruiting for new members. April 26 will be the 9th annual Keep Green Bluff Green Trash pickup.

Humptulips Junior Grange

Humptulips Junior Grange members made entries for the Grange Baking Contest. Members voted to support the Backpack Program at the Emerson Elementary School in Hoquiam. Our Spring Break Activity Day is scheduled for April 5 at the Grange Hall.

Sharon Junior Grange

Sharon Junior Grange members assisted with the Grange's Annual Oyster Feed. Members held a baking activity to make cookies for the Grange baking contest.

National Grange News



April Is Grange Month

By Betsy E. Huber
President
National Grange

Brothers and Sisters,

As we approach Grange Month 2022, we are excited for the chance to come together in showing our pride and love for our great Order. As we emerge from two years of a pandemic that kept so many of us apart, it is time to reunite in fellowship and service.

For two years, we celebrated the importance of "Cultivating Connections" with one another, encouraging Granges to find ways to reach out and unite with one another in large and small ways. It was inspiring to see the myriad ways in which this theme was used, becoming more important than we ever would have thought possible.

This year, I encourage you to use the 2022 theme "Raised Right Here" in your Grange

Month programming. There are many ways to interpret this theme – and do so as you see fit! The Grange grew from a place of taking pride in building our agricultural roots, our hometowns and the people who live there. Consider using this theme to show your Grange's pride in the things, people, and places that make your town great, a 21st-century reinterpretation of the way we started.

Celebrate education and agriculture, local resiliency and sustainability through the word "Raised." Celebrate American freedoms, local leaders, and proper moral character through the word "Right." Celebrate your hometown, local community members, the things that make your region great through the word "Here."

Our longstanding tradition and purpose is to make our

community and world a better place to be, but we are not in this alone. Everywhere you look, there are organizations, people, restaurants, stores, schools, farms and other agricultural institutions are making your community better, too. During Grange Month, invite them to be a part of your meetings or your programming, as a partner or as an honoree.

We are coming together to celebrate the 155th year of service from the nation's oldest agricultural and rural service fraternity, and what an honor it is to be a part of it. I encourage you to share your Grange stories, your "Raised Right Here" successes and more on social media, in person or wherever you can.



Betsy E. Huber

NATIONAL GRANGE



WHEREAS, The Grange strengthens individuals, families and communities through grassroots action, service, education, advocacy and agriculture awareness; and

WHEREAS, The Grange has played a major role in the development of rural America and passage of important legislation during three centuries; and

WHEREAS, The Grange of the 21st century continues to be an active force in thousands of neighborhoods across the country, creating connections between people, communities, and organizations even through periods of social unrest and disruption; and

WHEREAS, The Grange is committed to the development of the potential in families, children, youth and adults of all ages through dynamic programs and experiences that educate, engage and enrich lives; and

WHEREAS, The Grange emphasizes civic responsibility and the involvement of people in the legislative process, cultivating connections between citizens and their government; and

WHEREAS, The Grange offers opportunities for civil discussions among people of all viewpoints and opinions, serving as a safe haven for exploring important social and legislative issues of the day; and

WHEREAS, The Grange strengthens hometowns through volunteerism, community support and legislative action, building up rural America for the benefit of all who live there; and

WHEREAS, The Grange motto "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity" has guided the Grange mission through advocacy, community service, and openness to all; and

WHEREAS, Grange members everywhere wish to celebrate and express their pride in the legacy of their highly respected organization;

THEREFORE I, Betsy E. Huber, President of the National Grange, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as Grange Month; and further, I encourage the participation of each Junior, Community, Pomona, and State Grange in this celebration of Grange past and future by planning and executing dynamic programs and activities that will highlight the Grange in every American community.

Betsy E. Huber

National President

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WA State Grange: Grange Month Display Contest: "Celebrate Grange"

Granges are encouraged to toot their own horn and the horns of other Granges as we celebrate Grange Month in April. The State Grange Membership Department is having a Grange Month Display Contest to assist in promoting the Grange and portraying the positive influences the Grange has made on our state and nation.

For over 130 years the Washington State Grange has worked to make our state a better place for our citizens. We are active in 226 communities throughout the state, providing a wide range of services and offering multiple activities and programs. A public display on our Grange programs will assist in informing the citizens of our state of our programs and achievements.

Grange Month is celebrated in April. We ask that each Grange create a public display to promote the Grange and to focus on the positive impacts the Grange has made in our state.

General Guidelines:

- Each Grange will arrange

for their own display area in a prominent public location in their community. The display area may be a window, table, showcase, or whatever is available for use in your community.

- Each Grange will design a display featuring their projects and activities, with a focus on the positive impacts they have had on the community or state.

- The display should follow the theme "Celebrate Grange".

- A wide variety of Grange programs should be represented (i.e. lecturer programs, community service, youth activities, junior programs, family living, legislative etc.)

- The display must be in place for a minimum of seven days during the month of April.

- Each display must include a Grange logo and contact information for the local Grange.

Contest Information:

- Each Grange is encouraged to take a 3-5 pictures of their display (including one of the complete display).

- Place the pictures in a folder and include a 300-word (maximum) essay describing the display and what you tried to portray.

- Include your Grange name and contact information in the folder.

- Send the folder to the State Grange Office no later than May 1.

- Pictures of the displays will be used for promotion in The Grange News. In addition, pictures will be displayed at the State Grange Convention.

- Judging will be completed by a committee and will be based on: originality, creativity, design, and overall impact.

- Cash prizes will be awarded to the top five displays: \$50, \$40, \$30, \$20, and \$10.

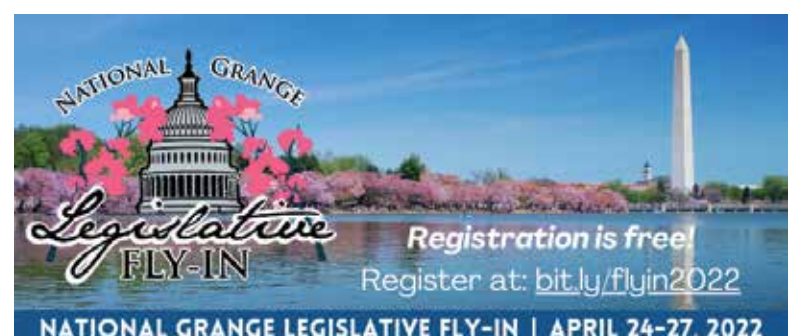
All entries should be placed in a folder and sent by May 1 to the Washington State Grange, PO Box 1186, Olympia WA 98507. All entries will be available for pick up at the State Grange Convention.



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By **Burton Eller**
National Grange
Legislative Director

WASHINGTON OVERVIEW

Supreme Court Nominee Moves Forward

Following a series of tumultuous hearings, Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson is poised to successfully be confirmed as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, replacing retiring Justice Stephen Breyer. Senate Majority Leader has announced his intention to move Jackson's nomination through the Senate early next week as she is expected to receive narrow bipartisan support with Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) having announced that she will join Senate Democrats in supporting the nomination. Jackson is likely to follow a similar judicial philosophy to Breyer, so the ideological make-up of the court will not shift significantly from this appointment.

Supply Chain Bills Move Forward

In late March, progress was made on two significant bills related to the myriad supply chain issues which have persisted since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. On March 28th, the Senate, in a bipartisan vote, passed its version of the America COMPETES Act which had passed the House in February of this year. The bill provides \$52 billion in funding for the semiconductor industry to incentivize increased domestic manufacturing of microchips as well as advanced research and development of the technology. As well, the bill includes a variety of other provisions intended to increase American cybersecurity and supply chain resiliency in the context of competing with China. With the Senate version having passed, the bill must go through a conference with the House to smooth out differences between the two bills before it is able to make its way to the President's desk.

Another bill aimed at tackling

pandemic supply chain issues that moved in late March was the Ocean Shipping Reform Act (OSRA). OSRA is a bipartisan bill that would seek to reform American port operations and infrastructure in a way that is intended to increase US exports and decrease delays at ports. Specifically, the bill takes aim at ocean shipping companies by authorizing the Federal Maritime Commission to address unfair practices and price gouging at the expense of American exporters. Supporters of the bill have argued that this would be particularly beneficial for American agriculture as the industry would be able to move its goods to foreign markets in a more timely and cost-effective manner. The bill has wide bipartisan support and has been made a priority by both parties in the House and Senate. The House passed its version of the Ocean Shipping Reform Act earlier this month, and the Senate is currently looking to pass its own version on an expedited timeline.

President Biden Releases 2023 Budget

Although it was only in early March that Congress was able to finally pass the federal budget for 2022, in late March President Biden began the budget process for 2023 with the release of a new budget proposal. In broad terms, the budget would be \$5.8 trillion, a moderate 7% increase over last year's budget, with major increases in spending coming with a 4% proposed increase in military spending and significant new funding for law enforcement. Other new spending would come for initiatives on affordable housing, climate change, supply chain issues, and inflation related programs. The US Department of Agriculture would see a spending increase of \$2.6 billion with funding spread across nutrition, conservation/climate, and rural development programs.

Notably, the budget would also reduce the federal deficit by \$1 trillion over the next decade as new

spending is more than compensated for by new tax proposals. Specifically, the budget includes new proposed taxes meant to target corporations and wealthier Americans. These taxes include a proposed minimum tax on billionaires, which would include taxation of unrealized gains on certain assets such as stocks and bonds, an increase in the corporate tax rate from 21% to 28%, an increase in the highest income tax rate from 37% to 39.6%, an increase in the capital gains rate to 30.6% on income over \$1 million, and many more technical changes to the treatment of trusts and estates. While the stated intent of these tax changes is to target wealthy Americans, some observers have raised concerns that their effects could also impact small business owners and farmers, depending on the exact details of the proposed changes. However, the President's budget proposal is not a formal legislative proposal and Congress will certainly make significant changes to whatever package ultimately becomes law in a process that will take many months.

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

Keep West Coast Ports Shipping During Labor Negotiations

America's fragile supply chain cannot afford any more pauses in shipping. The National Grange and 24 additional members of the Agricultural Transportation Working Group Sent a letter to President Biden requesting his administration take an active role in ensuring upcoming contract negotiations for West Coast ports do not result in any labor disruptions. The current contract between the International Longshore and Warehouse Union and the Pacific Maritime Association expires July 1, 2022.

Pass Ocean Shipping Reform

The National Grange is urging the Senate to pass the Ocean Shipping Reform Act. The legislation, introduced by Senators Klobuchar (D-MN) and Thune (R-SD), would clear up port congestion and take action against price-gouging for exports. It would also add pricing transparency and give the Federal Maritime Commission authority to collect and report aggregate numbers on exports. The House passed its more stringent version in December.

USDA Commits More Processing Capacity Funds

In addition to previous commitments of \$1 billion, USDA

will make an additional \$215 million available in grants to expand existing small meat and poultry processing plants by:

- Offsetting costs of construction, expansion and acquisition of equipment
- Expanding existing workforce development programs to recruit, train and retrain adequate labor
- Establishing partnerships with organizations who specialize in meat and poultry processing

Supreme Court to Review California Animal Housing Law

California's Proposition 12 law that requires pork sold in the state must come from sows housed in a minimum amount of space, and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals decision that upheld the law, will now be reviewed by the Supreme Court. The petition was filed by the National Pork Producers Council and American Farm Bureau Federation and backed by 20 states and several animal agriculture groups. At issue is the constitutionality of California's law imposing requirements on farmers and ranchers outside its borders.

Fund Wildlife Damage Protection

Over 130 organizations, including the National Grange, wrote the leadership of the House and Senate committees on appropriations to request that USDA Wildlife Services receive full funding for fiscal year 2023 which begins October 1. Wildlife Services works to prevent, minimize or manage wildlife damage and to protect human health and safety from conflicts with wildlife. In FY 21, Wildlife Services responded to farm crop and animal losses, COVID outbreaks in domestic mink, property damage, infrastructure deterioration, private and military aircraft strikes, and much more.

Conservation and Environment

Extend Deadline for Climate-Smart Pilot Projects

The National Grange cosigned a letter with the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture and over 40 other groups to request a 30-day extension by USDA for applications for climate-smart pilot projects. USDA previously called for applications for pilot projects to find ways farms can profit from low carbon commodities produced through practices that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Cosigners felt the turnaround time was too short

to produce the highest quality of diverse applications.

Farmers Willing but Conservation Programs Can't Pay

Despite billion-dollar budgets, conservation programs are not equipped to deal with the demand, forcing USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service to turn away the majority of applicants. Authorized under the conservation title of the farm bill, the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQUIP) was able to accept only 27% of applicants and the Conservation Security Program (CSP) only awarded contracts to 25% of applicants in 2020. EQUIP and CSP are popular working lands conservation programs. Leading into the new farm bill debate in 2023, producers are beginning to suggest these programs be scrutinized to determine which covered practices actually have big impacts on carbon sequestration, carbon emissions reduction and lowering greenhouse gas emissions.

Bring CRP Land into Production?

The European Union (EU) will allow farmers to bring up to 9.9 million fallow conservation acres back into food production to compensate for the Russian war-torn hole in international markets. The Ukraine is a major world supplier of wheat, other small grains and corn. Members of Congress and several ag groups are suggesting the administration open some of America's Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) idle acres for food production this year as well. USDA has the authority to do open these acres for emergency use.

HEALTH CARE

Rule to Lower Prescription Drug Costs

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) should finalize a rule to help lower the cost for prescription drugs for Medicare Part D beneficiaries through pharmacy direct and indirect remuneration (DIR) fee reform. This is according to the National Grange and 231 other signatories on a letter to CMS. A similar letter was cosigned by 30 bipartisan members of the Senate. DIR fees grew more than 107,400 percent between 2010 and 2020. These fees are rebates and discounts that were not passed along to patients at the pharmacy counter but instead were used by insurance companies and middlemen known

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

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as pharmacy benefit managers. It is important that the CMS rule reduce beneficiary drug costs and protect patient access to any drug store.

Keep Critical Pharmacist Services

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal government gave emergency preparedness authorization for pharmacists and pharmacies to provide COVID testing, vaccination and treatment. These services should be continued and expanded for additional diseases, according to the National Grange, 25 patient and senior groups, and 81 organizations representing pharmacists and pharmacies in letters to the committees of jurisdiction on Capitol Hill. Subsequently H.R. 7213, The Equitable Community Access to Pharmacist Services Act was introduced by Kind (D-WI), McKinley (R-WVA), Diaz-Barragan (D-CA) and Carter (R-GA). The Act would ensure future access to pharmacist services to include:

Testing for COVID-19, influenza, respiratory syncytial virus, and strep throatTreatment for COVID-19, influenza, and strep throatVaccination for COVID-19 and influenza

This expansion is important to rural and small-town residents who tend to be much closer and more accessible to a pharmacist than a doctor.

POSTAL SERVICE REFORM

Postal reform is now a reality!

The Senate passed the Postal Service Reform Act March 8 on a bipartisan vote of 79-19. This action followed an earlier bipartisan vote in the House of 342-92. The National Grange worked with the Coalition for 21st Century Postal Service and was responsible for securing several votes for the bill's passage. Key provisions of the legislation are:

- Eliminates the requirement to

prefund retiree health benefits

- Requires six-day integrated (mail and packages) delivery
- Expands special rates for local newspaper distribution
- Requires congressional reporting on postal service operations and performance

The new law will address most of the National Grange policy priorities for postal reform.

Grange Meets with Postmaster General

National Grange's Betsy Huber and Burton Eller were invited to meet with Postmaster General Louis DeJoy on March 2 to discuss his vision to achieve financial stability and service excellence at the U.S. Postal Service. DeJoy's private sector career has been in logistics and business operations, and he wants to use that experience to modernize the Postal Service.

Right-To-Repair

A person's right to repair vehicles, tractors and machinery has been a long-standing Grange priority. Repairs have become more difficult as technologies have become prevalent and manufacturers have exerted more control. Right-to-repair has traditionally been an issue confined to state legislatures but, with increased pressure from agriculture producers, it's now an issue in Washington. Senator John Tester (D-MT) has introduced a bill that would legally require agricultural equipment manufacturers to make their software, parts and tools information available to those looking to repair their own machines. Class-action lawsuits have been filed against John Deere in Alabama, Illinois, Oklahoma and Tennessee accusing Deere of monopolizing a market for repair and maintenance services.

Telecommunications

Senator Wants Broadband Build-Out Oversight

Ranking Member of the Senate Commerce Committee, Roger Wicker (R-MS), has called for the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee which is part of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency to conduct proper and thorough oversight of federal broadband programs. He wants the PRAC to review multiple subsidies across multiple agencies including the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), and the Department of Agriculture (USDA), as well as state and local governments. Wicker noted the speed at which these funds were distributed, and the sheer amount of money involved put the funds at high risk of fraud and misuse. He also wants to know what federal, state or local regulatory barriers are impeding or increasing costs to broadband deployment. The National Grange issued a statement supporting the Senator's efforts.

Pole Attachment Dispute Rules Sought

The use of existing utility poles for broadband expansion is vital to reaching the last mile of rural America. The Federal Communications Commission is seeking input on establishing clear standards on how utilities and attachers must share in the cost of pole replacements. Gaining access to poles in a quick, safe, easy, predictable, and affordable way will speed the deployment of broadband infrastructure. The National Grange has issued several statements, letters and comments calling for fair and reasonable mediation of pole disputes.

Universal Service Fund in Trouble

The Universal Service Fund subsidizes both the construction and service rates of broadband networks in rural areas with limited high-speed internet coverage. The USF was initially established to subsidize and build telephone services and was funded with an assessment on interstate long-distance phone carriers. But funding has begun to dry up in recent years as customers traded telephone services for web-based options. USF-related charges to the remaining phone customers have risen to over 30% in 2021 compared to 6% in 2006. The USF delivers broadband services to rural communities, particularly the Rural Health Care Program, Connect America Fund, Lifeline and E- Rate. The National Grange filed comments with the FCC in March calling for USF reform and increasing the number of payers into the fund.

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producers, as defined in 7 C.F.R. Sec. 1470.3 (2022), including young and beginning farmers, people of color, and veterans.

- In addition, \$60,000 was provided for the Washington resource conservation and development council to complete a community wildfire protection plan.

The Department of Natural Resources was given \$3 million to improve riparian functions, including riparian planting and riparian set-asides on state-owned lands. It is unclear how this may affect growers who lease land from DNR.

In addition to all the emphasis on riparian areas, concern about wildfires has not gone away. The Department of Natural Resources also received \$500,000 to establish a demonstration for "wildfire ready neighbors", a wildland fire resiliency outreach, assessment, and education program, in portions of Pierce, Mason, and Thurston counties. The demonstration must be located where there is a high risk of wildland fire, a mix of suburban and small private forestland ownership, and significant areas of wildland urban interface.

Those who grow crops commercially may be relieved to hear that the Commission on Pesticide Registration received \$500,000 to fund research to develop alternatives for growers currently using organophosphate pesticides. Use of these insecticides is begin curtailed due to lawsuits. Growers need help finding effective alternatives.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife received \$75,000 to install elk fencing in the Skagit river valley to help prevent crop damage.

The Department of Agriculture received additional funding for several programs. Among them are:

- \$5.874 million to eradicate Japanese beetle in the Grandview area.
- \$354,000 to implement the pollinator health bill that passed last year.
- \$220,000 for a two new task forces related to using hemp in food and creating a help commission.

No broad tax relief passed this year, but small businesses will get some relief from the B&O tax. Beginning in 2023, businesses with less than \$125,000 in gross income will be exempt from the business and occupation tax, while businesses with less than \$250,000 will get a 50 % cut in their B&O tax. That will help about 125,000 small business owners statewide.

Now it's time for Grangers to think about resolutions. If there was anything that happened, or didn't happen, during the legislative session that you think the Grange should be more involved in, think about writing a resolution to clarify Grange policy. The fist step is to check the 2022 policy handbook. You can find it on the Grange website under "Departments," "Legislative," "View Legislative Handbook." Before writing a resolution, read existing policy to make sure your idea doesn't duplicate or conflict with current policy.

Grange Camper Assoc.

Grangers Invited To Camper Association Rally And Picnic

All Grangers are invited to join the Grange Camper Association for the Annual Fun Rally, scheduled for June 3-5 in Mossyrock. The event will be held at the Ed & Marilyn Armit home, 139 Del Ray Road, Mossyrock. For those who want to camp, dry hook-ups are \$20 for the weekend. There will be a potluck picnic on Saturday, June 4 at 1 p.m. for all Grange members. Bring something for the potluck, your dishes, and utensils, and your lawn chair for the event.

The Grange Exchange

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Black Lake Grange Celebrates State Fair Awards

The Black Lake Grange recently celebrated awards received at the State Fair. On their Grange display they received second place for both Display and Artistic design, and also received First Place for the Peoples Choice award. Those working on the display were left to right Terri Schafer, (back) Jerry Schafer, Denise McCartan and Karen Jackson. Holding the award is Mike Fair, Black Lake Grange Master. Black Lake Grange will also have two new 50-year Gold Sheaf members, Karen Packard and Wanda Coats.

The awards will be part of the new Black Lake Grange Museum where pictures from the time the Grange was incorporated in 1929 until the present are located. The museum is a work in progress but will be a walk through viewing area where the history of the Grange will be presented in pictures.



Clarkston Heights Grange Hosts St. Patrick's Day Community Dinner

The newly reactivated Clarkston Heights in Asotin County recently celebrated St. Patrick's Day.

The Grange's new manager Lola Collinsworth held a community party last evening with Irish stew, bread, cookies, drinks, and Celtic music.

Lola has been a blessing for our Grange hall. She has made many improvements to the building. We are happy she is there.

Our group is Fit for Life exercise class, 55 plus. We just wanted to let everyone know how much appreciated Lola is.



Centerville Grange Presents Awards



On March 20, 2022 Centerville Grange #81 presented a 65 year seal to Lucelle Bevis, a 55 year seal to Dale Cameron and a 60 year seal to Kay Cameron. A 25 Year Certificate was presented to Pat Wallenmeyer. Those who could not attend were Lawrence Warrenner who received his 50 year certificate, and Patricia and Larry Gow, 25 year certificates.



"Raising a Royal"

Katherine Gould is a perfect example of this year's State Grange theme, "Raised Right Here." Katherine is a Sequim Prairie Grange member and this year's President, of the Clallam County Youth Grange. She attends Sequim High School and is a member of the school's Honor Society and the Interact Service Club. Katherine is committed to her community and helping others, through volunteer service. When asked why she joined the Grange, Katherine responded, "I had volunteered at several Grange events, like the ice cream social, the dessert auction and the trunk or treat. I love the task at hand and meeting the wonderful people of the Grange and our community. Being able to connect with "my" community is very important to me. I grew up in Sequim and I greatly appreciate the "perks" of living in a small town."

Katherine had a dream of entering the Sequim Irrigation Festival Pageant and representing her town, however, she needed a sponsor.

It was without hesitation that the Sequim Prairie Grange answered the call to mentorship. In 2022, the Sequim Irrigation Festival will celebrate 127 years, making it the oldest, longest, continuous running festival in Washington State. It honors the "crazy" dream of four pioneer settlers who believed they could divert water uphill, from the Dungeness River, to the parched prairie. They knew that water was wealth and would help their town to grow. Due to their great success, Sequim has continued to prosper.

Katherine was crowned "Princess," of this year's Sequim Irrigation Festival, on February 26, 2022. The Sequim Prairie Grange is honored to have such an amazing young lady, representing our Grange and our community. Congratulations Katherine Gould!



Issaquah Valley Grange Meets; Celebrates Pi Day With Pie



Issaquah Valley Grange met in person for the first time in two years on March 14. After 40 meetings on Zoom without refreshments we had Apple pie a la mode to celebrate Pi Day 3.14

Pomona Connection

CHELAN COUNTY POMONA

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

CLARK COUNTY POMONA

Clark County Pomona Grange met in person for the first time in two years on March 9th at Washington Grange #82. There were 24 in attendance, and it was wonderful to see so many smiling faces! The program was put on by Tom Hann, “The Next Big Thing at the Grange”, what should it be? He talked about the Clark County Fair and how much input the grange had in 1941 when the fair incorporated. Tom also talked about Nourish Food System and shared a chart on how foods affect different parts of our lives. The Clark County Fair theme this year is “Worth the Wait”, and it was suggested the Granges who put in booths focus on what they do for the community. The Baking, Candy, and Food Preservation contest will be held at Fargher Lake Grange #853 on Wednesday, April 13th, and items may be dropped off between noon and 1:00 pm. All the baked goods and candy will be auctioned off before the Pomona meeting that night at 7:00 pm. The Arts & Crafts, Sewing, and Photography contest will be held on Saturday, April 30th at Fargher Lake Grange #853. Items may be dropped off between 9:00 am and noon.

COWLITZ/ WAHAKIACUM POMONA

Cowlitz/Wahkiakum Pomona will have their Lecturer and CFL Contests on April 15 at the Catlin Grange Hall. Entries are due at 9 a.m. Entries may be picked up the next day at the Pomona meeting.

EXCELSIOR POMONA

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

GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC POMONA

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

held in March with 23 entries. The Pomona Grange renewed each Grange’s subscription to Good Day! Magazine, published quarterly by the National Grange. Grange members learned about the history of St. Patrick’s Day and how it originally began as a religious holiday.

KLICKITAT COUNTY POMONA

Klickitat County Pomona Grange met Saturday March 12 at the Columbia Grange Hall in Lyle. The chance to explore Columbia Grange history is one of the fun things about having a Pomona meeting in this historic old Grange Hall. The Columbia Grange Hall is one of the oldest continually used halls in the state. Built shortly after being organized in pre-1900, it sits on a hillside overlooking the Columbia River Gorge. During the opening ceremony, we used an ornate vintage Bible dating back to the early 1880’s. Also found an elaborate old secretariat desk. Contained in it is a complete set of the Washington State Grange Proceedings dating back to 1914. While setting up for the afternoon potluck, it was discovered that Columbia Grange has a large complete set of antique chinaware engraved with Columbia Grange #87. What exciting treasures. You could spend an entire day reviewing the old scrapbooks and Grange history of this Grange organized only months after Washington became a State. The Pomona Grange will be holding a Grange Mini Fair at Goldendale Hall on April 26 and 27. It is open to the public and everyone is invited to participate. We especially encourage 4-H and FFA members to enter items. We were unable to hold the mini fair the last two years because of the Covid Pandemic.

A booth for all Granges in Klickitat County has been reserved at the 2022 Home and Garden Show at the Klickitat County Fairgrounds, May 6 -8.

LEWIS COUNTY POMONA

Lewis County Pomona Grange will host the exemplification of the first four degrees on Saturday, April 9 at the Fords Prairie Grange Hall at 10 a.m. each Grange is asked to provide a side dish or dessert.

The degrees will be performed by the Pierce County Pomona Grange Degree Teams.

OKANOGAN COUNTY POMONA

Okanogan County Pomona Grange will be holding their Poona Grange Contests on April 9 at the Molson Grange Hall.

PIERCE COUNTY POMONA

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

SKAGIT COUNTY POMONA

Skagit County Pomona will hold the Family Living and Lecturer Contests on April 6. Entries are due to the Fredonia Grange Hall between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY POMONA

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

STEVENS COUNTY POMONA

Stevens County Pomona will hold their Family Living and Lecturer Contests on April 30 at the Addy Grange Hall.

THURSTON COUNTY POMONA

Thurston County Pomona Grange met at the McLane Grange Hall on March 3. Lecturer Rita Klein conducted the annual candle lighting ceremony. After the reading of the prepared ceremony, all members were invited to light candles and share what they are grateful for. The April meeting will be held at 7 pm on Thursday April 7 at Violet Prairie Grange, preceded by a potluck at 6 pm. Those wishing to participate in the baking and candy contests should bring their entries between 5 and 6 pm. The rest of the Family Living and Lecturer's

department contests will be held on Saturday April 9 at Brighton Park Grange. On that day, entries will be accepted from 9-10 am, and entries can be picked up at 2 pm. The May meeting will be held at 7 pm on Thursday May 8 at South Union Grange Hall. The memorial program will be held that evening. Subordinate Chaplains are asked to advise Pomona Chaplain Shavanna May of any members who have passed away May 2021 through present so those members can be recognized during the program.

WHITMAN COUNTY POMONA

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

YAKIMA VALLEY POMONA

Yakima Valley Pomona will meet on Monday, April 11th at Fruitvale Grange Hall8. A potluck will start at 5:00 with the meeting at 6:00.

Pomona Calendar

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

CHELAN	April 21 at Smitty's in Wenatchee, 12 p.m. lunch. Next business meeting is May 14 at Bee Hive, 10 a.m.
CLALLAM	April 24 at Crescent.
CLARK	April 13 at location to be determined, 7 p.m.
COWLITZ/ WAHAKIACUM	April 15 at Catlin, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. meeting
EXCELSIOR	May 21 at Greenwood Park, 10:30 a.m. Craft and Family Living Contest entries due.
FERRY	April 11 at San Poil, 6 p.m. Will have Family Living contests.
GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC	May 14 at Sharon, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. All contest entries (except baking are due on May 13 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.).
KLICKITAT	Mini Fair on April 12 at Goldendale. The next Pomona meeting is May 7 at Mountain View, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting.
LEWIS	April 2 at Oakview, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Lecturer and CFL contest entries are due on Friday, April 1 to Oakview. The next meeting will be on May 7 at Lincoln Creek
MASON	May 21 at Skokomish, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
OKANOGAN	April 9 at Molson, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck lunch. CFL and Lecturer contest entries due.
PIERCE	April 2 at Waller Road, 10 a.m. Will exemplify the first five degrees. Sewing, quilting, and needlework entries due. The next Pomona meeting will be May 7 at McMillin with the craft and photography contests.
SKAGIT	April 6 at Fredonia, 6 p.m. with Lecturer and FL contests. The next Pomona meeting will be May 4 at Samish Valley.
SNAKE RIVER	May 21 at Columbia Valley, 10 a.m.
SNOHOMISH	May 21 at Garden City, 10 a.m. Pomona contest entries due on May 19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
STEVENS	April 30 at Kettle River, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck lunch.
THURSTON	April 7 at Violet Prairie, 7 p.m. The next meeting will be May 5 at South Union
WHATCOM	April 19 at Rome, 7 p.m. Will have arts and crafts contests.
WHITMAN	May 21 at North & South Palouse, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. no-host lunch. Will hold Family Living and Lecturer Contests.
YAKIMA VALLEY	April 11 at Terrace Heights, 5 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting. The next meeting will be May 9 at Fruitvale and will include the Pomona Grange Contests.

Grange Connection

COWLITZ COUNTY

Rose Valley Grange will have an Open House and Grange Month Celebration on April 23 to celebrate their 92nd birthday. Everyone is welcome. The Spring Bazaar will be on May 7. From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact Nicole at 360-431-3175 for more information.

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

Humtulpis Grange has taken bids and selected a contractor for a new roof on the hall. We will be starting up our bingo events with a Mother's Day Basket Bingo on May 7 at 7 p.m. We will then take the summer off from bingo and begin again in October for our regular bingo season. The Grange served 62 families at their food bank in March.

Olympic View Grange is beginning to rent their hall our again following the pandemic. Plans are progressing for summer fund raising activities.

Satsop Grange held a swap meet on April 2-3. The event included a membership drive and a silent auction to support Grange Hall improvements. Several boxes of fresh program were delivered by Grange members in the community. Plans are under way for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt with the Satsop School.

Sharon Grange resumed their Annual Oyster Feed after a two-year hiatus. Members are working to create a yearly event calendar.

KING COUNTY

Sammamish Valley Grange, along with local partners, recently introduced and is promoting a local pollinator pathway. Pollinator Pathway NW has the goal of establishing and identifying a pathway of pollinator friendly habitats across the Sammamish Valley and the surrounding region. In a recent free Community Education virtual program hosted by the local Grange with key presenter and volunteer Patricia Newkirk, a large number of farmers, gardeners, business owners and community residents, learned about the new program including: the implementation of a new interactive map of pollinator habitats in public and private spaces; the distribution of Mason Bee nesting boxes

to farmers, home gardeners, and Grange members; and, education and volunteer opportunities on pollinator health and habitat expansion. After an extensive Q & A, and following the program, a video recording with informational resources was shared.

Klickitat County

Columbia Grange reports a late season snowstorm caused extensive damage to the shrubs and trees on the Grange property. It was necessary to break out chainsaws and trimmers to enable us access to the hall. We are currently waiting on a chipper to grind up the excess debris and turn it into ground cover for the property. Our biggest challenge this spring was installing a new septic tank after tree roots infested the old tank and drain lines. The building committee was instructed to explore replacing the nearly century old wood furnace for something more efficient. Dr. A. Maguire is preparing the grant application for installing Wi-Fi in the hall. As the weather improves, we also plan to paint the concrete entryway and kitchen floor. Claudine Wade was selected as the Columbia Grange Delegate to attend the State Grange Session in June at the Washington State Fairgrounds in Puyallup. The Gorge Farmer Collective distribution point at the Columbia Grange Hall will resume April 6 after a long winter absence. Gorge Farmer Collective is a group of farms raising locally grown and produced food. Place your order by midnight Sunday – pickup your fresh food order every Wednesday throughout the coming summer at the Grange Hall.

PACIFIC COUNTY

North River Grange has been hosting the North River Community Church in the Grange Hall as the church flooded in January. The Junior Grange has been meeting with five regular attendees. May 14 will be a Plant and Seed Exchange. The Grange continues to sponsor the North River Food Bank.

North Willapa Harbor Grange has been renting thir hall out to several groups. The Strawberry Social is scheduled for June, with a Community Yard Sale to be held in July. The

Grange will have a bake sale at the Tokeland Woodfest in August.

PIERCE COUNTY

Marion Grange in Buckley is undergoing a complete makeover. The building is over 100 years old, and things are breaking down. The furnace in the kitchen had to be replaced, Women's and Men's bathrooms needed to be brought up to standard. Outside lighting was installed for safety reasons. One of the bigger projects is the ramp. This will accommodate people in wheelchairs. The roof leaked and the whole place smelled of mold and mildew. The wiring was knob in tube, and we could no longer get insurance. The kitchen sink drained onto the ground 3 feet from the building into a blackberry thicket which had taken over the back of the building and parking lot. The lawn had been taken over by moles. I mentioned in the beginning it is a very old building and there is so much more work that has been and still needs to be done....to be continued. The rentals for the hall are many. People are excited again to be able to gather with family and friends and celebrate.

SKAGIT COUNTY

Skagit Valley Grange draped their charter for long time member, Fred Hall at their March meeting. Fred was a Seventh Degree member, and had been a member almost 70 years, having joined the Grange while a teenager. He was a working member, preferring to hold offices such as steward. He could

frequently be found at the Grange Hall, working on the plumbing, or other repairs, polishing the beautiful dance floor, arranging the furnishings for whatever event was coming up, or mowing he lawns. He will be greatly missed. The program for the evening was the annual Candlelighting Ceremony.

SPOKANE COUNTY

Green Bluff Grange March 1 community event—seed give away and gardening talk—had some new Green Bluff residents in attendance. Lots of gardening questions, especially about what can one do about gophers!! and lots of seed packets were given away. On April 5 our Booster Night and Pie Auction was a big success. Five members received Life membership and over 30 other members received various awards ranging from 5-70 years of membership. This was also our Open House as many community individuals attended and learned about the Grange. Spin-ins continue on the 3rd Saturday as well as a dog training session every Saturday. Scholarship applications are being reviewed and recipients will be announced in May. We welcome new member Laurie Kendrick. Contest entries will be judged in May. The Grange will sponsor Custers Grass Band on May 26.

STEVENS COUNTY

Camas Valley Grange obligated three new members at its March monthly meeting. The community had a lot of positive comments about activities

starting up, and the organizations that sponsor those, such as monthly Bingo. At 5:30pm on the third Monday of each month is the Youth Fair Grange meeting. Contact information will be provided at the April meeting. New decor for the annual Haunted House is already being assembled. There are several events in April and May, such as a MadHatter Tea and the Springdale Annual Yard Sale event.

THURSTON COUNTY

Brighton Park Grange members were entertained by the members of the 24-Carrots 4-H Club at their February meeting. The 4-Hers presented the Grange with a check for \$300 and a thank you note for the use of the Grange Hall. While Grangers were holding bunnies and cats, the 4-H members shared their projects including rabbits, pocket pets, poultry, goats, guinea pigs, cats, and market steers.

South Union Grange members met at Brewery City Pizza in Tumwater on February 21 for a pre-meeting fellowship dinner. After the meal, they proceeded to the Grange Hall for their regular meeting. The next meeting will be held on April 18 at 7 pm. Monthly public dances with live country music by "The Country Four and More" have resumed and are held the first Saturday of each month from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. All ages are welcome and the cost is \$6 per person. The Grange will hold a garage sale at their hall on Friday and Saturday April 22-23. Sale time will be 9 am to 3 pm each day.

Five Mile Prairie Grange Hosts Fun First Las Fallas Celebration



Five Mile Prairie Grange #905 celebrated Valencia, Spain's annual Festival of Fire at their March activity night. The idea was hatched by Laura, a Spanish exchange student with one of our families, who exuberantly presented information about her home country and the Las Fallas celebration. Those present formed into groups to design fun creations to set ablaze.

Rose Valley Grange New Flag Pole, Flag Raising



Rose Valley Grange had a flag pole donated to them. Our Junior Granger, Adeline Martin, raised the flag as we played the National Anthem.

Terrace Heights Grange Donates Compassion Cups To Rod's House



The members of Terrace Heights Grange #586 put together 60 Compassion Cups, with various toiletries, to donate to Rod's House, an emergency youth shelter for the homeless teens of Yakima.

Centerville Grange Hosts St. Patrick's Dinner




Centerville Grange held their annual St. Patrick Day Dinner on March 20, 2022. The chief cooks were Darlene Witt, Rick and Sheralyn Ready and Dorie Cothren. The Grange helpers were Trish Cosner, Candy Magnuson, Lucelle Bevis, Will and Tessa Bowdish, Kay Camera, Dean Bowdish and John Witt.

Calispel Grange Keeps Busy With Community Service Projects



Members of Calispel Grange have been busy over the winter cooking and serving food at the local Newport Senior Center on the second Saturday of each month. We also spent a day making clothing protectors for our local assisted living home. Grange members pictured are, Carol Johnson, Mary Boone, and Sue Santilli serving huckleberry waffles. Sewing are Sue Santilli and Mary Boone, and Carol Johnson. Presenting the clothing protectors are members, Debbie West and JoAnn Artz. Ladies receiving for River Mountain Care Advanced Facility are Jenny Cooper — Activities Manager / Volunteer Coordinator Joan Zimmerman — Resident Council President Jackie Monteith — Activity Aide.



First Degree; President

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