



WASHINGTON STATE Grange News

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Granges Celebrate the Holiday Season

Many of the Subordinate and Pomona Granges across Washington held Christmas Parties and Celebrations in the month of December. Photos from many Grange Christmas Celebrations can be found primarily on pages 10 and 11, and but also can be found throughout this issue.

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



Large Photo: Lincoln Creek Grange Master Brian Thompson with McCoy Dinnel, youngest son of Secretary Gavin Dinnel.

Above: Skagit County Pomona Grange members show some of the gift bags they filled for children in the Family Promise program for homeless families. Shown Left to Right are: Jean Swift, Pat Iverson, Susan Custance, Jill Michels, Jim Iverson, Lacey Rude (holding Oakley) and in front, Dennis Hall.

Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming State Grange Events

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

- JANUARY 14**State Grange Leadership Conference at Terrace Heights Grange Hall, Yakima County, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting
- JANUARY 15**State Grange Leadership Conference at Manson Grange Hall, Chelan County, 12 p.m. conference.
- JANUARY 16**State Grange Leadership Conference at Clayton Grange Hall, Stevens County, 1 p.m. potluck, 2 p.m. meeting
- JANUARY 17**State Grange Leadership Conference at Eddy's Restaurant in Colfax, Whitman County, 12 p.m. no hose lunch, 1 p.m. meeting
- JANUARY 19**Youth Fairs Program Informational Meeting via Zoom, 7 p.m.
- JANUARY 21**State Grange Leadership Conference at Fords Prairie Grange Hall, Lewis County, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting
- JANUARY 22**State Grange Leadership Conference at Deer Lagoon Grange Hall, Island County, 12 p.m. conference
- JANUARY 22**State Grange Leadership Conference at Sequim Prairie Grange Hall, Clallam County, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting
- JANUARY 23**State Convention Kick Off Meeting at Waller Road Grange Hall, 12 p.m. potluck with meeting to follow; leadership conference to follow at 2:30 p.m.
- JANUARY 24**Grange Legislative Update Zoom Meeting, 10 a.m.
- JANUARY 24**State Grange Foundation Scholarship Update via Zoom, 7 p.m.
- JANUARY 25**Family Living Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.
- JANUARY 26**Grange Membership Development Zoom Meeting, 1 p.m.
- JANUARY 26**Grange Presidents Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.
- JANUARY 27**Grange Legislative Committee Workshop via Zoom, 9 a.m.
- JANUARY 31**Family Living Zoom Meeting, 1 p.m.
- JANUARY 31**Youth Fairs Program Informational Meeting via Zoom, 7 p.m.
- FEBRUARY 2**Lecturer Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.
- FEBRUARY 3**Secretary Zoom Meeting, 1 p.m.
- FEBRUARY 3**Secretary Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.
- FEBRUARY 7**Grange Legislative Zoom Meeting, 10 a.m.
- FEBRUARY 8**Lecturer Zoom Meeting, 1 p.m.
- FEBRUARY 8**Youth Department Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.
- FEBRUARY 9**Junior Grange Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.
- FEBRUARY 10**Secretary Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.
- FEBRUARY 12**Secretary Zoom Meeting, 10 a.m.
- FEBRUARY 15**Junior Grange Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.
- FEBRUARY 21**Grange Legislative Update Zoom Meeting, 10 a.m.
- FEBRUARY 23**Grange Presidents Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.
- MARCH 7**Grange Legislative Update Zoom Meeting, 10 a.m.
- MARCH 23**Grange Presidents Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.
- MARCH 25-27**Deputy/State Officer/Pomona Master Conference (location to be announced)
- JUNE 22-25**133rd Annual State Grange Session at Puyallup
- AUGUST 5-7**Western Regional Grange Youth and Leaders Conference in Oregon
- NOVEMBER 15-18**National Grange Session at Reno/Sparks, Nevada

Lecturer's Department

What Did You Do in 2021?



Leslie Jo Wells

By Leslie Jo Wells
State Grange Lecturer

It's that time of year again – I would appreciate you sending or emailing me your year end Lecturer Report. Your reports can be mailed to me at 18232 201st Ave SE, Monroe, WA 98272 or emailed to lesliewells@att.net.

I know many of our Granges did not have regularly scheduled meetings in 2021, but even if your Grange met sparingly, I would like to know what you were up to. Were you able to even have time for a program? If so, what did you cover? Were your members at the meeting physically or did

you have virtual meetings? What worked for your Grange or what would you do differently?

I've seen in Grange News that Granges have continued to do Community Service projects. These activities are important for our communities and for our Grange members. I would encourage your Grange to turn in a Community Service report so others will know what your Grange is doing. Many Granges do not bother to do a Community Service report and their hours are never reported. That is why there is an area on your Lecturer Report to report your time and effort. The information is included in a

report to National Grange.

We do have Conferences currently scheduled for later this month. Hopefully we will have a chance to share some of our programming experiences this past year.

Unfortunately, with this latest variant it looks like we need to continue to keep our guard up. That doesn't mean we need to isolate or become hermits in our homes, but we do still need to take precautions to protect ourselves, our families and those we come in contact with.

WA State Grange Offers Scholarships

Scholarships are offered each year through the Washington State Grange Foundation to assist Grange members attending college or the children of Grange members.

Applicants for these scholarships must be high school seniors or graduates already enrolled in institutions of higher learning. They must be a member of a Subordinate Grange in the State of Washington.

The scholarships may be used at any institution offering courses leading to a certificate or degree in a recognized profession or vocation.

The following scholarships are being offered this year:

- Grange Family Living Department Vocational Scholarship
- Grange Family Living Department Home Economics Scholarship
- Kegley Agricultural Scholarship
- Norm Buchholz Agricultural Scholarship
- Kittleson Memorial Agricultural Scholarship
- Adrian & Betty DeVries Memorial Scholarship
- Delpha Goude Scholarship

- Horace Bozarth Scholarship
- Kiona-Benton (Koss Memorial) Scholarship
- Martin & Grace Forry Scholarship
- Martin & Snowie Vanderpool Scholarship
- Riverview Grange Scholarship
- Fox Island Grange Scholarship
- Nob Island Grange Scholarship
- Ray & Marion Kammerer Scholarships
- Enga M. Anderson Scholarship
- Bear Creek Scholarship
- Rock Creek Scholarship
- French Creek Scholarship
- McCleary Grange Scholarship
- Pomona Villa Scholarship

Details on the requirements for each scholarship, along with applications forms, can be found on the Washington State Grange website, www.wa-grange.com. Completed applications and all other required materials must be in the State Office by April 1.

A question & answer session regarding the Washington State Grange Scholarship Program is scheduled to be held via zoom on Monday, January 24 at 7 p.m. To join the zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/98036971581>

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President’s Message

Let’s Celebrate Grange In 2022

By Tom Gwin
State Grange
Master/President

We are ready to “Celebrate Grange in 2022”. Our Granges have a storied past. We do not often celebrate our successes of the previous year. While Covid occupied much of our time in 2021, we still were able to hold our state session in a hybrid format. We debated nearly thirty resolutions, over 150 recommendations from the standing committees, and elected a new slate of state officers. Granges, across our state, are slowing returning to regular meetings and their busy schedule of activities.

Grange membership picked up. With the fourth quarter reports coming in now, we are approaching 800 new Subordinate Grange members in our state for 2021. We reorganized one Grange and organized four new Junior Granges. Statewide, Subordinate Grange membership is holding stable, while our Junior Grange membership now numbers over 750.

How do we further celebrate Grange in 2022? Your State Grange Leadership Team is working to provide tools that will assist you in building your Grange, causing you many reasons to continue your celebrations. The first set of tools is the upcoming series of Grange Leadership Conference. We are planning eight face-to-face Leadership Conferences across the state. The list of dates, times, and locations is found elsewhere in this issue. We will have discussions on current topics of interest, along with presentations by the

Leadership Team on programs available in 2022. We will be distributing program materials, packets of information, and sharing ideas. Program Handbooks and Legislative Handbooks are printed and will be available. You may also download the information from the State Grange website: www.wa-grange.org. I hope you will take the opportunity to join us at one of this year’s conferences.

For those unable to attend

Let’s continue working in building a bright future for our Granges, our communities, our state, and our nation.

-- Tom Gwin

one of our face-to-face conferences, we have scheduled a series of officer training meetings to be held via zoom. The list of training sessions, with the topic of each meeting, is also included in this issue. I encourage all Grange members to sit in on one or more of these meetings to learn more about current Grange programs.

The upcoming legislative session will occupy our interests here in Olympia. Our Legislative Lobbyist, Heather Hansen, continues to work for us and all of agriculture. Heather will represent us well as she has the experience and knowledge required of an agriculture-based lobbyist. The Grange Legislative Committee, chaired by Rex Ogden, will assist in guiding our legislative department.



Tom Gwin

While much of the legislative session will again be held in a virtual format, we do have a workshop scheduled via Zoom on January 27 to discuss how to effectively lobby in a virtual legislature. The other exciting news is that we are opening our legislative session updates up to all Grange members. These updates will be held beginning on Monday, January 24 at 10 a.m. and will be held every two weeks during the session. Additional dates and login information is listed in the article on “Zoom Officer Training.”

The 133rd Washington State Grange Convention will be held June 22-25 at the Washington State Fairgrounds in Puyallup. The convention Kick Off Meeting is January 23. Next month, you will find the housing information in The Grange News. I encourage you to book your room early.

This year promises to be busy and filled with Grange activities. We have multiple opportunities to “Celebrate Grange” not only at the state level, but in all Granges in every single community across the state. Let’s continue working in building a bright future for our Granges, our communities, our state, and our nation. Our productive work will provide additional opportunities to “Celebrate Grange” in the future.

Legislative

Governor Proposes Supplemental Budget For 2022



Heather Hansen

By Heather Hansen
Legislative Lobbyist

Governor Inslee has proposed his supplement budget for 2022. It would spend \$61.8 billion, up from the roughly \$59 billion the Legislature approved earlier this year.

His plan includes \$815 million for new programs for the homeless, \$626 million for climate change and \$187 million for salmon recovery. It also includes raises for state employees.

State spending has doubled during Inslee’s time in office, growing more than twice the rate of median wages. There have been 22 tax increases during the last three legislative sessions. May legislators were hoping to see a reduction in taxes to help families cope with rising inflation, but no reduction was proposed. Washington is currently tied for the 9th-highest state sales tax rate in the country at 6.5%. Cites add their rates on top of the state rate.

The Governor’s plan proposes to invest \$187 million for salmon recovery. \$8.4 million of that would go to create 24 new state positions at the Department of Fish and Wildlife to set and enforce riparian buffers. Although the Governor has not yet released bill language, it is assumed that the buffers will take farmland out of production. A policy brief indicated buffers will be statewide and would be based on the height of trees along banks, up to 230 feet on either side of a stream. County governments would be expected to enforce the buffers under the Growth Management Act and Shoreline Management Act. The legislature created the Voluntary Stewardship Program year ago to allow counties to maintain riparian habitat without regulating agriculture under the Growth Management Act. \$16 million of the plan would go to water quality improvements including reducing pollution from stormwater and wastewater treatment plants. The plan would also pay to replace culverts and address predation among other things.

The Department of Natural Resources is proposing a massive investment in Washington’s forests. The bill, to be titled, Keeping Washington Evergreen, is intended to develop and preserve forests in both urban and rural parts of the state. It includes funding to avoid deforestation and to increase the number of seedlings produced in nurseries. It intends to preserve a million acres of forestland and plant a million acres of trees. Bill language is not yet final.

The Department of Agriculture asked for, and received in the Governor’s budget, \$4.6 million for invasive (gypsy) moth eradication, \$5.1 million for Japanese beetle eradication and \$0.8 million for Spotted Lantern fly eradication.

In an unexpected twist, Governor Inslee announced that he would delay the payroll tax that was intended to bankroll the new long-term care program known as WA Cares. That means workers won’t see 0.58% taken from their paychecks in January. The new payroll tax was intended to pay for nursing care and other services for aging Washingtonians but was fraught with logistical problems. More than 450,000 Washingtonians applied to opt out of the new system. Insurance programs require a certain level of participation to break even. The legislature is expected to pass legislation that would resolve some of the public’s concerns about the program. It is not expected to repeal the program.

The legislature uses the Governor’s budget as a guide but can add to or subtract from it as they see fit. The 2022 legislative session begins January 10.

Note: The governor’s announcement that the ‘Washington Cares’ long-term care tax would be delayed led everyone to believe that the tax would not be collected from their paychecks come January. State employees received notice that only those who have already been granted an exemption to the program will not have the tax deducted. As of this writing, there is much uncertainty. It appears the Governor’s announcement may have been meaningless and the tax must be collected.

Mossyrock Presents Firefighter Of The Year Award



Darrel Meyers, President of Mossyrock Grange, presented the National Grange Firefighter of the Year Award to Doug Fosburg, with State Grange President Tom Gwin looking on. Fosburg is the Chief of the Lewis County Fire District #3. He was named the State Firefighter of the Year in June and announced as the National Award Winner in November.

Home & Family

Family Living

Family Living Ideas To Increase Grange Membership

By Helen Berg
Family Living Director

As we begin this New Year it is a great time to be thinking about how we can increase our memberships. I realize that many Granges are struggling so I would like to give some suggestions which may help bring in new members.

1. Perhaps you could offer your hall for a summer sewing school. With the help of those who sew children 9-16 could be given the opportunity to learn to sew by making a pair of shorts or a pillow. I have taught several of these classes through the WSU Clothing and

Textile program. I would be glad to help anyone who would like to try this.

2. Have you thought of supporting youth organizations which focus on home making skills? Many kids pass up these projects as they do not pay as high a premium at the fairs but are much needed in everyday life. I know there are many kids who do not know how to sew on a button. Teaching our kids how to cook a meal may be a project they could do for their parents and serve them at the hall. This brings an opportunity to share about the Grange.

I realize there are many other

ways we can work with our youth. Just remember that the Grange was instrumental in getting 4-H started. I learned my sewing skills in 4-H and had to prove to my Home-Ec teacher I could sew and went right into the wool project. Your extension office can help you with getting started. 4-Hers learn to keep records as well as be helpful to one another.

I hope you will consider trying something like this and share the Grange with the parents as well as the participants in the programs.

May this New Year bring you and yours many blessings.



Helen Berg



Create Healthy Habits In The New Year

(Courtesy of Family Features)

The changing of the calendar to a new year is a perfect opportunity to look toward the future and create better health and wellness habits.

Setting yourself up with a strong foundation is key to long-term success. Consider these tips as you look to build healthy habits this year:

Set reasonable goals. It's important to take an honest look at your lifestyle and assess any changes you can make to improve wellness, and know you can always challenge yourself further once you've sustained the change for an extended period of time.

Eat well. A well-balanced diet includes fruits, vegetables, legumes, nuts and whole grains. You can create lower-calorie versions of some of your favorite dishes by substituting low-calorie fruits and vegetables in place of higher calorie ingredients. An option like watermelon is more than a raw fruit or snack; it can be an ingredient in a wide variety of recipes, including appetizers, mocktails (or cocktails), entrees, sauces or salsa.

Get active. Proper nutrition is just one part of making healthy lifestyle choices. Adults should aim for at least 160 minutes of moderate physical activity each week, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. If you want to lose weight, increase aerobic activities like walking or running. If your goal is adding strength, start resistance training such as lifting weights.

Find more healthy recipes and tips to help keep you on track all year long at watermelon.org.

Watermelon and Pistachio Salad Servings: 3

- 3 cups watermelon cubes
- 1/2 red onion, thinly sliced
- 1/3 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1/4 cup pistachios
- 4 ounces feta
- 1-2 tablespoons chopped fresh mint

Place watermelon and onion in large bowl. Add balsamic vinegar and toss to combine. Add pistachios, feta and mint, reserving small amount of mint to sprinkle on top. Toss. Serve on large platter and sprinkle with remaining mint.

Watermelon Chia Seed Muffins Yield: 12 muffins

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| 1 can nonstick cooking spray | 1/2 cup sugar |
| 1/3 cup sucralose | 1 1/2 tablespoons lemon zest |
| 2 cups flour | 3/4cup chia seeds |
| 1 teaspoon baking soda | 2 teaspoons baking powder |
| 1/4 teaspoon salt | 4 tablespoons canola oil |
| 1/3 cup plain, nonfat Greek yogurt | 3/4 cup liquefied watermelon juice |
| 1/2 cup egg substitute | 1 cup dried tart cherries |
| 1 lemon, juice only | 2 teaspoons vanilla extract |
| 2 tablespoons sugar | |

Heat oven to 375 F. Spray 12-piece muffin pan with nonstick cooking spray. In large bowl, combine sugar, sucralose and lemon zest. Use fingers to rub zest into sugar until fragrant. Add flour, chia seeds, baking soda, baking powder and salt; thoroughly mix. Set aside.

In medium bowl, whisk oil, yogurt, watermelon juice and egg substitute until thoroughly blended. Add cherries, lemon juice and vanilla. Add liquid mixture to flour mixture. Gently toss until incorporated. Avoid overbeating or muffins will be flat and tough. Spoon evenly into muffin pan. Top each muffin with 1/2 teaspoon sugar.

Bake 15-17 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in middle comes out clean. Remove from oven, allow to sit 5 minutes then transfer muffins to cooling rack.

SOURCE:
National Watermelon Promotion Board

WA State Grange Schedules Zoom Officer Training

While not all state directors will be able to attend the leadership conferences, a series of Zoom meeting has been developed as a supplement to the face-to-face leadership conferences. This will allow Grange members across the state to communicate directly with the state officers/directors to learn about the current programs.

All training sessions are open to all Grange members and will allow multiple members from a Grange the opportunity to utilize the resources available to conduct successful projects and activities within their local Granges. Additional meetings will be announced as the dates become available.

Login information is the same for each meeting and is listed at the end of this article.

FOCUS GROUP	DATE	TIME	TOPIC
GRANGE PRESIDENTS	Wed, January 26 Wed, February 23 Wed, March 23	7 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m.	An Update on Current Projects and Topics of Concern – led by Tom Gwin, State President
GRANGE LECTURERS	Wed, February 2 Tues, February 8	7 p.m. 1 p.m.	2022 Grange Lecturer Programs and Activities – discussion led by Leslie Wells, State Lecturer
GRANGE SECRETARYS	Thurs, February 3 Thurs, February 3 Thurs, February 10 Sat, February 12	1 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m. 10 a.m.	Duties and Responsibilities of the Grange Secretary, including the Reporting Process – led by Terry Abbott, State Secretary
LEGISLATIVE UPDATES FOR ALL GRANGE MEMBERS	Mon, January 24 Mon, February 7 Mon, February 21 Mon, March 7	10 a.m. 10 a.m. 10 a.m. 10 a.m.	An Update/Discussion on Legislative Session in Olympia – held every two weeks during the session – led by Heather Hansen and the Grange Legislative Committee
FAMILY LIVING CHAIRS	Tues, January 25 Mon, January 31	7 p.m. 1 p.m.	2022 Grange Family Living Programs – led by Helen Berg, State FL Director
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE	Thurs, January 27	10 a.m.	How to Effectively Lobby in a Virtual Legislature – led by Heather Hansen, State Grange Lobbyist
JUNIOR GRANGE	Wed, February 9 Tues, February 15	7 p.m. 7 p.m.	Growing Kids with the Junior Grange – discussion led by Heather Ferguson, State Junior Director
YOUTH DEPARTMENT	Tues, February 8	7 p.m.	2022 Grange Youth Programs – discussion led by the State Grange Youth Team
YOUTH FAIRS PROGRAM	Wed, January 19 Mon. January 31	7 p.m. 7 p.m.	Update on the Status of the Grange Youth Fairs Program in WA State – discussion led by Tom Gwin, State Grange President
MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	Wed, January 26	1 p.m.	Brainstorming Ideas to Grange Membership Growth – led by Tom Gwin, State Grange President
GRANGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS	Mon, January 24	7 p.m.	An Update on State Grange Foundation Scholarships – discussion led by Tom Gwin, State President

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2022 Leadership Conferences

This year’s series of State Grange Resource and Leadership Conferences is set to begin on January 14 at the Terrace Heights Grange Hall in Yakima County. Seven additional meetings will be held throughout January across the state.

Presentations will include specific items for Grange Masters, Secretaries, Community Service, and Membership. Additional presentations will be given by Lecturer Leslie Wells and Family Living Director Helen Berg. The focus of the leadership conference series will be to provide information on timely topics that will assist each Grange to become more successful in their communities.

Packets of information for each department will be distributed, along with program handbooks, legislative handbooks, and useful materials for each Grange.

The complete schedule of conferences, which are open to all Grange members is as follows:

DATE	TIME	COUNTY	LOCATION
FRIDAY, JANUARY 14	6 pm potluck 7 pm conference	Yakima	Terrace Heights Grange Hall 3701 W. Birchfield Road, Yakima
SATURDAY, JANUARY 15	1pm conference, Cookies and coffee following	Chelan	Manson Grange Hall 157 E. Wapato Way, Manson
SUNDAY, JANUARY 16	1 pm potluck, 2 pm conference	Stevens	Clayton Grange Hall 4478 Railroad Road, Clayton
MONDAY, JANUARY 17	12 pm lunch 1 pm conference	Whitman	Eddy’s Restaurant 702 S. Main Street, Colfax
FRIDAY, JANUARY 21	6 pm potluck 7 pm conference	Lewis	Fords Prairie Grange Hall 2640 Reynolds Avenue, Centralia
SATURDAY, JANUARY 22	12 pm conference Coffee and cookies following	Island	Deer Lagoon Grange Hall 5142 Bayview Road, Langley
SATURDAY, JANUARY 22	6 pm potluck 7 pm conference	Clallam	Sequim Prairie Grange Hall 290 Macleay Road, Sequim
SUNDAY, JANUARY 23	2:30 pm – following convention kick off meeting	Pierce	Waller Road Grange Hall 2708 – 64th Street E., Tacoma

Goldendale Grange Named Distinguished Grange



Goldendale Grange #49 was honored to be one of four Granges from Washington State to be recognized as a Distinguished Grange at the recent 154th National Grange Session, in Wichita, KS. Only 22 Grange’s from the 1500 local units across the county received this designation. Washington State was also represented by; Five Mile Grange #905, Humptulips Grange #730 and Deer Lagoon Grange #685. Additionally, eight Granges from the three west coast states were included in the nationwide total of 22. This award identifies local Granges that have excelled in providing service to their communities, advanced educational opportunities, supported youth programs and promoted Grange sponsored programs. The members of Goldendale Grange are very proud to have qualified for this recognition. This award was only possible through the tremendous support of our local community and many hours of service by our dedicated members.

WA Granges Celebrate Christmas

Barberton Grange Delivers Christmas Cards And Lap Robes To Meals On Wheels

On December 13 we delivered 450 handmade Christmas cards and 45 lap quilts to Meals on Wheels to be delivered with meals. A special thank you to Bev McGuire for all the hard work you put into these quilts and to Debbie Richards for coordinating the card project. They are so appreciated. This was a fun project and many thanks to all who participated. Also delivered 4 more bed rolls to Veterans Center today. This brings the total made by Bev McGuire to 60. That’s approximately 60,000 plastic bags out of the landfill.



Word For Thirds: Malo Grange Distributes Dictionaries

Malo Grange continues it's annual Words for Thirds distribution of dictionaries to third graders. Malo Grange members, and Curlew School Board members, Barbara Bradshaw and Brad Miller visited Alex Bauer's classroom at Curlew Elementary School to the thrill of the students.



Goldendale Grange: Thanksgiving Pies = Scholarships



The ladies of Goldendale Grange made 179 homemade fruit pies for the Thanksgiving Holidays. Proceeds from the sale of these pies go toward our Grange scholarship fund. Holiday pie sales have been a Goldendale tradition for many years. Our community not only supports the pie sale project, they also provide many of the ingredients like fruit used to make the pies.



Klickitat County Pomona Granges Make National Grange Building Fund Donations



Two Granges from Klickitat County donated to the National Grange Building fund while attending the National Grange Session in Wichita, KS. Richard Lefever representing Goldendale Grange #49 and Claudine Wade, from Columbia Grange #87 (Lyle, WA) presented Betsy Huber, National Grange President, with \$100 checks for the National Grange Building Fund. Although the delegates at the 155th National Session voted to sell the Washington D.C. landmark building, Goldendale and Columbia Granges were still determined to help provide maintenance funding for the building until the sale was finalized. The National Grange Building located in Washington D.C., is currently the only private building on the block adjacent to the White House. and will be missed during future legislative events and activities.

This donation was derived from the money received from our Community Service award. Grange members voted to contribute that money to the National Grange Building Fund. Originally the plan was to challenge other Granges in our area to make similar contributions.

Membership Corner

Welcome New Members

GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS November and December 2021

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Myron Boles, Susan Armstrong-Boles, Marcelo Armstrong Austin Armstrong, David Dunn, Madeline Dunn, Hanna Dunn Taya Heine, Denyse Rich-Paxton, Mark Paxton, Kayla Paxton Bree Paxton, Justyce Paladin, Samantha Thompson, Pat Thompson Lisa Button, David Gawel, Drew Chorlton, April Hanson Joe Caldwell, Raven Lutz, Matthew Murray, Robert Kutchman Megan Kutchman, Logan Kutchman, Alyssa Arrell, Heidi Jackson Vicki Sopko, Martha Wilson, Nancy Anderson, Emma Newby Tierra Kaiser, Lance Jabaay, Brooks Love, Abigail Syjut		
630 Burbank	3	
Marjzon Loper, Wade Haswell, Terri Haswell		
842 Camas Valley	1	
Bonnie Corbin		
687 Camden	6	
James Powers, Kevin Fissori, Mary Fissori, Luke Wetzler Amanda Wakefield, Denise Brannon		
534 Cedar	2	
Morrine Carlson, Nance Cramer		
1123 Crescent.....	1	
Anne Higdon		
501 Davis Lake	33	1
Theresa Alberti, Breanna Allen, Jon Paul Driver, Aaron Gunderson Nancy Gunderson, Shawna Hulet, Edward P. Kiss, Sandra L. Kiss Monica Latimer, Rick Latimer, Mike Merry, Elizabeth Merry Eric Nixon, Leah Reisenauer, Dana Rivera, Elisa Rutt, Tracy D. Rutt Christy A. Smith, Derek Smith, Don Smith, Gail Smith Honey Smith, Becky Walrath, Ray Walrath, Steven Scott Sandra Scott, Nickales Bezanson, Bill Brownson, Jennifer Anderberg Victorene Cahill, Monica Drymon, Beverly Ives, Jean Wakely		
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784 Enterprise	4	
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Tyson Weiland		
545 Fredonia	2	
Lynn Handy, Jill Michels		
153 Forest	3	
Ronda Pogorelc, Sadie Burdick, Sarah Burdick		
857 Granville.....	2	
Flor Mendez, Brenda Lund		
124 Grays River.....	1	
Rosalinde Willson		
300 Green Bluff.....	1	
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Andrea Dixon		
1120 Kettle River	5	
Amanda LaDue, Mike LaDue, Cynthia Curtis, Ashley Pratt Tasha Ruth Hood		
407 Lincoln Creek	2	
Fred Baker, Sandra Baker		
925 Lummi Island	6	
Martin Wilson, Didi Wilson, Pamela Einhauser, Scott Josiah Sharon Grainger, Erin Deinzer		
1101 Manor	5	1
Melanie Neal, Selena Neal, Elora Neal, Amarra Neal Lucia Martin Francisco		
796 Manson	1	
Cindy Sneesby		
1151 Moses Lake	2	3
Jereme Roy, Trudie Roy		
98 Mountain View	1	
Trina Riemersma		
985 Oroville	3	
Heather Burnell, Pati Burns, Stephanie Brand		
226 Rome	4	
Vera Lundell, Joan Dow, Larry Watson, Andy Snow		
832 St Andrews	3	1
Corinne Isaak, Maguire Isaak, Marianna Isaak		
955 Sallal	2	
Ed Benson, Ted Meyer		
966 San Juan Island	4	
Claude Roge, Jason Knott, Emily Knott		
1108 Sequim Prairie	4	
Sherrie Cerutti, Kathleen Landon, John Thompson Fran Thompson		
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John Brumfield, Kathy Brumfield, David Wyatt, Leona Wyatt Tina Bol		
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New Year, New Goals

Happy New Year! 2021 left as quickly as it arrived. Here’s to a new year with new goals and new beginnings!

As we wrap up 2021, I hope you all have begun to make your 2022 goals. Will you see growth in your Grange this year? Have you formed a new committee to look at new ways to bring the community and the Grange together for the new year? Are you searching for new ideas to bring to your Grange?

Leadership Conferences are just around the corner. Be sure to check the calendar of events to find the closest hosting Grange location to you. Anyone and everyone are welcome and encouraged to join us. These

conferences are a great way to learn more about the Grange and what your Grange could be doing in your area. Its also a great time to catch up with fellow Grange members for ideas on what they are doing in their area. We will also hold a Zoom Meeting for membership as well just in case a Grange is not quite close enough for you to attend. This meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 26th at 1:00pm. I hope to see many of you on the call. Be sure to bring your questions and/or your ideas. It is always fun to hear what other Granges are doing and what is brining them success.

We are still gathering the final membership numbers for

2021 but so far, we have crushed our goal of 750 new members in 2021! We are already well over 800 new members and there are new member reports still showing up daily. By the end of this month, we should hopefully have the final numbers to report to you in February.

Our membership contests also ended on December 31st of 2021. But good news..... Our contests will remain the same for 2022. So, as we all will start fresh, everyone will again have the opportunity to win T-shirts and \$25 Amazon gift cards as we move through this new year.

Let’s make 2022 a great new year!

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.

Joseph Enzensperger – Oroville #985

Wayne Flaaten – Deer Lagoon #846

Roland Prochaska – Deer Lagoon #846

Dottie Tobin – Forest #153

Loretta Bilow – Sequim Prairie #1108

Nancy Weiss – Spring Hill #909

Delores Crisp – Addy #603

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.

Laura Rookstool – Deer Lagoon #846

David Smith – Kettle River #1120

**Debbie Harbin - Addy #603
– 4 - \$25 Amazon Cards**

Roger Ellison – San Juan #966

This Contest ran from January 1, 2020 thru December 31, 2021.

Nominations Needed For Washington State Grange Memorial Hall Of Fame

The Washington State Grange is asking for Granges and individuals for nominations for the Washington State Grange Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame shall consist of past, present, and future Grangers of the Year/Grange Families of the Year and memorial inductees per the following guidelines:

- ▶ Deceased by June 10 of prior year.
- ▶ Must have been a member in good standing of the fourth degree.
- ▶ Must have demonstrated extraordinary service to the Order or have made a unique contribution to the Grange
- ▶ Nominations can be made by any member in good standing
- ▶ Information to include but not limited to: Name of nominee, Grange name, date of death, date of membership, levels of membership, accomplishments and activities, and reason person should be honored

All nominations should be addressed to the State Grange Executive Committee and sent to the State Grange Office by March 1. A maximum of five Hall of Fame inductees will be announced at the Annual State Grange Convention.

Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Juniors

2022: New Junior Opportunities

By Heather Ferguson
Junior Grange Director



Heather Ferguson

I hope all of you had great holidays free from ice and snow (wishful thinking). Currently, as I am writing this I am stuck at my parents house because of the weather. The forecast is looking better and the roads are melting so I should be headed home soon.

With the new year we once again find ourselves with new program handbooks, leadership conferences and opportunities for a little planning. Not much is changing in the State Junior Grange Programs but there are changes in the National Junior Grange Handbook you may want to look through. Hopefully, you will be able to attend the upcoming leadership conferences to get your updated program books for 2022. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend all of the conferences but the information will be available along with knowledgeable people that can answer questions.

For our new Junior Grange leaders, I urge you to attend a leadership conference. They allow you to meet people from different Granges, ask questions and meet our State Program Directors and Officer's, and receive all of the new information available. It really is worth your time.

I'm excited for this year and already have many plans in the works for our Juniors at convention and camps. Cross your fingers we are able to have a more familiar convention in Puyallup.



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Youth

2022 Youth Programs & Activities

By Jerry Gwin
State Youth Director



Jerry Gwin

The State Grange Youth Department will have a Zoom meeting to review our programs on Tuesday, February 8 at 7 p.m. Login information can be found elsewhere in this issue. Part of the discussion will include future leadership training opportunities and programs for our youth members.

The National Grange Youth Program Guide is available on the National Youth website: www.nationalgrangeyouth.org. The 2022 State Grange Youth Program Guide is posted on the WA State Grange website: www.wa-grange.org. We are looking for potential Youth and Young Adult Ambassadors to represent the Washington State Grange for 2022-2023. Interested applicants can contact one of the youth team members.

The State Grange Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song Contests are planned for this year's State Grange Convention, June 22-25 at the Washington State Fairgrounds in Puyallup. Now is the time to start preparing your entries.

Mark your calendars for the Western Regional Grange Youth and Leaders Conference, which will be held August 5-7 in Oregon. We are awaiting details on location, time, etc.

The National Grange Session will be November 15-18 in Reno/Sparks, Nevada. Brittney and Jonny Pittman will be serving as the chairs of the host youth committee for the session. They will be looking for other Grange members to assist them in their duties.

Let's continue hoping for an end to this pandemic so we can resume our Grange youth and young adult activities!

Junior Connection

CAMAS VALLEY JUNIOR GRANGE

Camas Valley Junior Grangers helped prepare, package, and hand out the preordered Christmas dinners on December 5.

GREEN BLUFF JUNIOR GRANGE

Green Bluff Junior Grange has a new member: Jason Dorosh. We are recruiting new members as some of our Green Bluff Jr. Grangers have aged out. We had fun at the Mountain Dew Boys Concert selling concessions on Nov. 27. One of the attendees who purchased some goodies told the two Jr. Granger boys about her 9/11 days being a responder!

Washington DC Experience 2022

Youth, Young Adults, and Juniors are invited to join the National Grange in Washington, DC on March 12-15, 2022 for the Washington DC Experience.

The purpose of the Washington DC Experience is for Junior and Youth/Young Adult aged Grangers from across the country to come together and learn about how the Grange functions on the legislative side.

Youth and Juniors will be educated on the many ways in which Grangers and citizens alike can advocate on the issues they feel important to shape public policy and communities in which they live. During the Washington DC Experience, Grangers are invited to get an up-close and behind-the-scenes look at what government is and how it operates in Washington, DC.

Grangers will attend briefings with important information pertaining to the Grange Legislative Department. Plans will also include meeting with governmental departments (such as the Department of Agriculture or Department of Education) meeting with Congressmen and Senators from your state and a tour of DC.

Just as our Grange Declaration of Purposes suggests, we will ensure that our Grange Youth, Young Adults, and Juniors "take a proper interest in the politics of one's country" so they might become the informed and involved citizens required to move America forward and to guarantee a better society for future generations.

Make plans to join us now. Travel and lodging costs are the responsibility of the attendees with a \$150 registration fee to cover some meal costs and tours. Potomac Grange #1 of Washington DC is offering a scholarship to attend the event - please see the application for the Grange Grassroots Activism Scholarship opportunity in the National Youth and Junior Grange Program books.

Dates for the WASHINGTON DC EXPERIENCE are March 12-15. The tentative schedule will include:

- **Saturday:** Meet and Greet at Hotel
- **Sunday:** Travel to National Grange Headquarters - Learn about the NG Legislative department and how it works in DC - Mock Interviews and Tour the city
- **Monday:** Briefings at National Headquarters - Department visits
- **Tuesday:** Meetings with Representatives and wrap up celebration dinner

National Grange News

NATIONAL GRANGE: EDUCATION AND HEALTH POLICY STATEMENT - 2021

EDUCATION

Balanced Approach

The purpose of education is to open the minds of people to the world around them, to the lessons of the past, and the possibilities of the future. An understanding of the past and how it has shaped our present and future is a part of education that is too often neglected.

We encourage school systems and all students to put the same emphasis on the possibility of exploring vocational training as well as college preparation.

Current events have highlighted the need for local school systems to have standard tools for virtual learning, especially with regard to economically challenged students. Granges should explore the possibilities of working with their school systems to make Grange Halls available as WiFi hotspots, and work with other groups that might provide financial assistance to this initiative.

We support ‘K-12 Bridge to Broadband’, a collaboration including the non-profit group ‘Education Superhighway’ and NTCA, The Rural Broadband Association. This is a national effort to connect more students for remote and hybrid learning.

Loans and Aid

Many teachers and mental health counselors undertook their career education under the auspices of federal programs that offered student loan forgiveness if specific conditions were met. However, these programs have sometimes been administered in a capricious and uneven manner, leaving many who followed the rules in good faith with unexpected, significant debt. We believe this is a situation that calls for reason and compassion on the part of the program administrators.

The cost of education continues to increase and student debt is now the second largest category of consumer debt overall in the U.S. Targeted forgiveness programs for federal student loans can offer relief to some students and needed support for some sectors of the labor market. We favor such targeted loan forgiveness programs with specific requirements. However, we do not support blanket loan forgiveness.

Since the Smith-Hughes Act of 1917 and the 1946 George-Barden Act, focused federal aid for agricultural, industrial, and home economics training for high school students, our federal government has to some degree had a hand in funding public education. Thus, the funding of public education has become a partnership between federal and state/local, but we reaffirm the importance of state and local control.

Private providers of higher education are major recipients of federal financial aid and should be held accountable for their academic

standards and advertised employment outcomes. We are opposed to any weakening of regulation of private education providers.

Mental Health and Safety

Many social problems in schools arise from bullying, feelings of disenfranchisement and isolation among at-risk students. Schools must find ways to increase the availability of counseling for all students, and proactively engage with marginalized and at-risk young people. We strongly encourage Grange members nationwide to play an active role in their local school systems and communities. It is essential for our members to invest in our children’s education through volunteering.

Special Needs

Great technological strides have been made in the creation of assistive devices for the hearing impaired, but not all are widely known. We encourage state and subordinate Granges to educate their members and their surrounding communities about the availability of such devices under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

HEALTH

Pandemic response

The National Grange promotes prompt and comprehensive testing and contact tracing to minimize the spread of disease during any pandemic. During the current COVID-19 pandemic we support the Center for Disease Control recommendations regarding wearing masks, social distancing, and discouraging large gatherings.

The National Grange will closely follow the development of COVID-19 therapies and vaccines, proposals for their delivery to the public, and pricing and insurance coverage. These issues continue to be a major focus for Grange policy.

The National Grange recommends that the medical research community, drug manufacturers and the federal government cooperate to develop and approve new effective preventative vaccines.

Controlled Substances

We understand that opioids serve a needed place in pain management when properly prescribed by a physician. However, the opioid abuse crisis continues to plague our country. A multi-pronged approach is needed and must include continued study of the benefits of opioid painkillers as compared to alternative pain management strategies; improved prescription strategies such as limiting the number of pills issued per renewal; proper security of our prescription drugs in our homes; and proper disposal of unused or outdated prescription medications through

recognized drug take-back programs or disposal programs. These are all efforts that local Granges can and should promote in their communities. The Rx Abuse Leadership Initiative (RALI) has formed partnerships with many state Granges to address these issues and the National Grange encourages more Granges to develop RALI partnerships in their states. Our youth have taken a great leadership role in this effort, and we encourage them to continue with various programs, including training initiatives such as those provided by the Community Anti-Drug Coalition of America (CADCA).

Family Friendly Workplaces

We support paid parental leave and working with businesses to build a comprehensive policy that benefits both the employee and employer.

Affordable and Effective Care

We encourage bipartisan efforts by Congress to continue health care reform, identifying solutions that provide high quality and affordable healthcare for all Americans.

Transparency and simplicity in the system should be made a priority. For example, in- and out-of-network access and cost differentials continue to be a problem. Disconnects between doctor and hospital networks are aggravating and unhelpful—especially when they result in surprise medical bills that appear due to hidden gaps in coverage.

Consumer education should also be a priority. For example, some supplemental insurance policies limit or do not cover skilled nursing care coverage, and people should be able to advocate for that when necessary.

In the past decade the cost of Insulin has increased without justification. We support legislation that would establish controls on the price of Insulin in the United States.

We encourage efforts towards

lowering prescription drug prices but doing so by purchasing such drugs from Canada or certain European countries may not be the answer. We cannot assume that drugs manufactured outside the United States are safe.

Congress must take steps to address unaffordable out-of-pocket costs in Medicare Part D, and expand Part D coverage to include a broader range of immunizations.

We join with other groups including the American Psychological Association, the Farmer Veteran Coalition and other rural agricultural organizations in asking Congress to fully fund the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network which seeks to address the high rate of farm suicides.

The medical research community, drug manufacturers and the federal government must expedite the development and approval of new effective preventive vaccines to immunize our vulnerable at-risk populations against serious disease.

Promoting Health of Minors

Nutrition is an essential building block for health. We support the concept of sending unserved food from school cafeterias home with needy students, assuming proper food safety concerns can be addressed. Also related to school lunches, different age groups have different appetite levels. In the interest of promoting healthy portions and minimizing food waste, we encourage the National School Lunch Program to change recommended portion sizes according to grade levels. E-cigarettes have emerged as a serious public health question, with illness and deaths from their use being reported across the country. While the debate continues about new regulations surrounding these products, legislation or public service campaigns are needed to educate youth about the dangers of using e-cigarettes and associated

products.

School systems that are considering the offering of the Educated Choices Program to their students should include research and information that shows that a diet containing animal products is essential to a healthy, well-balanced diet, and also includes information why animal agriculture is good for the environment, and include the steps that animal agriculture has taken to reduce and prevent animal cruelty and abuse.

Efforts should be made to eliminate waste and fraud in the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) system though more explicit guidelines for eligibility and enforcement of penalties for violators.

Childhood immunizations such as the Measles, Mumps Rubella (MMR) vaccine continue to bring passionate feelings, especially when proposals arise to make them mandatory for all children. We recognize that such proposals may not be practical under the civil liberties established in the U.S. Constitution. However, we suggest that even more effort should then be made to educate the public on this issue using valid science-based information.

Cancer Research

It has been long-standing Grange policy to support research into the causes and treatments of all types of cancer. We encourage Congress to increase funding for cancer research.

Retiresafe

The retiree group RetireSafe partnered with the National Grange to develop a tutorial for Grangers and their communities about all the things they need to be prepared for if they are diagnosed with cancer. Information has been sent out to every state and community Grange and all should plan a community event to share it with the public.

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National Grange News

NATIONAL GRANGE: GRANGE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY STATEMENT - 2021

As 2021 approached, we were still amid a pandemic with the Covid-19 Virus. This left some Granges unable to meet in person but many continued meetings via electronic meeting platforms. This allowed meetings to still happen and possibly bring in members from farther away to participate. Communities realize the importance of having a Grange in their area and how the Grange helped in so many ways.

As Grangers, we must remember the oaths and obligations we have taken over the years as we went through the different Degrees and installation. With all of the stress and strife throughout the country, it is important that we, as Grangers, model how we can have differences of opinion and still have a civil discussion whether it is with other members or non-members. What a spectacular way to grow the Grange through visibility and a positive attitude in our communities.

Since our founding, the Grange has had a strong sense of Christian values plus two of our founders were minister's. To this day there are references from the Bible throughout our ritual and degree work. We, as an organization, should understand that because the nation has become more diverse, we encourage the National Grange Diversity Task Force to determine ways we can maintain our Christian values and help new members with other religious values to also feel welcome.

There is an abundance of concern regarding the funds that the National Youth/Young Adult and Junior Departments must work with. These departments rely on much of their funds coming from donations, either from individuals or Granges, and the amount of donations has declined over the years. If you were fortunate to partake in programs at the National Level as a Junior, Youth or Young

Adult member, now is the time to give support back. Donations are accepted from individual Grange members, Subordinate/Community Granges, Pomona Granges, as well as State Granges. Generous donations would bolster the programming to attract more participation.

Community Gardens are becoming more prevalent in many areas of the country. Community/Subordinate Granges have a great opportunity to have open meetings in their communities on home or community gardens for all gardeners. This is an opportunity for the Community Service and Lecturer Departments to work together in presenting these programs in and out of the Grange. What a great chance to do outreach along with other groups such as the Extension Service and Master Gardener Programs.

Unfortunately, problems have arisen with organizations, such, as the Grange, sponsoring youth organizations or groups because of misconduct on the part of adults and inappropriate conduct with minors. There is an opportunity to educate Granges on what they should be aware of and what steps they should follow when entering this type of relationship. To protect the Grange organization as a whole, Granges across our nation should be advised that when entering into a sponsorship, which is not being discouraged, to exercise due diligence by requiring the following:

- Background screening by the Grange of all leaders, and/or parents who have supervisory duties over the minor children while on Grange property via the established screening program instituted by the State Grange, the payment for which shall NOT be the responsibility of the Grange.
- Executed documents relieving the Grange of liability in the event of the sexual misconduct by the organization on the Grange property.

- A Certificate of Insurance from the organization showing specific coverage for sexual, physical, psychological abuse.
- Appropriate insurance carried by the Grange itself. It is imperative that ALL Granges have insurance that is appropriate for them whether they own their own hall or not. We ask that the National Grange Executive Committee research this insurance issue that will provide guidance for Granges to make an informed decision.

A diverse membership within our organization is critical to our future. We encourage the National President and Executive Committee to continue the Task Force on Diversity. We hope that the Task Force Diversity will look further at our organization as a whole and continue their important work. We as an organization that is over 150 years old need to make sure we continue to be willing to adapt as needed while maintaining our values and beliefs.

We hope that Granges will embrace the tagline "Raised Right Here"

throughout the year as they plan their programs. Raised: The Grange educates and trains individuals starting at age 5 and continues throughout their Grange journey. Right: as we provide this education and training, we do it correctly. Our lessons in our Degrees and Rituals teach us to look for the truth and not just blindly accept what we hear or read. Our Order prides itself on accepting those into membership of good moral character and who help their fellow member. Here: Granges historically have in the past and continue to shop locally and support business in our communities. Granges working with other community-based organizations where they are located have done great things for the betterment of their communities.

When National Grange sends out new programming ideas, Granges need to discuss them and then implement the ones that best suit their needs and build their Grange. Holding open meetings and utilizing the talking points that will be provided on the importance of agriculture to

the local communities and businesses. Invite those same farmers and business persons to a meeting to talk about the issues they face and ask how the Grange can help. It is imperative that all Grange members supply an email address to the National Grange so all y'all (all members and Granges) can be kept informed of the on-going programs, projects, contests, etc. It gives the National Grange the opportunity to share the Patrons Chain e-newsletter and other communications.

We encourage the National Grange to communicate to all Granges and members through their various electronic and paper means this Policy Statement to the membership of the Granges. We feel all policy statements have an important and timely message that can help our Granges in many ways. We hope Granges will also use our current policy statements as programs or glean programming ideas from them.

NATIONAL GRANGE: AUDIT AND BUDGET POLICY STATEMENT - 2021

The members of the Audit and Budget Committee thank the National Master, Executive Committee and the National Grange staff for presenting us with a budget that allows us to continue with the programs and projects of the National Grange.

Dues on all levels of the Grange are the lifeblood of our Order and it is imperative that Granges on all levels and in all states encourage membership growth. Every member should make a serious effort to attract new members while working to retain our existing members.

We encourage all members to continually monitor the many member benefits that are listed on the National Grange website and to take advantage of these benefits as they are not only a benefit to the membership, but many of these programs provide an ongoing revenue stream to the National Grange. Few organizations give such value for the small monetary contribution from its membership.

The Communications Department continues to expand communications to the State Granges, Community Granges and our membership. Some of these programs include The Patrons Chain, and our quarterly subscription based 'Good Day!' publication.

We applaud the Communications Department for the continued innovation in our quarterly 'Good Day' magazine. 'Good Day' is now available as an online magazine in addition to the printed version. 'Good Day' is truly an asset to the National Grange. This is due to advertising and donations to offset the cost of the publication and distribution of the magazine. In order to remain financially viable, we encourage all members to subscribe to the 'Good Day!' magazine and enjoy a wealth of different articles. In an effort to make the Grange more visible, why not consider a subscription to the magazine for your local library or FFA chapter? Communication between the National Grange and our membership is vital and the outstanding 'Good Day!' publication is an essential part of that effort, but to continue it, it must receive support by us as leaders as well as our members. Why not take few minutes and renew your subscription, or subscribe to the magazine today?

It is our responsibility as leaders of the Grange to work with our Membership Director to design and create strategies for success in our membership recruitment efforts. Has your Grange considered offering

members requesting to be dropped from the Grange an e-membership for this individual for a period of 1 year to keep them informed of the activities of the Grange? Hopefully, these E- members will see the benefit of membership and maintain their E-membership moving forward.

The National Grange is at a crossroads as to what to do with our sixty plus year old building. We cannot let the discussions and emotions distract us as we work to increase membership and the visibility and relevance of the Grange on all levels.

We need to ensure that the principal from the sale of the building is invested in such a way to generate the income that will be lost without the rental income generated by the tenants in the building. We also need to ensure that the funds generate enough income to continue the existing programs and allow for creation of new programs which will continue to enhance member value as well as attract new members to our order and allow us to carry on for many years to come.

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Grange Connection



Granges Celebrate the Holiday Season

Sammamish Valley Grange Make Wreaths At Winterfest



Sammamish Valley Grange #286 members participated in Celebrate Woodinville's Winterfest event in December with their wreath-making activities. Members partnered with three local Rotary groups to make wreaths in advance and Grange President Tom Quigley brought his wreath making machines to DeYoung Park for the pinnacle event in downtown Woodinville. Community members had the unique opportunity to create their own wreaths, all with greenery harvested from local Sammamish Valley farms. L-R: Vanda Minea and Tom Quigley, Sammamish Valley Grange members, with volunteer helper Eva Jacobson.

Fruitland Grange Decorates Holiday Magic Forest Tree



Fruitland Grange participated in Washington State Fair's Holiday Magic Forest Christmas trees. Debra Basquez, Mary Hursh, Jim Moebius and Carolyn Hojem decorated the tree.



Fruitland Grange Hosts Community Christmas Party

Fruitland Grange had a very successful Community Christmas Party. Those attending were quick to point out how much they appreciated the Grange holding such an event. Attendees could visit with Santa, eat cookies, drink cocoa, win door prizes, and make their own Christmas ornament.



Lincoln Creek Grange Holds Christmas Potluck

On December 11th, the Lincoln Creek Grange held a Christmas potluck. Advertised as a way for neighbors to meet each other from the valleys that make up the membership area, we had a great turnout. Santa (Master Brian Thompson) handed out candy to more than a dozen children. Lecturer Gayle Mulligan and Exec Committee member Lee Danforth provided door prizes for adults. A great time was had and we anticipate new membership resulting from the event. Pictured right: Christmas Caroling



Clark County Pomona Santa Delivers Presents To 75 Preschoolers At Learning Avenue Childcare Center



Each year the Clark County Pomona #1 Family Living activity has been visiting the children at the Learning Avenues Childcare Center, a private non profit child care that serves up to 75 preschool children in Clark County. Due to the Covid restrictions, this year, just as last, Santa (Dave Johnson Mt Valley #79) and Mrs Claus (Janette Cejka Washington #82) delivered candy canes and cheer to the children as Rudolph (Brenda Lester - Farger Lake #853) and "Hootie" his elf (Judy Steigmann, Mt. Valley #79) delivered them aboard a "dashing" red mustang convertible as the children lead in song, by Santa's other Elf (Debbie Richards #211) to "Here comes Santa Claus", all cheered and waved!! Each year CC Pomona in coordination with the Director (Doreen Brugman) identifies the needs of the children and classroom. This year, the Elves delivered handmade scarfs, mittens/gloves and 112 individual containers of Playdoh. We all look forward to this event every year!



Grange Connection



Granges Celebrate the Holiday Season



Broadway Grange Collects Coats For Toys For Tots

Apple Country Contradancers and the Broadway Grange held an outdoor event on Dec. 11 to collect Coats for Kids and Toys for Tots. Contra-dances had been held at the Grange monthly for more than 25 years. Each December a toy or coat was accepted as admission to the dance, to add to those that are delivered to children in need every winter season by the Salvation Army. Dances are temporarily suspended due to the pandemic. So some spirited band members and dancers decided to keep our tradition going by gathering in the Broadway Grange parking lot to play Christmas carols and seasonal songs. Gathering around a portable fire pit helped stave off the cold. Boxes gradually filled with coats and toys during the afternoon and were routed for distribution and use this winter.



Selah Heights Grange Honors Members At Christmas Dinner



On December 7, Selah Heights Grange #608 held its annual Christmas dinner. This was one of the first opportunities many of our grange members had to see each other because of COVID-19 concerns. The dinner was attended by 25 grange members and relatives. During the dinner, the grange honored long time members. Vicki Winters and Pamila Gage each with 40 continuous years of grange membership, Tom Walker with 50 continuous years of grange membership, Art Ries with 55 continuous years of grange membership, Marion Van Wechel with 75 continuous years of grange membership and Walt Record with 75 continuous years of grange membership. Vicki, Tom and Walt were able to attend the dinner and receive their certificates in person. Those in attendance were grateful it didn't snow that day, as well as being happy to see and visit with old friends not seen for many months.

Santa Stops By Ralston Grange Christmas Party



What a great turnout for our 90th Annual Ralston Grange Community Christmas Party!! Lots of fun, food, laughs, and good times for all. Santa stopped by and left with a long list of requests for Christmas. Thanks to everyone who came and a special thanks to all our Grange members who helped make it happen! May you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2022.



Santa Visits Goldendale Grange Christmas



The card read: Take a break, get up, get away, enjoy a great Old-Fashioned Christmas party at the Grange. What a party it was. The Grange hasn't had a Christmas Celebration like this in many years. Santa's helper #73 even took time out of his busy schedule to stop by the Grange Hall. The evening started at 6 with a scrumptious Grange potluck. Santa came extra early - he knew there'd be lots of good food at a Grange potluck. Sing A-long Christmas Carols with Joan Heming at the piano provided a cheery atmosphere.



Following dinner Santa, assisted by Mrs. Clause, passed out Christmas gifts and cheered on the young kids (and adults) decorating cookies. Lots of cookies were sampled during the evening and for some unknown reason the butter cream frosting seemed to disappear at an alarming rate. With the extra cookies "Good Cheer Cookie Plates" were created for our friends that weren't comfortable driving in the fresh snow and ice and our older members that needed a touch of Grange Love. If you weren't present you missed a fun evening.

Greenwood Park Juniors Decorate And Make Wreaths

Greenwood Park Junior Grange #379 would like to thank our Junior Grange members for the making and distribution of wreaths. Junior Grange members Blaine Baker and Ethan Atwood-Gertsch with Master Michael Schwartz also say thank you to leader Juanita Curnutt, assistant Maryann Rieckers and Daniel Baker for decorating the town park with the wonderful hand made decorations.



Grange Connection

CLARK COUNTY

Barberton Grange had its annual Christmas party on December 3, this time with a show by Grange Master Matt Hodges. Grange members and guests were treated to a night of classic country and Christmas songs, as well as a visit from the man himself. Food and snacks were provided by the Grange and guests and members were asked to bring an item to for the Clark County Food Bank.

Mountain Valley Grange held Booster Day/Open House on October 23. Ethan Johnson, Darrell Johnson's grandson, played several times during the program. His most memorable song was "Roots", which he wrote for and about his grandfather. A Grange Member Award was given to Darrell's family members as a tribute to all he had done for the Grange and for the community. Georgene Neal and Debbie Richards spoke on his escapades at Mt. Valley, Pomona, and State Grange. A Citizen's Award was given to Debbie Downing Zitt for all she does for the community. Debbie delivers meals to seniors every Wednesday for Meals on Wheels People and she is a member of the County-Wide Chaplaincy. Member Awards were handed out to Roberta Emerick for 75 years and Patricia Straight for 40 years. Other members receiving awards were Thomas Bryne, 25 years; Dan George; 55 years; Carl George, 55 years; Robert Campbell, 75 years; and Peggy Martin, 75 years. The Annual Veteran's Program was held on November 5 and cohosted with the North Clark Historical Museum. A Pie & Cookie Social was held in the basement prior to the program. Th American Legion Tum Tum Post #168 provided the color guard and for each branch of the service. A medley of Patriotic songs was sung by Danae Castle. The veterans were introduced and pitcures taken. A patriotic quilt donated by the Chelatchie Quilters, which could only be won by a Veteran was wone by William Higley. The program speaker was Lt. Colonel Ward A. Holcomb, USMC, Retired. Dave Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Judy Steigmann, Jim Malinowski, and Georgene Neal visited Yacolt Primary School on December 10 to deliver dictionaries to the third-grade students. Lynell Tsugawa-Murray, Principal, met the Grangers at the door, helped bring in the dictionaries, and thanked them for coming. The Grange members went from room to room and handed out the dictionaries. There were 6 classrooms with a total of 129 students.

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

Humptulips Grange held their Annual Christmas Dinner on December 10. The menu featured barbequed tri-tip, which has been in the freezer since our cancelled 100th anniversary celebration. We held an online holiday gift auction as a fund-raising event. The Grange has voted to install WiFi in our Grange Hall, which should increase rentability and cell phone access within the hall. The Grange Food Bank is the recipient

of a sizable donation from the Hoquiam High School Football, which will fund the food bank for the coming year. We served 60 families at the food bank in December.

Sharon Grange hosted "Operation Give Back" on Saturday, December 11. Participants created handmade cards and letters to show appreciation to our elders and other who may need some holiday cheer. The Grange hosted State President Tom Gwin at their December meeting. Discussion was held on Junior and Youth Grange Programs. It was agreed to organize a Junior Grange, with the meeting date of January 10.

LEWIS COUNTY

Oakview Grange members Joyce Kludt and Alice Coakley delivering dictionaries to five local schools. A total of 258 dictionaries were donated. Oakview Grange donated \$100 to the local Quilts of Valor program at the Veterans Memorial Museum in Chehalis. Members can submit veterans' name to QOV program to receive a quilt in the future. On December 2nd, Oakview Grange hosted its Annual Christmas Party. Forty members and friends gathered for a finger food potluck before the festivities began. Lecturer Becky Escobar presented this year's Christmas program. It began with door prizes, and "guess how many ornaments in the jar" game. Members played a Christmas questions/candy swap game, put the "Red nose on Rudolph" toss with their partner's nose thickly coated in Vaseline, and a "Unwrap the GladWrap ball" gifting game to the enjoyment of all those attending. Carols sung. Santa Claus passed out treat bags to all. The leftover treat bags were donated to the Fair Assn.

PIERCE COUNTY

Fruitland Grange received an early Christmas Present that wasn't totally unexpected. We were forced to say a fond farewell to our 84-year-old furnace that turned into an unusable piece of iron. The old furnace was removed in one day in preparation for installation of the new furnaces. Yes, two furnaces are necessary to replace one old one that was the size of a Volkswagen bug. At our December meeting a representative from the South Hill Little League spoke on the new plans they have for the ball field located on Grange property. They consider this field their premiere field and have many plans that will benefit them as well as the Grange. The ball field has been active in this location since 1961. December 19th will be our Community Christmas Party. We'll have a special visitor in red, Christmas stories, music, crafts for kids, refreshments, fun and good times. We participated in the Hometown Holiday Forest for Holiday Magic at the Washington State Fair fairgrounds. We titled our tree, "Hangin' with my Gnomies at the Grange". It was decorated with gnomes, and forest animals.

SKAGIT COUNTY

Skagit Valley Grange finished up the year by gathering up food to donate to the local food bank and toys to donate to Toys For Tots. They were joined in these endeavors by the Fog Cutters Square Dance Club, an organization that uses our hall regularly.

SPOKANE COUNTY

Green Bluff Grange's last business meeting for 2021 was held on December 21 with a member's gift exchange and simple snacks following the meeting. It was a blistery, cold night on Dec. 11 when Santa's drive thru took place. Even so, Santa gave out a number of Santa goodie bags and the Toys for Tots Marine collected a number of full boxes of toys and money!! On January 4 our community event was a Game Night with lots of different table games enjoyed by many. The February 1community event will be our Quilt Block Party—participants will make the 2022 Grange Quilt Block to enter into the contest. January 22, our Grange will host a Green Bluff Spin In with vendors. Our first 2022 "all you can eat pancake breakfast" will be January 30.

Windsor Grange hosted the Cheney High School Band for their pie making fund raiser in November. Band members made approximately 1100 pies for this year's event. Benefactors donate the ingredients, and the Grange donated their facilities for this project. The event has been going for over 30 years.

STEVENS COUNTY

Camas Valley Grange held a Preordered Christmas Dinner event on December 5. There were several deep fried turkeys, roasted turkeys, hams, and other entrees. Approximately 150 preordered delicious Christmas meals were prepared by Marilyn and crew and picked up by families on December 5. Each dinner came with handcrafted ornaments crafted by Grange members. A table of handmade quilts and crocheted or knitted blankets was available for Veterans, current Military, and First Responders to choose from. Each child got to visit Santa, get a stuffed toy and a small bag of goodies. Stacks of handmade hats were also available to anyone that needed/wanted one. After the cleanup, the winning raffle ticket was drawn. Carol P in Ketchikan AK won the beautiful quilt made by Irene. Elected officers will be installed at the January 2022 meeting.

THURSTON COUNTY

South Union Grange met for their "Deck the Hall" party on November 26. Hot chocolate and other goodies were available to those who worked hard putting up the decorations. They held their annual Christmas celebration on December 12. Special guests were members of Violet Prairie Grange and their families. After a wonderful dinner, everyone moved to the main hall for the day's program. Membership awards were presented and Mary Brouillard was

presented with her Silver Star certificate and pin for 25 years of continuous membership. Dale and Donna Smith received their 55-year seals. Then everyone sang Christmas carols until "Jingle Bells" was interrupted by the arrival of Santa Claus and his elves. Santa gave gifts to the children in attendance and the elves distributed goody bags to everyone. The next South Union meetings will be at 7 pm on January 17 and February 21.

WAHAKIAKUM COUNTY

Skamokawa Grange members and friends met on December 12th, for a Christmas Open Mic/Jam Session and social time. The musicians/singers sign up to perform two individual songs, then all musicians play songs together. The event is for all ages and types of instruments, with people from Oregon and Washington attending. We enjoyed 4 hours of live music and a table full of delicious Christmas cookies! A "Neighborhood Block Watch" meeting for the Skamokawa area was held on December 15th. Sheriff Mark Howie

gave a report on Wahkiakum County 2021 crime stats and a continuing collaboration between the community and the sheriff's office to share information necessary to prevent crime and catch criminals. Sheriff Howie also listed ways to mark your items so if they are stolen they can be returned to the owner. Season Long is a friend of the Grange. She has been hosting a free pancake breakfast, coffee and social time for our community. The event is for all ages and was held on each Wednesday in December starting at 10:00 am. The event has been well attended and is planned to continue into January and February on Thursday mornings from 10-12. Mrs. Long also rented the hall for a Thanksgiving potluck dinner for the community and the "Shoebboxes of Joy" donation drive to assemble gift boxes for those who might not otherwise receive a gift this Christmas. Skamokawa Grange winter time meetings for December, January and February will be held on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 5:00 pm. Work parties will be scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday of these months as needed.

South Union Grange Presents Silver Star Certificate



Mary Brouillard received her Silver Star certificate and pin from South Union Grange Master, Patty Mathews.



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	January 20 at Smitty's Resatuarnt in Wenatchee, 12 p.m. Next business meeting is February 19 at Bee Hive, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
CLALLAM	January 9 at Sequim Prairie, 6:30 p.m.
COWLITZ/ WAHAKIAKUM	January 15 at Sunnyside, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. meeting
EXCELSIOR	March 26 at Clayton, 10:30 a.m.
GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC	January 8 at East Oakville, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
KLICKITAT	March 12 at Glenwood, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting.
LEWIS	February 5 at Adna, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck
MASON	January 15 at The Agate, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck
PIERCE	January 8 at Riverside Valley, 10 a.m. February 5 at Collins, 10 a.m.
SKAGIT	March 2 at Skagit Valley, 6 p.m.
SNAKE RIVER	March 19 at Columbia Valley, 10 a.m.
SNOHOMISH	January 15 at Stillaguamish, 10 a.m.
STEVENS	January 22 at Fort Colville, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck lunch.
THURSTON	January 9 at Violet Prairie, installation of officers at 2 p.m. Next business meeting February 3 at Black Lake, 7 p.m.
WHATCOM	January 15 at Rusty Wagon Restaurant, planning meeting at 8:30 a.m. Next business meeting is February 15 at Ten Mile, 7 p.m.
WHITMAN	January 17 at Eddy's Restaurant in Colfax, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. no-host lunch, leadership conference to follow..
YAKIMA VALLEY	January 10 at Fruitvale, 5 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting. February 14 at Terrace Heights.

The remaining Pomona Granges have not submitted their date lists for 2022.

Pomona Connection

SKAGIT COUNTY POMONA

Skagit County Pomona Grange met at Fredonia Grange in December. Following a Christmas dinner, the main activity was stuffing large Christmas stockings for the children in Family Promise, a program serving homeless families, with housing, meals, and other needs. We filled 33 stockings for children ages newborn to 15 years. We had so much stuff to put in the stockings that we ended up putting the filled stockings in large gift bags, with the excess (fleece blankets, scarves, caps, gloves, socks, large toys, etc.) going in the bags with the stockings. Needless to say, we had a lot of

fun filling those bags. Several members will help with the presentation of the stockings/bags when Family Promise hands out Christmas dinners to all the families later in December.

SPOKANE COUNTY POMONA

Spokane County Pomona Grange will meet on Sunday, February 6 at 2 p.m. at the Five Mile Prairie Grange Hall. The agenda will include discussion on the future of the Spokane County Pomona Grange.

THURSTON COUNTY POMONA

Thurston County Pomona Grange

met on December 2 at Violet Prairie Grange hall. A potluck dinner preceded the meeting. During the Lecturer's program, each Grange present gave a holiday presentation of their own choosing, including readings, poetry, and a Christmas game. Eric and Ramona Olson of Violet Prairie Grange were obligated into the Fifth Degree. Installation of officers for all Thurston County Granges will be held on January 9, 2022 at 2 pm at Violet Prairie Grange hall. The first regular meeting of 2022 will be on February 3 at 7 pm at Black Lake Grange hall.