



# WASHINGTON STATE Grange News

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## A Blooming Success: Samish Valley Grange Hosts First-Ever Seed Swap

On April 5, 2025, the Samish Valley Grange #926 in Sedro-Woolley, WA, held its inaugural Seed Swap—and what a day it was! Under clear blue skies and warm sunshine, around 50 community members gathered throughout the day to exchange

seeds, plants, fresh produce, and gardening wisdom.

The energy was contagious as neighbors connected over a shared love of growing their own food. Whether swapping heirloom tomato seeds, trading tips on composting,

or simply enjoying the sense of camaraderie, everyone left feeling inspired and empowered to cultivate their own gardens.

The overwhelming enthusiasm and positive impact of this event have led to an exciting de-

cision — Samish Valley Grange will host another Seed Swap next spring!

A heartfelt thank you to The Seed Bank in Petaluma, CA, and Burpee Seed Company for their generous seed donations, to our incredible community

for showing up and supporting both the Grange and each other, and to our dedicated Grange volunteers for organizing and running this fantastic event. We couldn't have done it without you!

**June 2025 issue deadline – MAY 20th**  
Submissions can be sent to [grangenews@wa-grange.org](mailto:grangenews@wa-grange.org)





# Lecturer's Department

## Convention Tips and A Couple of Program Ideas

By Leslie Jo Wells  
State Grange Lecturer

### Help Wanted

If you are attending Convention in Chehalis and are not a delegate could you help out in the Lecturer Display area? We need help on Wednesday afternoon starting at 1 PM during judging and especially on Thursday morning from 8 AM – 1 PM for ribbon placement and recording of results. If you are interested, please let me know: leslie Jo Wells, 360.306.0905 or lesliewells@att.net.

### Pomona Contest Results

Please be sure to send me the results of your Pomona Arts & Crafts and Photography Contests as soon as possible after your contest. I need as much time as possible to prepare the master list and entry tags that will be used at

the convention.

### Contest Entry Check-In

Contest entries from your Pomona contest can be brought to the Lecturer Display area on Tuesday, June 24th from 1 – 5 PM and on Wednesday, June 25th 8 AM – 12 Noon. When you bring your item(s) to check-in, the only thing that should be attached is the entry tag from the Pomona contest. We will remove that and attach our own tag for the state contest and give you the claim check. Items may be picked up on Sunday, June 29th from 12 Noon. Be sure to bring your claim check when you are ready to check out.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Chehalis. Be sure to come by the Display area to see how creative our fellow Grangers are.

### A Timely Program Idea?

As the weather warms, our thoughts usually turn to outdoor activities. One thought that comes to mind is taking care of the lawn and garden beds. I found this website that can provide all kinds

of information about these chores. It is [www.familyhandyman.com](http://www.familyhandyman.com). There is a ton of info on this site but I found some interesting items about fertilizing and mowing for lawns. I then searched on ‘weeds’ and found several articles about

identifying different types of weeds, weed prevention and also, how to get rid of them. This could be used for one of your programs.



Leslie Jo Wells

## Heirloom Project Readings May, June and July 2025

**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)*

**JULY 2025:** “We must always bear in mind that no one, by becoming a Patron of Husbandry, gives up that inalienable right and duty which belongs to every American citizen, to take a proper interest in the politics of one’s country. On the contrary, it is right for every member to do all in his or her power, legitimately, to influence for good the action of any political party to which he or she belongs. It is reserved by every Patron, as the right of a free citizen to affiliate with any party that will best carry out his or her principles.”  
*(Grange Declaration of Purposes)*



## Washington Agriculture in the Classroom

**April Was Grange Month.  
I Am The Grange. You Are The Grange. We Are The Grange.  
June Is Our WA State Grange Convention.**

By Judy Hossner  
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(please leave a message)

All of the above are true and important! As individuals, we can make a difference as Grange members. As a group, we can make a difference as Grangers.

As the Washington State

Grange representative to the Washington Ag in the Classroom (WAIC) Board of Directors, I try to make a difference too. We work to make a difference in what educators know about Washington’s agriculture and what materials they have to discuss with their students.

We should be proud of our Washington agricultural “crops”

from apples and peaches, to cranberries and raspberries, to oysters and salmon, to potatoes and carrots, and to beef, dairy cows, and chickens. Yes, I missed many additional “crops”. This is what makes Washington such an interesting State to present to students and to have them realize that this is a very diverse State.

We read books like Who Grew

My Soup? and John Deere, That’s Who! to 2nd graders and then leave the book for the classroom library. Have you read one of these books? Have you read our 8-page, 4th grade color magazine called Ag@School? There are three issues each school year and they are each full of up-to-date information and data about Washington’s agriculture and the

range of products that can be grown in our State.

How can we afford to purchase new books?

How can we afford to publish an 8-page color magazine, three times a year?

We are one of a very few state Ag in the Classrooms that is not totally funded by a state association. We are funded totally by donations, from individuals, from organizations, and from businesses interested in Washington’s ag literacy.

Spring has sprung!

Our third and last magazine for this school year has been mailed to those teachers who subscribe. Does your local 4th grade teacher(s) subscribe? We still have a few copies!

Questions? Request for a program? Let me know.

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President’s Message

Looking Forward To A Full Summer Of Grange Activities

By Tom Gwin  
WA State Grange President

We are planning for a full exciting array of summer activities across the State of Washington. Grangers will be participating in activities from the local level, up through the national level. Here is a highlight of what we all have to look forward to:

Western Regional Grange Leaders and Youth Conference:

This year’s conference will be May 15-17. The event is hosted by the Montana State Grange and will be held in Hamilton, MT. We should have a full report on the conference in next month’s issue.

Grange Camper Association Fun Rally:

This event was scheduled for June 6-8 in the Spokane area. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the event has been cancelled for this year.

State Grange Annual Session:

The 136th Annual Session is scheduled for June 24-28 at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds in Centralia/Chehalis. The session will include action on resolutions, committee recommendations, and reports. We have received 40 resolutions, to be carefully considered by the delegates. Awards will be presented for several Grange contests, with awards and prize money presented to the winners. The State Grange Officers will exemplify the Sixth Degree on Saturday, June 28 at 2 p.m. Degree tickets for candidates will be available at the session.

Annual Session Committees:

Session committees will begin meeting on May 15 and continue until mid-June. The list of committee assignments and meeting dates/times is printed in this issue. Any Grange member can attend the committee meetings, however only assigned

committee members can vote on the resolutions and proposals.

Junior Grange Camping Program:

We will have four full weeks of Junior Grange Camps, plus one day-camp in 2025. Camp Wooten and Camp Cornet Bay will start the season on July 7. Camp Wooten, near Dayton, will be July 7-12, while Camp Cornet Bay, near Deception Pass, will also be July 7-12. Those two camps will be followed by Camp Mayfield, near Mossyrock, on July 13-19 and Camp David, on the shores of Lake Crescent, on August 3-8. Due to ongoing facility concerns, Camp Morehead will operate as a day camp only and will be moved to the Humptulips Grange Hall. Information on each of the camps is on the State Grange website, [www.wa-grange.com](http://www.wa-grange.com)

Our best promotion  
of the Grange and  
our activities is  
to invite our  
neighbors and friends  
to join us at  
our events.

-- Tom Gwin

Local, County, and State Fairs:

All fairs and will be fully operational this year. Some of you will create intricate displays, some will have food concessions, while others will sponsor or help put on their local event. Whichever role your Grange plays, I encourage you to complete your tasks and to do it well. We are in our fourth year of the Grange Youth Fairs Program. The number of Granges participating in the Youth Fairs Program continues to increase, as has the number of



Tom Gwin

participating fairs. Be sure to visit the Grange Youth and Juniors as they show their animals and display their projects. Show them your support and encourage them to continue their work in our program in the future.

Grange Revival:

This National Grange event is slated for July 21-27, 2025 in Torrey, Utah at Thousand Lakes RV Park, campground and cabins. This is a family event open for all Grange members and friends to create and strengthen fraternal bonds. From outdoor activities to off properties activities with lots of time to kick back and relax with other Grangers, there is something for everyone. Take part in planned activities or excursions or strike out on your own to find some your own excitement each day. Then head back to the campground at night to enjoy a communal meal and maybe even some campfire songs. Information is available on the National Grange website.

Grange Picnics:

Many local Granges will be scheduling a picnic type of event for later in the summer. Enjoy the nice weather as you enjoy the good food and socialize with your fellow Grange members. Invite your friends and neighbors to join you.

Our broad range of activities ranges across the entire spectrum of fun and education. Certainly, there is something of interest to every Grange member. Our best promotion of the Grange and our activities is to invite our neighbors and friends to join us at our events.

Legislative

2025 WA State Legislative Session Adjourned



By Jesse Taylor  
Legislative Lobbyist

The 2025 Legislative Session wrapped up to a lot of fanfare and handwringing over the largest tax and spend budget in state history. The 2025 Washington State Legislative Session officially adjourned Sine Die on April 27, concluding 105 days of deliberations characterized by major policy changes and fiscal pressures driven by the majority party’s spending patterns. Under the leadership of newly inaugurated Governor Bob Ferguson, the Democratic-controlled legislature responded to a projected \$12 billion budget shortfall through a mix of record-setting tax increases, targeted spending cuts, and progressive reforms. The enacted 2025–27 operating budget totals \$77.872 billion — an increase of \$5.927 billion (8.2%) over the 2023–25 budget.

Governor Ferguson initially emphasized fiscal restraint, proposing \$4.4 billion in broad spending reductions, focusing on administrative overhead, travel, and non-essential services. However, key legislative figures — including House Majority Leader Joe Fitzgibbon and Senate Ways & Means Chair June Robinson — argued that cuts alone could not sustain critical public services. As a result, the final budget deal relied heavily on increased tax revenues to close the gap. And, ultimately, the controversial proposals for furloughs were dropped following strong opposition from state employee unions.

Capital Budget Grants:

The Washington State Grange had a great year with our Capital Budget grants. Tom Gwin will be going over that in detail but all told we secured just short of \$2.7 Million in grant funds with over two dozen projects funded all across the state.

Deficit Reduction:

To address the deficit, lawmakers approved a broad range of tax increases. Excluding transportation-related transfers, the revenue package is expected to generate \$9.379 billion, with major components including:

- HB 2081 – Increases to the Business & Occupation (B&O) tax
- SB 5814 – Expansion of excise taxes
- SB 5813 – Higher capital gains and estate taxes
- SB 5794 – Repeal of certain tax preferences
- HB 2077 – Establishment of a zero-emission vehicle program

Overall, the tax package is projected to raise \$8.72 billion over the 2025–27 and 2027–29 biennia—\$4.29 billion in the first and \$4.43 billion in the second. Significant portions come from B&O tax changes (\$2.07 billion in 2025–27, \$3.56 billion in 2027–29) and excise taxes (\$1.15 billion and \$1.53 billion, respectively). Additional measures include reforms to tax preferences, faster repayments of deferred sales taxes, and adjustments to capital gains and estate tax rates.

Agriculture Impact:

Our state’s agriculture industry employs 164,000 workers and generates \$49 billion, representing 13% of Washington’s economy. The 105-day session, navigated a projected \$8–16 billion budget deficit while addressing agricultural policies within the Grange legislative handbook. Lawmakers worked to balance fiscal caution with support for a sector where 95% of our Washington state farms are family-run and 89% are small-scale. Below is an overview of the session’s key outcomes for agriculture.

Budget:

A looming budget shortfall shaped the session, pushing legislators to make tough choices on funding priorities, including agriculture. The 2025–27 Operating, Capital, and Transportation budgets were passed, delivering targeted support for the sector despite budget constraints. A major victory was \$9.5 million allocated for pest control, specifically to tackle Japanese beetles, an invasive species threatening crop productivity and farm profitability.

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

Here’s how you can help:

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From The Chaplain's Desk

Information Needed For The State Grange Memorial Service At Convention

By Carolyn Hojem  
State Grange Chaplain

In preparation for the Memorial Service at the 2025 State Grange Convention, I have a few requests.

First, if your Grange has lost a current or past Subordinate Grange Master or their spouse, current or past Grange Deputy or their spouse, or a current or past Grange Officer or their spouse after the 2024 Grange convention please provide the Washington State Grange with their name, name of the Grange and Grange number.

Second, I will need family contact information for past Deputies and State Grange Officers and their spouses so I can send them an invitation to the Memorial Service.

Third, a photo of past Grange Deputies and

past Grange Officers for the Memorial Service at the 2025 Grange Convention. You can share the photos with me via email or call me and we can discuss other options. I will need this information by June 5, 2025.

Finally, a copy of the obituary, if possible, would be extremely helpful.

I understand that I'm requesting a lot of information, but this information will ensure accurate and respectful eulogies at the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Carolyn Hojem

Legislative

2025 WA State Legislative Session Adjourned

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Governor Ferguson's plan to slash over \$4 billion in state spending raised fears about cuts to Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) programs. While specific reductions to agriculture weren't outlined, farmers worried about impacts on services like soil conservation and market development. In the final version of the budget from majority party budget writers, the budget preserved essential agricultural funding, reflecting the sector's critical role in the state's economy.

Policy Efforts and Legislative Outcomes:

Several agriculture-focused bills were introduced, with mixed results. The WSDA advocated for a state brand recognition program, noting that Washington is among just seven states without one. Though the proposal didn't pass, it gained momentum for reconsideration in 2026. Such a program could elevate the market profile of Washington's crops, from cherries to lentils, boosting global competitiveness.

The We Feed WA Pilot Program, which purchases local farm products for emergency food distribution, secured ongoing funding. This initiative was lauded for aiding farmers while addressing food insecurity. The WSDA also advanced efforts to support underrepresented farmers through tailored outreach, promoting inclusivity in the industry.

Two bills, however, failed to advance. HB 1019, introduced by Rep. Tom Dent (R-Moses Lake), proposed a permanent Pesticide Advisory Board to inform WSDA regulations but didn't clear the fiscal committee by February 28. Similarly, HB 1138, sponsored by Rep. Mike Chapman (D-Port Angeles), aimed to improve drought preparedness grants but stalled. These setbacks frustrated advocates who emphasized the need for proactive climate and regulatory solutions.

Climate Policy and Agricultural Impacts:

Agriculture intersected with environmental policy through the voter-approved Climate Commitment Act (CCA), which funds climate resilience efforts. One CCA-supported initiative was riparian buffer protection, addressed in a new bill (SB 5266/HB 1215) that proposed voluntary grants for farmers—a shift from the mandatory buffers in the previous session's Lorraine Loomis Act. While farmers welcomed the voluntary approach, some criticized the reliance on contested Fish & Wildlife data as "best available science." The bill's status remained uncertain at adjournment, but it marked a step toward cooperative environmental strategies. For the past few sessions we have seen the ag lobby and tribal groups working hand in hand on this issue.

Looking to 2026:

The 2025 session highlighted agriculture's ability to adapt to economic and policy challenges. Funding for pest management and food security provided short-term wins, but unresolved issues like tax relief, state branding, and drought preparedness underscored ongoing needs.

As the 2026 session approaches, agriculture will likely remain a priority. Farmers will advocate for policies to lower costs, expand market access, and strengthen climate resilience. The WSDA's focus on small and diverse farmers, paired with potential progress on branding, could pave the way for a stronger industry. For now, Washington's agricultural community continues to tackle a complex economic and regulatory environment with determination.

I look forward to seeing you all in Chehalis next month!

Sammamish Valley Grange Co-Hosts "A Seedy Affair" Event

Sammamish Valley Grange #286 participated in the spring event, "A Seedy Affair," co-hosting with partners Sammamish Valley Alliance and 21 Acres. Grange members Brenda Vanderloop, Tom Quigley (President) and Vanda Minea (l-r) represented the organization. This free, family-friendly event featured seed planting activities (including giant pumpkin seeds in preparation for the Grange competition in October), the 9th Annual Seed Swap, a seed museum, along with local artisan producers and vendors. This event culminated from a series of seed related programs promoting agriculture in the Sammamish Valley between Woodinville and Redmond, WA. (Photo credit: Bob Mclean, King County Pomona President.)



McLane Grange Opens Fundraising Season With Craft And Swap Meet



McLane Grange opened its annual fundraising season April 12, 2025, with over 20 vendors filling the Hall at the Delphi Craft & Swap Meet. Vendors sell new, vintage and pre-owned treasures, flowers, herbs & baked goods while customers sip tea or coffee as they shop. Mark your calendars now to join us this year: May 10, June 14, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8 Holiday Bazaar. For information contact Eladice Arnold, 360-970-5325.

### National Grange Lecturer's Virtual Photo Contest

ADULT & JUNIOR DIVISIONS

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

<http://www.nationalgrange.org/lecturer-contests>

<https://grange.biz/grangephoto2025>



# Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

## Youth

### Reminder: Washington State Grange Convention Deadlines Approaching

By Jerry Gwin  
Youth Grange Director

The Western States Grange Leaders and Youth Conference is coming up in a few weeks. The conference will be held in the Hamilton, Montana area at the Corvallis Grange Hall and the Rocky Mountain Grange Hall. We will have a report in next month’s issue on the conference. Applications for the National Grange Youth Officer Team were due by May 1 to the National Grange Youth Department. We are pleased to have four of our Washington State Youth submit applications. We should know in a few weeks if any of them were selected for the officer team.

As we prepare for the upcoming State Grange Convention in Centralia/Chehalis, please keep in mind the following:

- **Education Poster Entries** – Tues, June 24, 1-5 pm and Wed, June 25, 8am-12 pm
- **Youth Group Meetings** – start on Wed, June 25, 9 a.m.
- **Bowling Activity** – Friday, June 27 (afternoon time slot)
- **Benefit Live Auction** – Friday, June 27, following the BBQ Picnic
- **Livestock Judging Contest** – Saturday, June 28, 8 a.m.
- **Public Speaking Contest** – Saturday, June 28, 1 p.m.
- **Celebration Banquet** – Saturday, June 28, 6 p.m. – will

include livestock judging awards

- **Youth Awards Program** – Sunday, June 29, 1 p.m. – will include the raffle drawing

Raffle tickets have been mailed out to all Granges. Please sell the raffle tickets and return the stubs with payment. My address is on the cover letter with the tickets. If you mail them, I must receive them no later than June 20. You may also bring them to the convention and drop them off in the youth department. Congratulations to all Grange scholarship winners and our best wishes to the 2025 graduates, from elementary school up through college!



Jerry Gwin

## Juniors

### Tentative Junior Convention Schedule



Heather Ferguson

By Heather Ferguson  
Junior Grange Director

Last year we changed how the Junior Grange activities were managed. It worked really well, and we are going to continue the same way this year. In the past we would keep the Juniors all day and serve lunch. We found that the day became too long for the adults and definitely for the Juniors. Adding a break for lunch changed the participation level and attitudes of both of us. Please look over this schedule carefully as times outside of the listed activities are the guardian’s responsibility. Here is a tentative Junior schedule for the week.

#### Wednesday

8-1 Junior Contest Check-in

#### Thursday

1-3:30 Junior Activity in the Junior Room

#### Friday (JR Day-Red Tennis Shoe Day)

10-Noon Junior Activity in the Junior Room

11:30 Ice Cream Social Fundraiser

1-3:30 Activity in Junior Room or possibly Bowling

#### Saturday

8-Noon- Livestock Judging

(Guardian must be present, JR room not open)

1-3:30 Junior Activity in Junior Room

#### Sunday

10-Noon Junior Activity in Junior Room

1-3:30 Youth and Juniors Awards Ceremony

I am excited to also see the Juniors Arts and crafts at the junior display. Remember that any item your Junior makes this year can come to the Junior Department Contest area to be Judged. They do not need to win at a local contest. Please look through the Activities Handbook for rules. I will be checking in items early, if you catch me at the exhibit area, I will be glad to check in your items. See you at Convention.

### Washington State Grange Foundation 2025 Scholarship Award Winners

The Washington State Grange foundation is pleased to announce our 2025 scholarship award winners. Twenty-one Grange members from across the state have been awarded scholarships based on academic excellence, Grange and community involvement, and recommendations from their schools and Granges. The awards total \$25,000. Biographical information and pictures of the recipients will appear in the June issue of The Grange News.

#### Bear Creek/Horseshoe Grange Scholarship

Kayliana Blackmore  
Menastash Grange #1054, Kittitas County

#### Norman Buccholz Memorial Scholarship

Bailey Sherley  
Menastash Grange #1054, Kittitas County

#### Delpha Goude Memorial Scholarship

Lucy Jones  
Five Mile Prairie Grange #905, Spokane County

Tyler Schuyleman  
Bee Hive Grange #385, Chelan County

Kiera Smith  
East Wenatchee Grange #1012, Douglas County

Magdalene Wyrick  
Five Mile Prairie Grange #905, Spokane County

#### Adrian & Betty Devries Memorial Scholarship

Bode Sherley  
Menastash Grange #1054, Kittitas County

#### Forry Memorial Scholarship

Nickolas Bowdish  
Centerville Grange #81, Klickitat County

#### Fox Island Grange Scholarship

Marguerite Bailey  
Mcintosh Grange #1001, Spokane County

#### Ray & Marian Kammerer Memorial Scholarship

Addison Bowen  
Mcintosh Grange #1001, Spokane County

Chloe Clyburn  
Menastash Grange #1054, Kittitas County

Jocelyn Degroa  
Five Mile Prairie Grange #905 Spokane County

Regina Nelson  
Prospect Point Grange #1067, Walla Walla County

#### Nob Hill Grange Scholarship

Melissa Kudsk  
Haynie Grange #168, Whatcom County

#### Pomona Villa General Scholarship

Taylor Alder  
Menastash Grange #1054, Kittitas County

Colton Barsness  
Menastash Grange #1054, Kittitas County

Maya Hankins  
Mossyrock Grange #355, Lewis County - \$1500

#### Rock Creek Grange Scholarship

Meredith Meats  
Fargher Lake Grange #853, Clark County

#### Helen Marie Snyder Memorial Scholarship

Drake Gloyn  
Rimrock Grange #941, Adams County

Zachary Klein  
Ralston Grange #943, Adams County

#### WA State Grange Family Living Vocational Scholarship

Ruby Barnts  
Baw Faw Grange #33, Lewis County

## 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 held Spring Break Project Days in April. Junior Grangers learned to make various flavors of jam, salsa, and seasoned tomato sauce. A variety of craft projects were also completed. Our next activity will be placing flags at the Humptulips and Lqke Quinault Cemeteries on May 24.

# 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 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 (\$40 per night)

Length of RV\_\_\_\_\_License #\_\_\_\_\_

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**  
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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\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_Email\_\_\_\_\_

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](http://www.wa-grange.com)

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



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

## Convention Committee Assignments

Additional Committee Members may be assigned at the discretion of the State Grange President/Master

Committee appointments for this year’s session are:

### AGRICULTURE

**Meets via Zoom, Mon, May 19 at 7 pm**  
Chair – Carolyn Hojem – Newaukum 198  
Vice Chair - Tom Hann – Fern Prairie 866  
Larry Auvil – East Wenatchee 1012  
Karen Derrey – Buena 836  
Ron Frisch – Crescent 1123  
Janice Greene – Mossyrock 355  
Mary Hunt – St. Andrews 832  
Michael Kadow – Fargher Lake 853  
Alexis Kudsk – Haynie 169  
Lawrence Meeker – Yakima Valley Pomona 11  
Rex Ogden – Cowlitz Pomona 7  
Walt Radmer – Espanola 698  
Mike Smith – Waller Road 1111

### AUDITING

**Meets via Zoom Mon, June 16 at 2 pm**  
Chair – Terry Ferguson – Columbia Co Pomona 56  
Vice Chair – Debbie Fisch – Beehive 385  
Pamela Carter – Minnehaha 164  
Betty Garrison – Roy 702  
David George – Kellogg Marsh 136  
April Smith – Collins 893  
Andrea Wilbur – Pierce Co Pomona 16

### CONSERVATION & ECOLOGY

**Meets via Zoom, Tues, May 20 at 7 pm**  
Chair - Butch Ogden – Sunnyside 129  
Vice Chair - Sara Riordan – Williams Valley 452  
Aaron Brand – North Bellingham 201  
Greg Jones – North & South Palouse 1004  
James Loomer – South Lake Stevens 690  
Jim Lyle – Whitman Co. Pomona 6  
Andy Snow – Rome 226  
Sheila Wynn – Waller Road 1111

### CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

**Meets at session, Wed, June 25 at 11 am**  
Chair – Steve Dalton – Snohomish Co Pomona 12  
Vice Chair - Shavanna May – Thurston Co Pomona 8  
Rod Alex – Meridian 265  
Helen Gardner – McMillin 848  
Kathi Green – Columbia 87  
Bob McClean – King Co Pomona 13  
Phyllis Ogden – Cowlitz Co Pomona 7  
Calvin Russell – Manor 1101

### CREDENTIALS

**Meets at session, Wed, June 25 at 10 am**  
Chair – Cindy Kudsk – Haynie 169  
Vice Chair – Lucy Vest – GH/Pacific Pomona 28  
Ed Armit – Lewis Co Pomona 3  
Don Kapitanovich – Clark Co Pomona a  
Lauren Rohde – Waitsburg 1  
Theresa Sygitowicz – Rome 226

### EDUCATION

**Meets via Zoom, Mon, June 2 at 7 pm**  
Chair – Susan Hegney – Spokane Co. Pomona #4  
Vice Chair – Sara Wade – Centerville 81  
Marilyn Armit – Lewis Co Pomona 3  
Shirley Auvil – East Wenatchee 1012

Amanda Brozana – Whelan Ewartsville 114  
Mary Celia – Rexville 815  
Sean Donelley – Black Lake 861  
Ann Fackenthall – Gardenspot 278  
Brittney Gordon – Rimrock 941  
Kent Hojem – Newaukum 198  
Jacquie Hunt – Douglas Co Pomona 49  
Isabella Lierman – Snohomish Co Pomona 12  
Joyce Meeker – Buena 836  
Georgene Neal – Mountain Valley 79  
Mary Schwartz – Excelsior Pomona 37  
Tharin Ward – Roy 702  
Jill Weber – Fredonia 545

### ELECTIONS

**Meets at session, Wed, June 25 at 10:30 am**  
Chair – Kendal Harner – Olympia View 774  
Vice Chair – Jennifer Webb – Rimrock 941  
Lois Cummins – Inland 780  
Melanie Hackett – Whatcom Co Pomona 6  
Trisha Lovgren – Crescent 1123  
Emil Moilanen – Clallam Co Pomona 31

### FISH & WILDLIFE

**Meets via Zoom, Thurs, May 15 at 7 pm**  
Chair – Claudine Mincks – Klickitat Co. Pomona 5  
Vice Chair – Darell Myers – Mossyrock 355  
Steve Hall – McMillin 848  
Tammie Hodges – Barberton 571  
Rusty Hunt – Douglas Co Pomona 49  
Aric Irwin – Matlock 357  
Jim Lahde – Green Bluff 300  
Erik Neff – Moses Lake 1151  
Sheryl Reynolds – Long Beach 667  
Lonnie Scott – Catlin 199  
Michael Schwartz – Excelsior Pomona 37  
Dave Stiles – Mountain Valley 79  
Steve Yates – Skagit Co Pomona 10

### GRANGE ACTIVITIES

**Meets via Zoom, Wed, May 21 at 2 pm**  
Chair – Debbie Riegel-Yates – Skagit Co Pomona 10  
Vice Chair – Diane Williams – Thurston Co. Pomona 8  
Ricardo Barrientes – Fords Prairie 33  
Shirley George – Sharon800  
Davona Gwin – Humptulips 730  
Matt Hodges – Barberton 571  
Debra Kadow – Fargher Lake 853  
Janelle Lierman – Horseshoe 965  
Vicky Loomer – South Lake Stevens 690  
Janice Radmer – Espanola 698  
Jill Rogers – Fruitvale 348

### GRANGE LAW

**Meets via Zoom, Wed, May 28 at 2 pm**  
Chair – Tom Cullen – Yakima Valley Pomona 11  
Vice Chair – Jarrod Gardner – Pierce Co Pomona 16  
Lucille Bevis – Centerville 81  
David Bryant – Elk Plain 782  
Bob Clouse – Spring Hill 909  
Janet Dills – Logan Hill 1086  
Ruth Anne Lance – Washington 82  
Ron Schaefer – Collins 893  
Annie Scott – Catlin 199  
Leslie Wells – Tualco 284  
Cheryl Saiz – Fruitland 999

### HEALTH, HEALTH CARE & SAFETY

**Meets via Zoom, Wed, May 21 at 7 pm**  
Chair - Janice Anderson – Clark Co Pomona 1  
Vice Chair - JoAnn Anderson – Issaquah Valley 581  
Ed Carter – Minnehaha 164  
Dianne George – Kellogg Marsh 136  
Jerry Gwin – Humptulips 730  
Christine Hamp – Five Mile Prairie 905  
Bonnie Lyle – Whitman Co Pomona 2  
Judith Moilanen – Clallam Co Pomona 31  
Jim Ogden – Goldendale 49  
Sue Palmer – Samish Valley 926  
Wilma Penner – Molson 1069  
Ann Van Antwerp – Manor 1101

### NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE

**Meets via Zoom, Thurs, May 29 at 7 pm**  
Chair – Rick Ferguson – Prospect Point 1067  
Vice Chair – Cindy Kelly – Dry Creek 646  
Alan Anderson – Issaquah Valley 581  
Charlie Deach – Columbia 87  
Paul Gray – Chelan Co Pomona 23  
Pam Mathews – South Union 860  
Joe Olmstead – Inland 780  
George Penner – Molson 1069  
Jonny Pittman – Moses Lake 1151  
Bob Shea – Spokane Co Pomona 4

### STATE LEGISLATIVE

**Meets via Zoom, Tues, May 27, 7 pm**  
Chair - Mitch Clouse – Spring Hill 909  
Vice Chair - Oren Gaskill – Ten Mile 399  
Scott Hackett – Whatcom Co Pomona 6  
Duane Hamp – Five Mile Prairie 905  
Terry Hunt – St. Andrews 832  
Carol Johnstone – Fords Prairie 33  
Warren Lewis – Horseshoe 965  
Marg Ohlsen – Tualco 284  
Sandy Rogers – Fruitvale 348  
Donna Russell – Williams Valley 452  
Lillie Savage – GH/Pacific Pomona 28  
Mark Sniffen – Samish Valley 926  
Kathy Warren – Fruitland 999

### TAXATION & FISCAL POLICY

**Meets via Zoom, Thurs, May 22, 7 pm**  
Chair – Denise McCartan – Black Lake 861  
Vice Chair – Marcy Belles – Oakview 311  
Taj Alex – Meridian 265  
Mark Fisch – Beehive 385  
Robbie Liechty – Granville 857  
Barbara Pedersen – Long Beach 667  
Robert Reichle – Cedar Valley 306  
Scott Lyle – Pine Grove #115

### TRANSPORTATION

**Meets via Zoom, Tues, June 3, 7 pm**  
Chair – Christie Vintilo – South Union 860  
Vice Chair – Peter Hauck – Ten Mile 399  
Fred Harnishfeger – Logan Hill 1086  
Rodger Lance – Washington 82  
John Neff – Kettle River 1120  
Syn Omega – Matlock 357  
Ed Potter – Chelan Co Pomona 23  
Kirk Van Gelder – Fern Prairie 866  
Bekki Weston – North Bellingham 201

# 2025 Convention Info

## Resolutions For Consideration At The 2025 State Convention

The following resolutions have been received and will be considered at this year’s State Grange Session. The resolution topics and committee referrals include:

RES. #	TITLE	SPONSORING GRANGE	COMMITTEE REFERRAL
2025-01	Vehicle Miles Traveled Tax	Whitman Co. Pomona #2	Taxation
2025-02	Automated & Self-Driving Vehicle Driver Endorsement	Matlock #357	Transportation
2025-03	Saving Time No More	Matlock #357	National Legislative
2025-04	Digital Communications Committee	Matlock #357	Grange Activities
2025-05	Rename Women's Activities to Family Living in Subordinate Grange Bylaws	Matlock #357	Grange Law
2025-06	Hay	Whitman Co. Pomona #2	Agriculture
2025-07	Medical Credit Cards	Issaquah Valley #581	Health Care & Safety
2025-08	Curriculum Mandates by State and Local Government	Horseshoe #965	Education
2025-09	Right to Repair	Kellogg Marsh #136	National Legislative
2025-10	Oppose Per Mile Tax	Kellogg Marsh #136	Taxation
2025-11	Social Security Insurance Resource Limits	Kellogg Marsh #136	National Legislative
2025-12	Delisting Grizzly Bears from the Endangered Species Act of 1973	Humptulips #730	Fish & Wildlife
2025-13	Oppose Ending Vote by Mail	Kellogg Marsh #136	State Legislative
2025-14	Long Term Care Insurance Costs	Clark Co Pomona #1	Health Care & Safety
2025-15	Camp Bonneville	Clark Co. Pomona #1	Conservation & Ecology
2025-16	Higher-Speed Rail in Washington State	Clark Co. Pomona #1	Transportation
2025-17	Improving Railroad Passenger Travel in Washington	Clark Co. Pomona #1	Transportation
2025-18	National Anthem	Pierce Co. Pomona #16	National Legislative
2025-19	Subordinate Grange Names	Pierce Co. Pomona #16	Grange Law
2025-20	Director of Family Living Official Installation Charge	Pierce Co. Pomona #16	Grange Activities
2025-21	Preserving the Initiative Process	Humptulips #730	State Legislative
2025-22	Opposing the Promotion of Ideological Agendas in Public Schools	Clark Co. Pomona #1	Education
2025-23	Specifying Subordinate Grange Bylaws Membership Dues	Matlock #357	Grange Activities
2025-24	Calling on Congress to Balance and Provide a Check on the Executive Branch of the Federal Government	Whatcom Co. Pomona #6	National Legislative
2025-25	Standardizing of Seat Belt Buckle Mechanisms	Whatcom Co. Pomona 6	Transportation
2025-26	Wealth Tax	Whatcom Co. Pomona 6	Taxation
2025-27	The Annual Directory/Roster of the Washington State Grange	Whatcom Co. Pomona 6	Grange Activities
2025-28	Term of Subordinate Grange Officers	Whatcom Co. Pomona 6	Grange Law
2025-29	Raise Social Security Maximum Taxable Earnings	Whatcom Co. Pomona 6	National Legislative
2025-30	The Development of Pill-Form Treatments and Repeal; of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Pill Penalty	Five Mile Prairie #905	Health Care & Safety
2025-31	Pharmacy Benefit Manager Reform	Five Mile Prairie #905	Health Care & Safety
2025-32	Prohibit Social Media Accounts for Minors Under the Age of 18	Barberton #571	National Legislative
2025-33	Protect Fairness in Sports by Maintaining Gender at Birth Based Decisions	Barberton #571	National Legislative
2025-34	Insurance Coverage of Infertility Treatment	Moses Lake #1152	Health Care & Safety
2025-35	State vs. Federal	Whitman Co. Pomona #2	State Legislative
2025-36	Background Checks for Firearms	Moses Lake #1152	State Legislative
2025-37	Legislative Priorities Amendment	San Juan Island #966	Conservation & Ecology
2025-38	Snake River Dams	San Juan Island #966	Conservation & Ecology
2025-39	Officer Titles	San Juan Island #966	Grange Law
2025-40	Retaining Grange Membership Years	St. Andrews #832	Grange Law

The above resolutions have been emailed out in draft form. Additional resolutions received after the April 28 State Executive Committee Meeting will be reviewed at their next meeting and emailed out following that meeting. *If you wish to receive a copy of the proposed resolutions, please contact the State Grange Office at 360-943-9911.*

## Highlights Of The WA State Grange Executive Committee Meeting

April 28, 2025

**Resolutions:** Thirty-five proposed resolutions were read and referred to committees for the upcoming State Grange Session.

**Delinquent Granges:** A motion was made to notify Granges who are two or more quarters behind on dues and reports to the State Grange that delegates will not be seated for the upcoming state session unless they become current in both dues and reports.

**Johnson Grange #118:** Received an update and possible closure.

**Fairview Grange #619:** Reviewed and approved the sale of real property, known as their picnic grounds. Approved the use of property funds for a new roof on their Grange Hall.

**Chumstick Grange #819:** Reviewed and rejected a proposed lease of the Chumstick Grange #819 and the Upper Valley Historical Society as the lease does not address rental fees. Also, the UVHS option to purchase the Grange Hall is inadequate. The proposed leader appears to be beneficial to the UVHS, but may not be in the best interest of current and future Grange organization.

**Barberton Grange #571:** Approved the request of Barberton Grange for the use of custodial funds for lighting replacement, septic work, and fire extinguisher replacement.

**Brighton Park Grange #163:** Approved the request of Brighton Park Grange for the use of custodial funds for siding repairs and painting the exterior of the hall.

**Convention Lodging:** As the state officers, deputies, and district directors are staying at two different hotels this year, the committee reviewed hotel rates and established the reimbursement amount for hotels and camping.

## Highlights Of The Washington State Grange Foundation Board Of Trustees Meeting

April 28, 2025

Received and adopted the recommendations of the Scholarship Judging Committee for the awarding of 2025 scholarships. There were 30 applications received, with 21 scholarships awarded. The total amount awarded was \$25,000.

Adopted the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee for changes in the applications and recommendation forms for Grange Scholarships in 2026.

Reviewed updates to the Washington State Grange Foundation Constitution and Bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation and set the next meeting as the date for voting on the updated documents.



# 2025 Convention Info



## Resolution E-Mail Sign-Ups



Send us your email at [skeller@wa-grange.org](mailto: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.

## 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 (at 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

# SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON FAIRGROUNDS

### STAGES

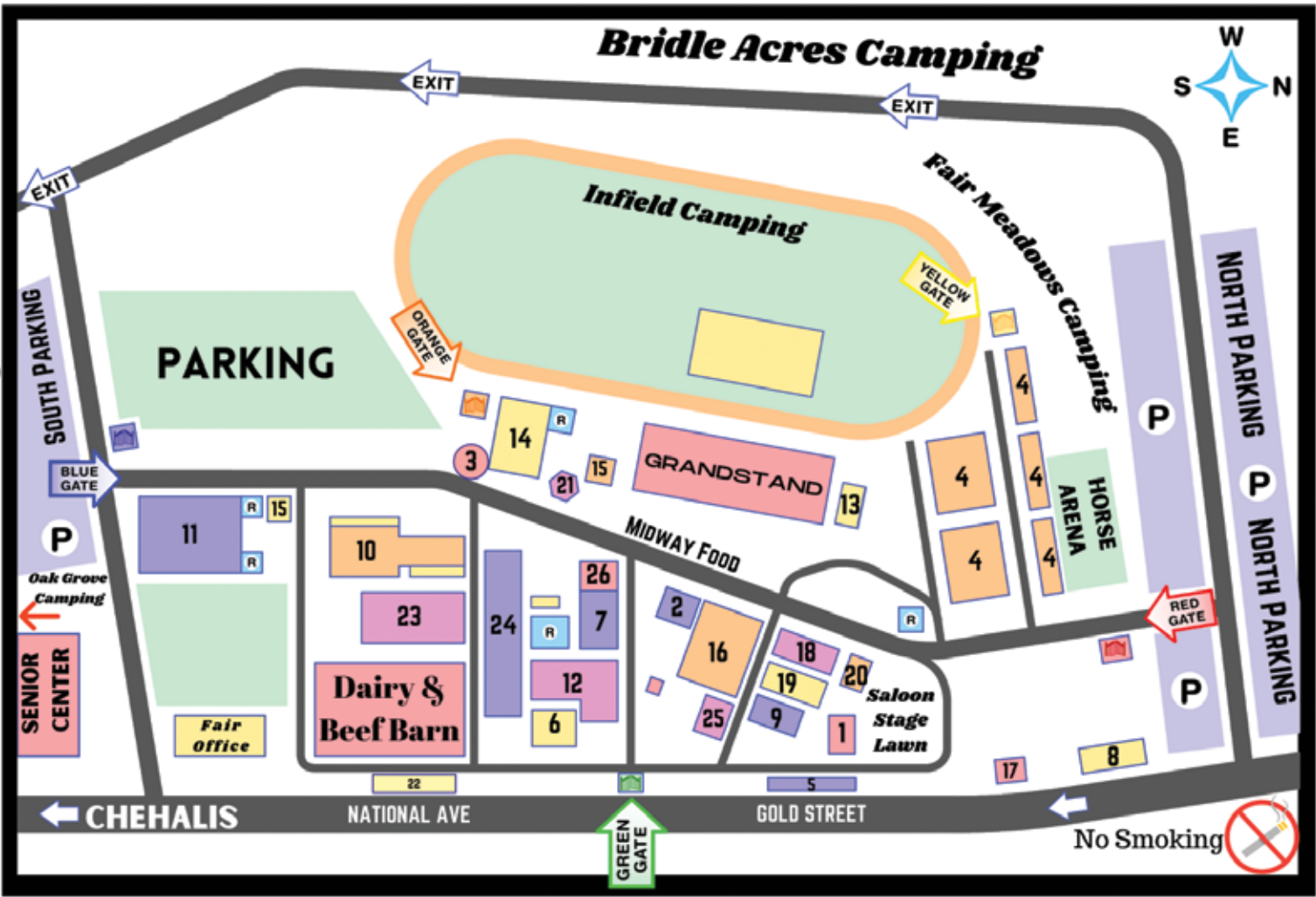
- 1 Saloon Stage
- 2 Community Stage
- 3 Midway Stage

### ANIMALS

- 4 Horse Stalls
- 5 Petting Zoo
- 6 Pig Barn
- 7 Poultry & Pigeon Hall
- 8 Small Animal Building
- 9 Wildlife Building
- 10 4-H Barn (Cattle: Dairy, Beef)
- 11 Blue Pavilion

### BUILDINGS

- 12 4-H Building
- 13 Beer Garden
- 14 Community Events
- 15 Orange Kitchen
- 16 Expo Hall
- 17 Fire House
- 18 Floral & Agriculture Hall
- 19 Grange Building
- 20 Historical Building
- 21 Information Booth
- 22 Milking Parlor
- 23 New Judging Pavilion
- 24 Old Judging Pavilion
- 25 Photo Barn
- 26 Hobbies & Crafts





# Membership Corner

## Welcome New Members

### GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS April 2025

		# Joined	Jr. +1
681	Chimacum ..... Rob Story	1	
782	Elk Plain ..... Jesse Latner	1	
853	Fargher Lake ..... Barrett Ottman, Cash Ottmann, Daniele Buls	3	2
730	Humtulpis ..... Ronald Stroup	1	
731	Kennewick Valley ..... Carrie Clark	1	
1086	Logan Hill ..... Kritsa Thomas, Michael Thomas	2	
679	Malo ..... Casey Dunne, William Clark	2	2
357	Matlock ..... Amber Leuhrs, Erika Martinson	2	
774	Olympic View ..... Stacey House	1	
1067	Prospect Point ..... Emma Sears, Thomas Boshart, Monique Boshart, Kendra Boshart, Cheyenne Boshart, Wade Boshart	6	14
315	Prosperity ..... Pamela Nistler	1	
720	Quimper ..... Bly Windstorm, Angie Tabor	2	
926	Samish Valley ..... Timothy Rogers, Kindra Rigby, Taylor Rigby	3	
966	San Juan Island ..... Eliza Habegger, Karl Koski, Greg Meyer, Paul; Barger, Lucretia M. Devine, Rambler Goods, Devon Morris, Nancy Devaux, Suz Howells, San Juan Island Pride Foundation, Rhonda Scott, Elizabeth Gadbois, Michele Mayer, Robin Blair, Christa Wilkinson, Valerie Breda, Teresa Johnson, Lori Boyd, Kim Bruder, Karl Bruder, Jeri King, Gundun Kat, Ferry Boat Seeds	24	
1108	Sequim Prairie ..... Amanda Beck	1	
800	Sharon ..... John Toohey	1	
250	South Bay ..... Jessie Bensley, Ryana Meyer, Bryce Mode, McCall Daniels	4	
1008	Tri Community ..... Gayle Furness, Pat Brown	2	
1093	Triway ..... Nicole Belsvik, Ryan Belsvik, Kendra Still, Dan Torve, Robin Torve	5	
482	Twisp Valley ..... Jean Davis, Don Stonack, Salyna Gracie, Iain McAllister	4	
610	Tyler ..... Sergio Reynaga, Larry D. Franz	2	
114	Whelan Ewartsville ..... Amanda Brozana	1	
TOTALS		74	18

## Today’s Grange is Tomorrow’s Future

The Grange has long been a pillar of community engagement, bringing people together through service, education, and fellowship. If you’re passionate about growing membership, fostering connections, and sharing the impact of the Grange, now is the perfect time to start conversations about its benefits.

Whether it's organizing local events, supporting agricultural initiatives, or advocating for important causes, the Grange offers opportunities for individuals and families to contribute meaningfully. Many Granges have seen an influx of young members eager to take part in community-driven activities.

The Grange is such a special organization because it brings people together for community service, education, and fellowship. Members often find fulfillment in organizing local events, advocating for agricultural and rural initiatives, and supporting causes that strengthen their neighborhoods. The camaraderie within Grange halls creates lasting friendships and a shared sense of purpose, making

it a great space for families to grow together.

One way to spark excitement is to highlight successful Grange projects — maybe it’s a fundraising event that brought people together,

shaping communities and why it’s worth being a part of.

Have you seen a particular Grange event or tradition make a big impact recently? That could be a great example to share with others who might be interested in joining.

Many Granges have a membership corner that provides information about the organization, its history, and the benefits of joining. A well-organized membership corner filled with brochures, testimonials, and information about upcoming events can also spark curiosity. These spaces help newcomers understand the Grange’s mission and encourage community involvement.

Some Granges also offer classes in skills like canning, dehydrating, and sewing to engage the public and bring people into the Grange Hall. This could be the perfect opportunity to interact with attendees and show them the impact of your work. Offering a mix of community service projects, skill-building classes, and social gatherings ensures there’s something for everyone.

Whether it's organizing local events, supporting agricultural initiatives, or advocating for important causes, the Grange offers opportunities for individuals and families to contribute meaningfully.

a youth leadership program that empowered young members, or a local farm initiative that strengthened ties between growers and consumers. These kinds of stories show how the Grange is

## 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

Fargher Lake #853 – Mike Gilmour  
Fruitvale #348 – Lenn Rickey  
Logan Hill #1086 – Fred Richardson  
Samish Valley #926 – Mark Sniffen

South Bay #250 – Sandy Mode  
Triway #1093 – Judy Corning  
Twisp Valley #482 – Mary Jane Perry

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.

## SPEAK LIKE A “CHAMP”

Speak like a “CHAMP” is a monthly message designed to get everyone speaking the same language to encourage positive teamwork as we Grange.

### EMPOWERMENT

**Empowerment** is the process of equipping individuals or groups with the authority, confidence, skills, resources, and support they need to make decisions, take initiative, and act independently to achieve goals or solve problems. It involves fostering a sense of ownership and accountability while enabling people to maximize their potential and contribute meaningfully. Empowerment is vital because it helps individuals and groups achieve their fullest potential while contributing to broader success.

## Calling all Business Owners...

By Amanda Brozana  
National Grange  
Membership & Leadership  
Development Director

In the earliest days of Grange, members connected not just for fellowship but to improve each others’ economies. From co-ops to word-of-mouth encouragement to shop from fellow members, this was a strong motivator for membership.

Today, the National Grange has exciting things on the

horizon and we are seeking more information from our members who own direct-to-consumer businesses.

Do you have a hobby you have monetized through online or craft fair sales? Do you provide services such as graphic design or embroidery? Do you have a farm that sells half-hogs or baskets of produce? We’d love to hear more about your business and work with you as we develop a member-to-member marketing platform.

Please fill out this simple form and we will be in contact soon:  
<https://grange.biz/businessowner>





# Home & Family

## Getting Ready For State Grange Contests

By Helen Berg  
Family Living Director

It is time to be thinking ahead to our state contest for you purple winners. Let's start with baking and candy. Be sure to use a disposable container with the product covered well with plastic. We want to keep your product as fresh as possible for the judges. Don't forget to include your recipe. Candy only needs four pieces.

In Food Preservation be sure to include the processing label supplied in the Family Living packet. Be sure the jars are clean. Put clean canning ring on loosely which will be removed for judging and replaced for display.

When preparing needlework for contest be sure it is clean and free

from pet hair. Rather than folding doilies roll them on a tube. This will help keep them flat when judged. Be sure there are no loose ends or knots showing.

The most important thing to remember in sewing is to be sure the wrong side looks as good as the right side. Press all seams open when possible. Be sure any seams which will ravel have a good seam finish be it a zig-zag or serging. I always press garments from the inside when seams need to be pressed open as they look so much better when wearing.

When preparing quilts, as with needlework, be sure they are clean and free of pet hair. If the quilt has a label be sure to cover up the name.

I hope many of you are working on a Christmas block for our auction

quilt next year. You may use any block and your choice of Christmas fabric. Remember it needs to be 12 1/2 inches square.

We will be taking entries on Tuesday April 22nd from 2-5pm. And Wednesday the 23rd from 8am to 1pm. We will be starting judging at 10am on Wednesday so the earlier you can get your entries in the better.

If you have had your Pomona contest and have sent in your report, Thank-you. If you have not sent your report, please do so as soon as possible. A missing report only makes it longer to get entries checked in and is not fair for someone else's error.

Looking forward to seeing you at convention.



Helen Berg

## Pair Summer Favorites With A Simple Potato Salad



(Courtesy of Family Features)

Ideal for neighborhood cookouts, quick family dinners and anything in between, potato salad is a tried-and-true summer favorite. This version comes together in a snap so you can spend more time enjoying the sun and less time in the kitchen.

This creamy Potato Salad is ideal for making quickly at home before heading off to your next potluck or barbecue. Find more easy summer recipes at Culinary.net.

### Potato Salad

Servings: 4-6 Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

**Ingredients:**

- 3 pounds potatoes
- 4 boiled eggs, coarsely chopped
- 2 dill pickles
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon onion powder
- 1 package (2 1/2 ounces) real bacon pieces
- 2 cups mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons mustard
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- smoked paprika, for garnish

**Instructions:**

Coarsely chop potatoes. In Dutch oven, boil until fork tender. Drain then add coarsely chopped eggs and pickles.

Add garlic powder, onion powder, bacon pieces, mayonnaise and mustard. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Mix well.

Transfer to large bowl and refrigerate 1-2 hours. Garnish with smoked paprika.

## Community Service

## Annual Community Service Reports are Due

By Claudine Mincks  
Community Service Director

Did your Granges have as much fun participating in Grange Month 2025 as mine did? We worked on fulfilling Grange Spirit Week 2025 as a team and it was full of great memories and smiles as we shared with our local community. I hope each of Washington's Granges were also able to enjoy Grange Month 2025 and bring Grange to the forefront of your local communities as well!

June 1st deadline for annual Grange Community Service Reporting is approaching quickly! 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.

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.


While you are filling out your

annual report why not go the little extra distance and submit a few extra details for the Community Service Contest. Check out page 15 of the 2025 Washington State Grange Program Handbook to guide you through the steps to enter. There are cash prizes for First - Third Place awards as an added incentive to the Community Service work we should already be participating in.

**Grangers are the Hearts of Service.** Each Grange and their members are SPECIAL and so I implore you to REPORT so we can show National Grange just how Strong, Rooted, Resilient, and United Washington State Grangers are!



Claudine Mincks



### National Grange Lecturer's Quilt Block Contest


*Canning Jar Pattern*

#### RULES AND GUIDELINES:

[WWW.NATIONALGRANGE.ORG/LECTURER-CONTESTS](http://WWW.NATIONALGRANGE.ORG/LECTURER-CONTESTS)

#### ADULT & JUNIOR DIVISIONS

*Deadline: September 1, 2025*



## McLane Grange Hosts Canning Basics Class



McLane Grange sponsored a Canning Basics Class, attended by 47 participants, April 9, 2025. Class Coordinator, Vice-Pres. Dianne Johnson, welcomes attendees to instructor Debra Basque's (Fruitland Grange) class. Along with tea, coffee and treats, McLane organized a raffle that sold well at the class.



# National Grange News

## A View From The Hill - April 2025 Wrap-Up

**By Burton Eller**  
**National Grange**  
**Legislative Director**

**AGRICULTURE AND FOOD**

**Support to restrict junk food SNAP purchases**

A federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program shopper can pretty much shop anywhere in the grocery store. That wide latitude could change. Attempts to eliminate junk food from SNAP coverage could gain traction under HHS Secretary Kennedy’s Make America Healthy Again agenda. The USDA oversees SNAP and would have to grant states special waivers to eliminate junk foods (soft drinks, candy, ice cream, and prepared desserts) from the assistance program, something it has refused in the past. But Agriculture Secretary Rollins appears open to the idea. At least sixteen states have proposed bills to restrict junk food from SNAP. Current SNAP purchase restrictions also include alcohol, medicine, vitamins, tobacco, and hot pre- prepared food.

**White house proposes USDA office closures**

The fiscal 2026 budget plan from the White House proposes to reduce staffing levels at the Farm Service Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service and to consolidate local, county- based offices around the country that would service FSA, NRCS, and Rural Development. However, the 2018 farm bill includes language that USDA must notify Congress before closing any FSA office and provide justification for the closure. Congress has traditionally frowned upon USDA office closures, particularly local FSA offices. Meanwhile, it is rumored that thousands of USDA employees are planning to leave the department through a deferred resignation program that closed mid-April.

**Secretary Rollins modifies climate smart initiative**

The USDA is canceling the \$3.1 billion Partnerships for Climate Smart Commodities program but will allow projects to continue if they can show

that a significant amount of the federal funds awarded will go to farmers. The original climate smart program covered 130 projects and the amount of federal funds used for producer incentives varied project-to-project. The program has been renamed Advancing Markets for Producers Initiative, and payments must adhere to these guidelines:

- A minimum of 65% of federal funds must go to producers
- Grant recipients must have enrolled at least one producer as of December 31, 2024
- Grantees must have made a payment to at least one producer as of December 31, 2024

**USDA releases disaster funds**

The Department of Agriculture is making \$340 million available for disaster assistance to farmers, ranchers, and rural communities impacted by natural disasters.

**The USDA Disaster**

Assistance Fund will provide relief directly to rural families, agricultural producers, and small businesses to repair homes, businesses, infrastructure, and critical services in communities hit hardest by disasters.

**AG WORKFORCE**

**Farmers may get a break on deportations**

At a recent Cabinet meeting, President Trump indicated the administration was working on a plan for illegal immigrant farm workers to leave the country and return with legal status through a process yet to be determined. Details are sketchy at this point, but by providing a pathway to legal status, the process could signal a major policy shift and provide agricultural employers with some assurance they will have a workforce.

**HEALTHCARE**

**Grange supports farmers’ and ranchers’ mental health**

The National Grange joined the National Farmers Union, the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, and numerous other agriculture groups to support full funding for the Farmers and Ranchers Stress Assistance Network (FRSAN) at

USDA as Congress considers FY 2026 appropriations for USDA. In a letter to the chairs and ranking members of the House and Senate Appropriations Agriculture subcommittees, the group noted FRSAN’s success and popularity and requested full funding at the program’s authorized \$10 million level. FRSAN supports a service provider network that connects individuals and their families engaged in farming, ranching, and other agriculture-related occupations to stress assistance programs and resources. Four regional FRSAN centers have increased access to farm stress services by coordinating efforts to serve the unique needs of the populations in each region.

**Grange files comments on immunization**

In a filing with the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices at the Centers for Disease Control, the National Grange recommended that the advisory committee approve the Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) vaccine for high-risk adults aged 50 and over. The filing noted the disparities in rural populations compared to urban populations which include:

- Significant scarcity of health providers
- Less insurance coverage
- Significant hospital closures
- Higher rates of serious disease

The advisory committee subsequently approved the RSV vaccine for high-risk adults aged 50 and older.

**Rural health depends on Medicaid**

Nearly 40% of children living in rural communities and almost 20% of non-elderly adults are covered by Medicaid. Cuts to Medicaid coverage would be devastating for rural families, according to the National Rural Health Association. Reducing Medicaid funding will result in higher rates of uninsurance across the country, with a higher impact on the most vulnerable rural areas. Rural hospitals and clinics are not sustainable without this critical funding. The National Grange is a member of the Medicaid coalition that

is urging Congress to act in a unified, bipartisan manner to sustain Medicaid funding for rural families and their health care providers.

**Expand coverage of obesity treatments**

The National Grange partnered with the Obesity Action Coalition and the Obesity Care Advocacy Network to urge the Trump administration to finalize a proposed rule that would expand coverage of obesity medications for Medicare beneficiaries. Individuals struggling with obesity should have access to effective medical treatment because of their higher risks for heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and certain cancers.

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**Rip and replace Chinese gear from rural networks**

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is moving ahead to swiftly finish their removal, replacement, and disposal of Huawei and ZTE telecommunications equipment. The initiative reimburses smaller providers for the cost of sweeping the Chinese equipment from their systems.

**TRADE**

**Senators want trade oversight**

The bipartisan Trade Review Act of 2025 has been introduced by Senators Klobuchar (D-MN), Cantwell (D-WA), Warner (D-VA), Bennett (D-CO), Welch (D-VT), Grassley (R-IA), Moran (R-KS), Murkowski (R-AK), McConnell (R-KY), and Tillis (R-NC). The Act reaffirms Congress’s authority over tariffs as granted in Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution by placing limits on presidential tariff actions:



- The president must notify Congress within 48 hours of imposing a tariff on imported goods
- Any new tariff will expire after 60 days unless Congress passes a joint resolution of approval
- Congress may terminate ant imposed tariffs any time through a joint resolution of disapproval

**OF INTEREST... Funding for rural forest schools**

Schools and communities surrounded by National Forest must rely on the Secure Rural Schools and Communities Act, a federal program that allocates money to counties that overlap National Forest land. Because public land cannot be taxed for local interests, the SRS program offsets this loss of local revenues by allocating federal funds to support essential infrastructure like roads and schools. The law was up for reauthorization in 2024 but died last December without a vote in the House after the Senate voted unanimously to approve it. Congress failed to include the legislation in March’s spending package, raising concerns about a major lapse in funding. The National Grange has long supported the rural schools and communities initiative and will continue to push for the timely reauthorization of the program.





# National Grange News

**Presidential Perspective:**

## The Time is Now for the Silent Majority to Speak Up



Christine Hamp

**By Christine Hamp  
National Grange President**

In every city council chamber, statehouse, and congressional hearing room, decisions are being made that shape the future of our families, communities, and country. Yet far too often, those decisions are influenced by the loudest voices – not necessarily the wisest or most representative ones.

For too long, the so-called “silent majority” – hardworking, civic-minded Americans – have taken a back seat in the advocacy process. We have trusted that “common sense” would prevail, that our leaders would act in our collective best interest, and that simply voting every couple of years would be enough.

It isn’t. Democracy demands more than silence. It requires active participation. It thrives when everyday people – including farmers, teachers, small business owners, healthcare workers, construction workers and skilled laborers, students, and retirees – make their voices heard. It’s time for the silent majority to stop assuming someone else will speak for them and start showing up, standing up, and speaking out.

As President of the National Grange, I see firsthand how deeply our members care about their communities. We believe in strong values, in service to others, in tradition, and in progress. But I also see that many feel disconnected from the legislative process – disillusioned, frustrated, or simply overwhelmed. The truth is that advocacy isn’t just for professionals or partisans. It’s for all of us.

You don’t need a lobbyist’s credentials to walk into your legislator’s office. You only need your voice. A personal letter, a well-placed phone call, a presence at a town hall meeting or community function – these are powerful tools that too few use. And in their absence, the vacuum is filled by those with more narrow, sometimes self-serving agendas.

We must remember that silence can be interpreted as acceptance. When small, independent pharmacies close due to unjust reimbursement systems, when broadband once again skips our back roads, when healthcare becomes harder to access and education less equitable – our silence can cost us dearly. But our engagement can turn the tide.

The Grange has always stood for active citizenship. We were founded on the idea that when neighbors and communities work together, we don’t just react to change – we lead it. Today, that spirit is more essential than ever.

To the silent majority: you are not invisible. Your values, your experience, and your insight are needed in every conversation about the future of this nation. Let’s turn silence into action – at the local, state, and national level. Democracy doesn’t just belong to the loud. It belongs to the engaged.

Let’s act today.

## Cruise Into A Unique Grange Convention

If you haven’t heard the exciting news yet, this year’s National Grange Convention is breaking new ground— and sailing into uncharted waters! For the first time ever, we’re taking the Convention to the high seas, aboard the stunning Carnival Horizon, November 8–16, 2025.

While you can book your cabins now, general registration for Grange members will open on May 15. The registration fee for Grange members (including Youth members) will be \$50.00, and \$25.00 for Juniors.

**What’s On Deck:** All registered attendees will be welcomed with a private reception and Convention kickoff as we set sail from Miami. Upon boarding, you’ll receive a special Grange lanyard and some fun swag to get you into the spirit.

The general business meeting of the National Grange will happen on Sunday/ Monday and Friday/Saturday (the “at sea” days) from 8:00am – 4:00pm in the Limelight Lounge. Saturday morning will feature the traditional Youth opening by the National Grange Youth Officer Team.

On Tuesday morning (Aruba) at 8:00am, the Assembly of Demeter will hold their business meeting.

On Wednesday morning (Bonaire) at 8:00am, the conferral of the 7th Degree and Convocation of the Assembly will take place in the Liquid Lounge. This will be the premiere of the recently filmed and preserved version of the 7th Degree. Attending this premiere event is FREE, but standard fees for obtaining your 7th Degree will apply.

On these days, we recommend not booking any excursions before 11:00am, so you can be sure to take part in the events and still be off the ship in time. Additionally, Youth and Young Adults in attendance will be able to (and are encouraged to) participate in the Youth Leadership Academy on the At Sea days.

**Looking for more “swag?”** When you register, you’ll also have the opportunity to purchase some special Convention “swag” items that will be ready to pick up on board. Items include a beach towel, an insulated tumbler, a tote, and a special Convention t-shirt, all featuring the 159th Convention At Sea logo.

Proceeds help support on-board events and activities— so it’s swag with a cause!

**While you’re Aboard...** This cruise is as much about connection as it is about business. While National Grange won’t be coordinating formal meals or excursions, we encourage you to gather with your Grange family—old friends and new—for dinners, shore trips, and shared adventures in Aruba, Bonaire, and Curaçao!

**Coming Soon:** We will soon begin releasing more information about this year’s convention, including onboard workshops and events. We will also be creating a list of recommended hotels in the Miami/Fort Lauderdale area highlighting hotels that offer free shuttles to the port.

We will also create and release more FAQs – perfect for first-time cruisers or those who are apprehensive about what the cruise may be like.

Do you have questions about this year’s Convention or what to expect on board? Email [convention@nationalgrange.org](mailto:convention@nationalgrange.org) with whatever questions you have. Please be sure to join the convention Facebook event at <https://grange.biz/159convention> and stay tuned to the website for updates at <http://www.nationalgrange.org/159ngconvention>.

## Celebrate America’s 250th Birthday With The Grange

**By Lois Barber, Chairperson,  
Semiquincentennial  
Work Group**

The countdown is on! America’s 250th birthday— also known as the United States Semiquincentennial— is coming up on July 4, 2026, and the National Grange is gearing up for a year-long celebration leading up to this historic milestone. Our “America’s 250th” work group is hard at work planning ways for everyone to join in the fun, and we want YOU to be part of it!

While we’re still finalizing plans, here are some exciting ways to get involved now:

**America’s Field Trip – Calling All Students!**

Students in grades 3–12 can take part in America’s 250th anniversary by sharing what America means to them—with a chance to win an unforgettable field trip to some of the nation’s most iconic landmarks! Don’t wait—essays are due by April 16! Check it out at <http://www.america250.org>.

**Nominate a Hometown Hero**

Do you know an unsung American hero? The Our American Story project is collecting and preserving stories from everyday people who’ve made a difference. Nominate a friend, family member, neighbor, or community leader to make sure their story is shared and remembered! Submit nominations at [america250.org](http://america250.org).

**Make Sure Your Community is Celebrating!**

Contact your town council or city administration to make sure your town is planning its own semiquincentennial celebrations. Let’s make this a nationwide party! If your town doesn’t have a parade or event planned, make sure your Grange is leading the charge to celebrate our country!

**Plan a Grange Celebration!**

What’s a birthday without a party? Host a picnic, parade, or community gathering nextspring or summer to bring people together in honor of America’s 250th!

**Show Your Patriotism!**

You don’t need an excuse to be

patriotic—it’s not a political thing, it’s an American thing! Fly your flag. Wear your red, white, and blue. Spread the spirit!

**Stay Tuned for More!**

Pretty soon, we will launch a Grange webpage where you’ll find:

- 250 Ways to Be Patriotic
- Essay & Coloring Contests
- Special Grange Programs
- Bicentennial Memories from 1976
- And More!

**Commemorative Items Coming Soon!**

We’re designing apparel and a challenge coin to mark this incredible event—stay tuned for details!



Got an idea? Want to get involved? We’d love to hear from you! Reach out to Lois Barber from Kansas, Chair of our America’s 250th work group, at [ksgrangesecretary@gmail.com](mailto:ksgrangesecretary@gmail.com).

Let’s make this a celebration for the ages!



# Pomona Connection

**COWLITZ/WAHKIAKUM  
POMONA**

Cowlitz/Wahkiakum Pomona Grange held their Grange Contests on April 19. The Lecturers Department had a total of 92 Entries, Arts/Crafts 26 purple ribbons and Photography had 20 purple ribbons. Family Living had 68 Entries- Food Preservation and Baking had 8 purple ribbons, while Needlework, Sewing and Quilts had 9. The next meeting of Cowlitz/Wahkiakum Pomona will be on Saturday May 17 at the Grays River Grange Hall beginning at 1 pm a potluck luncheon, followed by a business meeting.

**GRAYS HARBOR/PACIFIC  
POMONA**

Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Grange held Easter Basket Bingo on April 19 at the Olympia View Grange Hall. Proceeds will go toward supporting the Pomona contests and activities. Pomona Grange contests, except for baking and candy, 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.

**THURSTON COUNTY POMONA**

Thurston County Pomona met on April 3 at the McLane Grange Hall for the regular first Thursday meeting and a potluck. The baking and candy contests were held. Ron Nelson served as the auctioneer as the scrumptious baked goods were auctioned off following the judging. Lecturer and Family Living contests were held on April 12 at Brighton Park Grange and numerous excellent entries will be headed for the state-level competition in June. The Washington State Fair committee, chaired by Pam Mathews and Rita Klein, is hard at work getting ready for Thurston Pomona's agricultural display. The June 5 Pomona meeting will be held at 7 pm at Violet Prairie Grange Hall preceded by a potluck at 6 pm. Show your creativity by bringing an entry for the flower arranging contest to be held that night.



## Clark County Pomona Grange To Raffle Off Chicken Coop At Fair

Clark County Pomona Grange No. 1 has received permission from the Clark County Fair manager to have a raffle at this year's fair. One of our members, Rodger Lance, has built a 4'x6' chicken coop that will be moved to the fair grounds and displayed in the Grange building. Raffle tickets will be sold during the fair with a drawing for the winning entry at the end of the event. RuthAnne Lance is raising hens to be included with the coop. We are also offering to deliver the coop within 50 miles of the fair grounds. Funds from the raffle will be donated to the Clark County youth and junior Grange programs.

## Klickitat Pomona Hosts Mini-Fair

Klickitat County Pomona #5 held their annual Mini-Fair county contests on April 12th, at the same time and location as Centerville Grange #81 was hosting a community Gardening Day Program for both adults and children. Combining an interactive program with the contests was well received by the community and added a fun component to get families in the local areas exposure to the Grange.



## Pomona Calendar

Please submit your 2025 Pomona Meeting Dates.

<b>CHELAN</b>	.....to be announced.
<b>CLALLAM</b>	.....September 8 at Fairview, 5 p.m., refreshments following meeting.
<b>CLARK</b>	.....May 14 at Manor, 7 p.m.
<b>COLUMBIA</b>	.....to be announced.
<b>COWLITZ/ WAHKIAKUM</b>	.....May 17 at Grays River, 1 p.m. potluck with meeting to follow.
<b>DOUGLAS</b>	.....June 19 at East Wenatchee, 6 p.m.
<b>EXCELSIOR</b>	.....May 17 at Clayton, 10:30 a.m. Lecturer and Family Living Contest entries due.
<b>FERRY</b>	.....October 13 at San Poil, 6 p.m.
<b>GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC</b>	.....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.
<b>ISLAND</b>	.....June 7 at Deer Lagoon.
<b>KING</b>	.....May 17 at Happy Valley, 10 a.m.
<b>KLICKITAT</b>	.....September 13 at Columbia, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting.
<b>LEWIS</b>	.....August 2 following picnic at Ed & Marilyn Armit's home in Mossyrock.
<b>MASON</b>	.....May 17, location to be announced, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. lunch. All contest entries due.
<b>OKANOGAN</b>	.....July 12 at Oroville, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 noon potluck.
<b>PEND OREILLE</b>	.....August 23 at Camden, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
<b>PIERCE</b>	.....June 7 at Collins, 10 am meeting, 12:30 pm potluck lunch.
<b>SKAGIT</b>	.....June 4 at Summit Park, 6:30 p.m.
<b>SNOHOMISH</b>	.....May 17 at Kellogg Marsh, 10 am. Lecturer and Family Living Contest entries are due on May 15.
<b>SPOKANE</b>	.....May 10 at Five Mile Prairie, 10 a.m., all Grange contest entries due.
<b>STEVENS</b>	.....July 25 at Fort Colville, 6 p.m. potluck picnic, 6:30 p.m. meeting..
<b>THURSTON</b>	.....June 5 at Violet Prairie, 7 p.m.
<b>WHATCOM</b>	.....June 17 at Laurel, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting.
<b>WHITMAN</b>	.....May 17 at North & South Palouse, 10 a.m. meting, 12 p.m. potluck. Family Living and Lecturer contest entries due.
<b>YAKIMA VALLEY</b>	.....July 14 at Fruitvale, 5 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting.

## 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	
<b>Word count:</b> hyphens, spaces and X's separate words. Phone numbers count as one word. <b>We do not print ads for 900 number services.</b>		
<b>Deadline:</b> 5th of each month (for the following month's paper). Classified ads must be paid in advance. (Tear sheets not sent for classified.)		
<b>Ad copy (or attach copy):</b> _____		
_____		
No. words _____ @ rate \$ _____ x # months _____ = \$ _____ (enclosed)		
Name _____		
Address _____		
City _____ State _____ Zip _____		



# Grange Connection

**COWLITZ COUNTY**

Catlin Grange had Booster Night on April 11. We had an interesting program “We are the Keepers of the American Dream,” presented by Amanda Brozana.

**GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY**

Humtulpis Grange welcomed seven new members so far in 2025. The Grange continues to operate the Humtulpis Food Bank, severing 55-60 families each month. In addition to the food bank, the Anywhere Library, operated by the Timberland Regional Library System, is at the Grange Hall on food distribution day, along with the Mobile Assistance Vehiclke, which distributes both food and non-food necessities. The food bank is open for distribution on the Third Wednesday of each month. The last bingo event of the season was held on May 3. We will be on hiatus until the bingo events start again in October. The Grange voted to have a display at the Washington State Fair in Puyallup.

**LEWIS COUNTY**

Oakview Grange is proud to award their 2025 scholarship to Lillian Boyd, a graduating senior

at Adna High School. Lillian is the granddaughter of Grange members John and Martha Harjo.

**OKANOGAN COUNTY**

Molson Grange will hold their Indoor Market, Bake Sale, and Art/ Craft Cae on May 24, the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. Call Penny Cole to get your table to sell at 509-485-2343. Penny is also coordinating a donation area with sales to go to the building repair fund. Indoor roller skating at the Grange Hall, starts on Friday night in June and will run through the summer.

**PIERCE COUNTY**

Elk Plain Grange held an Open House and Ice Cream Social for Grange Month. We had a good turnout with local Grangers and community members in attendance.

**SPOKANE COUNTY**

Green Bluff Grange celebrated Grange Month by having Grange info on Facebook, Next Door media, members showing their talent at our April 15 meeting, and having a display all month at the North Spokane County Library.

May is a busy time at the Grange. Our Jr. Grangers led the volunteers for the 12th Annual “Keep Green Bluff Clean Trash Pick Up.” May 25 is the next “All you can eat Pancake Breakfast.” Congratulations to our scholarship recipients: Taylor Jackson, \$2000; Owen Halbig, \$2000; Emma Halbig, \$1500, and Braden Donough, \$1000. Our Grange community event on May 6 was a pie auction along with Booster Night and on June 4 Spokane River Storytellers will entertain us after we eat a BBQ snack. The Inaugural Bluegrass On The Bluff bluegrass festival is May 23-25 (Memorial Day Weekend).

Windsor Grange hosted a dinner and auction benefiting Camp HI LO, a summer camp for youth with Type 1 Diabetes.

**THURSTON COUNTY**

South Union Grange met on April 21 for their regular business meeting. Final planning was done for the April 25 "George Washington Speaks" event and the May 16-17 garage sale. The next meeting will be held at 7 pm on May 19 and June 16.

## Malo Grange Hosts Annual Easter Egg Hunt



Malo Grange held their Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 19.

## Prosperity Grange Celebrates 95th Birthday With Open House



(Left) Attending Prosperity Grange's open house, above, are McLane Grange officers (L eft to Right) Dianne Johnson, V-Pres., Eladice Arnold, Chaplin & Pat Veleke, President. (Right) Prosperity Grange held an open house March 22 to commemorate their 95th birthday.



## Minnehaha Grange Donates Dictionaries



Minnehaha Grange #164 has participated in the Dictionary Project for many years. This school year we donated dictionaries to each third grade student at Minnehaha Elementary School. Here is a photo of some of our members and the Thank You notes we received.

## Barberton Grange Hosts Gospel Show; Award

On April 11 the Barberton Grange hosted an all gospel show with Grange President Matt Hodges where we accepted donations for the CountyWide Chaplaincy. During this event we also recognized the Chaplaincy group with our annual Community Citizens Award. Sam Lapore accepted the award on behalf of the group.



## Fruitland Grange Jumps Into Spring

Fruitland Grange has jumped into Spring. The community garden is being prepped for spring planting. We are looking to many wonderful things like last year. Last summer, we were able to can zucchini pickles and relishes to give as prizes at our community classes. We also donated a lot of produce to a local charity. We had a fun Easter Egg Hunt party. The first hour was for reserved for families needing a quieter time than the regular craziness that ensues with the other age groups. There were different hunts at different times for different age groups. Everyone had a great time. Fruitland is looking forward to summer classes and fun things going on. There are food preservation classes and several Junk in the Trunk sales to name a few.

Pictured: (Top) Member Quane Scott as the Easter Bunny. (Bottom) Kids hunting eggs amongst the balloons.





SAVE THE DATE!

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 7** ..... Youth Fairs Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.

**MAY 15-17** ..... Western Regional Grange Leaders Conference at Hamilton/Corvallis, Montana

**MAY 15** ..... Fish & Wildlife Session Committee – Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.

**MAY 15** ..... Agenda Items for State Grange Executive Committee Due to State Office

**MAY 19** ..... Agriculture Session Committee – Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.

**MAY 20** ..... Conservation & Ecology Session Committee – Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.

**MAY 21** ..... Grange Activities Session Committee – Zoom Meeting, 2 p.m.

**MAY 21** ..... Health, Health Care & Safety Session Committee – Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.

**MAY 22** ..... Taxation Session Committee – Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.

**MAY 27** ..... State Legislative Session Committee – Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.

**MAY 28** ..... Grange Law Session Committee – Zoom Meeting, 2 p.m.

**MAY 28** ..... Q & A With the State Grange President, 7 p.m. – Zoom Meeting

**MAY 29** ..... National Legislative Session Committee – Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.
- JUNE 1** ..... Community Service Reports Due to the State Grange Office

**JUNE 2** ..... Education Session Committee – Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.

**JUNE 3** ..... Transportation Session Committee – Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.

**JUNE 6-8** ..... **\*\* CANCELLED\*\*** Grange Camper Association Fun Rally @ Spokane

**JUNE 16** ..... Auditing Session Committee – Zoom Meeting, 2 p.m.

**JUNE 25** ..... Credentials Session Committee, 10 a.m. at Chehalis

**JUNE 25** ..... Elections Session Committee, 10:30 a.m. at Chehalis

**JUNE 25** ..... Constitution & Bylaws Session Committee, 11 a.m. at Chehalis

**JUNE 25-29** ..... 136th Annual Washington State Grange Convention at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds Centralia/Chehalis, 1909 S Gold Street, Centralia, WA 98531

**JUNE 30** ..... Second Quarter Secretary Reports Due

**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

### Granville Grange Supports Granite Falls Scouts

On Saturday, March 1st, 2025, Granite Falls Cub Scout Pack 28 held a Blue & Gold Banquet at Mountain View Elementary school in Granite Falls, WA. Granville Grange #857 members Jackie Wellenbrock and her son Hunter participated in the crossover from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts, and Hunter was part of the Arrow of Light. Several Granville Grange #857 members are actively involved in both Cub Pack 28 and Scout Troops 28 and 128, including: Bryan Bechler, Secretary (Chartered Organization Representative), Jessica Sanders, Cub Scout Pack 28 Committee Chairperson, David Dee, Scouting America Troop 28 Assistant Scoutmaster and Scouting America Troop 128 Assistant Scoutmaster, Melissa Dee (Troop 128), Peyton Dee (Troop 128), and Kyle Cullum.



### Centerville Grange Shows Grange Spirit

Centerville Grange #81 kicked off Grange Spirit Week 2025 by gathering after their April regular meeting and having some refreshments, social time, and a group photo. They are proud to have the only +1 Junior in the county and four more little ones in attendance of their monthly meetings where the members involve them in the proceedings as much as possible to ensure they will be part of Grange for their lifetimes. It was also a special treat for them to visit with Amanda Brozana, National Grange Membership & Leadership Development Director, along with Scott Lyle, Washington State Regional Shipmate, when they stopped by their Grange to help out. Master Dean Bowdish and Lecturer Claudine Mincks were able to show Amanda and Scott some of the local charm of the Centerville/Goldendale valley and welcome Amanda officially as one of the newest members of WSG!



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