



WASHINGTON STATE Grange News

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McIntosh Grange Revitalizes; New Members Move Grange Forward With Activities

With a recent surge in new membership, McIntosh Grange in the town of Rockford, Spokane County, was able to elect a full slate of officers for 2024. A team composed of Spokane County Pomona officers Bob Shea and Gary Jackson, along with National Grange President Chris Hamp

and First Dude Duane Hamp visited the Grange February 4th to assist with an obligation ceremony and Installation of Officers.

Three short days later, the Grange hosted a Community Valentines Party, attended by 45-50 people. The Valentines Party included a cookie decorating

contest. Prizes were awarded for both adults and youth. The event included a complimentary dinner. About six more applications for membership went home with people in attendance.

McIntosh Grange is moving forward with a Pancake Feed and Easter Egg Hunt, scheduled

for Saturday, March 23. This free family event will assist in introducing the new Grangers to the community as they again provide services to their neighbors and friends.

2024 looks to be a very busy year of growth and activity for McIntosh Grange and both the old and new members. The

excitement just keeps building as the Grange moves forward in the Town of Rockford!

Pictured Above: Front - Susan Hegney, Carol Evans, Addison Bowen, Jaycee Primmer, Bailey Snyder, Joseph LaShaw, Misty Snyder, Ryan Dau. Back - Chris Primmer, Amanda LaShaw, Cretia Primmer, Jeff LaShaw, Kevin Fricke, Jeremy Dau, Michelle Dau.

APRIL 2024 issue deadline – MARCH 20th
Submissions can be sent to grangenews@wa-grange.org





March 18, 2024 Register: grange.biz/flyin2024

The National Grange Virtual Legislative Fly-In is approaching on March 18. Be sure to register today at <http://grange.biz/flyin2024>.

We are excited to be able to bring the work of the National Grange in Washington, DC, into your homes, offices, and Grange Halls this year! This is a FREE offering from the National Grange for all members and friends of the Grange. Feel free to share this information and invitation with potential Grange members.

Here's your chance to get the latest scoop on what's happening in Washington. Join the National Grange on Zoom on Monday, March 18 for a Virtual Fly-In and hear the latest about the public policy issues that affect rural and small-town residents.

Invited speakers include Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Chairwoman of the Senate Ag Committee, and Representative Glenn Thompson (R-PA), Chairman of House Ag Committee.

Learn more about the Fly-In and our invited speakers here: <https://www.nationalgrange.org/national-grange-legislative-fly-in-2024/>

We will begin the event at 1:30pm Eastern and wrap up by 4:30pm Eastern.

Prior to the Virtual Fly-In, registrants will also receive a file about working with your legislators' local offices to advocate for issues that you or your Grange have identified as priorities.



Guest Speakers Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Chairwoman of the Senate Ag Committee, and Representative Glenn Thompson (R-PA), Chairman of House Ag Committee.

On The Web:

www.WA-Grange.com



Washington Agriculture in the Classroom

Why Learn About Agriculture?

By Judy Hossner
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(please leave a message)

What is Washington Ag in the Classroom (WAIC)?

Washington Ag in the Classroom is the school-based education program that had a very strong Washington State beginning in the 1980s!

Marie Snyder

Do you have older Grange members who remember Marie Snyder visiting your Grange to promote Washington Ag in the Classroom? Do you remember Marie Snyder? I hear that she was relentless in her promotion to get our Granges to support this new education program that promotes the understanding of Washington agriculture!

No, I did not have the privilege of meeting Marie Snyder. I did meet Janet Snyder-Camp, her daughter, who passed away shortly after her retirement as a Washington educator. If you live in eastern Washington, you might have seen and heard Marie's son, Jerry, as he uses his fun auctioneering skills for many Grange activities.

That's the Past, Big Deal! Imagine!

Oh, I agree! The past is not always important. I don't need to remember when I purchased my shoes. It's not important if I know when you milked cows by hand. However, many of us research our grandparents, great-grandparents, seeking knowledge and understanding (and maybe

some fun facts too). People keep diaries of vegetables grown in previous years; they want to learn which tomato, bean, potato, and rhubarb varieties will be successful in their local area.

Big Deal! Actually!

Marie Snyder and other Grangers were successful! WAIC has only gotten stronger and stronger since the 1980s.

I often think of Marie Snyder when I visit a Washington Grange.

► Did she visit this Grange? What would she think about our 3 programs in WAIC?

► Would she volunteer to read Who Grew My Soup? to a 2nd grade classroom?

► Would she talk with the 4th grade teachers, leaving free copies of Ag@School and point out the information in the Teacher's Guide that aligns the articles and assignments with the required Washington Learning Goals?

HOWEVER!

There are some Washington counties with no 4th graders getting free copies of Ag@School.

There are some Washington counties with no 2nd grade class hearing Who Grew Ny Soup? or John Deere, That's Who! along with a discussion about Washington grown food and fiber.

People CAN make a Difference! Grangers MAKE a difference!

WAIC works to increase agriculture literacy in Washington's K-12 students, parents, and educators.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Personal involvement (donation, classroom reader, contact teachers)
- Check out WAIC website: www.waic.net
- Check out Journey2050.com website
- Check out free home version: Farm2050.com
- Attend a WAIC Board meeting (next meeting is April 25)
- <http://www.facebook.com/WashingtonAgInTheClassroom>
- Contact me
Judy Hossner
Washington State Grange Representative to WAIC Board
Email: jmhag@gmail.com
Home phone (please leave a message in case I can't reach it in time): 360 394 7744

P.S.

It was so much fun to meet with Chris Reykdal, Washington Superintendent of Public Education. He was very excited about WAIC! He had checked out our website before the meeting. He had questions but he was VERY positive about our programs. In January he had me meet with Tamara Whitcomb in Olympia. She was also very excited about WAIC. She assisted with names of people within the Office of Public Education who can help us "get the word out" about WAIC and our programs. Tamara and I will be continuing our discussion.


Please remember that taking part in WAIC is a community service.

Washington Ag in the Classroom promotes agricultural literacy; our outreach activities reflect that purpose.
Every person should know and understand where their food and water come from.

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President’s Message

Resource Meetings Nearly Complete, Additional Grange Resources On The Horizon

By Tom Gwin
State Grange
Master/President

Thank you to the multitude of Grange members who took time out of their busy schedules to attend one of our Grange Resource and Information Training Sessions. We distributed packets of Grange resource materials and answered questions covering a multitude of subjects. We hope you will take the packets of information back to your Granges and to use them to diversify your Grange projects and activities, thus attracting new members who may not have considered becoming a Grange member in the past.

Most of our sessions were held in conjunction with Pomona Grange Meetings across the state. As many of our Pomona Granges meet at the same time, we had to schedule additional sessions for several counties. Regardless, a great deal of gratitude goes out to those Granges who hosted one of our sessions: Deer Lagoon, Long Beach, Collins, Brighton Park, Manor, Sharon, Catlin, Tualco, Orcas Island, Whelan-Ewartsville, Addy, Bee Hive, White Trail, Fredonia, and Haynie. Your hospitality was wonderful and greatly appreciated. There is one more training session in the works: March 16 at the Oroville Grange Hall in Okanogan County. We will begin that session at 11 a.m.

For those Granges not

represented at one of our sessions, the packet of materials was sent to your Grange via the USPS. I encourage you to look through the packet and pick out the items that will benefit your Grange and assist you in building your membership.

The State Grange staff has scheduled a series of Zoom

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-- Tom Gwin

meetings for Grange Secretaries. The three meetings will be March 18 at 1 p.m., March 19 at 7 p.m., and March 23 at 10 a.m. The meetings will all cover items included in the Grange Secretary Handbook including quarterly reports, new member reports, family memberships, and other items. The link for the Zoom meetings can be found on the home page of the State Grange website: www.wa-grange.com. Please note, it is the same link



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as we used for all other State Grange Zoom meetings.

The Western Regional Grange Youth and Leaders Conference is coming up, April 25-28 at the Terrace Heights Grange Hall in Yakima. Registration is now open. Information for the conference was sent to each Grange and is also available on the State Grange website: www.wa-grange.com. We are looking for sponsors to assist in covering the costs of the conference as we host our Grange friends from across the Western US for this event. Yakima Valley Pomona Grange members are to be congratulated and thanked for their work in assisting us to host this conference.

The WA State Grange Convention will be here before we know it! The Convention Kick Off Meeting was held in January at the Tyler Grange Hall in Spokane County. State Officers and Directors met with local committee chairs to start the planning for this year’s convention. Thank you to Tyler Grange for hosting this meeting. We will have an update meeting on May 1. We will plan to tour the convention facilities at that time.

We will work to provide other opportunities to increase the resources for our members in the near future. Stay tuned to see what our next opportunity will be!

Legislative

2024 Presidential Primary Process Underway



Jesse Taylor

By Jesse Taylor
Legislative Lobbyist

As of the time of this writing the 2024 legislative session is coming to a close and we see Spring in the not so distant future. Members of the legislature will be turning their focus from lawmaking to campaigning as the supplemental session comes to an end on March 7th. The closing days will be “floor action” and reconciliation. As a reminder, the reconciliation process occurs when the two floors pass the same bill, but different versions of the bill. If the bill is amended in any way, it must go through the reconciliation process (conference committee) where appointed representatives from both chambers meet to come to one final bill for passage on the two floors. In a typical year, these reconciliations are done before the final votes on the operating budget.

Soon after the session is adjourned and the dust has settled, you will begin to see mailings and activity from local candidates angling for all positions from city council to county sheriff and from State Treasurer to Governor.

Why are more ballots at my house when we just had an election in February?

Some of you will recognize that on February 13th you were asked to vote in local elections mostly around school levy and bond votes. But before the counts were even final, more voter pamphlets and ballots were arriving at homes across the state.

February 23rd was the beginning of our state’s presidential primary process where ballots are due on March 12th. If your ballot looks different this year, you aren’t alone. In this year’s presidential primary election you must mark, on the outside of your ballot envelope, which party affiliation you identify with for your vote to count. The declaration of party is sent through the mail system and can be seen on the envelope with full view of your name and address as well. If you use the “Election Drop Boxes”, you limit that exposure to official county election staff. Also, your record of choice is, by law, expunged from your voting participation record 60 days after the election. Again, without marking your chosen party affiliation your vote will not count because these are Party Primary Elections conducted by the state.

As mentioned earlier, the general election will begin to go full speed as well as federal presidential primaries. All candidates for local and statewide positions must file for candidacy by May 10th which sets up the next Primary this summer. Declaring a Party in order to vote will not apply this summer. This year’s statewide top-two primary system opens to voting on July 19th and the 18-day voting window closes on August 6th. Certification of the August Primary will happen swiftly and then all eyes will turn to the November general election date of November 5th, 2024.

This year the Washington State Senate will have a total of 25 of 49 seats up for election and all of the 98 House seats are up as well. Federal Congressional offices will have all of the House of Representative up for elections and one third of the Senate. In our state, Senators serve a four-year term where the years are split up into overlapping terms. Currently our State Senate current partisan breakdown is 29 Democrats and 20 Republicans while in the House the spit is 58 Democrats to 40 Republicans.

This primary and general election will also include all of our statewide elected offices. These include Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Lands Commissioner, Treasurer, Auditor and Superintendent of Public Schools. These will all be open offices with no incumbent running with the exception of Public Schools and Treasurer.

With all of that said, it is critical we all vote, how we vote determines in all those races the people who will be representing you and making those critical law making decisions that determines the future of our State and Country.

Be sure you are registered to vote by going to this page: <https://olvr.votewa.gov/>

WA State Grange To Recognize 2024 Graduates

The Washington State Grange will recognize Grange members who are members of the Class of 2024 in an upcoming issue of The Grange News.

We ask each Grange to submit the names of those who will be graduating in 2024, 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.



Lecturer's Department

Pomona Contests Review

By Leslie Jo Wells
State Grange Lecturer



Leslie Jo Wells

As we are moving to the Spring of the year most of you Lecturers are planning for your Pomona level Arts & Crafts and Photography Contests. I decided it would be a good time to review these contests. First of all, remember that these contests are open to members and non-members. If non-members participate they need to be sponsored by a Grange. There have been some changes to the Classes in both Contests so you might want to review these with your members. When you have your Pomona Contest, remember it is the Purple Ribbon winner that advances to the State level contest; one Purple per Class. Be sure to leave just the Entry Tag attached to the item when it comes to the State Contest. The new Entry Tag can be found on the WSG website.

Ribbons – If you need ribbons, the order form is in the Pomona Packet or on the WSG website. Ribbons are \$.45 each and the accompanying check should be made out to Washington State Grange. Send the order form and payment to Leslie Jo Wells, 18232 201st Ave SE, Monroe 98272. Please allow at least 5 days after I receive your order form to get them to you.

Judges – I suggest you get judges from outside your Pomona membership. If that is not possible, it should go without saying that anyone judging should not be used for any class they have an entry in. If you have a craft store in your area, you might ask them if they have someone that could judge for you. For Photography, you might approach a local photography teacher at the high school or local college to see if they would judge for you. Or, ask your local paper if their photographer could judge. Just caution them that these are amateur photographers not professionals.

Report of Results – As soon as possible after your Pomona contest please complete and send me your report that was in your Pomona packet. If you want, you can fill out the Report, scan it into your computer and attach it to an email to me at lesliewells@att.net. Do not send me pictures off your phone of the report. I use the report information to print the entry tags and master list for the contest at Convention. My address for the Results Report is: Leslie Jo Wells, 18232 201st Ave SE, Monroe 98272.

All of the rules for the contests are in the Program Handbook, your Lecturer Packet and on the WSG website under the Lecturer Department. If you still have questions – call me at 360.306.0905 or email at lesliewells@att.net.

Heirloom Project Readings March, April and May 2024

MARCH 2024: “We proclaim it among our purposes to continue our historical appreciation of the abilities and equality of women.”
(Grange Declaration of Purposes)

APRIL 2024: “In our fraternity there is work for all and those reap the most abundant harvest of Grange benefits who contribute most liberally of their own time and talent.”
(Official Grange Obligation Ceremony; Secretary)

MAY 2024: “For in our fraternity there is work for all, and the idler has no place among Patrons of Husbandry.”
(First Degree; Vice President)



National Lecturer's Updates

By Tom Gwin
National Grange Lecturer



Tom Gwin

As I begin my term as the National Grange Lecturer, I have reviewed all current contests and programs currently being offered by the department.

The contests will remain as printed in the 2024 National Grange Program Guide with one addition. Upon recommendation of the National Junior Grange Leadership Team, we will be adding a Junior Grange Division

to the Virtual Photo Contest. This division will be open to Junior Grangers, ages 5-13. We will use the age as of January 1. There will be three classes for Junior Grangers: Pets, Nature, and Scenic Photos. Contest guidelines and the entry form will be sent to State Lecturers and Junior Grange Directors.

The remaining contests: Quilt Block, Garden Design, Virtual Photo Contest, Weather Watcher Challenge, and Design-a-Program Contest will all remain

as printed in the Program Guide.

We will also be continuing our partnership with the Quilts of Valor Foundation.

After a short hiatus, we will be resuming the Lecturer's publication, A Quarters Worth. I am looking for program ideas to share with other lecturers nationwide. All submissions should be emailed to me at lecturer@nationalgrange.org. We will have submission deadlines of April 25, July 25, and October 25.



The Essay topic for 2023 was Washington – The Evergreen State

Author: Rodger Lance, Washington Grange #82
This was the 1st Place entry in this class.

My wife and I are very lucky to live in Southwest Washington, where Douglas firs are the dominant trees in any direction you travel. You see them so much that you forget the beauty they bring to our state. When you travel out of state to the east through the Columbia River Gorge, as you pass The Dalles, or if traveling on Highway 14, just past Lyle, the evergreen trees become scarcer and scarcer. Yet when you look up the Phrase, “Why is Washington called the Evergreen State?” you learn what a tremendous amount of trees are tucked into less than a third of the entire state. Technically speaking, Washington is named the Evergreen State because of its physical geography and climate, which support the growth of deep green forests. Large amounts of annual rainfall account for the state's richly green landscapes.

Even our state flag has a solid green background to signify us as the Evergreen State. For the “whatever it's worth department,” the state flag also has a picture of George Washington on it, signifying that it is the only state in the union named after one of our past presidents.

As you read the lyrics of “Washington My Home,” written by Helen Davis and adopted by the Washington State legislature in 1959 as the Washington state song, the fourth and fifth verses of the song are, “Washington my home, our verdant forest green.” The green of our state is given to us in part by the five national forests located within its boundaries. We can visit lush forests all year thanks to the availability of numerous recreation activities such as hiking, biking, boating, mountain climbing, and winter skiing. You can participate in almost any sport or a variety of other activities. You just have to realize there are times of the year when you're going to get wet while doing it!

Over the years, our local Grange campers club has held many campouts in nearby forested areas. I remember one of my favorite club trips was camping along SR 504, the Spirit Lake Memorial Highway. On a day trip from our campsite, we drove up to the observatory at Mt. St. Helens. One of our camping club members and fellow Granger, Jerry Johnson, spent his younger years as a Washington State Forest Ranger. One of his assignments was at the Spirit Lake Lodge, where, on May 18, 1980, the mountain took back the forest when it erupted. Jerry was not on site at that time but knew its proprietor, Harry Truman, well. Jerry was telling more stories about Mt. St. Helens and Harry Truman than the guides were aware of while we were there. Jerry was a great storyteller and thoroughly enjoyed talking about his many adventures as a forest ranger in our evergreen state.

I can't think of our state without remembering many trips into the mountains, where many hours are often spent driving to a destination deep within the Evergreens. One year we were with a group of friends camping at Takhlakh Lake. It was a difficult place to get to, but what a peaceful place to visit once there! When you woke up in the morning and opened your tent flap, you had a breath-taking view of Takhlakh Lake, with Mt. Adams gently touching the lake as a backdrop. No motorized boats are allowed on this lake, with fly-fishing the sport of choice. Another trip I remember was camping at Ohanapecosh in Rainier National Park. Again, we hiked through meadows of wildflowers with views of Mt. Rainier around every corner. The Evergreen State certainly has earned its name.

I was talking with a tech the other day about trying to get a new phone line activated. In the course of our exchange, I asked her where she was from. She said Virginia. She knew where I was and said, “Does it really rain out there all the time?” I said, “Well, we certainly get our share of rainy days, but we also get to enjoy the beauty of what those rainy days bring to our state.”

2024 Convention Info



JUNE 26 - 30, 2024
135th Annual Washington State Grange Convention
at the
Northeast Washington Fairgrounds
317 W Astor Ave, Colville, WA 99114

WA State Grange Convention 2024 Hotel/Motel Listing

Housing options for this year’s State Grange Session in Colville are limited. With that in mind, the Convention Steering Committee submitted housing information early. Grangers are encouraged to make their reservations now for the best options.

- **Comfort Inn** – 166 NE Canning Drive, Colville – 509-684-2010; 0.5 mile from convention site- Features pool and ispPet friendly – Free hot breakfast
- **Benny’s Colville Inn** – 915 S. Main, Colville – 800-680-2517 or 509-684-2517; 0.5 miles from convention site, range from economy to spacious suites, complimentary breakfast bar. Pets allowed, 65% of rooms are designated non-smoking.
- **Selkirk Motel** – 369 S. Main Street, Colville – 509-684-2565; 0.5 miles from conventions site -pet friendly, refrigerators and coffee maker, free WiFi, kitchens in some rooms, microwaves in some ooms.
- **Columbia Point Resort** – 978 US Hwy 395, Kettle Falls – 509-690-4208; 10 miles from the convention site. free WiFi, pet friendly, air conditioning, smoke free property.
- **Chwelan Hotel and RV Park** - 301 S. Park Street, Chewelah – 509-935-4763; 22 miles from conventions site – free WiFi, air conditioning, pet friendly, smoke free property
- **Nordlig Motel** – 101 W. Grant Avenue, Chewelah – 509-935-6704; 22 miles to convention site -Pet Friendly, free breakfast, free WiFi, air conditioning in some rooms
- **Mistequa Hotel at the Chewelah Casino (COMING SOON)** – 2555 Smith Road, Chewelah – 800-322-2788; 25 miles to the convention site – daily housekeeping, indoor pool, hot tub, and sauna

You may also want to try the following:

- Airbnb** – <https://airbnb.com/>
VRBO – <https://www.vrbo.com/vacation-rentals/houses/usa/Washington/colville>



2024 State Convention RV Information

RV Parking will be available for this year’s State Grange Convention at the Northeast Washington Fairgrounds in Colville. The rate will be \$35 per night for water and electricity. There will be septic service available if desired or needed. You may call 509-680-6300 to be on a waiting list for full hook up if one becomes available.

Fort Colville Grange will have dry camping (no hook ups) available as well. The Grange Hall is approximately two miles from the fairgrounds.

RV RESERVATION FORM
2024 STATE GRANGE SESSION
NORTHEAST WASHINGTON FAIRGROUNDS – COLVILLE

Last Name_____First Name_____

Mailing Address_____

City, State, Zip_____

Grange Name_____

Telephone_(_____)_____Email_____

Date of Arrival_____# of Nights_____

Please circle your RV Hook Up Choice: Water and 30-amp Service (\$35 per night)

Length of RV_____License #_____

Total Amount Paid_____

Make checks payable to Washington State Grange Northeast Convention
Mail by June 10 to: Bonnie Lyle, 307 E Cooper Street, Colfax WA 99111



Reminders:

DUE APRIL 15
Annual Session Credentials Sheet
Annual Session Committee Questionnaire

DUE MAY 1
Resolutions due to State Grange for the 2024 State Session

Resolution E-Mail Sign-Ups



Send us your email at skeller@wa-grange.org to receive the resolutions that have been approved by the state Executive Committee and ready to be presented at the 2024 State Grange Convention in Colville, WA.

2024 Grange Month



Grange Month Display Contest: “Grange Strong: Rooted, Resilient, United”

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 215 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 “Grange Strong”.
- 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 three displays: \$100, \$50, and \$25.

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.

PROCLAMATION

GRANGE MONTH 2024



WHEREAS, The Grange's mission is to strengthen individuals, families, and communities through grassroots action, service, education, advocacy, and agriculture awareness; and

WHEREAS, for 156 years The Grange has played an essential and lasting role in building rural and small-town America, and ensuring its resiliency through advocacy and direct service; and

WHEREAS, The Grange today is growing because it is an active, rooted, resilient, and united organization in thousands of communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, The Grange continues its unique role in connecting rural America to urban America through agricultural appreciation and education, and by advocating for strong, common-sense, best-for-everyone public policy; and

WHEREAS, The Grange emphasizes civic responsibility and the involvement of citizens in the legislative process; and

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

WHEREAS, even through a worldwide pandemic, The Grange continued to promote service to the local community and volunteerism to improve the quality of life and economic well-being of its members and residents across America; and

WHEREAS, The Grange is proud to be “Grange Strong: Rooted, Resilient and United,” and encourages Granges and community members to come together in celebrating hometown pride and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Grange members everywhere desire and deserve to celebrate and express their pride in the legacy of such a highly-respected organization; therefore be it

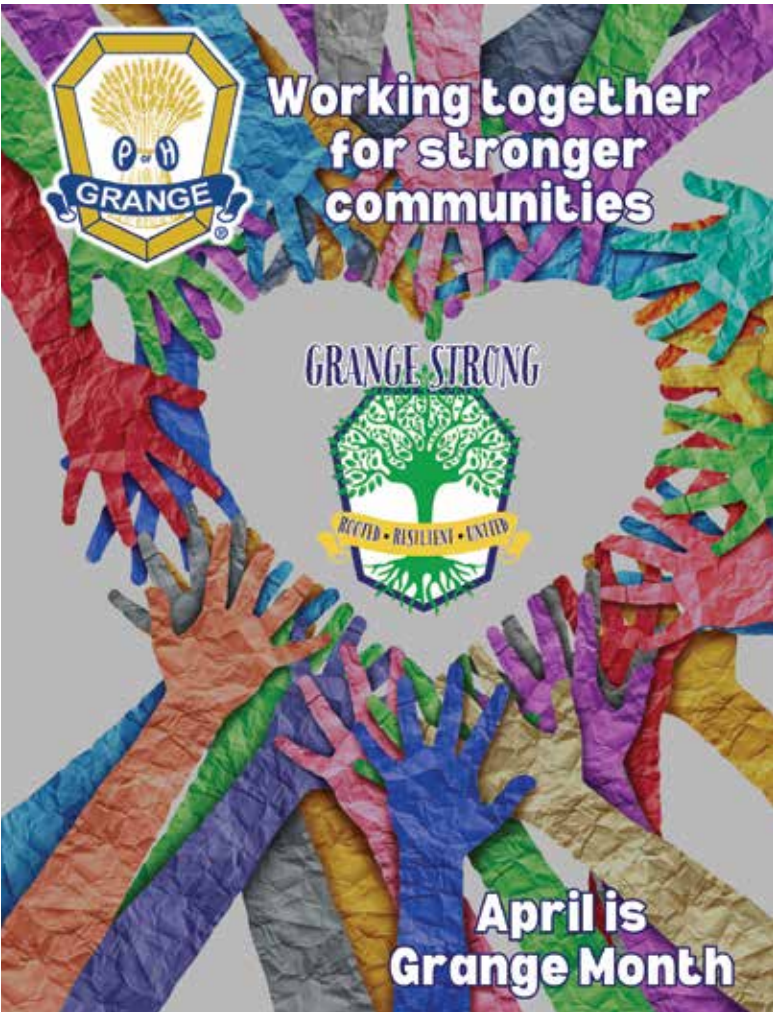
RESOLVED, I Christine E. Hamp, President of the National Grange, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as Grange Month, and further, I encourage the participation of every Grange and Grange member in this celebration by planning and executing programs and activities that will highlight the Grange in every American community, that will guarantee the Grange is stronger tomorrow than it is today, and that ensures we always stand Grange Strong!

Christine E. Hamp

PRESIDENT
National Grange



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For Additional Grange Month Resources, visit:
www.nationalgrange.org/grange-month-2024/

Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Youth

Public Speaking Contest Scheduled For June Convention

By Jerry Gwin
Youth Grange Director



Jerry Gwin

The State and National Grange Youth Departments annually conduct the Public Speaking Contest. The purpose of this contest is to increase the verbal communication skills of our Grange members. Now is the time for Grange members of all ages to begin preparing for this year’s Grange Public Speaking Contest.

There are three age categories in the contest: 14-20 years of age, 21-25 years of age, and 26+ years of age. The age of the contestant is as of January 1 each year.

Prepared Speeches: Prepared speeches may be on any topic and should last from three minutes to five minutes. A printed outline of the speech must be provided at the beginning of the contest. Each contestant will answer an impromptu question related to their speech after completing their speech. One Best of Show winner will be selected at the Annual State Grange Session in June. The Best of Show winner will represent our state at the National Grange Public Speaking Contest in November in Bettendorf, Iowa.

The Prepared Speech Contest will be held at the State Grange Session in Colville on Saturday, June 29. The time and location will be announced later. To enter a prepared speech, the contestant should notify me by June 1. You may notify me via email at davona1242@outlook.com

Impromptu Speeches: Impromptu speeches are delivered without preparation or thought ahead of time. Notes may not be used. Each contestant will draw two topics. The contestant will pick one of the topics for their speech. Speeches will be one to five minutes in length. This contest will be held at both the state and regional level. There is no limit as to the number of entries at either level.

There are two options for Impromptu Speeches this year. We will hold an Impromptu Speaking Contest at the Western Regional Grange Youth and Leaders Conference on Saturday, April 27 at the Terrace Heights Grange Hall in Yakima. The regional contest will be open to Grange members from all participating states. Registration for the regional contest will be at the regional conference.

We will also hold a State Impromptu Speech Contest on Saturday, June 29. You may either email your intent to enter prior to the convention or you may sign up at the youth table at the convention prior to 12 p.m. on June 29.

Cash prizes of varying amounts will be awarded in all three contests.

Additional information on the public speaking contests can be found in the State and National Grange Youth Program Books, 2024 edition.

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 Grange members of Washington State Grange members.

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
- 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.

Juniors

Ideas For Junior Fundraising

By Heather Ferguson
Junior Grange Director



Heather Ferguson

Happy Spring everyone! I am so excited that warmer weather is in the near future and am getting excited for the gardening season. My garden is going to be small this year since I am moving but I will plant a few things. It is just not summer without fresh tomatoes and cucumbers.

In the past few month I have had several questions about Junior fundraising ideas. Here are 10 ideas for your Juniors. Hopefully these help.

- 1) Pull weeds or do garden clean ups for a fee
- 2) Plant garden or flower starts to sell
- 3) Host a Fun Run. You could use a theme (color, zombie, princess, etc.) and make it extra fun.
- 4) Have a face painting or temporary tattoo both at a local festival or farmers market.
- 5) Have a garage sale
- 6) Host a Teddy Bear Tea
- 7) Have a Raffle
- 8) Host a game night
- 9) Have a car or dog wash
- 10) Sell lollipops at a community event

Please let me know if you try one of these ideas or have even better ideas I can share. Just a reminder to all leaders or adults who work with our Juniors and Youth, it is time to once again send in your background check forms. You can find them on the Junior tab in the Washington State Grange Website. Thank you for all of your hard work.

North River Grange Hosts Spelling Bee



On February 13, North River Grange Held the 8th annual spelling bee for North River Elementary. Pictured are the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in grades first through sixth.

Your 2024 Program Handbook is Nearby



This year’s Washington State Grange Program Handbook is right at your fingertips at any time on the State Grange website.

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

Download the Handbook file to your computer for ready access.
<http://wa-grange.com/downloads/ProgramHandbook.pdf>

Western Regional Conference

Western Regional Grange Youth And Leaders Conference

• April 25-28 In Yakima •

The Western Regional Grange Youth and Leaders Conference has been set for April 25-28, 2024 at the Terrace Heights Grange Hall in Yakima, WA. The Washington State Grange, assisted by the Yakima Valley Pomona Grange, will be hosting this year’s conference.

The Western Regional Grange Conference serves as a leadership training opportunity for our Grange youth and leaders. It also provides an avenue to share ideas with other Grangers in the Western Region. The Grange Youth Department holds their regional contests in public speaking, sign-a-song, and Grange Jeopardy at the conference. The Western Region consists of the Granges in Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Hawaii, and Alaska.



WHAT:	WESTERN REGIONAL GRANGE YOUTH AND LEADERS CONFERENCE	7:00 pm	Impromptu Speaking, sponsored by the WA State Grange Youth Department Age Categories: Juniors (5-13 years), Youth (14-20 years), Young Adult (21-30 years), Youth Alumni (31 and over) Live Auction (to support the Western Region’s National Convention Host Fund) Silent Auction Closes at the end of the Live Auction Contra Dance Presentation with Group Participation – Broadway Grange Contra Dancers
DATE:	APRIL 25-28-2024		
LOCATION:	TERRACE HEIGHTS GRANGE HALL 3701 BIRCHFIELD AVENUE, YAKIMA, WA	8:30 pm	

SCHEDULE:

Thursday, April 25

5:30 pm	Registration Opens
7:30 pm	Get Acquainted Activities

Friday, April 26

	Hospitality - Open All Day Silent Auction - Open All Day Breakfast on Your Own
8:00 am	Registration Open
8:30 am	Workshop #1 – “Preserving Your Grange Archives” – Heather Ferguson
10:00 am	Yakima Valley Bus Tour – Treveri Cellars and Bale Breaker Brewing Company Alternative Activity – “Making Sourdough” and “Strawberry Freezer Jam”
4:00 pm	Arrive back at the Terrace Heights Grange Hall
4:30 pm	Workshop #2 – “Finding the Gaps: How to Create and Conduct a Community Needs Assessment” – Amanda Brozana Rios
6:00 pm	Dinner
7:30 pm	Workshop #3 – “Generational Differences” – Kent Hojem
8:30 pm	Recreational Activities

Saturday, April 27

	Hospitality - Open All Day Silent Auction - Open All Day Breakfast on Your Own
8:00 am	Agriculture Tour – Busses Leave at 8 am sharp – Kinsey Farms and Asparagus Processing Plant
12:00 pm	Central Washington Ag Museum – sack lunch, walking tour of the museum and the Grange Library
2:30 pm	Arrive back at the Terrace Heights Grange Hall
3:00 pm	Workshop #4 – “Creating Sponsorship Opportunities for your Subordinate Grange” – Jesse Taylor Workshop #5 – “Agricultural Careers – Your Future is Bright!” – Jamie Sackman
4:00 pm	Workshop #6 – “Effective Communication Styles in a Digital World” – 2023 National Grange Communications Fellow Workshop #7 – “Youth Fairs Panel Discussion” – Joseph Stefenoni, Tom Gwin, Brittney Pittman, and Rick Ferguson
5:30 pm	Dinner

Sunday, April 28

	Breakfast on Your Own
8:00 am	Hospitality Open
9:00 am	Worship Service – Carolyn Hojem, Washington State Grange Chaplain
9:30 am	Workshop #8 - “Making the Grange Legislative Process Work for You” – Jesse Taylor
10:30 am	Wrap Up, Evaluation, Invitation for 2025

LODGING:

Lodging is available at several hotels in Yakima. Conference attendees should make their own reservations. Below is a list of hotel facilities. Feel free to check out these hotels online.

- ➔ Oxford Suites, 1701 E Yakima Avenue, Yakima, 509-457-9000
- ➔ Baymont by Wyndham, 1603 E Yakima Avenue, Yakima, 509-654-9168
- ➔ Best Western Ahtanum Inn, 2408 Rudkin Road, Yakima, 509-248-9700
- ➔ Super 8, 2605 Rudkin Road, Union Gap, 509-654-9371
- ➔ Holiday Inn, 802 E Yakima Avenue, Yakima, 509-494-7000
- ➔ Comfort Suites, 3702 Fruitvale Blvd, Yakima, 509-249-1900
- ➔ Red Lion Yakima Center, 607 E Yakima Avenue, Yakima, 509-248-5900
- ➔ Fairfield Inn & Suites, 137 N Fair Avenue, Yakima, 509-452-3100
- ➔ Hilton Garden Inn Yakima Downtown, 401 E Yakima Avenue, Yakima, 509-454-1111

CAMPING:

Camping is available at the Yakima Sportsman State Park. This is one-half mile from the Grange Hall. We will provide shuttle service from the campground to the hotel throughout the weekend. Telephone 509-575-2774 or email Yakima.sportsman@parks.wa.gov

AIR TRANSPORTATION:

- Yakima** – Alaska Airlines has 1-2 daily flights to Seattle.
 - We will provide shuttle from the airport.
- Tri Cities (Pasco)** – Allegiant, Avelo, Alaska, American, Delta, and United Airlines all serve Pasco, a one-hour drive to Yakima.
 - We will provide shuttle service to Yakima.

Western Regional Conference

Western Regional Grange Youth And Leaders Conference Information Continued

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION:

There is a \$35 registration fee per person for the conference. This will include lunch and dinner on both Friday and Saturday, both tours, and workshop materials.

REGISTRATION:

There are two options for registration. You may complete the registration form and mail it in or you may do online registration. Online registration will begin March 1 on the WA State Grange website www.wa-grange.com . Registration must be received by April 15.

WORKSHOP PRESENTERS:

“Preserving Your Grange Artifacts”

Heather Ferguson has worked for 18 years in museum education, museum collections, and artifacts. She is currently a consultant for museums and historical groups. She has a Bachelor’s Degree in Interior Design and her Master’s Degree in Museum Studies. Heather is serving as the Director of Junior Grange Activities for the Washington State Grange.

“Finding the Gaps”

Amanda Brozana Rios is the National Grange Membership and Leadership Development Director and Grange Foundation Associate. She is enrolled in a doctoral program at the University of Mississippi focused on community leadership and higher education and is an active member of Jefferson Grange #1384 (PA) as Secretary and Potomac Grange #1 (DC) as Lecturer.

“Generational Differences”

Kent Hojem is a 40-year member of Newaukum Grange, Kent retired as the CEO of the Washington State Fair in 2022 after 17 years. He is a past Board Chair of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions and was inducted into the IAFE Hall of Fame in 2019. Kent serves as the facilitator for the Puyallup-Sumner Chamber of Commerce’s Leadership Institute.

“Creating Sponsorship Opportunities for your Subordinate Grange”

“Making the Grange Legislative Process Work for You”

Jesse Taylor – Jesse is the Legislative Lobbyist for the Washington State Grange. He also serves as the Executive Director of the Washington FFA Foundation, where he is responsible for fund raising for the Washington FFA organization. A former legislative staff member, Jesse is a WSU graduate in Agricultural Economics.

“Agricultural Careers – Your Future is Bright”

Jamie Sackman grew up a dryland hog farmer and married an irrigated cow guy. They raising 4 kids (11-18 years) in Grant County on Jeff’s parent’s farm where they manage the Registered Angus and Commercial Cattle Operation. They also raise hay. Jamie works part-time as a Livestock Nutritionist for Wolfkill Feed in Othello and teaches agriculture classes at Big Bend Community College in Moses Lake. Over the years, she has been involved with a variety of Agricultural organizations and events showcasing the future of Agriculture on the state and national level. As an “ag-vocate”, Jamie enjoys talking to people about agriculture and encouraging people to share their passion about all aspects of feeding the world.

“Effective Communications in a Digital World”

What are the best practices when communicating digitally? How can we communicate clearly? Where should we be communicating? Who is our audience? The answers to these questions are Why you need to attend this workshop. Presented by the 2023 National Grange Communications Fellows: Carolyn Chamlee (NV), Jim Dumolt (OR), Meagan McDonald (WA), Katie Squire (CA) and Lexie Suing (OR).

“Youth Fairs Panel Discussion”

A discussion on the origins of the Grange Youth Fairs Program, goals and objectives, and how it intertwines with the fraternal Grange organization. Panelists include California State Grange President Joseph Stefenoni, Washington State Grange President Tom Gwin, Grant County (WA) Youth Fairs Program Coordinator Brittney Pittman, and Walla Walla County (WA) Youth Fairs Program Coordinator Rick Ferguson.

TOURS:


Treveri Cellars – Family-owned sparkling wine vineyard. Opened in 2010 just southeast of Yakima Washington. Their award-winning sparkling wines have been served at functions at the White House and James Beard Foundation. They produce a wide array of sparkling wines including non-traditional varieties. They oversee the entire growing and production process, from vine to bottle. Several of their vineyards are farmed organically. We are fortunate to have a private walking tour, tasting, and lunch at Treveri Cellars.

Bale Breaker Brewing Company – Family-owned brewery located just east of Yakima. Backed by four generations of hop farming experience, Bale Breaker started in 2013. They are the fourth largest independent craft brewery in Washington. They operate a 30-barrel brewhouse at a 27,000 square feet facility. The family first planted hops in the Yakima Valley in 1932, the year before Prohibition ended. We will have a walking tour of their operation and a chance to socialize over a good glass of beer.

Kinsey Family Farms – Family-owned farm, they are third generation farmers in the Yakima Valley. They started farming in the early 40’s in the Sunnyside area where they still farm today. They grow a diverse product line producing both conventional and organic. We will be touring their asparagus fields to observe harvest then to their warehouse to tour the processing. Kinsey Farms currently have around 200 acres in asparagus production. Greg Kinsey will be our host and guide for this tour.

Central Washington Agriculture Museum – Founded in 1979 and is located just south of Yakima. It is the largest museum of its kind in the Pacific Northwest. Home of 1000s of historic machinery and acres of exhibits that showcase farm life over the past 100 years. We will have lunch at the museum and then a drive through tour. Cheryl Reese Education Coordinator will be our host and guide.

Grange Library – The Grange library is located at the CW Ag Museum and will be open for us to browse and take in the history of local, state, and national Granges. It also has several historical books, some written by founders Kelley and Grosh from 1875 and 1876. The library also houses photos, documents, and symbols of the Grange. Liz Wade, one of the founding members, will be there to answer questions and guide us through the past.



WESTERN REGIONAL
GRANGE YOUTH AND LEADERS CONFERENCE

APRIL 25-28-2024

TERRACE HEIGHTS GRANGE HALL
3701 BIRCHFIELD AVENUE, YAKIMA WA

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Name _____ Email Address _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone (____) _____

Grange Name/Number _____ State _____

For Youth and Juniors (only), name of Chaperone _____

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Transportation: _____ Auto _____ Air _____ Other _____
If you are flying, do you need an airport shuttle? _____ Yes _____ No
Which Airport _____ Flight Number _____
Date of Arrival _____ Time of Arrival _____

Lodging: _____ Hotel _____ Campground (see info on Sportsman Park) _____ Other _____
If at Sportsman Park, will you need shuttle to the Grange Hall? _____ Yes _____ No

Meals – Please check which meals you will attend:
Friday, April 26
_____ Lunch (part of winery tour)
_____ Lunch (alternative activity)
_____ Dinner at 6 p.m.
Saturday, April 27
_____ Lunch at 12 p.m. (at Ag Museum)
_____ Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Please list any dietary restrictions _____

Tours – Please check the bus tours/activities you will attend:
Fri, April 26, 10 am to 4pm _____ Winery Tour OR _____ Sourdough and Freezer Jam Activity
Sat, April 27, 8 am to 2 pm _____ Agriculture – Asparagus Farm, Ag Museum, Grange Library

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Registration Fee: There is a \$35 registration fee that must accompany the registration form. Send registration form to: Washington State Grange, PO Box 1186, Olympia WA 98507.

Online registration will be available March 1. Go to the WA State Grange website: www.wa-grange.com to register for the conference. Credit cards are accepted.

Membership Corner

Welcome New Members

GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS February 2024

	# Joined	Jr. +1
603 Addy.....4	3	
Terrie Cooper, Ross Cooper, Nayali Dodson Sarah Graham		
791 Bryant5		
Eldora Sundin, Sara Fenlin, Evonne Carlson Sarah Walker, Brenda Bartee		
87 Columbia.....3	1	
Melynda "Lyn" Zielinski, Burl Zielinski Tracy McCune		
846 Deer Lagoon5		
Steven Myres, Dan Grone, Wanga Grone Isaac Bonnell, Alissa Bonnell		
646 Dry Creek1		
Gina Luellen		
1012 East Wenatchee2	1	
Colby Holaday, Rozanne "Rosie" Holsday		
26 Elma4		
Tracy McCourry, Timothy McCourry Rob Wollman, Gail Nash		
1094 Fertile Valley3		
Bonny Olson, Larry Olson, Viola Christoph		
33 Fords Prairie.....1		
Betsy DeSpain		
999 Fruitland4		
Virginia King, Renee Iliana, Joe Uliana Hayley Uliana		
857 Granville2		
Laura Pound, Darin Jackson		
590 Greenwood Park8		
Greg Howard, Mary Wolfsen, Jason Oberdorfer, Kalli Oberdorfer, Heather Cladwell, Marvin Velle, Madison Caldwell, Stephanie Richardsen		
322 Happy Valley.....1		
Shirley Davis		
925 Lummi Island.....3		
Ricky Bousman, Beth Salas, Ricardo Salas		
710 Mansford3		
Sara Rodgers, Elizabeth Gough, Jenna Ducharme		
276 Marion.....1		
Ashlinn Palmerin		
812 Ohop.....1		
Ricky Flansburg		
926 Samish Valley4		
Mark Sniffen, Randy Hamilton, Terry Hamilson Hannah Knutzen		
374 Stranger Creek.....1		
Andrea Carrigan		
984 Swauk Teanaway2		
Sam Maybo, Claudette Maybo		
586 Terrace Heights2		
Marr Weaver, Naomi Weaver		
275 The Agate1		
Robin Pittack		
996 Violet Prairie1		
Venjurlie Chapman		
1143 White Trail1		
Steve Noah		
	# Joined	Jr. +1
TOTALS63	5	

Growing Your Grange

What enticed you to join the Grange? Do you share your joy of the Grange with family and friends? Do your peers know what the Grange is and what it has to offer them? Do you share with non-Grange members the exciting things your Grange is doing for the community?

These are all great questions to contemplate as you think about growing your Grange. There is no better time than the present to start talking about the Grange. Now more than ever, people want to feel closer to their communities and help those around them. The Grange is the perfect organization for the whole family to join.

In the last few years, we have seen a surge in people of all ages, planting their first garden, learning home canning, building a chicken coop and raise chickens, picking up a paint brush and learning to paint, learning new forms of exercise or dance, etc. The list could go on and on but what I notice most is

people are wanting to be more self-sufficient in their own home or neighborhood and they want to be closer to their communities as well. This is the perfect time for Granges

There is no better time than the present to start talking about the Grange.

to invite those neighbors in. The Grange has many things to teach them, and they may just teach us a few things as well.

Families are flocking to the Grange for these very same reasons. We continue to see a large growth in teen membership as well as Junior membership. Granges are

reorganizing their Junior Granges or adding the Washington State Fairs program as the demand for more family-oriented activities becomes more and more important. It is important for us not to forget to invite those young families in. What better way to raise a family then to raise them in the Grange!

Don't forget to share the benefits of Grange membership with them as well. Here are a few; Education beyond the classroom, Educational Scholarships, Community Service Opportunities, Legislative experiences, Leadership opportunities for adults and youth, Summer Camps for Jr. Grangers, Numerous contests and hobby activities, Awards and travel opportunities, and so much more.

Take a moment to really think about the questions presented here and ask how you can help grow your Grange.

Congratulations Winners!

New Membership Contest

January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024

A new year and a fresh new start for our membership contest.

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.

Debbie Harbin – Addy #603
Matt Simonis – Bryant #731
Laura Rookstool – Deer Lagoon #846
Kevin Fricke – McIntosh #1001
Jeff LaShaw – McIntosh #1001
Amanda LaShaw – McIntosh #1001

Congratulations to the Grangers who have brought in 8 or more new members into your Grange. You have each won a \$25 Amazon gift card for every 5 new members brought in.

No \$25 Amazon Gift Card
Winners This Month

This Contest runs from January 1, 2024 thru December 31, 2024.

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!

New Food Pantry At Rose Valley Grange



Rose Valley Grange has a new food pantry. TJ Brinkman with Scout Troop 307 built this for the Grange for his Eagle Scout Project. He added power, outside light and a sign to it. Our community will be able to donate or receive food from our pantry. Pictured: TJ Brinkman & Nicole Nickel of Rose Valley Grange.

On The Web:
www.WA-Grange.com

Home & Family

Family Living Packets Have Been Distributed

By Helen Berg
Family Living Director

My how time is flying. I hope that by this time you have all received your Family Living Packets and are thinking of something you can enter in your upcoming contests. I challenge each Grange to have an entry this year on the Pomona Level. What a fun way

to bring Grangers together.

Now is the time to be looking for Grangers that have earned the privilege to be awarded a Quilt of Valor. Any Veteran who was honorably discharged is eligible. You can find a nomination form on the Quilt of Valor web-site. You may e-mail this information to me. I am looking forward to awarding at least 10 quilts. While I have

enough quilts

for this year feel free to make one for your nominee.

Remember that comfort toys and state quilt blocks are not judged on the Pomona level but rather are brought to state and judged there. There are cash prizes for top winners.

Have a great spring!



Helen Berg



A St. Patrick's Day Spread That Is Green with Envy

(Courtesy of Family Features)

Freshen up your St. Patrick's Day menu with easy, light sandwiches inspired by the traditional color of the festivities. These open-faced noshes can be perfect for lunch, snack time or even as an appetizer for get-togethers with friends and family.

Layered with a smooth cream cheese and mozzarella mixture then topped with crisp cucumber and a stem of green bell pepper, these St. Patrick's Day Sandwiches are easy and cute, which makes them a fan favorite at nearly any green gathering. They're also sprinkled with lemon juice to add a little acidity and create a nice, light bite.

Plus, this recipe is quick to make. When you're in a rush to get everything on the table for the party, it's easy to throw together and get on the platter in next to no time.

The sandwiches pop off the plate with their bright, seasonal garnishes. While sure to attract attention and have your loved ones asking "Where did you get this idea?" they're also an easy way to sneak a few vegetables into your kids' diets.

For more festive recipes and ideas at Culinary.net.

St. Patrick's Day Sandwiches

Yield: 8 Sandwiches

Ingredients:

- 8 ounces plain cream cheese spread, softened
- 1 cup finely shredded mozzarella cheese
- salt
- 4 English muffins
- 24 slices cucumber
- 8 thin slices green pepper
- fresh cilantro leaves
- lemon juice
- lemon slices, for garnish (optional)

In bowl, mix cream cheese spread, mozzarella cheese and salt well. Split English muffins in half. Cut each muffin half into shamrock shape. Spread cheese mixture over each muffin half.

Place three cucumbers on each "shamrock," one on each "leaf." Use green pepper slice as stem. Place cilantro leaf on top of each sandwich.

Sprinkle sandwiches with lemon juice and add lemon slices, for garnish, if desired.

Traditional Oyster Dinner Resumes at Sharon Grange

Over 70 years ago, the members of the Sharon Grange #800 located across the Chehalis River Bridge from the little town of Porter held their first oyster feed. The event continued annually until the Covid-19 closures. In 2022, the grangers were able to get back to the grills, but had to modify the serving method guided by the health department due to Covid restriction.

The grills will be fired up again this year on Saturday, April 13 and after other grange workers get the oysters breaded our grilling team will fry up the oysters for our hungry customers.

This year's event will begin at 12 noon and run till 5 pm. This will be an all- you-can-eat dinner. Along with the fried oysters, the menu will include mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, oyster stew, rolls, beverage, and pie. Ham will also be available.

Tickets will be sold at the door with ticket prices as follows: adults \$30, senior citizens 65-years or older \$25, and children 6- to 12-years old \$15, and children 5 and younger free.

The Sharon Grange is located as a rural route served by Oakville Post Office at 912 South Bank Rd. For more information about the oyster feed you can

post questions on the Sharon Grange Facebook page, send e-mail to Sharongrange100@gmail.com or call (360)490-4988.

Pictured: The Goeres' are one example of multiple generations of a family participating in helping the Sharon Grange Oyster Feed take place. Pictured here are brothers Karl and Gene Goeres and Karl's son Bret.

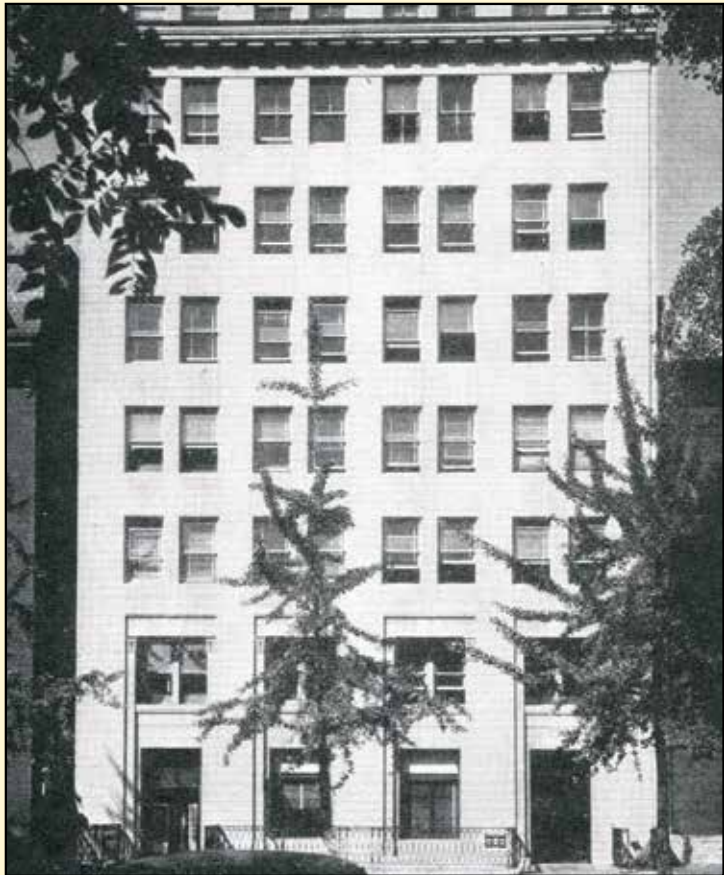


Rose Valley Grange Hosts Bake Sale

Rose Valley Grange 953 has a bake sale twice a year. Our next sale is in May. We raise money to heat our building that the heating system has failed. Donations always accepted.



National Grange News



National Grange Building Sold

By Christine Hamp
National Grange President

It is with mixed emotions that I let you know that I have signed the final paperwork and that our National Grange Headquarters Building at 1616 H Street NW, Washington, D.C. is sold.

The National Grange Executive Committee signed a Purchase and Sale Agreement with 1616 H Street NW LLC, a District of Columbia limited liability company, on January 17, 2024, and the sale closed on Tuesday, February 6, 2024.

This journey began in November 2021 with the difficult vote to sell our headquarters building. Since that day, there have been countless hours spent by many people making sure that we got the best deal possible based on the current economic and real estate conditions.

The sale price was \$10.3 million. After paying off the \$1.3 million left on our mortgage, broker commissions, title and escrow charges, local taxes and fees, and as the prorating of final rent payments, utility bills, and existing service contracts are wrapped up by the Title company over the next few weeks, we have a net \$8.12 million to invest. The investment advisory committee formed per Resolution 203 in 2021 will reengage and get a Request for Proposal (RFP) out as soon as possible to find an advisor to manage our investment funds. Please know that in the meantime the National Grange Executive Committee has opened an account to protect our proceeds in short-term U.S. Government securities. I will keep you informed of our progress as we move forward with the process laid out in Resolution 203.

The Purchase and Sale Agreement required us to vacate our 11th floor offices and the basement levels but allows us to remain in our new 1st and 2nd floor spaces free of charge for six (6) months. The National Grange Executive Committee is working to determine our needs and reviewing our options for what to do moving forward once our six (6) months run out.

Past National Grange President Kermit Richardson said it best many years ago – “The Grange does not live at 1616 H Street. The Grange lives in the many communities we serve.” I, and I fervently hope all of you as well, am excited for this next chapter of the National Grange.

National Grange Adopts New Mission Statement



By Christine Hamp
National Grange President

The 2024 edition of the National Grange Leaders’ Conference is a wrap. Over 80 participants traveled to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and a handful of others participated via Zoom. The agenda focused on strategic planning, team building, and the future, and included many workshops in what I’m calling the “Toolbox Series” – critical topics and skills that attendees are encouraged to take back to their states to teach and to share. Please contact your State Grange President to ask how you and your Grange can receive the information.

One outcome of the conference is the adoption of an updated Mission Statement for the National Grange – “Strengthening individuals, families and communities through service, education, nonpartisan grassroots advocacy and agricultural awareness.”

The focus moving forward, and in all ways, will be on inclusion, relevance, team building, and re-emphasizing our grassroots heritage. Grange Strong!

Imagine the impact the Grange can make when we prioritize and actively work toward enhancing the experience and value we provide to each member. How awesome this country could be if every community had a strong, vibrant Grange focused on resilience and relevance. Remember also that determined people working together can do anything. Let all who desire join in serving as Caretakers of a Legacy!



MARCH 2024 NATIONAL GRANGE EVENTS

TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP
JOIN US ON ZOOM FOR THESE EVENTS!

**1: GRANGE FOUNDATION
ERNESTINE KEISER SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE**
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1: FELLOWSHIP FIRST FRIDAY 8:30 P.M.
Connect: grange.biz/FirstFriday
A new program!
Join us for this fun NEW monthly program - a time for fellowship, thought-provoking conversation, and the chance to connect with Grange members from coast to coast! Includes a short program, activity, and time to socialize around topics of your choice.
March topic: Temperance Kelley - A forgotten figure

11: LESSONS OF THE DEGREES 8:30 P.M.
A NEW PROGRAM Connect: grange.biz/degreelessons
Join members of the Assembly of Demeter to learn about the lessons taught in the ritual and Degrees.
This quarter - **SPRING**.

18: VIRTUAL LEGISLATIVE FLY-IN 1:30-4:30 P.M.
Register: grange.biz/flyin2024
Join National Grange staff, legislators, and issues partners for this afternoon of learning about the Grange's advocacy work for all rural Americans.

20: MEMBERSHIP MATTERS 8:30 P.M.
Connect: grange.biz/matters
Join Membership/Leadership Development Director Amanda Brozana Rios for this monthly time to learn about various membership challenges and growth opportunities.

26: COMMUNICATIONS ZOOM-TORIAL 8:30 P.M.
Connect: grange.biz/Zoomtorial
Join Communications Director Philip Vonada to learn about various topics in the field of Communications & Public Relations.
This month: **Artificial Intelligence: Good or Bad?**
Questions? Email pvonada@nationalgrange.org

National Grange News

A View From The Hill - Winter 2024 Wrap-Up

By **Burton Eller**
National Grange
Legislative Director

WASHINGTON OVERVIEW

The Senate and House returned this week from their two-week Presidents Day recess with a government shutdown staring them in the face. The first deadline is Friday, March 1 when funding runs out for USDA, FDA, Energy, Transportation, HUD and Military Construction. The remaining agencies’ deadline is March 8. There was a high-level pow wow at the White House Tuesday between President Biden, Vice President Harris, Senate Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, House Speaker Johnson and Minority Leader Jefferies. The meeting, reportedly intense at times, apparently produced some negotiating options for Friday to prevent shutdown. The Congressional leaders announced an agreement on Wednesday to prevent a shutdown by giving themselves until March 8 to pass appropriations bills to cover the above agencies. After more presidential primaries this week, it continues to appear President Biden and former President Trump will each skate to their party nomination. Senate Minority Leader, Mitch McConnell (R-KY) announced he will step down from that position in November. A recent Gallup poll found the top issue facing the country according to respondents is immigration, saying that “large numbers of immigrants entering the United States illegally” is a critical threat to U.S. vital interests. Don’t look for farm bill negotiations to go anywhere soon. The Senate and House ag committees are still far apart on several major issues. As well, some political strategists from both parties recommend waiting until after elections this fall to seriously address the farm bill. Increasingly heard around Washington ... “Sky-high cost of food is eating our paychecks.” The best news is that cherry blossoms are just a month away.

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

Fewer Farms, Older Producers
The agriculture census just released by USDA shows both the number of farms and the number of farm acres have fallen significantly from 2017 to 2022. The number of farms fell 7% over the five years, while the average age of farmers and ranchers rose

slightly to 58.1 years. The amount of farmland fell from 900 million acres to 880 million, a loss of more than 20 million acres. The number of dairy operations fell 39%, beef cattle operations fell 21%, big hog operations declined slightly, while big chicken operations grew from 7,211 to 7,406.

Beef Chicken and Pork Producers Advocate for Clear “Fake” Meat” Labels

Legislation has been introduced to require the use of “imitation” or similar terminology on labels of plant-based meat and meat alternatives. A bipartisan, bicameral group of legislators on the Hill introduced the FAIR Labels Act in both the House and Senate. The Act is intended to clearly differentiate between real meat, plant-based meat and lab-grown products so consumers can clearly understand the difference at the retail counter.

USDA Equity Commission Reports

Over the past three years, members of the USDA Equity Commission met regularly to examine how changes to USDA programs, policies, systems and practices can help lift barriers to inclusion or access, and address systemic discrimination or racial, economic, health and social disparities. The Commission’s recommendations include commodity program reforms, more equitable delivery of all USDA programs, farm worker access to USDA food and nutrition programs, and increased funding for 1890’s institutions and Tribal extension programs.

Support for Wildlife Services

The National Grange joined over 250 national and state organizations in urging Congress fully fund the Wildlife Services division at USDA. Wildlife causes more than \$12.8 billion in damage to natural resources, public infrastructure, private property, and agriculture. Wildlife Services works to prevent, minimize or manage this damage and to protect human health and safety from conflicts with wildlife.

CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENT

Snake River Salmon Litigation Paused

A long-running court case over salmon declines in the Columbia and Snake rivers has been put on hold for at least five years. This will give the federal

government, four Northwestern tribes, environmental groups and the states of Washington and Oregon time to test a \$1 billion agreement intended to resolve the dispute without having to breach four Snake River dams. In other action, National Grange president Christine Hamp submitted a letter to a House Energy and Commerce committee hearing pointing out that rural residents of the region have not been part of dam removal discussions. She stressed that removal would totally disrupt the infrastructure for clean electrical power, agricultural irrigation, cargo transportation, jobs and recreation.

Big Banks Slammed Over “Net-Zero” Emission Pledge

Agriculture officials from a dozen states are concerned about the role of some of America’s largest banks in a United Nations coalition that aims to reduce the carbon footprint of loan portfolios around the world. In a letter to six U.S.-based banks, the ag officials asked how they plan to meet the commitments. Ag officials warned these commitments could cut America’s livestock consumption in half, force a switch to inefficient electric farm equipment, and demand a move away from nitrogen fertilizer necessary for American agriculture to survive. Recipient banks were Bank of America, Citigroup, Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley and Wells Fargo.

HEALTH CARE

Push for Early Cancer Detection

The National Grange sent letters of appreciation to the Senate and House sponsors of the Nancy Gardner Sewell Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act (S. 2085 and H.R. 2407). The Grange stressed a recent study it conducted that pointed out the cancer disparities in rural America and the need for Medicare to cover new screening tests that can detect dozens of cancers in their early stages with a simple blood draw. The Grange then sent the study and its findings to 126 congressional leaders and staff with jurisdiction over the two bills and urged passage of the Act.

Grange Meets with House Ways and Means Committee

National Grange’s Burton Eller joined a group of patient advocates that met with committee staff to discuss the merits of Medicare coverage for the multi-cancer

early detection cancer screening test. Eller addressed the critical need for rural residents to have access to such a test. Ways and Means is one of the committees of jurisdiction for this legislation.

Grange at the Southern Farm Show

The National Grange and the North Carolina State Grange joined forces in a booth at the show in Raleigh, N.C. to sponsor a vaccination clinic and distribute immunization information about flu, COVID and RSV. The effort also collected surveys from attendees about their own vaccination status and that of their families. Advice and counsel with tips for rural seniors facing surgery was also on display. Approximately 30,000 visitors passed the booth.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Affordable Connectivity Program Enrollments End

ACP enrollments came to an end February 7 because Congress has not funded an extension of the program. ACP is an extension of the Emergency Broadband Benefit from the COVID pandemic’s early stages. It has helped narrow the digital divide by providing qualifying households a subsidy of \$30 per month if they fall below 200% of federal poverty guidelines. Around 43% of eligible households are now enrolled in ACP. It is estimated that by May ACP will shut down for those already on the program. Internet providers are working on alternatives for enrollees to continue to be connected, but the question is cost.

Have Broadband Will Stay

A recent rural impact survey by Cox Communications shows the majority of people in underserved areas who recently got high-speed internet say the newly available service has improved their lives. The survey indicated 70% of respondents under 31 years of age feel encouraged to remain in their communities, while 62% reported improvements in access to online jobs and 84% of respondents already working remotely reported increased capabilities in doing their jobs.

OF INTEREST

Factors Shaping the 2024 Rural Economy

CoBank’s 2024 outlook report looks at key factors the bank expects to shape agriculture and



the rural economy in the coming year. While the U.S. economy is still in good shape overall, high prices are expected to continue to take a toll. Here are the top six factors to watch in 2024:

- Global slowdown - Global growth in 2023 is estimated at 2.5% which is less than half of the average growth between 2000 and 2018. This trend is expected to continue into 2024.
- Priced to remain elevated – While inflation and the unemployment rate are down, higher prices appear to be sticking.
- Slowed government progress continues – With slim majorities in both the Senate and House, shutdown deadlines continue to loom, and little progress has been made on the farm bill.
- Livestock growth plans put on hold – Lower feed costs and domestic demand should help profitability, but costs are still high.
- Uncertainty in the dairy industry – Increased prices for consumers could keep sales growth at a slow rate. International demand will play a large role in profitability.
- Power, energy and broadband sectors face obstacles – Global conflicts create uncertainty for commodity markets. Broadband investment continues to flow into the industry, but it will not be without challenges due to a tight labor market, tight credit conditions and a difficult permitting process.

U.S. Debt to Exceed Record in Four Years

The Congressional Budget Office projects that the national debt will eclipse its record as a share of the economy by 2028 and exceed 116 % of the economy by 2034. CBO projects the budget deficit will total \$1.5 trillion in 2024 and grow to \$2.6 trillion by 2034. Trust funds for highways and Social Security will be exhausted by the end of this decade.

National Grange News

NATIONAL GRANGE: EDUCATION & HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT POLICY STATEMENT - 2023

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 Wi-Fi 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 National Telecommunication Cooperatives Association (NTCA), The Rural Broadband Association. This is a national effort to connect more students for remote and hybrid learning.

We encourage and support legislation that provides funding for free quality meals for all school students in pre-k through 12th grade across the United States, to strengthen all students and the future of our country.

We feel that the National Grange shall support the restoration of the exemption of family farms and small businesses under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

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.

Hearing Aids

Though hearing aids are now available over the counter without prescription, we believe consumers should still consult with licensed audiologists to determine specific needs and be advised regarding which types of devices will be most suitable for them, how to properly fit and wear hearing aids, and even whether hearing aids will actually benefit them.

Battery safety

The National Grange urges policy makers to give the Consumer Products Safety Commission the authority to protect consumers from the dangers connected to lithium-ion and other types of high energy density batteries. (515-NY)

HEALTH

PFAS

PFAS are man-made perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances having at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom. They are used in non-stick treatments, to treat material for water resistance, and in fire suppression among other uses. PFAS are persistent chemicals that have been found to have a host of dangerous health effects including cancer, liver damage, decreased fertility and increased risk of asthma and thyroid disease. These chemicals may be in to-go food containers, as waterproofing on clothing, or in fire suppression foams. The impact of these chemicals on our health must be studied further and the public made aware of the dangers.

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 dangers of nicotine are well-known but what is less obvious are the ways nicotine is still being marketed. The nicotine content of tobacco products can be artificially enhanced which increases the health impacts and risk of addiction. Nicotine is also marketed in non-tobacco candy-like products such as gummies. We believe the nicotine content of tobacco products should be strictly regulated, as should the advertising and sale of any nicotine products resembling candies or other products potentially attractive to children.

Titanium dioxide (TiO₂) is a substance that has been used by artists to make a bright white pigment. It is also used to whiten food products such as white frosting and to brighten the colors of other products such as the candy Skittles. TiO₂ was initially approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in 1966 but as of 2021 it has been banned in foods by the European Food Safety Authority. We urge the FDA to fast-track research into the negative effects of TiO₂.

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 Health Care.

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

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

Enforcement of existing laws regulating transparency and simplicity in the healthcare 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.

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.

The National Grange supports the inclusion of funding in the Farm Bill to build a program to provide farm and rural families access to affordable childcare in their communities.

The National Grange supports the reauthorization and expansion resulting in increased funding of the National Agricultural Crisis Hotline in efforts to provide 24/7 access to trained responders in response to the nationwide rural mental health crisis.

The National Grange supports that Congress directs the Veterans Administration (VA) to increase treatment options for veterans with mental health issues.

Medicare

National Grange supports the Medicare flexibilities allowing for increased bandwidth for telehealth use and the funding for vaccines, mental health coverage, opioid abuse programs, and for hospital at risk of closure.

National Grange supports Medicare coverage for new technologies such as Multi-Cancer Early Detection tests. We wish to see greater rural access for these technologies.

National Grange supports making breakthrough Alzheimer's treatment available to all regions and we support coverage of these treatments by Medicare.

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.

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.

Drug pricing

National Grange Supports Pharmacy Benefit Manager Reform as being necessary oversight so that cost savings are passed along to the consumer.

Cancer Research

It has been a 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.

The National Grange supports the American Cancer Society and like organizations in requesting that April be recognized as Cancer Control Month.

Health data

The National Grange supports legislation that would extend the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) to guarantee the privacy of our information related to our health.

RetireSafe

The National Grange should continue to partner with RetireSafe on appropriate initiatives.

National Grange News

NATIONAL GRANGE: CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT POLICY STATEMENT - 2023

We encourage the responsible stewardship of our natural resources from all who own or use them. We define responsible Stewardship as a balance between use, preservation, and the environmental standards appropriate to the regional needs. Our organization has been a strong advocate for land stewardship. We believe that protection of the environment and the conservation of natural resources are vital. We further believe that education of the public regarding the importance of our natural resources is an absolute necessity. We support current federal guidelines on the control of air and water quality.

The National Grange should continue to advocate for conservation programs. These programs should encourage farmers to operate in an environmentally sound manner, focusing on scientific and technical assistance, research, education, loans, and cost-share programs.

Climate change is receiving attention not only in our nation, but across the globe. The National Grange understands agriculture is a part of the total picture on climate change and the efforts to accomplish Net-Zero greenhouse emissions in the United States. We demand American Agricultural Data, rather than worldwide data, be used to provide a more accurate picture of greenhouse emissions in our nation and that consistent sources of data be used. The National Grange supports the use of Best Management Practices and any mandates on agriculture in regard to reducing emissions be accompanied with economic incentives to lower the impact on our agricultural producers.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is releasing funding for agricultural producers and forest owners to participate in voluntary conservation programs and adopt climate smart practices. The money, made available through the Inflation Reduction Act, will be allocated to four programs administered by USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service which accepts applications for its programs year-round in a competitive process.

We recognize that plastic and other non-biodegradable materials are a significant environmental nuisance. The National Grange supports legislation that will promote the use of shorter life plastic and biologically degradable materials.

The National Grange recognizes the unique role agriculture plays in land and environmental management. The National Grange supports transparent disclosure of details of any environmental testing and/or modifications being conducted by any governmental agency. We advocate for greater flexibility in the interpretation of environmental laws to allow for traditional land uses taking into consideration varying environmental situations across the country and encourage agricultural producers to engage in best management practices in all aspects of their operations.

The National Grange supports coordination among Federal, State and Local Governments when developing land use management plans. We urge Congress to include voluntary incentive-based assistance for conservation practices by farmers, ranchers, foresters, developers, and landowners in future Farm Bills, which will maintain a commitment to conservation. In that light, we also urge USDA to ensure that they use only scientifically based research when crafting regulations to implement the conservation portions of the Farm Bill. The optimum result should be that the environment be protected with the least amount of prime, productive farmland taken out of production.

Waters of the United States has emerged again through court rulings and legislative activity, which has the potential to overreach into our farms as it did before. The National Grange continues to stress that navigable waters remain in the definition of the Clean Water Act and will continue to monitor for developments as they occur.

Food waste is a problem to be addressed as approximately half of the food grown in the country is thrown away without being consumed. Environmentalists are concerned because the decay of food in landfills releases methane into the air. The Grange should be involved in efforts to reduce food waste while at the same time helping the environment.

State Grange Standing Committee Meetings Scheduled


The eight Standing Committees for the Washington State Grange are scheduled to meet in April. Each of the Standing Committees will review current State Grange Legislative Policy, making recommendations for changes, deletions, or additions to the policy. Those recommendations will be referred to the delegates at the Annual State Grange Session, which is scheduled for June 26-30 in Colville. All Standing Committee Meetings will be held via Zoom.

DATE	TIME	COMMITTEE	COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Tues, April 9	6:30 pm	Conservation & Ecology	Chair – Butch Ogden, Don Kapitanovich, Isabella Lierman, Shavanna May, Sara Nan Riordan, Todd Scholz, Lynn Wells, Russ Weston
Wed, April 10	2:00 pm	Education	Chair – Ann Fackenthall, Terry Ferguson, Shawn Donelly, Judy Hossner, Sindy Kelly, Emil Moilanen, Laura Rookstool, Robert Sholes, Jean Swift
Wed, April 10	6:30 pm	Health, Healthcare & Safety	Chair – Christine Hamp, JoAnn Anderson Morgan Browning, Jerry Gwin, Janna Hagarty, Jennifer Oliver, Kirby Pollard, Victor Stevens, Jordanne Webb
Thurs, April 11	6:30 pm	Agriculture	Chair – Rex Ogden, Larry Auvil, Karen Derrey, Roger Ellison, Dennis Hall, Carolyn Hojem, Mary Hunt, Greg Jones, Alexis Kudsk, Richard Lefever, Chase Metzger, Tom Muchoney
Mon, April 15	6:30 pm	State & National Issues	Chair – Jonny Pittman, Aland Anderson, Rick Ferguson, Oren Gaskill, Tom Hann, Susan Hegney, Pam Mathews, Lillie Savage, Steve Singhose
Wed, April 17	2:00 pm	Good of the Order	Chair – David Bryant, Ed Armit, Tom Cullen, Debbie Fisch, Davona Gwin, Matt Harbin, Annie Scott, Robert Shea, Leslie Wells
Wed, April 17	6:30 pm	Transportation & Taxation	Chair – Scott Hackett, Marcy Belles, Lucille Bevis, Jacob Gwin, Rodger Lance, Brittney Pittman, Chuck Prochaska, Kirk Van Gelder, Christie Vintilo
Thurs, April 18	2:00 pm	Fish & Wildlife	Chair – Peter Hauk, Duane Hamp, Karen Castello, Jim Lahde, Claudine Lefever, Jim Lyle, Darrel Meyers, Lonnie Scott

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Thurston County/Lewis County Pomona Officers Installed



The installation team from Pierce County Pomona installed officers from Thurston and Lewis County Pomona Granges on January 7. Lewis County Pomona Master Ed Armit and Thurston County Pomona Master Shavanna May joined the team for this photo. (L-R seated) David Bryant, Mary Bryant, Helen Gardner. (Standing) Ed Armit, Victor Stevens, Jarrod Gardner, John Gardner, Shavanna May.

Grange Camper Assoc.

Grange Camper Association Annual Rally And Meeting

May 31-June 2
Ocean Shores, Washington
787 Chenois Ave NE, Ocean Shores

Friday: Arrival anytime

Saturday: 8am Hosted pancake breakfast
10am Annual meeting
5pm Hosted spaghetti dinner
(Guest bring Dessert)

Sunday: Breakfast on your own, then visiting

Monday: You are welcome to stay longer

Cost: \$25 per rig for the weekend
\$5 for drive ins

RSVP: Please RSVP by text to Verne with your name, size, and type of RV for planning parking arrangements.

- Verne Figg
206-650-4054

One door prize per Club!

State Grange Schedules Zoom Meetings

As the State Grange Directors will not be attending the Grange Resource and Information Training sessions, a series of Zoom meetings has been developed as a supplement to the face-to-face Grange Resource and 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 Zoom meetings 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 below.

FOCUS GROUP	DATE	TIME	FACILITATOR
SECRETARY	Mon, March 18 Tues, March 19 Sat, March 23	7 p.m. 1 p.m. 10 a.m.	STATE GRANGE OFFICE STAFF
YOUTH FAIRS PROGRAM	Wed, March 6 Wed, April 3 Wed, May 1	7 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m.	TOM GWIN, STATE GRANGE PRESIDENT
LEGISLATIVE UPDATES FOR ALL GRANGE MEMBERS	Mon, March 4 Mon, March 18	10 a.m. 10 a.m.	JESSE TAYLOR, GRANGE LOBBYIST, AND THE GRANGE LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
GRANGE MASTERS/ PRESIDENTS	Wed, March 27 Wed, April 24 Wed, May 29	7 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m.	TOM GWIN, STATE GRANGE PRESIDENT

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Grange Connection

Successful Concert And Dance At Lincoln Creek Grange



We would like to report the smashing success of our event at the Lincoln Creek Grange #407. We held a Concert with an amazing artist, made it a fundraiser to help us with our desperately needed building repairs. The town has been thanking us all month for putting this event on and reviving the neighborly feeling of camaraderie.

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

Here’s how you can help:

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.

Twisp Valley Grange Hosts Seed Swap

Twisp Valley Grange hosted a Methow Valley Seed Swap on February 18th. Over 60 community members of all ages attended to exchange stories about seed saving and to share vegetable and flower seeds they had harvested last year.

Grange Connection

Hope Grange Has Magical History Of Love

Throughout the past 120 years of Hope Grange's history there have been many magical moments that have occurred at Hope Grange and Love is certainly one of these magical moments!

Willis and Mable Porter's image was captured at their oldest son's wedding reception, James Porter and Janet ?, in January 1954 at the Hope Grange Hall. Willis and Mable were active members of Hope Grange throughout their marriage. Several of their children and grandchildren have been and are active members to this date. Willis' father, Sedate Porter, helped build Hope Grange 120 years ago! The community of Evaline was named after Sedate's wife.

Two of Willis and Mabel's sons, Michael S. Porter and Steve Porter, became a Hope Grange Master for many years and now Sedate and Evaline's great grandson, Michael D. Porter is continuing the family tradition as Hope Grange Master.

Michael S. Porter and Jo Ann (Heck) Porter were married in June of 1993 at Evaline Elementary School where they met in the 3rd grade! Throughout the years during "Christmas at Hope Grange" Mike and Jo Ann would continue the dance tradition and annually dance to the Tennesse Waltz played by our talented local musicians and members of the Washington Acoustic Music Association (WAMA). When asked what it took to make a successful marriage Jo Ann said "Think of each other. Talk with each other. Laugh with each other and laugh at yourself!"

Hope Grange members Larry Carroll and Kris (Wachter) Carroll were introduced during the 1964 State Grange Convention at Tri-Cities by their family members. At the time Kris's father, Walt Wachter, was Lewis County Pomona Master and Larry's grandfather, Herb Carroll was Cowlitz County Pomona Master.

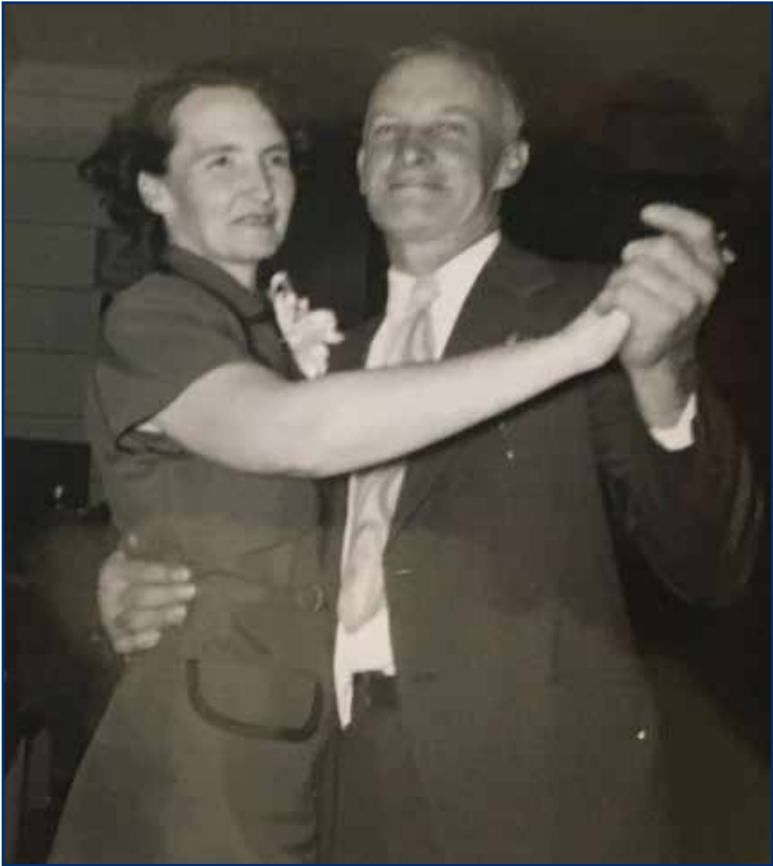
A few years went by with Larry and Kris seeing each other at various Grange events and both becoming Junior Grange Camp Counselors. In June of 1966 they met again at the Chehalis State Grange Convention where after the Youth Group dance Larry invited Kris to A&W for Fish & Chips and rootbeer before driving her home. They began dating.

Larry and Kris would traverse back and forth from Winlock to Kelso to attend football games, Hope Grange and Rose Valley Grange meetings. They were married in 1969. Larry and Kris have four daughters who are all active members of Hope Grange and are carrying on the family tradition of their parents and grandparents. When asked what advice they would give for a successful marriage Kris said "Be flexible. Plans change and you don't know what the future brings."

Grange roots run deep at Hope Grange and Love is in the Air!



James and Janet Porter • January 1954 • Hope Grange Hall



Willis and Mable Porter • January 1954 • Hope Grange Hall



(Left) Mike and Jo Ann Porter • December 2023 • Hope Grange Hall (Right) Larry and Kris Carroll



Fruitland Grange Keeping Busy This Winter

Fruitland Grange has been super busy. The community garden is making great strides. An excavator was brought in to clean up the area that's being prepped for this new project.

The downstairs concrete was painted. It's beautiful dusty blue and looks so fresh and clean. Kitchen cabinets are next on the docket in the way of capital projects.

The Family Valentine's Dance was a big hit. It was well attended and the chocolate

fountain was the biggest and best thing. Oops. We had chocolate on that brand new floor. But it cleaned up nicely.

John Wayne movie night happened on February 16. Chili and cornbread was served. Super yummy.

Words for thirds proved to be a wonderful experience for Grange president. Here's a picture of a young helper taking the dictionaries into a local school.



Grange Connection

Skagit County Pomona Grange Presents Quilts Of Valor



Skagit County Pomona Grange presented three Quilts of Valor to veterans working for the US Forest Service in their area. Grange members participating in the presentation were Steve Yates, Debbie Riegel-Yates, Laurel Jacobs, Mary Celia, and Jill Michels. Pictured are Avery Payne, Brian Hindman, Jonathane Schmitt - Veterans working for the US Forest Service.

The history of Quilts Of Valor: The founder, Catherine Roberts, had a son that was deployed to Iraq. She had a dream where she saw him on his bunk struggling with his war demons. A new vision came

to her mind where she saw him wrapped in a quilt and he was comforted and the demons were gone. The message of her dream was quilts = healing. She acted on this vision and presented her first Quilt Of Valor in 2003! at Walter Reed Medical Center.

The QOV Foundation was formed and since 2003 has awarded 190,000 nation wide. There are 27 groups in Washington state and last year presented over 1,000 quilts.

They HONOR each recipient for their service, for leaving home and everything they hold dear to stand in harm's way in a time of crisis, protecting us from the efforts of war. The

quilts presented are meant to say, "Thank you for your sacrifice." The quilts are also meant to COMFORT.

Skagit Valley Pomona President, Debbie Riegel-Yates, stated the Skagit Valley QOV. We have some Pomona members in our group, and we love sewing with our group and sharing ideas and fabrics. Each quilt usually has three people working on it, one making the top, one quilting and another one sewing on the binding to finish the quilt.

Skagit Valley QOV serves Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom and Whidbey Island.



Fargher Lake Grange Presents Award For Years Of Service



Master Larry Goble presented Past Master Jim Lester with a plaque of appreciation for years of service as Master of Fargher Lake Grange. The presentation was made at the business meeting at Fargher Lake Grange on February 9, 2024. Jim was Master of Fargher Lake Grange from January 2016 through December 2023.

Deer Lagoon Grange Hosts Sourdough Bread Class



Deer Lagoon Grange hosted a Sourdough Bread Class on March 1. There was over 100 community members in attendance. The community loves these classes, which are promoted on the Grange's social media pages and on the Grange reader board. This type of workshop is another way for the Grange to reach out into the community and has become a Signature Deer Lagoon Grange activity!

Grange Connection

GRANT COUNTY

White Trail Grange will be holding a Car Show on July 6, 2024. For more information, please contact RITA at 509-398-1639. We are holding a quilting/sewing day the first and third Tuesday's of the month from 10 am to 2 pm. its open to the public.

KING COUNTY

Issaquah Valley Grange will hear about plans currently under way for a Grange Month presentation by local salmon experts on the health of the salmon runs that pass through Lake Washington and on to Lake Sammamish, Issaquah Creek and the Cedar River. We will hear about what is working and what could be done better. The public is invited at 7:00 PM on April 8 at Issaquah Valley Grange which meets in the Masonic Hall next to Issaquah Salmon Hatchery on Sunset.

PIERCE COUNTY

Fruitland Grange closed out last year with a great holiday party for our community. Over 250

families came through our doors and had a wonderful time celebrating the holidays. Grange members have been doing some clearing on the Grange's property in hopes to start a community garden. A committee has been formed and they are researching all of what needs to be done to make it a huge success. Bingo night on January 10th had over 70 people in attendance. Bingo and Bunco nights have become increasingly popular. These are fun family events. February 10th will be our Family Valentine's Day Dance.

STEVENS COUNTY

Camas Valley Grange had snow falling early on 2/12, then turned to rain and cleared the roads so the February meeting wasn't cancelled due to safety concerns. There was a good turnout despite being damp and chilly weather. A number of items were discussed. Several members put items for homeless into a number of one-gallon ziplock bags, and will be given to the appropriate organization.

Bingo is already booked by several different groups for the first Saturday in March, April, and May. Another group scheduled "MadHatter Tea" for April 13. The annual Spring deep-cleaning of the Grange is set for April 14 at 1pm. Grange members will meet at the Grange on April 22 at 1pm to participate in an Earth Day road cleanup.

THURSTON COUNTY

South Union Grange met on February 19 for their regular monthly meeting. Since it was the Presidents Day holiday, a potluck dinner was held prior to the meeting with a colonial meals theme. Members were encouraged to bring food that was typical of the American colonial time period. Members voted to co-host Thurston County Conservation District's Harvest Fair in October, to hold a garage sale in April, and to celebrate the 60th anniversary of their Grange dances in September. The next regular meetings will be held on Monday March 18 at 7 pm. Monthly dances with

live country music by "The Country Four and More" are held the first Saturday of each

month from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. All ages are welcome, \$6 per person.

Pomona Calendar

Please submit your 2024 Pomona Meeting Dates.

CHELAN	March 21 at Smitty's Restaurant, 12 p.m. social luncheon. The next business meeting is May 18 at Chumstick, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
CLALLAM	April 17 at Crescent, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting.
CLARK	March 13 at Manor, 7 p.m.
COWLITZ/ WAHKIAKUM	March 16 at Rose Valley, 1 p.m. potluck, business meeting to follow.
DOUGLAS	April 18 at East Wenatchee, 6 p.m.
EXCELSIOR	March 23 at The Valley. 10:30 a.m. Will include the Baking Contest. Photo Contest entries due.
FERRY	March 11 at Malo, 6 p.m.
GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC	March 9 at North Willapa Harbor, 10:30 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Baking and Candy Contest entries due at 9 a.m. The next business meeting is May 11 at Olympic View.
KING	April 20 at Happy Valley, 10 a.m. Contest entries due.
Klickitat	March 9 at Mountain View, 12 p.m. potluck.
LEWIS	March 2 at Mossyrock, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting. April 6 at Fords Prairie. Contest entries due April 5 to Fords Prairie.
MASON	March 16 at Matlock, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. lunch.
PEND OREILLE	March 2 at Fertile Valley, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. May 11 at Fertile Valley. Baking, Crafts, Needlework and Photography Contests.
PIERCE	March 2 at Fruitland, 10 a.m. April 6 at Waller Road will include Degree Day, potluck lunch, and Sewing, Quilting, and needlework contests.
SKAGIT	March 6 at Skagit Valley, 6:30 p.m. April 3 at Fredonia
SNOHOMISH	March 16 at South Lake Stevens, 10 a.m. Will include the baking contest.
SPOKANE	May 18 at Five Mile Prairie, 10 a.m.
STEVENS	April 26 at Addy, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Family Living and Lecturer Contests will be April 27 at Addy.
THURSTON	April 4, location to be announced.
WHATCOM	April 16 at Rome, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Contest entries due earlier in the day.
WHITMAN	March 16 at Whelan-Ewartsville, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Will have the baking contest and bake sale.
YAKIMA VALLEY	March 4 at Fruitvale, 5 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting. The next business meeting is April 8 at Fruitvale.

Pomona Connection

COWLITZ/WAHKIAKUM POMONA

Cowlitz/Wahkiakum Pomona will meet on Saturday, March 16 at the Rose Valley Grange Hall. We will begin with a 1 p.m. potluck lunch, with business meeting to follow. Members are encouraged to bring hygiene products for donations.

GRAYS HARBOR/PACIFIC POMONA

Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona will meet on March 9 at the North Willapa Harbor Grange Hall. Baking and candy contest entries are due by 9 a.m. Entries will be sold after judging is completed. The Pomona Grange will be having a basket bingo fund raising event on April 20 at the Humptulips Grange Hall. The May Pomona meeting will be on May 11 at the Olympic View Grange Hall. Entries for all remaining Lecturer and Family Living Contests will be due to Olympic View on Friday, May 10 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

PIERCE COUNTY POMONA

Pierce County Pomona will be exemplifying the first Five Degrees of our Order at our April Pomona Meeting on Saturday, April 6th at 10am at Waller Road Grange #1111. Potluck will be held between the Fourth and Fifth Degrees. If you have not taken or seen the degree work, please join us and experience the ritualism of our Order. If you have seen it, please come and see it again.

THURSTON COUNTY POMONA

Thurston County Pomona hosted an installation team from Pierce County who installed the officers of Thurston and Lewis County Granges at the Brighton Park Grange Hall on January 7. The multi-county event was a rare and enjoyable opportunity for Grangers to fellowship with members from other counties. Thurston Pomona's first meeting of the year was held on February 1 at Black Lake Grange. The next meeting will be held on April 7 at Violet Prairie Grange at 7 pm.

SAVE THE DATE!

Upcoming State Grange Events

Scheduled events may be either cancelled or postponed. Please call prior to the event to confirm.

MARCH 4

Grange Legislative Update Zoom Meeting, 10 a.m.

MARCH 6

Youth Fairs Program Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.

MARCH 15

All Agenda Items for State Grange Executive Committee March Meeting due, 5 p.m.

MARCH 18

Grange Legislative Update Zoom Meeting, 10 a.m.

MARCH 18

National Grange Virtual Fly In via Zoom, 12-3 p.m.

MARCH 18

Grange Secretary Training via Zoom, 7 p.m.

MARCH 18

Grange Secretary Training via Zoom, 1 p.m.

MARCH 20

State Executive Committee Zoom Meeting

MARCH 23

Grange Secretary Training via Zoom, 10 a.m.

MARCH 27

Q&A with the State Grange President Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.

MARCH 31

Grange Secretary First Quarter Reports Due to the State Grange Office

APRIL 1 - 30

GRANGE MONTH

APRIL 1

State Grange Foundation Scholarship Applications Due

APRIL 3

Youth Fairs Program Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.

APRIL 10

Registrations due for Regional Grange Conference

APRIL 15

State Session Committee Request Forms Due to the State Grange Office

APRIL 15

Grange Secretary First Quarter Reports Due to the State Grange Office

APRIL 19

All Agenda Items for State Grange Executive Committee April Meeting due, 5 p.m.

APRIL 24

Q&A with the State Grange President Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.

APRIL 25

State Grange Executive Committee Meeting

APRIL 25-28

Western Regional Grange Youth and Leaders Conference in Yakima

APRIL 25-28

Grange Deputy and State Officer Conference in Yakima

MAY 1

Youth Fairs Program Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.

MAY 1

Resolutions Due for consideration at 2024 State Grange Session

MAY 29

Q&A with the State Grange President Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.

JUNE 26-30

WA State Grange 135th Annual Session at Northeast WA Fairgrounds, Colville

Washington Grange Grows Pears



Nine Washington Grange No. 82 members tackled our Pear growing project. We gathered at Noon on the first nice day in February to get our 10 espaliered Pear trees ready for Spring. We weeded the 3'X100' stretch of ground beneath the trees and added a fresh layer of ground cover to keep the weeds under control. Any fruit we produce will be donated to our local food bank.

Fargher Lake Granger Crochets For Premature "Babies In Need"

Fargher Lake Grange member Linda Marsh sits with items she crocheted for Babies in Need. She crocheted booties, bonnets and a blanket for premature babies born in Clark County. Linda has been making beautiful items for years. She is a new member to Fargher Lake Grange joining her husband Don who has been a member for many years. Babies In Need is one of many charities that members of Fargher Lake Grange donate to throughout the year.



GRANGE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION
(Seattle, Washington)

NOTICE OF
2024 ANNUAL
POLICYHOLDERS'
MEETING

The Annual Policyholders' meeting of the Grange Insurance Association will be held on Monday, March 18, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at Grange Insurance Association, 200 Cedar Street, Seattle, Washington 98121.

All Grange Insurance Association policyholders are welcome to attend.

Signed at Seattle, Washington this 11th day of January 2024.

Brian J. Allen, CPCU, ARM, AFIS
Corporate Secretary
GRANGE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

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