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National Grange Legislative Director Leroy Watson to Attend 2007 New Hampshire State Grange Convention

Legislative Director Leroy Watson will serve as the National Grange representative at the 2007 New Hampshire State Grange Convention. An active Grange member for 35 years, Mr. Watson has used his veteran expertise in national agricultural and rural policy as the National Grange's Legislative Director since 1999. The New Hampshire State Grange Convention will be held at the Fireside Inn in West Lebanon, October 25 through October 27.

In Washington, D.C. Mr. Watson advocates public policy positions on behalf of the Grange's nearly 200,000 members nationwide. While Watson reviews all federal legislative and regulatory issues applicable to America's rural communities, he specializes in environmental policies affecting agriculture, alternative fuels and other new-use applications for agricultural commodities, federal farm programs, and state-level grassroots education and information initiatives.

Sign up for meals at State Session by October 15. Your Grange Secretary has details or contact State Ceres Kathy Yardley at 756-3677 or by e-mail at grayreiner@aol.com.

Mr. Watson holds a bachelors degree in political science from the University of Vermont and a law degree from George Mason University. He has also studied regulatory law of the European Union at the University of Exeter and is admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Watson formerly served as the National Grange's Assistant Legislative Director from 1985 until 1995. From 1995 through 1999, he was the Director of Regulatory Management for the National Biodiesel Board, a non-profit trade association dedicated to the commercial introduction of biodiesel fuel in the United States. He previously held several positions for the Vermont State Grange including Legislative Director, Information Director, Educational Aid Fund Chairman, and Youth Committee member. He was also previously employed as a field director and legislative assistant for both the Vermont Farm Bureau and Vermont State Employees Association.

Mr. Watson, a native of Vermont, is married to the former Cheryl Crawford, a life long Grange member and former State Grange Lady Assistant Steward from Wisconsin. Cheri Watson works for the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. The Watsons and their five year-old daughter, Rachel, live in Falls Church, VA, and they remain active in Potomac Grange #1. During the summer, they enjoy spending vacation time at their family farm in southeastern Vermont.

**134th ANNUAL CONVENTION
New Hampshire State Grange
of the Patrons of Husbandry
A Fireside Inn & Suites
25 Airport Road
West Lebanon, NH 03784
October 25, 26, 27, 2007
See pages 6 & 7 for details.**

An Invitation from the State Master

It's time for the Big "E" again! Whether it's to sell blueberry pie on September 14th, attend Grange Day, see a show, go shopping, take in some exhibits, watch a livestock show, serve as an ambassador in the New England Grange Building, provide entertainment, or greet visitors in the New Hampshire room upstairs, I hope I will see you there! If you'd like to receive a free admission ticket and a parking pass, contact me to find out what roles need to be filled in exchange for your free admission. I've been working on some needlework items to donate to the craft table, which raises a lot of the money for building renovations and maintenance. Are there crafty people in your Grange that would like to donate some items? Give me a call if you need assistance with getting your items to the fair. If you've never been to Eastern States Exposition, be sure to check out the NH Grange bus going for a day trip on Grange Day, Sunday, September 23rd, under the capable direction of Dave Boynton of Squam Lake Grange. Check with him at 279-4914 to see if there are any seats available!

Sign up Now!

**Blueberry Pie Day at the Big E
Friday, September 14,
10 a.m. to 9 p.m.**

Volunteers are needed to cut and microwave pie, scoop ice cream, serve and sell pie, milk, cider, and broccoli cheese soup in a bread bowl.

**Free admission to the fair. Work a shift and see the fair as well.
Call Gwen Yardley at 603-756-3677.**





This has been a challenging quarter for me as your State Master. First of all, let me express my gratitude for all the notes, cards, and words of sympathy upon the death of my father in June. For me, he set the example of being a good Granger, and I strive to achieve that standard even now, as I struggle with the task of learning the Master's parts for the Sixth Degree. Through the process of dealing with his death, the wake, and the memorial service, I was reminded of what a great man he was, how well loved and respected he was by all that knew him, and I am now **so** thankful that he was able to come to State Grange to see me installed last November.

Since my last column, I have attended several State Grange events, namely Spotlight on NH, June Youth Rally, Family Weekend, Northeast Youth Conference, and New England Lecturers' Conference. Each was enjoyable in its own way, but I especially enjoyed the task of arranging a dog obstacle course for the pet show at Family Weekend. Some of the younger campers really got into it and helped scrounge the fairgrounds for objects that would be suitable. The contest was a hoot, and I'll bet some of our camper dogs are working on their obstacle skills for next year's contest! And, what about the talent contest at Spotlight NH? We had not one, not two, but three different dulcimer acts all in the same afternoon, each one different and unique! Also, the audience that day got to witness three different contest entries that would go on to success at the regional level.

I scheduled a last-minute workshop with Ed Luttrell for July 1st when I learned he was coming east to do a one-day session for another state. I apologize for the short notice, and hope those who attended found it to be useful and uplifting. His presentation, "Do You Want Your Grange to be Good or Great," was a brand new one that he tried out on us. You can find a copy of his slide show on the State Grange website in the Master's corner. I look

forward to scheduling Ed for a Saturday workshop day sometime in the next Grange year, and we'll make sure you all know when he's coming. If you've not yet had the opportunity to learn from him, I hope you will look for details of his next visit in future issues of the GSG.

One of the sad duties of my office is to preside over Grange memorial services when asked, and it seems that we've had a steady stream of brothers and sisters going on to the Grange above this year. On a happier note, I'm looking forward to attending the autumn weddings of several of our state youth members. Something must be in the air! Another enjoyable occasion I had was to represent the State Grange at the 90th birthday party for past State Master John Saturley at Bear Hill 4-H Camp in Allenstown. A small Grange contingent was on hand to join in with the program, entertainment, cake and ice cream. Brother Saturley was in fine form as he relayed to the crowd how he "gets the job done" whenever there is a need at the camp, whether it be painting, constructing screen doors, or lining up funds or skilled labor, all of which he has done for the Grange over the years, as well. Much ado was made over the occasion and rightly so!

In June, I attended the final meeting of Cold River Valley Pomona Grange and was on hand when the members of my former Pomona voted to consolidate with Cheshire County Pomona Grange. It's a sad time, for sure, but in the same instant we're creating a stronger, more vital Pomona Grange. Gilman Grange #1 has had to make the difficult decision to sell their hall in Exeter to find relief from the burden of constant hall maintenance. Most likely, their hall will be converted into condos, while the Grange itself will carry on its good works within the Exeter community.

THE GRANITE STATE GRANGER

This is a free* publication to keep Grange members informed of past and up-coming events.

***(However, donations are accepted.)**

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There will be more consolidations and closings on the horizon, I'm afraid. It's vital that any Grange considering this route refers to the by-laws and follows procedure in a proper manner to avoid possible legal fallout in the future. The Executive Committee has been busy this year with more than one situation resulting from shortcuts and improper methods of Grange closings/hall sales. Not only does this consume valuable time on the part of your volunteer leadership team, but it also puts a strain on the State Grange budget whenever a lawyer is required to help sort out the situation at hand. If you are not sure how to proceed in your own Grange, please contact your deputy, General Deputy Tricia Taylor, or your State Master to ask for guidance. Ending these thoughts on a more positive note, I will briefly mention that I attended a meeting to organize a new Grange earlier this summer! Much work is yet to be done before I can report any more details than that for now. Just keep in mind that there **are** positive things happening within our state to overshadow some of the struggles we may be experiencing in other areas.

Have you taken advantage of NH's first-in-the-nation primary status? Have you ever attended a function where a presidential candidate was slated to speak? Ours is an important job in NH and we are geographically blessed to benefit from the frequent visits made by the candidates. I took the opportunity to see a former U.S. president in person this summer when Bill Clinton accompanied Hillary on one of her campaign stops in Keene. Never mind whether or not I will vote for Hillary. The mission of the Grange is not to promote one candidate over another, but it **is** our duty to encourage our members to be responsible and active citizens throughout the election process. What an exciting time to live in NH and what a great opportunity to be recognized as leaders within our communities, as we find ways to use our Granges to promote responsible citizenship. No better way than to take part in the National Grange NH Primary Fly-In in December! Look for more details in the Legislative Department column.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the State Grange Session in West Lebanon, NH on October 25-27, 2007.



**All About Youth
Chris Heath**

The Youth Team has been very busy since the last issue of the Granite State Granger. First I want to remind everyone that the Photo Scavenger Hunt, Collage, and Memory Book Page entries are due to the State Youth Team Leader by September 10th. Also, if you haven't made your Youth donation or New Hampshire Food Bank donation, those are also due on September 10th.

In May, in conjunction with the Junior Department, we attended the Family Fun Fair in Milford and handed out over 100 potted marigolds to the young people in attendance. On May 18th, a team comprised of Grange members, two who are youth, competed in the NH 4-H Foundation Golf Tournament in Canterbury NH. The team did OK and had a lot of fun playing in the tournament. Hopefully we will be able to have another team of golfers participate again next year.

In June, the Public Speaking and Sign-A-Song contests were held in conjunction with Spotlight NH. We had two entrants in Public Speaking and one entry in the Sign-A-Song contest. The winners are as follows: in the 20-29 age group Public Speaking-Matt Clark-First and in the 30+ age group Public Speaking-Arthur Merrill-First. In Elevator speech 30+ age group-Sherrill Bokousky-First. The following weekend we held our Annual June Youth Rally at the New Hampshire State Grange Building in Hooksett. During the day we had a workshop on Public Speaking presented by George Lambert. After a short instructional session, the participants were broken into groups, prepared a public speech, and presented it to the rest of the group. After the workshop, the youth in attendance prepared and served a barbeque lunch. After lunch a meeting of the New Hampshire State Grange Youth Association was convened. During the lecturer's portion

of the meeting, the winners of the Grange Knowledge test and Youth Officers were announced. Grange Knowledge winners were Rhoda Davis first, Beth Merrill second and Jane Trombi third. The Youth Officer results are as follows: Master Lynn French, Steward Ed Decatur, Assistant Steward Matthew Haeffner, Lady Assistant Steward Sarah Leclerc, and Ceres Gabby Decatur. On June 17th, the drill team supported Antrim Grange by providing people to work at a food booth for the Hillsborough County 4-H Horse Show at Hillsborough County Fair Grounds. Seven youth came and helped prepare and serve food to the equestrians who were competing. At the end of June, the Youth Team hosted two ice cream socials that were held in conjunction with Grange Family Weekend in Cornish, N.H. In all we sold about 45 bowls of ice cream in the two nights.

In July, the Youth Team hosted Northeast Regional Youth Conference at Rivier College in Nashua NH. There were around 54 people, from all over the Northeast, who attended the conference. Twenty-three of them were from New Hampshire. Friday night there were get acquainted games and then a Lip Sync contest. Saturday morning there were three workshops presented to those in attendance: a Public Speaking workshop presented by the National Grange Youth Development Leader Cindy Greer, a Photo Scavenger Workshop presented by NH Youth team members Rachel Bailey and Lynn French, and a woven mural workshop presented by Sandra Bokousky. Saturday afternoon the regional Public Speaking, Elevator Speech, and Sign-A-Song contests were held. New Hampshire was fortunate to have winners in every category. In the 20-29 age group Matt Clark won first place and was also awarded Best of Show. In the Elevator speech contest, Sherrill Bokousky won first place. In the Sign-A-Song contest, Marie Hall took first place in the Hobbyist category. On Sunday morning the Drill Team competition was held and the drill team from New Hampshire took first place. Congratulations to the winners of these contests. You all worked very hard and should be commended for making New Hampshire proud. The Youth team would like to thank State Master Beth Merrill, State Overseer Jim Tetreault, and

State Executive Committee member John West for attending the Northeast Regional Youth Conference. Also a Big Thank You to everyone who attended and supported the Youth Team at these events.

The Youth team is working on the program for next year. It is the plan to have a themed program and it will be called Grange Survivor. There will be events and contests through out the year, in which those who want to compete can earn points to be tallied at the end of the year to determine who is worthy of the title of Grange Survivor. During the year there will also be special challenges where individuals can earn extra points. At the end of the year, during State Session, the winner of the contest will be named and there will be a "CASH AWARD". The Youth team is excited about the new format and more details will be handed out to all who attend State Session in Lebanon.

During State Session this year, the Youth Team will be having a pumpkin decorating contest again. Please bring your prepared pumpkins with you and have them to the Youth Display Table by 12 Noon on Saturday. Please remember that your youth reports, contest entries and donations are due to the State Youth Team Leader Chris Heath by September 10th. The Youth Team looks forward to seeing you all at State Session in October.



Thank You

My family and I extend our thanks to all who helped make my 90th birthday celebration such a happy and memorable occasion.

Special thanks to Grange friends who attended on July 21st at Pembroke and to those responsible for all the publicity, as well as the many who sent cards and made telephone calls.

On July 25 Doris and I and some of our family enjoyed another birthday party sponsored by the 4-H Foundation at Bear Hill Camp. State Grange Master Beth Merrill and other Grangers who were not able to be at Pembroke attended this event.

I am truly blessed to have such a caring family and so many wonderful friends.

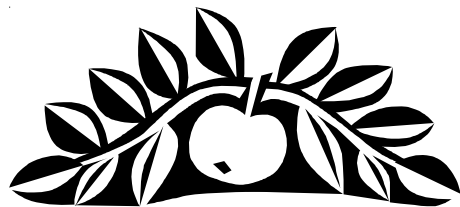
Doris and John L. Saturley

New Nurses

Kathe Wolf, daughter of Camilie and Leonard Twiss, recently graduated from the Associate Degree in Nursing program at NH Community Technical College in Nashua. Through the two years Kathe maintained a 4.0 average in her nursing classes and has passed her RN exam. She is continuing her education this fall toward her baccalaureate and is currently seeking employment in the Boston area.

Alanna Bellville, daughter of Carolee and Roland Barrett, graduated from the Practical Nursing program at the Thompson School, part of Vermont Technical College. The graduation celebration marking the 100th anniversary of the school included a formal program and banquet in Keene where Alanna received her nursing pin in a traditional ceremony. Long time family friend, Camilie Twiss had the honor of pinning Alanna. Alanna has accepted a position at the nursing home where she has been working as an LNA.

Good luck to both these new nurses!



A Letter of Thanks

To My State Grange Friends and Family:

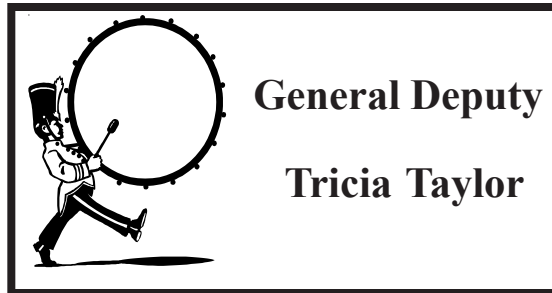
Your kind expression of sympathy is gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated. "Miss Nancy" was my second Mom and best friend. Those of you who met her know how special she was, is, and always will be.

Words alone cannot express to all of you how honored and how touched our family feels by the outpouring of love and caring from our Grange family. Thank you for your priceless gifts of a card, a thought, a prayer. God bless you all.

Ann Leger

One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh; but the earth abideth forever.

— Ecclesiastes 1:4



Your deputies will be coming around for their fall visits. Please help them out as State Master Beth Merrill and I have charged them with several duties to be fulfilled at those meetings. Any preparation you can make for those meetings will make things go more quickly.

First: In the spring your deputy brought you copies of a survey and worked through the first few pages with you. These have been sent on to me so that I can prepare a spreadsheet with that information. Your deputy is charged with picking up the completed survey from your Grange at the fall visit. I need these to prepare my report for State Session. Please work on these prior to the deputy's meeting.

Second: Determine whether you have liability insurance. Even if you do not own a building, liability insurance is very important. Should someone have an accident while attending a Grange meeting or a Grange function, the host Grange is liable – over and above the liability insurance maintained by the site owners. Given the tendency of our society to file lawsuits it is best to be prepared. National Grange has liability insurance available through Hayes Insurance Company.

Third: Please bring your membership records to the meeting. Your deputy will be bringing a copy of your June quarterly and a copy of the state membership list for your Grange. Please reconcile these with your membership list and the paperwork you fill out for the deputy. We are trying hard to have these numbers match. I know from personal experience as a past State Secretary that it is quite common for the State Secretary to report one set of numbers at State Session and then listen to the General Deputy report a different set of numbers. Your deputy has been charged with reviewing the membership list with you at the meeting to ensure its accuracy. Your help with this mission will be greatly appreciated.

Hudson Grange

On May 10th the members of Hudson Grange #11 observed Community Recognition Night to honor outstanding citizens who have made a difference in someone's life.

Treasurer Rick Bailey presented the Police Award to Joseph Hoebeke. MPO Hoebeke is assigned to the Support Services Division. He is involved with coordinating the blood drives, the CHIPS Fright Night, NH Special Olympics, the Senior Citizens Police Academy and teaching driver safety. Most recently he is involved with the "Cop Card" program. His dedication to job and activities certainly exemplifies the "Partners in Community" slogan.

The Firefighter Award went to Dennis Haerinck. Secretary Pat Lawlor presented his award. He was a call firefighter in 2002, a fulltime firefighter in 2004, and is now a certified Firefighter/EMT Intermediate. Most recently he has taken on the project of obtaining replacement wooden cribbing for the rescue operations and training.

The Teacher Award went to Janice VanFleet. Steward Rachel Bailey read her qualifications. Mrs. VanFleet is an artist who loves to teach, and her classroom is her studio. She encourages her students as they work through a wide array of media. The hallways of the school are like a museum displaying the students' art work. She is very much a part of the school community, mentoring student teachers. She is also active in the NH Arts in Education organization.

Bob Haefner, Overseer, presented the Community Citizen Award. Howard Dilworth has been a resident of Hudson since 1966. When he attended Alvirne High School, a teacher made the students attend a town meeting and Mr. Dilworth was inspired to become involved in town government. He spent 27 years as a call firefighter and since 1992 has been on the Board of Selectmen, the Budget Committee, and the Sewer Commission. He represents Hudson on the NRPC, was Town Moderator this election, and serves on the coalition of NH Taxpayers. He is very knowledgeable about Budgetary Law and Hudson Political History. He is currently President of the Hudson Historical Society.



All About Juniors Sherrill Bokousky

The Junior Department participated in the in the Junior workshop planned at the North East Regional Youth Conference this year. The conference was held at Rivier College in Nashua, as NH was this year's host. Junior Directors from the New England Region and New York met with National Junior Director Anne Kurburski who provided us with details for next year's program. Time was allotted for a question and answer session as well. One of the things we talked about was mentoring Junior members. We mentor the older Juniors to let them see what is coming in the Youth Program. We had two Junior Grangers who participated in the Public speaking contest doing a great job.

We continue to work on increasing junior membership so a Sign up day will be planned for the Fall. The date will be October 20th from 2:00-4:00 at Granite Grange Hall in Milford. Granite Juniors will be on hand to show their craft contest entries and show the community what Grange is all about for kids.

Junior 2007 contest entries are due between August 31 and September 10. Please include with each entry, child's name, address, age as of January 1st, and Junior Grange name and number. Junior Leader's reports are also due at this time.

NH Junior Contests are:

- Something from Nothing or Recycled Craft
- Decorated T-Shirt
- Christmas Ornament
- Decorate a Bag

A National Contest for Creative Writing is also due at the same due date.

Juniors continue to work on contest entries. I have received a decorated T-Shirt and a Decorated Bag, but I am looking for more. If you know of any children who might want to participate please give me a call at 889-4696 or email to besheb@aol.com. I will be happy to send you the information for the contests that we have.

Mount Hope

Mount Hope Grange had its summer meeting on July 16, 2007, at the Landaff Town Hall. The July meeting traditionally is a barbeque and potluck followed by an awards ceremony and abbreviated regular meeting. The weather was ideal, allowing friends and fellow Grange members to gather inside and out to socialize and enjoy a delicious summer meal.

Following the barbeque, the regular meeting began with Worthy Master Richard Bronson in the Chair. The awards ceremony followed and recognized the following members for milestone years of service to the Mount Hope Grange: Linda Deming for 30 years; Allan Boulet for 35 years; Irene Currier for 65 years; and Elise Tarris for 65 years.

The big event of the night was celebrating the work and service of Grange member Maxine Tyler. Maxine joined the Grange in August 1946 and has held offices of Pomona and Ceres. In October, 1959, she was elected Treasurer—a position she worked tirelessly at for over 46 years until her recent resignation. The members of the Mount Hope Grange recognized Maxine's years of service with the gift of a beautiful teapot. Members of the Grange thanked Maxine for her dedication, professionalism, and years of service to the Community of Landaff.

Maxine is nearly 80 but still active and energetic. In addition to her Grange service, Maxine is working 3 days a week at Clark's Trading Post in Lincoln, NH. Several weeks ago the camera crew from NH Chronicles filmed a feature segment at Clark's. Maxine was filmed doing the craft she excels in—knitting—but with a twist: Maxine was knitting using yarn made from black bear fur. The show aired on NH Chronicles on August 3rd. Maxine resides in Benton and lives with and cares for her 96-year-old mother.

Deadline

Send copy for the December issue of the Granite State Granger to Hannah West by November 5, 2007. Report on events of September, October, and November. Look ahead to January, February, and March.

Maxine Tyler



Calendar of Events

- August 31 - Junior Reports due
- Sept. 1 - With Pen in Hand entries due
- Sept. 1 - Community Citizen names due to State Lecturer
- Sept. 1 - Family & Community Reports due
- Sept. 10 - Youth Contest Entries due to Youth Director Chris Heath
- Sept. 14 - 30 - Eastern States Exposition Springfield, MA
- Sept. 14 - Blueberry Pie Day at "Big E"
- Sept. 22 - Eastern NH Pomona #2 at Jeremiah Smith Grange at 6 p.m.
- Sept. 23 - NH Day at "Big E"
- Sept. 24 - Grange Day at "Big E"
- October 13 - New England Grange Building Trustees meet in Hooksett, NH
- Oct. 15 - Jr. & Sub. Quarterly Reports due
- Oct. 20 - Pomona Quarterly Report due
- Oct. 21 - 6th Degree rehearsal at State Grange Building Hooksett, 1 p.m.
- Oct. 21 - Executive Committee meeting at Hooksett after rehearsal
- Oct. 25-27 - NH State Grange Session, A Fireside Inn & Suites, Lebanon
- Oct. 26 - Baking contest entries due to State Session at 10 a.m.
- Nov. 13-17 - National Grange Session Sparks/Reno, NV
- Nov. 15 - Evening of Excellence at National Grange
- Dec. 1 - Deputy/leadership School
- Dec. 1 - Agate meets at Webster, 6 p.m.

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www.nhgrange.org

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Special Guest

Leroy Watson, Legislative Director,
National Grange
Thursday, October 25

Registration beginning at 6:00 PM
(\$5.00 Registration Fee – each delegate)
(\$1.00 Registration Fee for all other
attendees)

Opening Session – 7:00 PM

Procession of State Officers
Opening in the Sixth Degree
Calling the Roll of Officers
Grange lowered to the Fourth Degree
Introduction of Special Guests
Calling the Roll of Granges
Grange Memorial Service

Chaplain Hugh Clark
(Gates & Registration will be closed.)

Reports:

Overseer – James Tetreault
Steward – Chris Heath
Assistant Steward – Matthew Clark
Lady Assistant – Jane Trombi
Chaplain – Hugh Clark
Gatekeeper – Ann Leger
Ceres – Kathy Yardley
Pomona – Rachel Bailey
Flora – Gail Turcotte
Historian – Richard Patten
Lecturer’s Program

Announcements

Closing the Grange – 9:30 PM
Hospitality Room open 9:30 to 11 PM
Friday, October 26

Morning Session – 8:30 AM

Opening in the Fourth Degree
Calling the Roll of Officers
Calling the Roll of Granges
Reading the Minutes from Thursday
Announcement of Master’s Address,
Credentials, and Resolutions
Committees

Reading of Resolutions
Reading of Convention Rules

Reports:

Treasurer – Carolyn Ross
Secretary – Richard Patten
Executive Committee – Daniel Bascom

BREAK

Reports:

Grange Services– Constance Carr
Fundraising– John Palumbo
Media – John West
Lecturer – Marie Hall
Legislative – James Tetreault
State Master’s Address

Beth Merrill

Lunch Break

12 Noon

(For a guaranteed lunch service at
hotel, you must purchase lunch ticket
by October 15th! Check with your
Grange Secretary or State Ceres Kathy
Yardley to reserve your ticket. Other
lunch options are available on your
own, off premises.)

Afternoon Session – 1:30 PM

Reports:

Family & Community – Nancy Bean
General Deputy – Tricia Taylor
3:00 PM

Special Presentation by State and
National Legislative Directors
3:30 PM

Conferral of the 1st Degree -
Closing the Grange - 4:30 PM
(or at conclusion of business)

Evening Meal on Your Own
Obligation of 5th Degree 7:15 PM
Evening Session – 7:30 PM

Conferral of the Sixth Degree
by the Officers of the NH State Grange
(Deputy State Masters responsible for
the gates)

Introduction of Guests

Remarks by National Legislative
Director, Leroy Watson

Announcements

Closing in the Fourth Degree
Dismantle Flora’s Court
Hospitality Room open until 11:00 PM
Saturday, October 27

Morning Session – 8:00 AM

Procession of Youth Officers
Opening in the Fourth Degree
Calling the Roll of Youth Officers
Calling the Roll of State Officers
Calling the Roll of Granges
Reading the Minutes from Friday

Reports:

Youth & Junior – Chris Heath
and Sherrill Bokousky

Election of One Executive Committee
Member – 9:00 AM
Discussion and Action on Resolutions
Lunch Break
12 Noon

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Afternoon Session – 1:30 PM

Installation of Executive Committee
Member

Discussion & Action on Resolutions
Unfinished Business

Report of Credentials Committee

Closing the Grange – 3:30 PM
(or at conclusion of business)

Vitaly Important Workshop for All
Grange Members

“Grange Concerns in the 21st Century”
3:45-4:30 PM in the Terrace Room

Presented by Leroy Watson,
National Legislative Director

Evening Session – 6:00 PM –
State Grange Celebration Dinner
(By advance October 15th reservation
only)

\$29.00 – Contact your Secretary or
State Ceres Kathy Yardley.
(Boneless Stuffed Sole or Baked Stuffed
Chicken Breast w/cream brie and
apples, or Vegetable Ravioli w/
Caribbean vegetables and Alfredo
Sauce, salad, rolls, vegetable, potatoes
or rice, tiramisu, coffee, tea, iced tea,
and lemonade)

Program:

Welcome by State Master
Introduction of Guest Dignitaries
Recognition Awards
State Lecturer’s Talent Winner



Support the Granite State Granger
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Rooms for State Session**Reservations due by September 25****A Fireside Inn & Suites****25 Airport Road****Lebanon, NH****Room rates per night****Single/double - \$99.95****Triple - \$109.95****Quad - \$110.95****Rates are subject to 8% NH tax and include a full hot and cold breakfast buffet served in the hotel restaurant from 6:30 to 10:30 a.m.****Personal checks are NOT accepted.****Resolutions**

The following two Resolutions for consideration at State Session had been received by the State Secretary at press time.

From Sullivan County Pomona

Whereas: Communication in a short time frame is important to the outcome of an emergency situation, and

Whereas: Not everyone has a cell phone for emergency use, and

Whereas: Cell phones are not able to get service in all areas because of limited coverage,

Therefore Be It Resolved that: The Sullivan County Pomona Grange and the New Hampshire State Grange request that the State of New Hampshire develop a system of communication that would be available to the public on long stretches of state highways as seen in other areas. (about a mile apart)

From Suncook Valley Pomona

Resolution Relative to Hosting the 2013 National Grange Convention

Whereas: 2013 will be the 100th anniversary of the last National Grange Convention held in the state of New Hampshire, and

Whereas: National Grange Conventions are now hosted regionally, enabling New Hampshire to share the organizational and financial responsibilities entailed in hosting,

Therefore Be It Resolved that: When the Northeast Region is called upon to host the National Grange Convention in 2013, the National Grange Board of Directors be invited to select a New Hampshire location.

Meals at State Session

If you stay at A Fireside Inn & Suites, a hot and cold breakfast buffet is included in the cost of your room. You will, of course, be attending the Celebration Dinner on Saturday evening. That leaves lunch on Friday and Saturday and dinner on Friday night.

The restaurant at the hotel is unable to handle a large volume of people at one time. It is also not open on Saturdays or Sundays for lunch. There are a number of restaurants within a one mile radius of the hotel. However, if you think it may rain or snow, or you simply do not want to move your car, the hotel has agreed to provide lunch on Friday and Saturday to those people who sign up and pay in advance by October 15. The menu is as follows:

Friday's lunch: "Just Right"

Sliced cantaloupe and a scoop of chicken salad served on a plate of cool mixed greens with a basket of warm rolls.

Saturday's lunch: "Light and Crisp"

Grilled chicken breast served over a bed of mixed greens and shredded carrot with balsamic vinaigrette dressing on the side and hot rolls.

Your Grange secretary will receive details and sign-up information or you may contact State Ceres Kathy Yardley.

**Grange Day at the State House**

On Wednesday, June 20, Grangers from all over New Hampshire assembled on the State House lawn in Concord for activities arranged by Bob Haefner of Hudson, a member of the State Grange Legislative Committee and the NH House of Representatives. The group enjoyed sandwiches and cookies at the Upham-Walker House on Park Street while listening to remarks by House Minority Leader Michael Whalley of Alton Bay. Next came a guided tour of the State House where Grangers learned about NH History in the Hall of Flags, sat in the Senate and House Chambers to learn how legislative business is conducted, and finished their tour in the Governor's office. After a brief stop in the gift shop, Bob Haefner took all who were interested into the Legislative Office Building.



**Legislative
James Tetreault**

I hope you are all working on public affairs resolutions for State Grange. An active Legislative Committee needs product in order to be successful, and our products are resolutions, issues that our members feel strongly about.

At the upcoming State Grange Session, the Legislative Department will again be recognizing outstanding people in the field of Government with our outstanding Legislators Award, as well as a new award presented in honor of Bob Bodwell, a long time member of the Legislative committee and our State Grange Lobbyist. Come join the Banquet on Saturday night to see who will receive the awards sponsored by the Legislative Department.

Come join us on December 27th - 29th for the New Primary Fly-In. Invited guest speakers include, Secretary of State William Gardner, to talk about the history of the NH Primary, Senate President, Sylvia Larson, who will speak about the Legislature's role in the primary, and Arnie Arnesen, Host of Political Chowder. Then have the opportunity to work as a volunteer on an actual Presidential Campaign. This event will be held at the Highlander Inn in Manchester, reservations can be made at 1-800-548-9248 and let them know you are with the Grange. In the near future you will be receiving a mailing about this event.

Don't forget that this is the time of year that Grange Legislative Committees can be active. If your Grange has a hall or an easily arranged meeting place why not host a Presidential candidate in your hall. Candidates love grass roots campaigning. With the NH Primary coming up why not host a dinner or luncheon for the poll workers who work long days? Contact your Town Clerk or Town Moderator. They would be more than happy to have a nice home cooked meal for the wokers.

I will look forward to seeing all of you at State Grange in Lebanon.



Do you have a Gingerbread cake recipe? Maybe Sugar Free? That's what we need for the baking contest for 2008. Not cupcakes or gingerbread men, but cake.

Speaking of baking contests, the donut mini muffins will be judged at State Session on Friday at 10 a.m. If you were a Pomona winner, please be sure to have your entry there on time.

This year there will not be a Family & Community Luncheon at State Session. The Family and Community presentations will be made on Friday afternoon during my report.

We are well into our next year for the needlework Contests. This year started August first 2007 and will end on August first 2008. There were 58 entries in 2007. Surely we can top that in 2008! Another change is on our report forms. We did away with the points and will have easy yes - no check list.

If you did not count the mittens, hats and scarves delivered to locals or the Big E, please let the committee know so we may make a paper mitten with that number to add to our count at State and remember to bring your donations of new linens for the NH Coalition Against Rape & Domestic Violence. They have new clients constantly.

Again I want to thank the Granges that sent a donation to F & C of \$10.00 or more to help defray the cost of prizes, ribbons, postage, copying and special projects.

Craft Items for the Big E

If you have been making items to be sold in the New England Grange Building at the Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, MA, now is the time to turn them over. The proceeds from items hand-made by New England Grangers keep the NE Grange Building in good repair. The Fair runs from September 14 to 30 this year. State Master Beth Merrill will be glad to see that your articles reach the proper hands. Telephone her at 588-6615 or e-mail abmrd@mcctele.com.

Pine Grove Grange

Pine Grove Grange #298 and the Bath Conservation Commission hosted a public meeting on Climate Change on May 7. Steve Miller from the Carbon Coalition presented an informative talk coupled with a slide show that detailed recent trends in global temperatures. Attendees at the meeting learned that, based on analysis of records from the National Climate Data Center, New Hampshire's annual climate has warmed by an average of 1.85°F since 1895, with the greatest warming occurring in winter. Winter warming in the northern part of New Hampshire has increased 3.5°F during the past century.

Steve also discussed potential causes of climate change as well as the potential impact on the Northeast's agriculture, maple syrup, forestry, and tourism industries. The slide show was followed by a discussion of steps that each of us can take to reduce our impact on the environment while saving money at the same time. Among the easiest ideas are:

- Switch to compact fluorescent light bulbs, draft-proof your windows and doors, and look for the Energy Star label when purchasing new appliances
- Think before you drive. Cut down on unnecessary car trips and have your vehicle serviced regularly to keep the emission control systems operating at peak efficiency.
- Recycle your plastic, glass, and paper. Compost food waste for the garden to help return valuable nutrients to the soil.

Following the talk, refreshments were served by the members of Pine Grove Grange. Donations received for refreshments were given to the Bath Public Library.

On July 7, Pine Grove Grange members held an ice cream social at the Grafton County Nursing Home. The Nursing Home residents were all brought to the Café, where they were greeted by friends and family. The room was filled with lively conversation as old friends caught up on the latest news while Grange members prepared made-to-order ice cream sundaes for each of the attendees. The event was such a hit with the nursing home residents that future socials are already being discussed.



Pine Grove Grange members (L-R) Debbie Fisher, Priscilla Parker, Karen Fesler, and Nan Scott prepare ice cream sundaes for Grafton County Nursing Home residents.

Grange Needlework Contest Winners 2007

Class A : Afghan -

Lucille Hadfield

Class B: Doilies -

Lucille Hadfield

Class C: Embroidery -

Lucille Hadfield

Class D: 3 piece Baby Set -

Gail Turcotte

Class E: Plastic Canvas -

Lucille Hadfield

Class F: Counted Cross Stitch -

Ann Leger

**Class G: Adult Garment - a tie between
Yvonne Crocker and Ann Leger**

Class H: Latch Hook -

Ann Leger

Class I: Quilted Wall Hanging

Lucille Hadfield

Class J: Stuffed Toy -

Betsy Bean

2007 NH Contest Winners

Class 1: Tied Quilting -

Dale MacDonald

Class 2: Sewn Garment -

Dawn Dean

Class 3: Miscellaneous -

Gail Turcotte

Class 4: Woodworking -

Ted Sobozenski





Family of the Year Award

The National Grange Family of the Year Award Application deadline is approaching soon! Family of the Year Award applications are due September 14th. The application can be downloaded from the National Grange website. The National Grange "Family of the Year" Award is designed to identify and recognize outstanding Grange families. The Award is intended to acknowledge the accomplishments and achievements of a family in their local community and Grange. If your family has done something outstanding and has made a difference in your Grange or community, let us know. We want to celebrate your accomplishments and successes! Winners will be announced at this year's National Grange Convention in Reno, Nevada. If you have any questions or need additional copies of the application, please do not hesitate to contact DoriAnn Gedris at dgedris@nationalgrange.org, 888-447-2643 ext. 107 or Samantha Johnson at sjohnson@nationalgrange.org 888-447-2643 ext. 109.

Registration for the National Grange's New Hampshire Presidential Primary Legislative Fly-In 2008 is currently under way. The New Hampshire Fly-In will take place from December 27th through December 30th, 2007, in Manchester, New Hampshire. The New Hampshire Presidential Fly-In of 2004 was a great chance for members to learn about, and participate in, the first-in-the-nation New Hampshire Presidential Primary. This event is hosted by the National Grange and the New Hampshire State Grange. As in the previous New Hampshire Fly-In, this will give participants a chance to volunteer on a Presidential Primary Campaign of their choice. All participants must complete a basic conference registration form to attend the New Hampshire Fly-In and submit it directly to the National Grange legislative department via e-mail, fax or regular mail by November 30, 2007.

National Grange Convention

Have you considered attending the 141st National Grange Convention in Reno/Sparks, Nevada? This year the Convention is being hosted regionally for the first time in a section of the country some of us in the east have never visited.

141st National Convention

Schedule of Events

Monday, November 12

Pre-Convention Tour

Tuesday, November 13

- 7:30 a.m. Registration
- 8:30 a.m. Convention Opens
- 8:45 4th Degree Members Admitted
- 9:00 a.m. National Master's Address

- 12:15 p.m. Luncheon with speaker
John Ascuaga

Wednesday, November 14

- 8:00 a.m. Salute to Agriculture Breakfast
- 10:30 a.m. Business Session Opens
- 12:15 p.m. Buffet Luncheon
- 7:30 p.m. Evening Session

Thursday, November 15

- 8:30 a.m. Business Session Opens
- 9:00 a.m. Non-Delegate Tour
- 12:30 p.m. Past Delegate Luncheon
- 2:00 p.m. Afternoon Session
- 3:30 p.m. Past Delegate Recognition Memorial Service – National Chaplain

- 7:30 p.m. "Evening of Excellence"
Friday, November 16

- 8:30 a.m. Youth Officers Open Business Session

- 9:30 Membership/Leadership Workshop

Speaker: Ed Lutrell

- 10 – 11 Communications Workshop
Speaker: Jennifer Dugent

- 12 N Chair/Secretaries Luncheon

- 12:15 Grow Club Luncheon

- 1-2 p.m. State Lecturer's Conference
Speaker: Martha Cook Mooney,
ID State Lecturer

- 2-3 p.m. Women's/Family Activities Workshop

Speaker: Davona Gwin, WA
Women's Activities Director

- 2 p.m. Session Reconvenes
Installation of Officers

- 3 p.m. Dogs for the Deaf
Demonstration
Presenter: Robin Dixon
- 4:00 p.m. State Lecturer's Roundtable
Speaker: Tom Gwin, WA State Lecturer
- 4:00 p.m. Junior Camp Roundtable
Speaker: Carol Evans, WA
Junior Grange Director
- 4:00 p.m. State Women's/Family Activities Roundtable
Speaker: Betty Eyler, CA Women's Activities Director
- 7:30 Convocation/Business Meeting
Assembly of Demeter (Seventh Degree)
Saturday, November 17
- 8:00 a.m. Junior Breakfast & Super
JG Awards Ceremony
- 10:00 a.m. Sixth Degree Conferral –
Western State Grange
- 11:30 a.m. Junior Degree
- 1:00 p.m. Seventh Degree Conferral
Registration Badge Required for Admittance
- 7:00 p.m. Grange Celebration Banquet
Speaker: Chris Guenther

National Grange Leadership Tip Set the Example

If you want to make your time as the leader in your Grange productive, you must first set the example. Your attitude, your words, and your actions all combine to set an example of leadership that your members will respond to. Set the example for your members by ensuring your attitude is a positive, can do, our Grange is going places, attitude. When you show up at meetings and activities smiling and talking about how fun it is to be with your members, they will respond positively. Over time, they will adopt your attitude. In words and action, your example is critical. Asking members for their ideas and incorporating them into the Grange goals and plans is a great start. Requesting help on projects from members and nonmembers shows others how to start building a team. If your Grange is late, be on time. Find ways to set the example for how things should be and those things will start to happen. Become a better leader by setting the example in your Grange!

Visit the National Grange website at
www.nationalgrange.org.

Celebration for Two Great NH Grangers

Would you believe it? NH has two Past State Masters who are 90 years of age!

On July 21, 2007, John L. Saturley, Master (1967-1971) and Priest Archon of the National Grange Assembly of Demeter (1969-1971), celebrated his 90 birthday with an Open House at the Pembroke Congregational Church with his family and many Grange and community friends. Then on July 25th he was honored with a second party at the 4-H Camp in Bear Brook State Park in appreciation for what he has done for that organization.

Born in North Pembroke in 1917, John graduated from local schools and the Concord College of Business. For 37 years he worked at Concord Lumber Company, advancing eventually to its Vice Presidency. He joined Pembroke Grange at fourteen and went on to serve many offices there and in Suncook Valley Pomona, becoming a State Deputy in 1955 and moving on to serve as State Lecturer, Overseer, Master, and Chairman of the Executive Committee, holding State Grange offices a total of 27 years. In the 1960's he was a member of the International Farm Youth Exchange committee and served for several years on the NH 4-H Foundation. In 1969 Governor Walter Peterson appointed him to the UNH Board of Trustees. As well as the Grange, John has long been active in his church, the Odd Fellows, and the Rotary Club. After many years living in Pembroke, he and his wife Doris built a new home in Chichester, and John continues to actively serve his fellow citizens in every way he can.

John's predecessor as State Master, Carl S. Adams, reached his 90th birthday on August 16th. Preferring a somewhat quieter celebration than his friend John, Carl was showered with greeting cards from his family and his many friends and associates throughout the area. Born in Lebanon, NH, and gaining long experience in agriculture through the NH Jersey Club, Granite State Dairyman's Association, Northeast Dairyman's Association, and numerous other affiliations, he is a past President of the Grafton County Farm bureau. He served several terms as a Representative in the NH Legislature, and has participated in many

community roles in his home city of Lebanon. A 4-H member for many years, he received the 4-H Alumni Recognition Award in 1966. He was first appointed a Grange Deputy in 1944 and went on to serve as State Gatekeeper, Assistant Steward, Steward, Master, and Chairman of the Executive Committee. All told, he served 37 years in State Office, the longest of any living past State Officer. With his wife Pat, he still lives on the Adams home farm at 450 Poverty Lane in Lebanon and proudly enjoys regular visits from his daughter and grandchild.

Congratulations to both these great NH Grangers! May they lead happy days in the years to come, assured of the respect and admiration of all who know them.

Agate Summer Meeting

The Agate, a Past Masters association, met on August 4 for a picnic at the Rest Area off Route 125 in West Rumney. Members of Baker's River Grange and Pemi Valley Pomona served hot dogs and hamburgers, salads, and desserts. Members so enjoyed the rustic setting and cool breezes that they opted to deal with the traffic noises rather than move to Baker's River Grange Hall for the business meeting and program.

The application for membership of Ruth Knapp was accepted. Members voted to sponsor the Dictionary Project for the Loudon Elementary School again this year and to make a donation to the 4-H Foundation in honor of John Saturley's 90th birthday.

The program by Neil and Dale MacDonald began with a game of "Yay or Nay" and was followed by "Pillsbury Dough Boy, R.I.P." read by David Boynton. Then Neil MacDonald gave an impressive array of recitations, some humorous, some touching. At the close of the program Marion T. Jones was persuaded to recite "The Cremation of Sam Magee" on the spot, a task she managed with very few glitches.

The next meeting of The Agate will be the Christmas Meeting on December 1 at Daniel Webster Grange Hall in Webster. The Wests are in charge of the program. Members are asked to bring a White Elephant Christmas article to be used in the traditional gift exchange. The idea is to pass on something of value that the owner no longer wants or needs.



In Memoriam

Maxine Boyd		Blackwater
Muriel McCarthy		Centennial
Ina Thurber	PM	Charlestown
Barbara Briggs	PM, PDep.	Charlestown
Lucien Laurie	PM	Charlestown
Michael Yatslitch		Cornish
Maurice McDonald	PM	Danville
Wallace Verge	PM, PDep.	Fidelity
Harold Corliss	PM	Friendship
Eleanor Willis	PM	Gilman
Dorothy Walker	PM	Halloween
Florence Stroncer	PM	Joe English
Winnifred Nason	Past HEC	Reunion
Donald Pelton		Rochester
Joyce Tilton		Rochester
Vernon Blaisdell	PM	Rochester
Violet Robinson	PM	Rochester
Jessie White		Somersworth

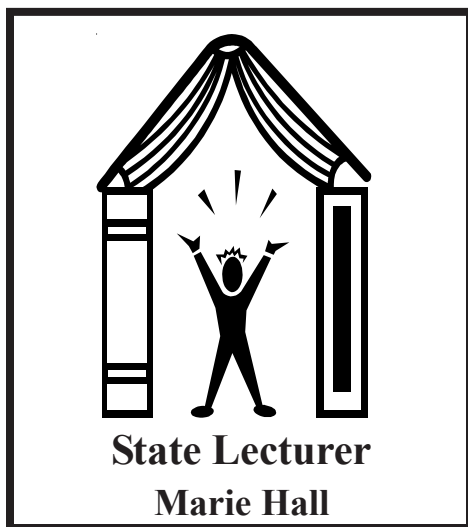
Barn Dance Reunion

A Reunion Dance for all who attended the Barn Dances at Bradford Arena and Fortune's Barn in Bradford and Stark Mansion Hall in Dunbarton from 1939-1968 will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2007 from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm at the Webster Town Hall, on route 127 in Webster, NH. The hall is handicapped accessible. Come to meet old friends and listen and dance to the music. The dance will be the same music and dances as you danced to back then. Due to current rules and regulations, there will be no smoking in the hall or alcohol on the premises. A snack bar will serve hot dogs, hamburgers, coffee, tonic, etc.

Eventually this material is headed to the New Hampshire Library of Traditional Music and Dance in Durham NH. We invite you to visit the website www.configular.com/fortunesbarn and enjoy the music. The website includes the Merrimack Merrymakers, a Webster Grange group that were dressed in old fashioned attire and were part of a Grange competition.

Please contact Janice Colby Boynton at 603-774-4412 with questions, memories of these dances, and to RSVP if you plan to attend the Barn Dance Reunion.

A pessimist's blood type is always b-negative.



Although summer has come to an end there have been many things that have occurred that you may not know the results. A successful Spot Light NH was held in June with the following winners:

Vocal	1st	Matt Clark & Lynn French
	2nd	Lynn French
	3rd	Matt Clark
Variety	1st	Neil MacDonald
	2nd	Barbara Dessert
	3rd	Matt Haefner
Instrumental	1st	Linda Lauer
	2nd	Bob Haefner
	3rd	Matt Haefner
Best of Show		Linda Lauer

A successful Lecturer's Conference was held in Dudley, Mass., at Nichols College with Connecticut hosting this year. Although I was nervous about putting together my first program "We Explore Our Caves," it went over very well because of all the wonderful assets I have in the Grange people of New Hampshire. I thank all those who attended and I hope that more will attend next year as we all had a GREAT time of fellowship and learning with the other New England State Grange people.

At this time I would like to thank all the Grangers of the State of New Hampshire for the gracious gift I received at the conference and for allowing me to function as your State Lecturer. My big goal is still to fire-up as many people as possible to participate in the Grange.

I believe one of the highlights of this year's conference was our own member Linda Lauer, who won first place at the conference for her beautiful playing of the hammered dulcimer.

I would like to thank all those Granges that have donated monies to the Talent Fund. Because of you, Linda was able to attend the Lecturer's Conference to perform. I will still accept more contributions to this fund so that I may be

able to help defray the cost for Linda to be able to perform at National Grange in November.

Now that summer is coming to an end and Grange will be gearing up for some of the Granges that do not meet in the summer its important and think of what goal or goals you would like to see achieved in your Grange this year. Hopefully when this news letter comes out you will have already received your information for next year. If you are not going to be the Lecturer, please pass this information on to the new one upon installation. The Lecturer packet will also be available at State Session for those who may not have received it.

I hope to see many of you at State Session and please stop by my display table to view ALL of the entries into our contests.

National Grange Membership Tip Make Friends with the Media

When you want new members for your Grange the first step is to let people know you are still around. In order to show your community that you are there, you need some publicity. Your local media (newspapers, radio, cable or local TV) are important and critical allies to get your message to the people in your community. It's time to make friends with the media! Make a list of all the media. If a major newspaper puts out a local section regularly include that section on your list. Are there any talk radio programs that focus on the area? Then you build a team to make contact with them. Use your member's different skills. One member may take cookies or other goodies to the local office. Others will make contact and ask how to submit information. One might find out what format photos need to be in. Another may enjoy writing short articles. No matter how you initiate it, you must visit with the reporters. Find out what they are looking for and find ways to cooperate with them. Be mindful of their deadlines and work with them. You will become a trusted source of positive local information when they know you by name and see or hear from you regularly. Never forget to thank them when they do print an article or photo. Make friends with the media and you will significantly increase the opportunity to gain new members for your Grange.



**Marie Hall and Linda Lauer
New England Granges at the
Cathedral of the Pines**

Beautiful late June weather greeted Grangers from throughout the six New England States as they gathered at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, NH, on Sunday, June 24, 2007, for the 54th Annual New England Grange Go-to-Church Sunday. NH State Grange Overseer James Tetreault from Winchester welcomed them. Then, with Mt Monadnock as the backdrop, New Hampshire State Grange Chaplain Hugh Clark from Surry and the other New England State Grange Chaplains, Robert Brockett of Granby, CT; Clayton Collins of Standish, ME; Randy Belseth of Uxbridge, MA; John Lawson, Jr., of Rumford, RI; and James Ballard of Milton, VT, led an inspiring worship service. National Grange Chaplain John H. West of Chichester, NH, also attended. Former VT State Chaplain Lester Gibbs, who is now the VT State Grange Lecturer and NH State Grange Pianist, played the organ, and the Lawson family from RI sang special music. The service concluded with a memorial service and wreath laying in remembrance of Grangers who passed away this past year. Won't you consider making the New England Grange Service part of your plans for next June?

Don't let your worries get the best of you. Remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

Grange Bulletin Board

Winthrop Grange

Members of Winthrop Grange in Shelburne enjoyed a day out at our State Capitol on New Hampshire State Grange Day held on June 20th. We had a good day and learned a lot about how our state government operates and some of the history behind it.

Winthrop Grangers have also completed their degree work and would like to welcome their new fourth degree members Gabrielle Van Sant and Natasha Fortier.

We would also like to welcome Mary Tyler who came back to Winthrop Grange by demit. We are looking forward to her becoming an active member in our Grange.



Need Cloth?

Walter C. Elwell of Rhode Island has boxes of new sample cloth, all kinds of material, some plain, some patterned. Most pieces are 16 inches wide and 3 to 4 ft. long. The boxes are all mixed samples. Does anyone in the N. H. State Grange have any use for some of this material? The only stipulation is the fabric itself can't be sold, but projects made using the fabric can. If you do want some, let State Master Beth Merrill know, and Walter can drop some off the next time he comes north.

Dictionary Project

As school starts let us be mindful of placing dictionaries in the hands of third graders. Many Granges are continuing to support this project beyond the original five year commitment. Also, if you have never participated in the Dictionary Project, it is not too late to start. Pemi Valley Pomona heads up the project in New Hampshire, and David Boynton (tel. 279-4914, e-mail dhboynton@juno.com) is a good contact person.

Dictionary Project funds do not have to come out of your Grange treasury. Many Granges have successfully found local businesses to supply the money while the Granges order the dictionaries and make contact with the local schools. Be sure to give the address of the sponsoring business to the classroom teacher for purposes of thank-you notes.

If you are an isolated Granger who would like to help, monetary donations can be sent to David Boynton, 111 Water Street, Meredith, NH 03253. The ultimate goal of the Dictionary Project in New Hampshire is to give a dictionary to every third grader in the state. There are still areas which are not being covered.

**Eastern NH Pomona #2
Saturday, September 22
Jeremiah Smith Grange Hall
1 Lee Hook Road, Lee, NH
Supper at 6 p.m.
\$5.00 per person
Recognition of Past Masters 7 p.m.
Pomona Baking Contest Judging
(bring entries by 6:45 p.m.)
5th Degree Meeting 7:30 p.m.
All are welcome to attend!**

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