



WASHINGTON STATE Grange News

April 2025

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Setting The Table Together – Honoring Ag Day

By Richard Lefever
Goldendale Grange #49

The aroma of beef patties sizzling on the grill permeated the Grange Hall parking lot on the evening March 14th. Goldendale FFA, Goldendale Grange #49 and Centerville Grange #81 had been planning a free meal for parents,

grange members and the local community to honor National Agriculture Day. The free meal featured five of the major farm commodities raised in Klickitat County. During the evening members of both organizations provided learning stations about Potatoes, Beef, Apples, Wheat and Milk. FFA students shared

details about each commodity followed up with a hands-on experience of making French fries from whole potatoes, identifying wheat varieties and which variety makes bread, and which makes noodles. With the help of a full-sized realistic plastic beef carcass participants could identify primal cuts and

retail cuts of beef. After an entertaining discussion about the importance of Washington apples, attendees peeled and sliced apples using antique apple peelers. At the milk station students were given small, sealed cups of cream and told to jump, shake and wiggle vigorously until the cream turned into butter.

What a show of energy these Junior high students displayed. The successful evening ended with a free family style dinner featuring cheeseburgers, potato chips and apple pie. Estimated attendance for the evening event was over 100.

May 2025 issue deadline – APRIL 20th
Submissions can be sent to grangenews@wa-grange.org



WA State Grange Foundation

Washington State Grange Foundation Book Of Memories

Grange members can be memorialized in the Washington State Grange’s Book of Memories. The book, started in 1953, lists thousands of Grange members who have passed on to the Great Grange Above.

To be listed in the book of Memories, a donation (suggested minimum of \$25) must be made in the name of the deceased member to the Washington State Grange Foundation for use by one of the following foundation funds:

- WA State Grange Historical Fund (to assist in the preservation of Grange archives)
- King Memorial Fund (to support the purchase of equipment for the Jr Grange camping program)
- Junior Grange Campship Fund (to financially assist youth in attending Jr Grange Camp)

The WA State Grange Foundation is a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization. Donations to the funds are tax deductible. Checks must be made payable to the Washington State Grange Foundation and mailed to the State Grange Office at PO Box 1186, Olympia WA 98507.

WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION BOOK OF MEMORIES

Donation in Memory of _____

Grange Name/Number _____

Please check which fund is to be credited with the donation:
☐ WA State Grange Historical Fund
☐ King Memorial Fund
☐ Junior Grange Campship Fund

Amount of Donation _____

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Highlights Of The Washington State Grange Executive Committee Meetings

January 15, 2025

Sunny Valley #870 – the Washington State Grange will proceed with listing the Sunny Valley Grange #870 Property for sale.

Legislation: SB 5252-Removing The Acreage Limit on Property Tax Exemption Nonprofit Public Assembly Halls and Meeting Places – we support SB 5252 an act relating to removing the acreage limit on the property tax exemption for nonprofit public assembly halls and meeting places.

Legislation: HB 1141, Unionization of Agricultural Cannabis Workers – we oppose HB 1141 an act concerning collective bargaining for agricultural cannabis workers.

February 19, 2025

2027 State Convention Site (Central District) - adopted the recommendation of the Central District to accept the proposal of the State Fair Park and Event Center (Yakima Valley Sundome) for the 2027 Washington State Grange Convention.

Resolution 2025-01-Vehicle Miles Traveled Tax, submitted by Whitman County Pomona – the resolution was not considered an emergency resolution as we have current policy on this issue in our legislative handbook. The resolution was referred to the Taxation Committee at the Annual Convention Session.

March 19, 2025

Custodial Accounts – approve the request of Barberton Grange to transfer funds from the Barberton/Fishers/Pioneer Custodial Account into Custodial Accounts for the following Clark County Granges: Mountain Valley Grange #79 - \$40,000, Washington Grange #82 – \$25,000, Minnehaha Grange #164 – \$25,000, Salmon Creek Grange #849 – \$25,000, Fargher Lake Grange #853 – \$40,000, Fern Prairie Grange #866 - \$40,000, and Manor Grange #1101 - \$40,000.

Subordinate and Pomona Grange Bylaws Template. Adopted the proposed Bylaws Templates as amended.

Use of Grange Emblem for Fundraising Purposes - approved allowing Snohomish County Pomona to use the Grange images with the approved National Grange logos and images for fundraising.

Highlights Of The WA State Grange Foundation Board Of Trustees Meetings

March 19, 2025

Nonprofit Status – Reviewed reports from our Auditor, the Bylaws, and Articles of Incorporation. Agreed to continue reviewing and updating the bylaws and Articles of Incorporation to better reflect the function and purpose of the Foundation

Utilizing the Foundation for Grant Funds – approved the requests of Spring Hill Grange #909 and Okanogan Grange #1103 allowing the foundation to receive funds to make capital improvements to their halls, subject to the usual terms.

Scholarships – judging for foundation scholarships will be on April 27-28.



Bee Hive Grange Honors Members



Bee Hive Grange recently honored long-time members. (Left) June Hampton along with her nephew Greg Hampton and his wife JoAnn Hampton as Greg and JoAnn received their 25 year member certificates. (Right) June Hampton - 80 years as a Granger! She received her 80 year member certificate from Tom Gwin at BeeHive Grange # 385 on February 9th, 2025 during the Grange Resource meeting. June joined the Grange March of 1944.

By-Laws

Moses Lake Grange #1151 will be voting to adopt updated bylaws at their regular meeting on Thursday May 15th 6:30 PM. If any member has questions or would like a draft copy of the updated bylaws please email our secretary at moseslakegrange@gmail.com

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• Tom Gwin, Executive Editor •

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President’s Message

It’s Grange Month... Lets Celebrate And Promote

By Tom Gwin
WA State Grange President

Welcome to GRANGE Month!!!

For several years, the National Grange has celebrated and brought awareness to our cause through Grange Month and the amazing things our Granges do throughout the nation. It is a fun time for everyone, with a multitude of events, themed days and weeks, all falling into a month of celebration for the organization we all love.

While April is designated as GRANGE Month, we should be celebrating the Grange every month. There isn’t any other organization with the varied programs that we see in our Granges. While we have a few signature programs at the state and national levels, each Grange is allowed to determine their own path for local programs. The National Grange Digest of Laws provides our structure, and the Declaration of Purposes provides excellent guidelines as to why we exist, it is in the programs at the local level where our influence is the strongest and the most heartfelt. The strength of our local programs reaches into the core of our communities where we desire to make both the Grange and our communities stronger tomorrow than they are today.

The National Grange has promotional materials available for download for each Grange. Visit the National Grange website: https://www.nationalgrange.org/grange_month_2025/ to get your copy of the promotional materials.

It is not too late for your Grange to still make plans to celebrate GRANGE MONTH! Take a look at the available items. A couple easy projects instantly come to mind:

- Set up a display in your community portraying the positive impact you are making.
- Invite non-members to a potluck at your Grange Hall
- Sponsor a class or workshop for the community at large.
- Plan a special service project that will benefit the

- community
- Hold a work party to spruce up your Grange Hall
 - Attend an event with your fellow Grange members in masse, all wearing your favorite Grange shirt
 - Make a special presentation to an outstanding citizen in your community
 - Celebrate GRANGE Spirit Week, promoted on the National Grange website, encouraging your members to do the same

Deputy/State Officer/Pomona Master Conference:

Your Grange Deputies, State Grange Officers, and Pomona Grange Masters met in March for their annual conference.

Enjoy your time working to strengthen your community and your Grange. The tasks ahead may seem daunting, but you will complete them well and we will all benefit from your efforts.

-- Tom Gwin

Topics of the discussion included: EIN’s and the Nonprofit Status, Cash Handling in our Granges, State Property Tax Exemptions, Communicating with Different Personalities, GRANGE Month, the Importance of Grane Bylaws, Assessing our Granges and their Activities, Sponsorships, and Legislative Activities. A new template for Subordinate Grange Bylaws was presented, while a separate template for Pomona Grange Bylaws was developed. While the template is now on the State Grange website, your Grange should expect a visit from one of our Grange leaders soon to introduce the template to you. Thank you to Fredonia Grange in Skagit County for their wonderful hospitality at this conference.



Tom Gwin

Western Regional Conference:

The Western Regional Conference will be May 15-17 in Hamilton, Montana. You can find additional information on this conference elsewhere in this issue.

State Grange Session:

The Convention Host Committee is busy planning for your visit to Centralia/Chehalis in June. The national representatives this year will be Chris and Connie Johnston. Chris is the National Grange Steward and the Master of the Michigan State Grange. His biography will appear in a future issue.

Standing committees have completed their work in preparation for the session. The standing committees have nearly 50 recommendations for our current bylaws and legislative policies. Resolutions for consideration at this year’s session are due on April 25. The list of resolutions will be in next month’s issue.

Meal and RV forms are also in this issue. They are also available on the State Grange website. Please note, we will not have lunches available at the fairgrounds this year. There are ample food establishments available throughout both Centralia and Chehalis.

Credentials and Committee Preference forms are due to the State Grange Office by April 15. Committees will be appointed and will meet via Zoom. The list of committee meeting dates and times can be found elsewhere in this issue. Non-delegates may register and purchase meal tickets on the website as well.

I know April is a busy time for many of our Granges. Work hard but remember to enjoy the activities and programs you are conducting. Enjoy your time working to strengthen your community and your Grange. The tasks ahead may seem daunting, but you will complete them well and we will all benefit from your efforts.

Legislative

It's Time For The Legislature's "Sausage Making" Phase



By Jesse Taylor
Legislative Lobbyist

Jesse Taylor

The Cherry Trees are blossoming all around the capital which is always a signal that the end of legislative session is near. This year has been a unique challenge at the legislature dealing with new rules, new members, a new executive branch and brand-new agency heads.

This time of year the legislature is in the “sausage-making” phase where the public is largely cut out of the process and majority party leaders meet with each other to decide which initiatives to fund and what to cut, what to preserve and what to expand. 147 legislators have their own unique ideas about how the budget should read and how the process should play out, but at the end of the day it only takes 25 Senator and 49 members of the House of reps to pass the budgets required to tap the gavel one last time and declare Sine Di!

The final three weeks of session will be a series of public hearings on policy and appropriations bills before the final showdown of the Operating, Transportation and Capital Budgets. What happens then is a process called concurrence and reconciliation of bills that have passed both chambers but have experienced some changes along the way. The concurrence process in the Washington State Legislature occurs when one legislative chamber (either the House of Representatives or the Senate) passes a bill, and the other chamber reviews, amends, or agrees with the original version of the bill. Here's a breakdown of the process:

Introduction and Passage in One Chamber:

A bill is introduced in either the House or the Senate. After going through the various cutoff dates and steps in its house of origin it was introduced.

Transmission to the Other Chamber:

The bill is sent to the other chamber (House or Senate), where it is reviewed, debated, and potentially amended. This chamber can either accept the bill without any changes or amend the bill and send it back to the original chamber. (This is essentially the “second half” process of lawmaking)

Concurrence in the Other Chamber:

If the second chamber makes amendments to the bill, the original chamber must “concur” with those changes for the bill to move forward. If the original chamber disagrees with the changes, they may send the bill back with a request to reconsider or offer further amendments.

Disagreement and Conference Committee:

If the chambers cannot reach an agreement on the bill, a conference committee might be formed. This committee consists of a few members from both chambers who try to resolve the differences and create a compromise version of the bill. Once the conference committee reaches an agreement, the bill is sent back to both chambers for a final vote. If both chambers approve the final version, the bill moves forward.

This is a fascinating process because it’s the “smoke-filled room” aspect of lawmaking where provisions to a publicly debated bill are sent back into darkness for negotiations and then public comment is not welcome on any changes that were made during the concurrence process. The new bill is simply agreed upon by the majority party and sent the floor for a final vote of concurrence. While efficient, sometimes this process leaves public opinion opportunities on the table.

Please stay up to date on the specific happenings at the capitol as they pertain to our individual Grange capital budget requests, current status of bills and the legislative calendar the rest of the way, via the weekly Session Watch publication.



Session Watch 2025

Stay informed about what is happening in the State Legislature. Send us your email at grange@wa-grange.org to receive our weekly Session Watch report. You can also find each weeks Session Watch on our website under the Legislative Department page at:

www.wa-grange.com/LegislativeSession.aspx

Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Youth

National Updates Youth Programs

By Jerry Gwin
Youth Grange Director

The National Grange updated their programs this year. The first major change is the age requirements for participation in the national program. Grange Youth are 14-20 years of age, while Grange Young Adults are 21-30 years of age. The age range includes the age participants can serve as Young Adult Ambassadors for their state at the national level. Members over 23 years of age should be stepping into the role of a Grange mentor and encouraging the younger generations to become involved members as they make the transitions into adulthood.

The Youth Programs is based on the **YOUTH** acronym:

- Young Americans** – legislative advocacy
- On the Move** – membership development
- Utilizing Talents and Communication Tools** – communications
- Training Future Leaders** – leadership
- Helping in their Communities** – service

There are additional changes for this year to accommodate the reservation process needed to participate in this year's National Grange Session. A summary of the date changes is below.

National Grange Youth Officer Team – applications must be completed online no later than May 1. Participation in the officer team allows youth and young adults the opportunity to learn from the officers of the National Grange and

to gain perspective of the duties those officers hold. The program is designed to engage in leadership growth and learn what it means to hold such an important leadership position. Participants must attend all youth activities while attending the National Grange Convention including workshops, service projects, rehearsals and other events such as a Meet-and-Greet with the National Officers and the Leadership Academy at Sea. Potential officers must enter at least one contest from the youth program guide, whether it is a youth contest or a Lecturer contest.

Youth & Young Adult Ambassador Program – applications must be completed online no later than May 1. The Ambassador Program provides an opportunity for Youth and Young Adults to become representatives of their State Grange and a mentor to their peers across the country. State Grange Youth and Young Adult Ambassadors will have the opportunity to attend the National Grange Convention as a representative of their state. They will build leadership skills, broaden their view of the Grange from a national perspective, receive educational training to be utilized in their states, and build relationships with Grangers across the nation. Youth Ambassadors must be 16-20 years of age, while Young Adult Ambassadors must be 21-30 years of age. Anyone from our state interested in filling this role needs to contact me immediately via email davona1242@outlook.com

Public Speaking Contest – there will be three age groups, youth ages

14-20, young adults ages 21-30, and alumni aged 31 and over. The first-place winner in each age group at the state contest will qualify for the national contest via video submission. The prepared speeches are 3-5 minutes in length. An outline of the speech must be submitted, along with the video of the speech presentation. Judging will be based on content, topic, delivery, stage presence, and time limit. The State Grange Public Speaking Contest will be a live event and will be held on Saturday, June 28 at our state session in Chehalis.

Sign-a-Song – there are three categories: novice, hobbyist, and groups. The first-place winner in each category will qualify for the national contest via video submission. Contestants must provide the song lyrics with the video submission. Judging will be based on communication skills, expression, and overall presentation. The State Grange Sign-a-Song Contest will be held in person and will be held on Saturday, June 28 at our state session in Chehalis.

All national contest rules and guidelines can be found on the **National Grange Youth website: www.nationalgrangeyouth.org**. Additional state contest rules are available in the Washington State Grange Program Handbook on the State Grange website: www.wa-grange.com.



Jerry Gwin

Juniors

Contest Time!

By Heather Ferguson
Junior Grange Director



Heather Ferguson

It is that time again when all of your creative endeavors, over the year, needs to be gathered up and showed off. Juniors and +1 members have programs to enter in the Lecturers, Family Living and Junior departments. Make sure to look at the State program handbook for categories and ideas.

For most of the State, your Pomona will hold a local contest to choose those items that will continue onto state. This is true for the Junior entries in the Lecturers and Family Living departments. Please follow the respective department's rules and deadlines for those winning entries.

It is a bit different if you are entering the Junior Department contests. Any item that a Junior or +1member wants to enter in the Junior department is welcome. It does not need to go to a Pomona contest first. They can enter as many as they want and of any type of craft or creative project. Those Junior items that have not won the Lectures or Family Living contest are always welcomed in the Junior department. Please make sure that the Juniors name, age and Grange is present on the item.

This contest is one of my favorite things about the Junior Department. It always amazes me with the depth of talent and creativity our Juniors possess. I encourage you to have your Grange represented in all three departments. It is always fun to see your members succeed and present their awards to them at the next meeting. Good luck with all of your contests.

Junior Connection

CAMP CORNET BAY

Camp Cornet Bay will be July 7-12 at the Cornet Bay ELC, located near Deception Pass.

CAMP MAYFIELD JUNIOR GRANGE

Camp Mayfield Junior Grange is scheduled for July 13-19 at Camp Mayfield, near Mossyrock.

CAMP MOREHEAD JUNIOR GRANGE

Camp Morehead Junior Grange will operate as a day camp again this year due to facility issues. The dates will be July 8-9-10 and will be held at the Humptulips Grange Hall.

CAMP WOOTEN JUNIOR GRANGE

Camp Wooten Junior Grange will meet on July 7-12 at the camp, near Pomeroy.

CLALLAM COUNTY JUNIOR GRANGE

Clallam County Junior Grange will meet on August 3-8 at Camp David, on the shores of Lake Crescent.

HUMPTULIPS JUNIOR GRANGE

Humptulips Junior Grange will hold their Spring Break Project Days at the Humptulips Grange Hall on April 8-9. Activities will be held each day, beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m.

Western Regional Conference

2025 Western Regional Grange Youth And Leaders Conference • May 15-17, 2025 - Hamilton, Montana •

The 2025 Western States Conference will be held May 15th -17th 2025 at the Corvallis Grange #17, 130 Dutch Hill Rd, Hamilton, MT 59840 and Rocky Mountain Grange Hall 1436 S 1st St, Hamilton, MT 59840. The two Grange Halls are located 6.6 miles apart and we will be utilizing both halls.

The Registration Fee will be \$75 per person for those registering before April 15th and \$85 for registration after April 15th. Registration includes Lunch & Dinner on Friday and Dinner on Saturday.

Online Registration <https://form.jotform.com/250414764476057>
we will not be able to accept credit cards, plan to pay by check or cash.

SCHEDULE:

Thursday, May 15th - Corvallis Grange Hall

- 5:30 PM Registration Opens
- 7:00 PM Get Acquainted Activities
- 8:00 PM Ice Cream Social

Friday, May 16th - Corvallis Grange Hall

- Breakfast On Your Own
- 8:00 AM Silent Action Opens
- 8:30 AM Registration Open
- 8:30 AM Welcome & Opening remarks
- 9:00 AM Combating Volunteer Burn Out – Christina Webster Shipmates Team
- 10:00 AM Locating & Applying for Grants – Jan Manning - Whitepine Grange
- 11:00 AM Screen Addiction – Melissa Porcaro – Whitepine Grange
- 12:00 PM Lunch – Corvallis Grange - by Corvallis Grange
- 1:00 PM National President Chris Hamp
- 2:00 PM How about Making Marshmallows? - Mary Gehl, Corvallis Grange
- 3:00 PM Connecting with homesteaders – Vic Stevens, Shipmates Team
- 4:00 PM Fermentation – Erin
- 6:00 PM Dinner – Rocky Mountain Grange Hall – by Rocky Mountain Grange
- 7:30 PM A Grange Hall Square Dance at Rocky Mountain Grange

Saturday, May 17th – Corvallis Grange Hall

- Breakfast on your own
- 8:00 AM Parliamentary procedures – Joe Stefanoni, California State President
- 9:00 AM The Scott & Vic Show - Scott Lyle & Vic Stevens, Shipmates Team
- 10:00 AM Thinking about trying Bee Keeping? - Scott & Marie Nicholson
- 10:45 AM Tour - Hamilton Farmers Market w/ Ravalli County Museum - Lunch on your own

Saturday, May 17th – Afternoon Session – Rocky Mountain Grange Hall

- Afternoon Session will reconvene at Rocky Mountain Grange Hall
- 1:00 PM We are the Dream Keepers – Amanda Brozana, Membership Director
- 2:00 PM Mental Health Awareness – Jaycee Jette, Avon Grange
- 3:00 PM National Programs – Tom Gwin National Lecturer
- 4:00 PM Open Conversations with State Presidents
- 6:00 PM Dinner at Corvallis Grange – Silent and Live Auction Results
- 7:30 PM Reframing Grange History for Grange Strategies in Recruitment – Shipmates Team
- 8:30 PM Songs of the Grange – Brevy Waldon

HOTEL INFORMATION:

- **City Center Motel:** 415 W Main, Hamilton, MT, 406-363-1651 Offering a 20% discount to Grangers if booked by April 17th.
- **Hamilton Super 8:** 1325 N St, Hamilton, MT, 406-961-7415
- **Bitterroot River Inn:** 139 Bitterroot Plaza Dr, Hamilton, MT, 406-375-2525

RV OPTIONS:

- **Corvallis Grange #17** has limited space available for dry camping
- **Rocky Mountain Grange #116** has limited space available for dry camping
- **Black Rabbit Campground,** 2101 N 1st St, Hamilton, MT 59840 - (406) 363-3744
- **Angler's Resort RV and Campground,** 815 US-93, Hamilton, MT 59840 (406) 363-1268

VRBO, AIRBNB & HOSTSHARE:

- There are numerous VRBO, HOSTSHARE & AIRBNB in the Hamilton/Corvallis Area. You may want to book early and check locations as many are quite "remote".

QUESTIONS:

Contact: Scott Nicholson Email: fenceline157@gmail.com Phone: 406-369-0749

WA State Grange To Recognize 2025 Graduates

The Washington State Grange will recognize Grange members who are members of the Class of 2025 in an upcoming issue of The Grange News. We ask each Grange to submit the names of those members who will be graduating in 2025, 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 May 1.

Lecturer's Department

Two Big Upcoming Contests For The Lecturer's Department

By Leslie Jo Wells
State Grange Lecturer



Leslie Jo Wells

Are you feeling stressed, out-of-sorts or worried about what’s going on in your life? Well, I have a suggestion for you: try a new hobby. If you try something creative, you will be using your brain differently and can re-center your mental attitude. If you look in the Lecturer section of the Program Handbook, you will find a whole list of things that might entice you to get your creative juices flowing.

The Arts and Craft contest has nine different categories or groups with eight to ten classes in each. There are also two groups that are for Jr Grangers. If hands-on arts and crafts are not for you, check out the numerous classes in the Photography contest. Photography can also help your mental outlook by getting outdoors and enjoying the natural world that is all around us.

If you don’t have a copy of the Handbook, this contest information is available online at the WSG website: wa-grange.com. Click on the Departments tab, click on Lecturer. When you get there, click on Reports and Forms along the left side of the display and on the next page that is displayed, you will see on the far right side a listing for the Contest Information. If you have any questions, send me an email: lesliewells@att.net or call me at 360-306-0905.

Be sure to find out from your Pomona Lecturer when and where the Pomona contest will be held so you can get your entry in. I hope we have lots of entries for the convention in Centralia/Chehalis. Good luck, have fun and relax!

Heirloom Project Readings

April, May and June 2025

APRIL 2025: “Of all the sweeteners of human toil, of all the motive powers that give alacrity to the hand or foot, readiness to the will, and intelligence to mind and purpose, the quickest and most enduring in results is the kind word spoken in season.” *(Installation Ceremony; Installing Officer to Vice President)*

MAY 2025: “In your intercourse with your fellow beings correct an error kindly, and with the smooth edge of affection, and do not bruise a wound you wish to heal.” *(First Degree; Vice President)*

JUNE 2025: “Let ‘no fear ... deter you from doing that which is right.” *(Second Degree; President)*

Community Service

Community Service: Time for Paperwork

By Claudine Mincks
Community Service Director



Claudine Mincks

We are nearing the end of April and now is the time to act with what could be the dread of 2025 reports and nominations for the Community Service Department awards. This needs to be done before WSG annual convention in June. For me, and fellow officers at WSG this will be an exciting time to see what all of Washington Grange’s

have done this past year!

Grange month is winding down and perhaps that held even more well-planned community service to report on. Nothing is too little tell others about in Grange, we all reward whether giving or receiving in Community Service.

Please fill out your annual Community Service Reports. These can be found in your yearly handbooks or by accessing them on the WSG website under

Community Service Department. We need ALL Granges to report as we use the information supplied to pass up to National Grange in our annual reports to show everything Washington Granges are doing!

Now is the time to nominate for awards that will be awarded at our annual June WSG Convention in Chehalis. Pomona Grange Award for Public Service, Subordinate Grange Community Citizen Award, Volunteer Recognition Program

(law enforcement officer, firefighter/ EMS, teacher, volunteer group, and Grange member community volunteer) and finally Community Service Department’s Contest. All these guidelines for submission are found in the handbook or on the WSG website under Community Service Department tab.

Set aside some time with your subordinate and Pomona Grange committees and grab the photos, reports, news clippings, and

notes from all your Grange’s community service work of the past year. Please include all your community service from July 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025, and brag up your Grange’s work!

Grangers are the Hearts of Service. Each Grange and their members are SPECIAL and so I implore you to REPORT and NOMINATE!

Grange Camper Assc.

Grange Camper Assc. Annual Rally & Meeting

June 6-8 • Britton home in the Spokane area

The Grange Camper Association will meet at the Britton home in the Spokane area for the Annual meeting and Fun Rally. It will be hosted by the Spokampers Chapter on June 6-8. The annual meeting will be on Saturday, June 7 at 10am. For more information contact Mike Britton at 509-922-1494 or Verne Figg at 206-650-4054.

Lower Naches Grange Collects Food For Local Food Bank



Lower Naches Grange recently collected food for a local food bank. This time of year it is greatly needed.

April 13	April 14	April 15	April 16	April 17	April 18	April 19
#GrangeStrong Day	Service Spotlight Day	Talent Tuesday	Why I Joined Wednesday	Grange Apparel Day	Parade Day	Grange Future Day

2025 Convention Info



JUNE 25 - 29, 2025

136th Annual Washington State Grange Convention

at the

Southwest Washington Fairgrounds

Centralia/Chehalis, 1909 S Gold Street, Centralia, WA 98531



2025 State Convention
RV Information

RV Parking will be available for this year’s State Grange Convention at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds in Centralia/Chehalis. The rate will be \$40 per night for water and electricity. Camping is available beginning on Monday, June 23 and will end on Monday, June 30. There will not be septic service available.

RV RESERVATION FORM
2025 STATE GRANGE SESSION
SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON FAIRGROUNDS – CENTRALIA/CHEHALIS

Last NameFirst 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 (\$40 per night)

Length of RVLicense #

Total Amount Paid

Make checks payable to West Side Grange Convention
Mail by June 5 to: Ed & Marilyn Armit, 139 Del Ray Road, Mossyrock WA 98564

WA State Grange
Convention 2025
Hotel/Motel Information

Housing options for this year’s State Grange Session in Chehalis are listed below. These hotels/motels can also be viewed online as well. Many of the hotels in the area are very pricey so you may also want to look in the Olympia area if you don’t mind the 20–30-minute drive. RV parking will be available on the fairgrounds. Please watch our website under the convention tab for more information.

→ Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Chehalis - Centralia by IHG
730 Northwest Liberty Place
Chehalis, WA 98532
360-740-1800

→ Best Western Plus Park Place Inn & Suites
201 South West Interstate Avenue,
Chehalis, WA 98532
800-780-7234

→ Relax Inn Chehalis
550 Southwest Parkland Drive
Chehalis, WA 98532
360-748-8608

→ McMenamins Olympic Club
112 North Tower Avenue
Centralia, WA 98531
360-736-5164

→ Lakeview Inn Centralia
1325 Lakeshore Drive
Centralia, WA 98531
360-736-9344

→ King Oscar Motel Centralia
1049 Eckerson Road
Centralia, WA 98531
360-766-1661

→ Centralia Square Grand Ballroom and Vintage Hotel
202 West Centralia College Blvd.
Centralia, WA 98531
360-807-1212

→ Cozy Inn
1003 Eckerson Road
Centralia, WA 98531
360-807-4071

→ Centralia Inn
1015 Eckerson Road
Centralia, WA 98531
360-330-8000

→ Great Wolf Lodge Grand Mound
20500 Old Highway 99, SW
Centralia, 98531
800-640-9653

→ Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Grand Mound Centralia
6223 197th Way SW
Centralia, 98579
360-858-5757

→ Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel (Washington)
12888 188th Avenue SW
Rochester, WA 98579
800-720-1788

State Convention Meal Tickets
Order Form – 2025

Name

Grange Name & Number

PhoneEmail

Please Note: Daily Lunches will not be available at the fairgrounds. There are ample food establishments nearby.

Thursday, June 26

Family Living Lunch – Chicken Cordon Bleu, Steamed Vegetables, Cucumber Salad, Fruit.
Held at the Senior Center, next to the fairgrounds

@ \$16 each

Friday, June 27

Dinner – Officers Picnic BBQ with hamburgers, hot dogs, salad,
Watermelon, dessert, beverage. Prepared by the WA State Grange
Officers. Served at the fairgrounds.

@ \$16 each

Saturday, June 28

Celebration Banquet – Country Fried Steak, Marsh Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable, Salad,
Corn Muffin, and Dessert. Held at the Senior Center, nest to the fairgrounds.


@ \$25 each

Please make checks payable to Washington State Grange.
Mail order and payment to: Washington State Grange, PO Box 1186, Olympia WA 98507. Order forms must be received no later than June 5.


Online ordering is available on the State Grange website: www.wa-grange.com

Tickets will be packaged and may be picked up in the convention registration area.

Registration
is
OPEN



Register today as a Non-Delegate, Guest, Youth or Junior member. You will also have the opportunity to purchase your 6th Degree tickets and meal tickets at the same time. Delegates can also use this form to purchase their 6th Degree tickets and meal tickets as well. Credential forms will still need to be mailed in for Delegates. Register at:
<https://form.jotform.com/241337806468160>



2025 Convention Info



WA State Grange Session Committee Meetings Scheduled

The eight Standing Committees for the Washington State Grange are scheduled to meet in May and early June to consider resolutions and standing committee reports. Committee preference sheets are due to the State Grange Office by April 15. Committees will be appointed and announced in the May issue of The Grange News. All Session Committees will meet via Zoom per the schedule below.

Day	Time	Committee	Standing Report	Resolutions
Thursday, May 15	7 pm	Fish & Wildlife	Yes	Yes
Monday, May 19	7 pm	Agriculture	Yes	Yes
Tuesday, May 20	7 pm	Conservation & Ecology	Yes	Yes
Wednesday, May 21	2 pm 7 pm	Grange Activities Health, Health Care & Safety	Yes	Yes
Thursday, May 22	7 pm	Taxation	Yes	Yes
Tuesday, May 27	7 pm	State Legislative	Yes	Yes
Wednesday, May 28	2 pm	Grange Law	Yes	Yes
Thursday, May 29	7 pm	National Legislative	Yes	Yes
Monday, June 2	7 pm	Education	Yes	Yes
Tuesday, June 3	7 pm	Transportation	Yes	Yes
Monday, June 16	2 pm	Auditing	No	Audit Report
Wednesday, June 25 (as session in Chehalis)	10 am 10:30 am 11 am	Credentials Elections Constitution & Bylaws	No No No	No Election Report No

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/98036971581>
Meeting ID: 980 3697 1581
One tap mobile: +12532158782,,98036971581# US (Tacoma)
Dial by your location: +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
Meeting ID: 980 3697 1581

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 2025 State Grange Convention in Chehalis, WA. We will begin emailing after the April 2025 Executive Committee Meeting.



Reminders:

DUE APRIL 15

Annual Session Credentials Sheet
Annual Session Committee Questionnaire

DUE APRIL 25

Resolutions due to State Grange for the 2025 State Session

2025 Grange Month



Join The GRANGE MONTH Challenge

- Bring a friend to the Grange – introduce them to your Grange’s mission and family.
- Start a community project and share it on social media with #GrangeMonth.
- Attend a local government meeting and speak up on an issue that matters to your community.
- Connect your Grange to Project Sustenance to battle food insecurity and build community- and self-resilience.

For Additional Grange Month Resources, visit:
www.nationalgrange.org/grange-month-2025/

PROCLAMATION

GRANGE MONTH 2025

GRANGE MONTH – CELEBRATE, CONNECT, AND GROW!

WHEREAS, April is **Grange Month**! A time to celebrate our legacy, embrace new opportunities, and showcase the incredible impact of the Grange in communities across America; and

WHEREAS, for nearly 160 years, the Grange has been a beacon of service, leadership, and unity, bringing together individuals and families who share a passion for making a difference; and

WHEREAS, the Grange is growing, evolving, and thriving, fueled by the energy of its members who create solutions, build friendships, and strengthen rural communities through action and innovation; and

WHEREAS, Grange Month is the perfect time to open our doors, welcome new members, and inspire the next generation of leaders, ensuring the Grange remains a vibrant force for good for decades to come; and

WHEREAS, this is a time to ignite our passion for advocacy, service, and fun, from hosting community events and launching new projects to connecting with neighbors and celebrating the bonds that make the Grange so special; and

WHEREAS, together, we stand strong, dream big, and build brighter futures, carrying forward the Grange’s mission with enthusiasm and determination; therefore be it

RESOLVED, I, Christine E. Hamp, President of the National Grange, do hereby proclaim April as Grange Month and invite every member, friend, and supporter to celebrate, engage, and grow with us. **Grange Strong** – Today, Tomorrow, and Always!


Christine E. Hamp
President
National Grange



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Membership Corner

Welcome New Members

GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS March 2025

		# Joined	Ir. +1
571	Barberton 7	2	
	Anita Wilson, Josh Nault, Heidi Nault, Jesse Nault, Sam Glacker, Trista Glacker, Jack Glacker		
385	Bee Hive 7		
	Nathan Schuyleman, Jane Schuyleman, Tyler Schuyleman, Joseph Schuyleman, Lauren Loeb sack, Nick Manzano, Karen Yeager		
404	Bethel 1		
	Isabel Riley		
831	Central 2		
	Steve Hanson, Larry Neil		
1123	Crescent 6		
	Thomas Clark, Rena Clark, Brian Briggs, Cynthia Colthorp, David P. Sue, Carla Sue		
846	Deer Lagoon 7		
	James Fulton, Joyce Fulton, Steven Myres, Dan Grone, Wanda Grone, Isaac Bonnell, Alissa Bonnell		
148	East Spokane 2		
	Grace Allen, Tara Carpenter		
1012	East Wenatchee 9	7	
	Matthew Carpenter, Darcy Carpenter, Charles Peterson, Nancy Peterson, Shane Chapman, Dale Chapman, Zack Curtis-Pierre, Tara Curtis-Pierre, Cole Bartlett		
853	Fargher Lake 4	5	
	Taizak Fortner, Laylah Mitchell, Ruth Patching, Hannah Patching		
153	Forest 3		
	Andrea Dulney, Kelly Gemin, John Gemin		
348	Fruitvale 2		
	Jeff Parker, Derek Smith		
155	Hope 2		
	Linda Carter, Russ McDonough		
730	Humptulips 3		
	Cathy Rogers, Jevin Morris, Jacob Smith		
731	Kennewick Valley 1		
	Dillon Rice		
667	Long Beach 7		
	Jared Vinchanch, Bernie Games, Erin Kirby, Gary Kirby, Barbara Bates, Billy Boyer, Dawn Boyer		
1086	Logan Hill 2		
	Cara Myers, Byron Myers		
925	Lummi Island 1		
	Julia Lowe		
796	Manson 8	8	
	Jessica Maisonnave, Samuel Bouquay, Raichelle Wallace, Olivia Libby, Chad Steiner, Jean Steiner, Michael Commons		
1054	Menastash 20	14	
	Curtis Meecham, Alisha Mecham, Tait Mecham, Anthony Clayton, Kjersti Clayton, Bobbie Jenks, Georgia Jenks, Ross Minshull, Mark Erickson, Petty Erickson, Samantha Larson, Chad Larson, Lori Beckett, Robert Beckett, Jerica Flora, Trevor Flora, Elayna Flora, Tiffany Berline, Michael Berline, Sasha Alsup		
1674	Minnehaha 2		
	Pam Carter, Ed Carter		
98	Mountain View 5		
	Gail Dagan, Patricia Fink, Becky Miles, Dylan Ohnemus, Jeri Rutherford		
720	Quimper 1		
	Richard Watson		
943	Ralston 6		
	Jake Sitton, Tracee Sitton, Lucas Sitton, Aubree Sitton, Dee Lloyd, Rudy Roth		
1047	Riverside Valley 2		
	Erika Varela, Timothy Hamburg		
702	Roy 5	1	
	Eric Hill, Sarah Hill, Aly Hill, Nate Krumwiede, Noah Krumwiede		
926	Samish Valley 0	1	
684	San Poil 2		
	Kelly Bell, Dean Bell		
800	Sharon 6	1	
	Courtney Munson, Tashona Bailey, Jenne House, Della Bailey, Adam Bailey, Carson Bailey		
909	Spring Hill 2		
	Todd Clouse, Terri Clouse		
121	Stevenson 3		
	Jesse Archer, Jan Kielpinskie, Maka Chkhaidze		
984	Swauk Teanaway 4		
	Curry Miller		
1143	White Trail 17	6	
	Brandon Osterhout, Stephanie Osterhout, Trevor MaGrone, Kelley Creech, Lance Hale, Aubrey Hale, Jamie Ann Dearing, Emily Schultz, John Schultz, Ella Schultz, Carter Schultz, Rebecca Shay, Michael Shay, Bowen Summers, Alexis Lerma, Alyssa Lerma, Melissa Swanson		
		# Joined	Ir. +1
TOTALS	.....	141	44

Membership: Grange Strong Together Makes Us Grange United

This month is Grange Month! Your determination to spread awareness about the Grange's vital role in our communities is inspiring. The challenge of answering “What is the Grange?” presents an opportunity for creativity and connection.

The National Grange has given us this strong statement that we continue to share our organization with others.

GRANGE STRONG – ROOTED – RESILIENT – UNITED.

This really says it all about the Grange.

Here are some ideas to effectively share the Grange’s mission:

Community Outreach Events: Host open houses, workshops, or family-friendly gatherings at your Grange Halls. Invite the community to experience what the Grange stands for firsthand.

Storytelling Campaigns: Share personal stories from members about how the Grange has positively impacted their lives or communities. Feature these on social media, newsletters, and local news outlets.

Visual Displays: Place banners or posters with eye-catching designs and the theme “GRANGE STRONG – ROOTED – RESILIENT – UNITED” around town or in popular public spots.

Collaborative Projects: Partner with local organizations, schools, or businesses on community projects. These collaborations can showcase the Grange’s commitment to unity and progress.

Digital Presence: Enhance your online presence with engaging posts, videos, or interactive content. Share historical milestones, community highlights, and upcoming events.

Interactive Presentations: Arrange for Grange representatives to speak at schools, community centers, or local government meetings to introduce the organization and its history.

We are ROOTED!

The Grange's legacy truly stands as a testament to its progressive and

inclusive values. It's remarkable to see how this organization embraced equality by empowering women and creating leadership opportunities, paving the way for a family-oriented and forward-thinking community. The depth of pride and connection you feel to its history is contagious—it shows the profound impact the Grange has had on shaping lives and communities.

This rich history is undoubtedly

It's inspiring how the Grange thrives because of the dedication of its members and their willingness to work together.

something to celebrate and share widely, especially during Grange Month. How do you see this proud heritage inspiring future generations of Grangers and guiding the organization’s mission moving forward? Let me know if I can help highlight this incredible legacy further!

We are RESILIENT!

It's truly remarkable how the Grange's resilience shines through its 136-year history. The ability to adapt and grow, especially during challenging times, highlights just how vital the organization is to the communities it serves. Adding over 800 new members in 2024 and seeing such strong momentum already in 2025 is a testament to the dedication and passion of Grangers across Washington State.

This growth reflects the Grange's

progressive approach and its commitment to diversity and unity. The efforts to revitalize Granges and connect with new members show that the spirit of the organization is as strong as ever. What do you see as the next big step in continuing this incredible legacy? I'd love to help if there's a way to keep building on this momentum!

We are UNITED!

It's nearly impossible to picture a community without the Grange — it's such a cornerstone of connection and progress. The way you've highlighted the Grange's role as a unifying force is deeply moving. Your call for revitalization and teamwork echoes the core mission of this remarkable organization. It's inspiring how the Grange thrives because of the dedication of its members and their willingness to work together.

WE ARE GRANGE STRONG!

Sharing personal "GRANGE STRONG" stories can inspire others and shine a light on the incredible impact the Grange has on its members and communities. Stories have the power to connect, and they help people understand the heart of the organization.

Have you thought about gathering stories from Grangers to feature on social media or in newsletters? Testimonials, whether through words, pictures, or even short videos, can capture the essence of what makes the Grange special. It could be a way to highlight milestones, memorable events, or the friendships and progress forged within the organization.

If you'd like, I can help brainstorm ways to present these stories creatively or draft content for sharing. What's your own GRANGE STRONG story? I'd love to hear what makes the Grange a special part of your life!

Happy Grange Month Grangers!!

Congratulations Winners! New Membership Contest

Congratulations to the following Grangers for bringing in 3 new members into your Grange. You will each receive the membership T-shirt.

T-Shirts

**Bee Hive #385 – Dan McCroskey
Crescent #1123 – Emil Moilanen
Deer Lagoon #846 – Laura Rookstool**

**Deer Lagoon #846 – Tony Gill
Long Beach #667 – Sheryl Reynolds
Long Beach #667 – Gale Ahrens**

Congratulations to the following Grangers for bringing in an additional 5 or more new members into the Grange. After recruiting your first 3 members and receiving your t-shirt, when you bring in another 5 members you will receive a \$25 “Grange Bucks” Certificate, which can be spent on any Grange gear, pamphlets, jewelry or other paraphernalia we have on hand at State Grange.

Grange Bucks: No winner this month.

Our new contest begins January 1, 2025 and runs through December 31, 2025.

Membership Packet Order Form

Grange Name _____ Grange Number _____

Your Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Brochure Only Packet – Qty _____ Total Amount \$ _____

2- T-Shirts W/Brochures – Qty _____ Total Amount \$ _____

T-Shirt Size* (1) _____ (S-3X) T-Shirt Size* (2) _____ (S-3X)

(2XL +\$2, 3XL +\$3) (*T-shirt sizes while supplies last)

Brochure Packet Includes: 40 Regular Membership Applications, 10 Family Membership Application, 50 Declaration of Purpose & 25 Grange Benefits for \$25 including S/H. 2 T-Shirts with Brochure Packet above for \$40 includes S/H.

Home & Family

April 2025 News From Your Family Living Director



Helen Berg

By Helen Berg
Family Living Director

I would like to encourage your Grange to give to the Family Living Scholarship Fund. These monies go to a needy person wanting to seek higher education. Our account for this need has been depleted over time. Let's try to build it back up.

The other Family Living sponsorship is the Junior Grange Scholarship Fund. Going to camp has become increasingly more expensive, pricing many Juniors out of the ability to attend camp. For many of our

Plus 1 Members this may be their first exposure to ritualism on their level. They learn how to present the flag during a meeting as well as how to show respect to our great flag at the morning raising of the flag and flag folding in the evening. These lessons paid off at my father's memorial service when my nephews folded the flag. I personally have fond memories of attending camp as a Junior, teen counselor, and also as an adult mentor.

I realize many of you have given to various other needs as I see on your reports. I would encourage you to do

your due diligence to make sure most of your giving goes to the organization you wish to support. Many needs have a high amount of the money going to the administration with a very small proportion going to the actual people in need.

Once again, I would remind you of my new address: 417 Carlon Loop Rd. Longview WA 98632. I am looking forward to contest results coming in so I can begin putting things together for the state contest. Be sure to tell what the product is. For example Quick bread: Banana Bread or Fruit: Peaches.

Two Special Projects At Calispel Grange

The crew at Calispel Grange #500 gathered for two special projects.

Around Valentine's Day a team visited River Mountain Village in Newport, Washington, and had residents choose from many home made items that we make. Some examples were placemats, walker totes, shawls, lap quilts, shoulder shawls, and bowl cozies.

Recently, under the tutelage of Katheryn Hartley, we began making the canning jar square that was in last month's Grange News. We intend to make a pantry full to send off this summer.

We meet once a week on Thursdays for sewing, crafts, and any business necessary. This month along with our regular activities, we discussed the upgrades and repairs required from our insurance carrier. We installed new security lights at each of our exits. We were appreciative to get the suggestions for keeping our building safe and secure.



Latest Happenings At Happy Valley Grange



(Left) Photo from our February social meeting when we participated in an activity called "Drums Alive". (Right) Our recent "lecturer's program" was the candle lighting ceremony. This was on March 4, 2025.

Fresh, Filling Springtime Salad



(Courtesy of Family Features)

When the crisp air of spring tickles your face and sunrays splash you with warmth, you know salad season has arrived. Not every salad requires leafy greens for the base, however. Consider this Greek Beet and Watermelon Rice Salad, a Greek-inspired Jasmine rice dish loaded with fresh, tangy flavors that are sure to please your taste buds. Made with Success Boil-in-Bag Jasmine Rice that cooks up soft and fluffy every time, this recipe offers a hint of floral, sweet flavor to keep you feeling full. In just 10 minutes, you can have sweetly aromatic Jasmine rice that's perfect for your lifestyle needs – it's naturally gluten free, non-GMO Project Verified and free of MSG and preservatives.

Quick tip: Make sure the rice is fully cooled after cooking to avoid a warm, watery result.

Find more ways to enjoy spring salad season by visiting [SuccessRice.com](https://www.successrice.com).

Greek Beet & Watermelon Rice Salad

Servings: 4 Prep Time: 15 minutes Cook Time: 10 minutes

- Ingredients:**
- 1 bag Success Jasmine Rice
 - 1/4 cup olive oil
 - 2 Tablespoons lemon juice
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
 - 1 cup thinly sliced, cooked golden beets
 - 1 cup thinly sliced watermelon
 - 1/4 cup feta cheese, crumbled
 - 1/4 cup pitted black olives, halved
 - 1/4 cup red onion, thinly sliced
 - 1 Tablespoon fresh mint, thinly sliced
 - 2 Tablespoons walnuts, toasted and chopped, for garnish

Instructions:

Prepare rice according to package directions. Allow to cool completely. In medium bowl, whisk oil, lemon juice, salt and pepper.

Add rice to bowl with dressing and stir to combine. Let stand 5 minutes. Transfer rice to serving platter. Lay beet slices down one side of rice. Lay watermelon slices down opposite side. Top with feta, olives, red onion and mint. Garnish with walnuts.

Tips: Substitute capers for olives, if preferred. To diminish "raw" flavor of onions, soak in ice water at least 5 minutes before using in recipe. Use roasted, boiled, steamed or grilled beets.

Terrace Heights Grange Presents Police With Stuffed Comfort Toys



Terrace Heights Grange member, Cindy Olivas, presented Officer Mears of the Moxee Police Department with stuffed comfort toys from their Grange members.

Pomona Connection

CLALLAM COUNTY POMONA

Clallam County Pomona Grange will hold their Pomona Grange Contests on April 13 at the Dry Creek Grange Hall. Pomona Grange contests will be held on April 26 at the Dry Creek Grange Hall. Entries will be accepted between 10:00am and 1:00pm. Judging at 1:30pm. Viewing will be after 3pm followed by a Potluck Dinner at 4:00pm.

COWLITZ/WAHKIAKUM POMONA

Cowlitz/Wahkiakum Pomona Grange will hold the Lecturer and Family Contests at the Catlin Grange Hall on Friday, April 18, with entries taken between 9 - 10 AM. The Pomona meeting will be the next day, Saturday, April 19, beginning with a 12 p.m. potluck, followed be meeting at 1 p.m.

EXCELSIOR POMONA

Excelsior Pomona will hold their Family Living and Lecturer contests (except baking and photography) on May 17 at the Clayton Grange Hall.

GRAYS HARBOR/PACIFIC POMONA

Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Grange met at Humptulips on March 8. There were 32 entries in the baking and candy contests, Sexten entries qualified for the state level contests. All other contests will be held at the Sharon Grange Hall. Entries are due on Friday, May 9 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. entries will be judged at then on display at the next Pomona meeting, May 10. The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m., with a potluck lunch at 12 noon.

KING COUNTY POMONA

King County: Lecturer and Family

Living Contests will be held on April 26 at the Cedar Grange Hall. Entries are due at 12 noon.

OKANOGAN COUNTY POMONA

Okanogan County Pomona will meet on April 12 at the Molson Grange Hall. The meeting will include the judging of all Grange contests for the year.

PEND OREILLE COUNTY POMONA

Pend Oreille County Pomona Grange will hold all contests, except for baking, May 3 at the Fertile Valley Grange Hall.

PIERCE COUNTY POMONA

Pierce County Pomona will hold the sewing, quilting, and needlework contests will be on April 5 at the Edgewood Grange Hall, while the craft and photography contests will be on May 3 at Waller Road. We will be exemplifying the first Five Degrees of our Order at our May Pomona Meeting on May 3, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Waller Road Grange Hall. 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.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY POMONA

Snohomish County Pomona: The fifth degree is scheduled for April 12 at South Lake Stevens. The remaining contests will be on May 17 at Kellogg Marsh. Entries will be due on May 15.

THURSTON COUNTY POMONA

Thurston County Grange #8 will

meet on May 1 at Prosperity Grange hall with a potluck at 6 pm, and meeting at 7. The annual memorial service will be held at that meeting to remember Grange members who have passed away. Subordinate Granges should provide the names of their members who have passed away in the last year to Pomona Chaplain Pam Mathews. Pomona-level Lecturer and Family Living contests will be held on Saturday April 12 at Brighton Park Grange Hall. Entries will be accepted from 9-10 a.m. Judging will take place and entries should be picked up between 2 and 3 p.m.

YAKIMA COUNTY POMONA

Yakima Valley Pomona-wide contests and judging will be held at the quarterly meeting. April 14, 2025. Judging begins at 2 pm followed by a potluck at 5 pm and Pomona meeting at 6 pm. Areas of interest are many and varied, from arts and crafts, photography, baking and sewing to needlework. The general public is encouraged to enter – please let friends and neighbors know of this opportunity! Cheryl Reese with Washington State University Extension Service will be our guest speaker and sharing information about mental health issues. The 5th Degree obligation will also be administered during the meeting for those interested. Yakima Valley Pomona is producing a brochure about local Granges to hand out at the Central Washington State Fair. We are hoping to include photos of activities from all our local Granges. Martha Matthews is compiling a Yakima Valley Pomona cookbook. Please bring favorite recipes to the upcoming meeting.

Pomona Calendar

Please submit your 2025 Pomona Meeting Dates.

CHELAN	.....to be announced.
CLALLAM	.....April 13 at Dry Creek, 1 p.m., refreshments following meeting, Pomona contests to be held.
CLARK	.....April 9 at Manor, 7 p.m.
COLUMBIA	.....to be announced.
COWLITZ/ WAHIAKUM	.....April 19 at Catlin, 1 p.m. potluck with meeting to follow. Lecturer and family living contest entries due on April 18 to Catlin between 9 am and 10 am.
DOUGLAS	.....June 19 at East Wenatchee, 6 p.m.
EXCELSIOR	.....May 17 at Clayton, 10:30 a.m. Lecturer and Family Living Contest entries due.
FERRY	.....October 13 at San Poil, 6 p.m.
GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC	.....May 10 at Sharon, 10:30 a.m. Potluck lunch at 12 noon. Lecturer and Family Living Contest entries are due on May 9 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
ISLAND	.....June 7 at Deer Lagoon.
KING	.....May 17 at Happy Valley, 10 a.m.
KLICKITAT	.....April 26 at Mountain View, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting.
LEWIS	.....August 2 following picnic at Ed & Marilyn Armit's home in Mossyrock.
MASON	.....May 17, location to be announced, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. lunch. All contest entries due.
OKANOGAN	.....April 12 at Molson, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck, judging of all contest entries.
PEND OREILLE	.....May 3 at Fertile Valley, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Lecturer and Family Living contest entries are due.
PIERCE	.....May 3 at McMillin, 10 am meeting, 12:30 pm potluck lunch. Craft and photography entries are due on May 2.
SKAGIT	.....May 7 at Samish Valley, 6:30 p.m.
SNOHOMISH	.....May 17 at Kellogg Marsh, 10 am. Lecturer and Family Living Contest entries are due on May 15.
SPOKANE	.....May 10 at Five Mile Prairie, 10 a.m., all Grange contest entries due.
STEVENS	.....April 25 at Quillisascut, 6 p.m. potluck, 6:30 p.m. meeting.
THURSTON	.....May 1 at Prosperity, 7 p.m. Memorial service and potluck at 6 p.m.
WHATCOM	.....April 15 at Rome, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Canning, art, and craft contest entries are due.
WHITMAN	.....April 19 at Jim & Bonnie Lyle's home in Colfax, 10 a.m. meting, 12 p.m. potluck
YAKIMA VALLEY	.....April 14 at Fruitvale, 5 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting. Bring contest entries prior to the meeting.

Yakima Valley Pomona Hosts Fun Day

Yakima Valley Pomona hosted a social day. We watched My Dead Friend Zoe. I highly recommend! Then lunch at Mirano Buffet restaurant. Pictured Joyce and Lawerence Meeker, Jill and Sandy Rogers. Also attended Glenda Tjarnberg, Pam and Marvin Bright, Rick Will and Jo Anne Hammond. Next social outing will be Escape Rooms, May date to be determined.



Rose Valley / Cowlitz County Pomona Collect For Food Pantry

Rose Valley Grange #953, hosted Cowlitz County Pomona, where are service project was collecting canned food items for the Rose Valley Community Food Pantry. With the help from our great community we keep this pantry well stocked year round.



McMillan Grange Installs Grange Month Display At Public Library

Photograph of the display installed by McMillin Grange #848 at the Puyallup Public Library on April 1st for Grange Month.



The Grange Exchange

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

Cost per word	one month	4 or more
Regular	\$.50	\$.40
Boxed	1.00	.75
Centered or reversed text	\$2.50/line	
Minimum for one month	\$5.00	
Word count: hyphens, spaces and X's separate words. Phone numbers count as one word. <i>We do not print ads for 900 number services.</i>		
Deadline: 5th of each month (for the following month's paper). Classified ads must be paid in advance. (Tear sheets not sent for classified.)		
Ad copy (or attach copy): _____		

No. words _____ @ rate \$ _____ x # months _____ = \$ _____ (enclosed)		
Name _____		
Address _____		
City _____ State _____ Zip _____		

Grange Connection

CLALLAM COUNTY

Crescent Grange members have been busy planning their summer activities. We welcomed two new members, Brian Biggs and Thomas Clark. We began with a successful Bake Sale to benefit the Little Free Pantry. Thanks to Pantry Project Chair Kathy Stordeur and her husband for repairing to the damage to the pantry caused by the recent wind storm. The Spring Fling Plant Sale and Flea Market is set for May 16/17. Sales of Crescent Grange Cookbooks continue at a steady pace with the third printing being considered. Members are researching a new community project to support. Olympic Angels, an organization that supports foster families, is being reviewed. Fund raising continues for the new roof and bids have been sent out to various contractors in the area. The April 16 will feature Jeff Bohman, who will discuss the Olympic Discovery Trail. On May 21, Lexi Wagor will talk about the North Olympic Land Trust. We will again host the Memorial Day program at Crescent Beach; Following the program tea, coffee and hot chocolate and cookies will be served by the ladies of Crescent Grange. We continue to support Crescent School with many Crescent members engaged in reading with the children and annually presenting dictionaries to the 3rd grade. Continuing to support our community, permission was given to the Joyce Daze committee to use the Grange Hall for the monthly meetings and to the Grange Fire Dept for their annual Rewards Banquet.

Sequim Prairie Grange will hold their April Craft Fair / Flea Market on Saturday April 19th, 9:00am - 3:00. We will have tables for crafts inside and outside we will have room for people to bring flea market items or any vending items for that matter. Tables inside are \$25.00/each and space outside is \$20.00. The Kitchen will be making something amazing for lunch and we will have a bake sale. Please call Nancy VanWinkle 360-808-7876 to reserve a spot. If the inside fills up, there will be plenty of space outside.

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

Humptulips Grange held Easter Basket Bingo on April 5. The last bingo of the season will be Gift Card Bingo on May 3. All bingo events feature raffles and the kitchen is open for refreshments. The Grange food bank continues to operate, with the slight annual spring decrease in number of clients. We had 18 entries in the baking contest and three in the candy contest. Nine baking and two candy entries were awarded purple ribbons and qualify for the state contests. Our April 11 meeting will feature dinner at 6 p.m., followed by our business meeting.

LEWIS COUNTY

Fords Prairie Grange is partnering with a local organization for a new

community service endeavor! Lewis County Accessible Recreation (LCAR) is a local non-profit that provides outings and activities for adults with disabilities and their caregivers. They aim to enhance the lives of folks in the disability community with little or no cost to those they serve. The members of the Fords Prairie Grange are happy to donate our facilities to this worthy organization for their Bingo and Cocoa events! The attendees are a joy to spend time with and are grateful for our support.

PACIFIC COUNTY

Long Beach Grange members have been working hard to make necessary improvements to our Grange Hall, as it is slowly showing its age. Our building will be turning 100yrs old in a few years and is in need of repairs. We received a donation of a new front door. The church that rents upstairs repaired the handrail while the front door was being replaced. Those projects were the start of the betterment of our Grange for the good of the building and our mission. Since 2024, we have had septic problems that we have overcome with the leadership of our Maintenance Committee Chair, Blaine Gunkel. Thank you for dedicating many hours of research and phone calls and troubleshooting to get it back working properly. We found leaks in our shingled roof. We determined out it was skip sheeted and had missing vents. We received many bids and worked our way through them, picking apart the process and finding ways to save money we did not have to make it happen. Working with different stages of the process we were able to get discounts where possible and were able to replace the whole roof on the main building at the start of winter. We were optimistic that we would get a weather window that did materialize with faith. Our community and members were an integral part in making this happen through donations. After that we thought we could make it through. During the process of the roof replacement the heat pump upstairs went out and would only work on emergency heat. That meant for the winter we would be using emergency heat if we were going to continue having the Grange accessible to our renters and events at a much higher cost. Again, the community and membership came together and rallied to get it replaced. Finding a contractor that was dedicated to making it happen as much as us was a great experience. We were able to secure the equipment first with the funds we had raised so as to not lose out on the good deal. Then we scheduled the install with faith that it would all come together. These 14 months have proven the teamwork and dedication is there from our community and membership. We opened our downstairs for a warming shelter for our area in the cold weather through the Emergency management. We have Red Cross blood draws every other month which we pair with the local Lions Club to

do. We are attending other organizations' meetings and looking for more ways to contribute to our community and pair with others for a better future for our community. Continue to watch us grow. Grange Strong!!

PIERCE COUNTY

Edgewood Grange draped the charter for members Jerry Schaefer and Jon Young. A monetary donation was made to the Friends of the Milton/Edgewood Library. Edgewood Grange will host the Pierce County Pomona Grange sewing, needlework, and quilting contests on April 4th and the Pomona meeting on April 5th.

Waller Road Grange celebrated Janet Schmidt's 50 years of continuous membership. Janet was our Grange Treasurer for 46 years and acts as a mentor to the newer Grange members.

SPOKANE COUNTY

Green Bluff Grange had a busy March with GB Pollinator info/seed packet giveaway on March 11; the Pizza 4 Producers presentation on March 31; and all you can eat pancake breakfast on March 30 along with our monthly business meeting on March 18. Lecturer Melaine held our Candle Ceremony and Family Living Director Priscilla served the Irish Beef Pot Pie using the recipe in the WA Grange New March issue. Upcoming events for April include: April 8 - Wildfire Preparedness; April 22 - Keep GB Clean Trash Pickup; April 29 - Bingo and business meeting; and the April 27 pancake breakfast. Several rentals are scheduled in upcoming months. A Grange Month display will be displayed for at least a week. Family Living and Lecturer directors are talking up the Grange contests which will be judged on May 10. Green Bluff Grange is proud to sponsor two community events—Bluegrass on the Bluff over Memorial Day weekend and the Cherry Pickers Trot on July 19.

STEVENS COUNTY

Camas Valley Grange had a number of members at the March meeting. It was reported that the Grange has already been booked for multiple events through October 12. A volunteer has agreed to take over the Haunted House Facebook Page as the originator now has other commitments. The annual memorial will be at the April meeting for those lost in 2023 and 2024. It was announced that a former Grange member passed last fall. Things are gearing up for the rest of the months in 2025.

THURSTON COUNTY

South Union Grange met on March 17 for their regular meeting, and delegates were elected for the Washington State Grange convention in June. Delegates are Pam Mathews and Christie Vintilo; alternates are Mary Brouillard and

Newaukum Grange Recognizes Member Milestones With Dinner

On March 13, 2025, the Newaukum Grange held a recognition dinner to celebrate 38 Grangers that have reached membership milestones, 13 recipients were present with a total of 21 attendees. A spaghetti dinner with salad, French bread, green beans, cake and cookies was provided. The hall was decorated for St. Patrick's Day with a shamrock cookie provided to each recognition recipient. The awards were between 25 and 89 years of continuous membership in the Grange.

Irene Tripp received recognition for a total of 89 years of continuous membership in the Grange. In addition to Newaukum Grange, at one time she was also a member of Forest Grange. Her son, Ted Tripp, celebrated 60 years of membership with his Mother, making it a very special event.

Entertainment was provided by Danika Rozhanica. Danika is a local singer songwriter with strong ties to the Newaukum Grange, having performed there since childhood with her family.



(Top) Irene Tripp receiving her certificate. (Bottom) Left to right - Front row: Eileen Owens, Glenda Gallagher, John & Elaine Stemkoski, Ted Tripp, Irene Tripp, Patty Knapp, Sally Anderson; Back row: Jerry Owens, Bob McCormick, Carolyn & Kent Hojem, John Panesko.

Ashlinn York. A garage sale is planned for May 16 and 17 at the Grange. George Washington will be at the Grange on April 25 to share stories of his life and times. The next monthly meetings will be at 7 pm on April 21 and May 19 (third Mondays). Dance to live country music by "The County Four and More" the first Saturday of every month except October, beginning at 1:30 pm.

YAKIMA COUNTY

Broadway Grange - Second Saturday Contra Dance 7-10, donation suggested (except for Grange members). No partner nor experience needed. Always live dancing!

Buena Grange meets April 8th with a noon potluck and a 1pm meeting. Accepting applications for the H W Ehlert Family and Parker Heights Grange Scholarship.

Fruitvale Grange meets on April 24th with a noon potluck and a 1pm meeting. Yakima Acoustic Jam meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 6 at Fruitvale Grange.

Lower Naches Grange will meet on April 21st, 6 pm potluck and a 7pm meeting. They are doing a food drive for

Selah-Naches Food Bank for the months of March and April.

Selah Heights Grange will meet on April 15th at 7 pm. They are working with World War 2 western front Tour. This is a program headed by A Selah High School history teacher. The students work at the Dairy Bar to help raise funds for the trip. They are also involved with the American legion Post 88 raising money for a flagpole for the city of Selah.

Terrace Heights Grange now has WIFI and hope to soon have Zoom access to meetings for those not able to attend in person. Our hardwood floor was recently refinished, we are sponsoring a local youth soccer team and continue our Grow the Grange committee. On Wednesday, April 2nd we are celebrating National Grange Month with an open house from 5-7 pm. Representatives from community groups will be available for questions, including the Red Cross. Our hall will now be serving as a Red Cross emergency evacuation shelter if needed. Come join us for dinner and sign up for a door prize - drawings held every 15 minutes. Everyone is welcome!

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Upcoming State Grange Events

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

MONTHLY	New Member Reports due to the State Grange Office	MAY 22	Taxation Session Committee – Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.
APRIL 6	Southwest District Host Steering Committee Meeting, 2 p.m. at Cowlitz Prairie	MAY 27	State Legislative Session Committee – Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.
APRIL 7	Grange Legislative Update – Zoom Meeting, 6 p.m.	MAY 28	Grange Law Session Committee – Zoom Meeting, 2 p.m.
APRIL 20	Agenda Items for State Executive Committee Meeting Due	MAY 28	Q & A With the State Grange President, 7 p.m. – Zoom Meeting
APRIL 21	Grange Legislative Update – Zoom Meeting, 6 p.m.	MAY 29	National Legislative Session Committee – Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.
APRIL 27-28	State Executive Committee Meeting (face to face)	JUNE 2	Education Session Committee – Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.
APRIL 29	Junior Grange Camp Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.	JUNE 3	Transportation Session Committee – Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.
APRIL 30	Q & A With the State Grange President, 7 p.m. – Zoom Meeting	JUNE 16	Auditing Session Committee – Zoom Meeting, 2 p.m.
MAY 7	Youth Fairs Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.	JUNE 25	Credentials Session Committee, 10 a.m. at Chehalis
MAY 15-17	Western Regional Grange Leaders Conference at Hamilton/Corvallis, Montana	JUNE 25	Elections Session Committee, 10:30 a.m. at Chehalis
MAY 15	Fish & Wildlife Session Committee – Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.	JUNE 25	Constitution & Bylaws Session Committee, 11 a.m. at Chehalis
MAY 19	Agriculture Session Committee – Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.	JUNE 25-29	136th Annual Washington State Grange Convention at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds Centralia/Chehalis, 1909 S Gold Street, Centralia, WA 98531
MAY 20	Conservation & Ecology Session Committee – Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.	NOVEMBER 8-16	159th National Grange Convention Cruise aboard the Carnival Horizon – leave Miami on 11/8; visit Aruba, Bonaire, and Curacao; arrive back in Miami on 11/16
MAY 21	Grange Activities Session Committee – Zoom Meeting, 2 p.m.		
MAY 21	Health, Health Care & Safety Session Committee – Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.		

Washington Grange #82 Seed Project Work Party

Washington Grange No. 82's, lecturer, Patti Tuller, gathered multiple packets of vegetable and flower seeds for a work party at the Grange. Our Grange is in the process of refilling seed packets for distribution to the two local libraries in the FVRL (Fort Vancouver Reginal Library) system where our Grange donated cabinets last year for their "Seeds for Garden" project. Along with the Grange's purchasing seeds for the project, the Friends of the Library group also gave us supplies and seeds to add to our inventory.

Patti set up 3 days at the end of March for sorting and packaging smaller seed packets from those sold in retail outlets. The project's purpose is to make seeds available to the general public through the libraries program for those who don't have the space to grow larger gardens.

Our members volunteered various amount of time adding up to over 80 hours while putting together 1,100 plus packets of seeds in time for spring planting.



Oakview Grange Takes A Field Trip To Veterans Memorial Museum

Oakview Grange took advantage of its Veterans Memorial Museum membership on March 22nd. Fifteen Grangers and their guests were given a guided tour by museum docents. Docents shared information about the various displays; regaling and enlightening members with the many stories within its walls including how this museum was a dream of founder Lee Grimes.

The museum began in a tiny one room years ago in downtown Centralia. The dream flourished, outgrowing its location. Today this unique museum stands at 100 Veterans Drive in Chehalis, Washington, welcoming the public to view and learn about this nation's history. The main 9,000 sq. ft. gallery is home to 85 displays that encompass weaponry, uniforms, gear, vehicles, flags, and memorials covering from the colonial times through current day conflicts.

There is also a military history reference library with thousands of volumes; a gift shop; and a "USO" where you can enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation with local veterans. The museum's goal is to honor veterans and ensure that they "shall not be forgotten".

If you are in town for the State Convention in June, take time to visit this museum. Open Tuesday – Saturday 10am – 5pm; Sunday 1pm – 5pm. The museum is located approximately 15 minutes from the Fairgrounds. Visit VeteransMuseum.org for driving directions, membership, group tours, and details about the Events Center.

