



# *The Granite State Granger*

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## **Some Highlights of State Session**

The Annual Session of the NH State Grange, begins on Thursday evening, October 23, at the Courtyard Marriott in Nashua. One of the first orders of business will be the Memorial Service, followed by the conferral of the Second Degree.

We will present the Fifth Degree this year, since National Grange is nearby and may encourage NH Grangers to complete the Seven Degrees of membership. The Fifth Degree will take place on Friday afternoon just a few hours prior to the conferral of the Sixth Degree.

At 1:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon there will be a special workshop to keep your Grange current and compliant with state regulations and laws, i.e. incorporation, 501c3 vs. 501c8 status, hall "rentals," etc. Governmental regulation of and for non profit groups is increasing, and Grange is not exempt!. If your Grange does or would like to accept charitable contributions, it's imperative that you understand the implications of such action. Every Grange should make a supreme effort to send at least one representative to attend this workshop!

Thanks to remarkably flexible hotel accommodations, we will be able to serve lunch and dinner on Friday, and lunch on Saturday from the hospitality room at a nominal cost to those who do not wish to leave the premises for these meals. It is recommended that you make reservations for these meals, so that our volunteer crew will know how many to plan on serving. In exchange for providing this service, it is our hope that attendees will purchase a banquet ticket. The State Grange must meet a minimum dollar requirement set by the hotel, or else we will be charged for meals that are not served. To keep down **your** cost, we are charging only what we are paying the hotel. As a bonus for your enjoyment of the evening, a dance will follow the banquet.



**John H. West  
1942-2008**

John Herbert West, 66, of Chichester died July 26 at Concord Hospital after a brief illness. He was the son of Past State Steward Herbert G. West and Adah A. West. He graduated from Concord High in 1960 and from Keene State College in 1964. He held a Master's degree from the Middlebury College Bread Loaf School of English. A middle-school English teacher, he taught for three years in Gorham, NH, and for thirty-four years at Rundlett in Concord.

He was a 52-year member of Chichester Grange, a member of Suncook Valley Pomona Grange, the Agate Past Masters' Association, the NH State Grange, and the National Grange. Grange was his joy, and he held many offices, including Master of the NH State Grange from 2003 to 2007. At the time of his death he was serving as Chaplain of the National Grange and was a member of the NH State Grange Executive Committee. He was also Secretary of Chichester Grange and GateKeeper of Suncook Valley Pomona.

How do you replace an active Granger? The rest of us have to work a little harder, especially in promoting Grange involvement. John West did all he could to increase participation in every level of the Grange at which he was active. Now it falls to the rest of us to do the same.

## **142nd National Grange Convention**

**November 10 - 15, 2008**

**Crown Plaza Hotel**

**100 Berlin Road**

**Cromwell, CT 06416**

**Reservations (800) 308-4589 or (860) 635-2000  
(Mention National Grange.)**

**Send reservations for Convention to  
National Grange by October 10.**

**Hotel reservations are due by  
October 24.**

This year's National Grange Convention is being hosted by the Northeast Region (New England States and New York) in Cromwell Connecticut. Were you thinking of attending? If so, reservations are due soon. Forms are available on line at [www.nationalgrange.org](http://www.nationalgrange.org).

Hotel rates are \$108 per night for a single or double, \$118 for a triple, or \$128 for a quad. The Hotel requires a one-night room deposit, per room, or a credit card number to guarantee accommodations. Check-in time is 3 p.m.; check-out time is 12 noon. Reservations are refundable if cancelled at least 48 hours prior to arrival. The deposit guarantees the room until 12 midnight on the requested arrival date.

Convention Registration is \$25 per person. You must register for Convention for admittance to all meetings and activities, including the Evening of Excellence and Seventh Degree Conferral. There is a Tour leaving at 9 a.m. on Thursday, November 13, for a cost of \$25 which includes lunch. Other meal events are available (see the National Grange website). The Evening of Excellence is Friday, November 14, and Seventh Degree Conferral is Saturday, November 15.

The National Convention will not return to this region until 2013. Isn't this your year to attend?



It is with a heavy heart that I write this column. Our Grange has lost one of its brightest stars with the unanticipated passing of Brother John H. West. Having succeeded John as State Master and two previous state officer positions, I was the beneficiary of his warm and generous guidance with each step up the ladder. No one could have been more generous and supportive, while at the same time so willing to step aside and let me set my own course. Brother West was a friend to all and enemy to none and was quick to alleviate any tensions with a quick joke. I wish you all could have seen him in action as the Chaplain at National Grange. He conducted the most wonderful memorial services that were full of warmth and instruction, and emotionally inspiring without offending any members' personal beliefs. At every level of Grange work, his absence is felt as those of us in leadership positions seek new recruits to step in to fill the many different pairs of shoes that John so willingly and lovingly wore in service to our organization. Let us honor his memory by boldly stepping up to the tasks at hand, placing a determined smile upon our faces, and extending a warm hand in fellowship as we work toward a brighter future for the Grange.

Degree Day in June was a success, with a total of fifteen candidates; one from Daniel Webster, two from Arlington and twelve from Peterborough Grange. Many thanks to all who helped with the set up, took part on the degree teams, on the sidelines and in preparing the Harvest Feast we all enjoyed in the Fourth Degree. Liz Robertson of Antrim Grange made sure that the tradition of "riding the goat" was observed by providing a remarkably sturdy and well-behaved goat, which several members, new and not-so-new, tamed and rode.

I have also attended several State Grange events, namely Spotlight on NH, June Youth Rally, Family Weekend, Northeast Youth Conference, and New

England Lecturers' Conference. Congratulations and thanks to Marie Hall, Chris Heath and Bob Trombi, the Directors in charge of organizing these events. The attendance of NH Grangers was especially low at the Lecturer's Conference, perhaps because of the great distance to get to Farmington, ME, but this was my favorite Lecturer's Conference ever and well worth the trip! Congratulations to State Lecturer, Marie Hall for another fine program.

During a recent online Teamspeak Conference, (refer to the [www.nationalgrange.org](http://www.nationalgrange.org) for more details) a request was made of Rusty Hunt, National Grange Membership/Leadership Director, to provide training on growing the Grange. As a result of that discussion, a Grange Growth Summit is scheduled for September 6-7 in Lebanon, NJ. NH State Grange Membership Development Director, Stephen Tracy will be attending and I look forward to his report when he returns.

It's time for the Big "E" again! Whether it's to sell blueberry pie, attend Grange Day, see a show, shop, take in some exhibits, watch a livestock show, serve as an ambassador or store worker in the New England Grange Building, or greet visitors in the New Hampshire room upstairs, I hope I will see you there! If you'd like to receive an admission ticket and a parking pass, contact me to find out what roles need to be filled in exchange for your free admission. I will be attending the Wisconsin State Grange during the final weekend of the Big "E"

Elsewhere in this issue you will find a schedule for the State Grange Session coming up on October 23-26 in Nashua. It will be a busy Session with election of officers, a special guest workshop, and the conferral of three degrees throughout the session. We will be hosting Nancy

Swainston, National Grange Ceres, and her husband, Jeff Swainston, Master of the Michigan State Grange as National Grange reps. Of course, we'll also be welcoming Peterborough Grange to our Order, so I'm looking forward to seeing many of you there to join in the excitement!

And, finally, this is the last GSG issue that precedes the National Convention to be held in Cromwell, CT. I hope many of you will take advantage of its proximity to spend a day or two at the convention. Friday and Saturday, November 14th and 15th will be the most eventful for the average member, with the Evening of Excellence and the Seventh Degree happening those two days. Of course, we will gladly welcome all offers of volunteer help on Monday, November 10th, NH's day to assist with the necessary tasks of running a convention. Also, this is your last call for handmade ornaments that will adorn several trees at the convention and will later be donated to local charities. Bring yours to me at State Session.

### Grange Family of the Year

Family of the Year Award applications are due September 15th. 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 Cromwell, Connecticut.

If you have any questions or need additional copies of the application, please do not hesitate to contact Samantha Johnson at [sjohnson@nationalgrange.org](mailto:sjohnson@nationalgrange.org) or call 888-447-2643 ext. 109.

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**You do not lead by hitting people over the head.  
 That's assault, not leadership.  
 — Dwight D. Eisenhower**



**All About Youth  
Chris Heath**

The Youth Team has had a busy summer. In June we held our annual June Youth Rally at the New Hampshire State Grange Building. We were pleased to have ten youth from New York attend our rally. We are glad that they found time to travel to New Hampshire and participate in our Youth Rally. On Saturday during the Rally, the Public Speaking and Sign-A-Song contests were held in conjunction with Spot Light NH. We also had two contestants compete in the Presentation of Hobby, Talent, or Interest contest. The results of the competitions are as follows. The Presentation of Hobby, Talent, or Interest competition was won by Jane Heath of Centennial Grange with her power point presentation on Vanity License Plates. Second place was awarded to Beth Merrill of Antrim Grange for her presentation of her Photography Collection. The Youth Team would like to continue this contest next year but would encourage more people to compete. In the Sign-A-Song contest in the Hobbist division we had one contestant. Marie Hall performed an awesome Sign-A-Song and won first place. In the Public Speaking contest we had one entry in the 30+ category. Arthur Merrill gave an excellent speech on Leadership. He and Marie won a free trip to the North East Regional Youth Conference to represent New Hampshire in the regional competitions. A delicious Ham and Bean supper was served to 50 people. After the meal the New Hampshire Youth Association held their summer meeting. This was the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Youth Association. Arthur Merrill filled in as master for the evening and gave a brief history of how the Youth Association was formed. A very enjoyable program was put on by the youth in attendance and all had a good time.

In July, a group of 15 people from New Hampshire attended the North East

Regional Youth Conference in Exeter Rhode Island. On Friday night there was a Lip Sync contest held. Patrick Bailey and Chris Heath placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively in the individual division. On Saturday afternoon, the regional Sign-A-Song and Public Speaking contests were held. Marie Hall won first place in her division. Arthur Merrill won second place for his Leadership speech. Sherrill Bokousky provided an elevator speech and she won her division. A big thanks go to these three contestants who made New Hampshire proud. On Sunday morning, the New Hampshire Drill Team competed in the Drill competition. There were three teams this year and New Hampshire took second place. I am proud of the Drill Team's achievement and thankful that they were able to put a team together to represent our state.

The Youth Team has planned a Harvest Moon Stomp event, which will be held on September 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> on the property of Beth and Arthur Merrill in Antrim. This is to be a fun day of games and contests where Grangers can get together and have fun. The event will start at 10 am on Saturday and will end with a pancake brunch on Sunday. The Youth Team will be providing a barbeque lunch on Saturday at no charge. The menu will consist of hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, salads and beverages. The afternoon will have carnival-type games and a sack race. Dinner will be pizza (purchased from a local pizza shop), chips and beverage for a cost of 5 dollars per person. Please plan on coming and having a great time.

I would like to remind everyone that entries for the Collage, Memory Page, and Photo Scavenger Hunt contests are due to me by September 10<sup>th</sup>. If for some reason you can not meet this deadline, please give me a call @ 664-5159 and let me know. Entry forms can be downloaded from the New Hampshire State Grange web site at [www.nhgrange.org](http://www.nhgrange.org). If you do not have access to the internet, please let me know and I will send you copies of the entry forms.

The Youth team will be having a Pumpkin Decorating contest again this year at State Session. Please remember to bring your decorated pumpkins to the Youth table by the close of session on Friday night so they can be judged and the winners

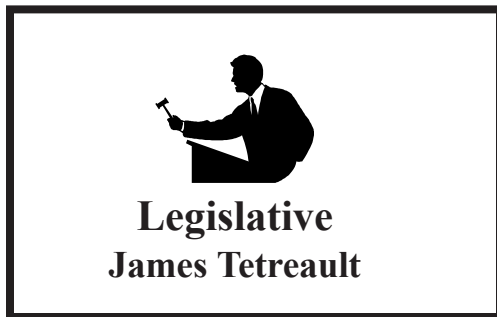
announced during the Youth Team report on Saturday morning. If you do not have time to decorate a pumpkin and would like to participate, there will be pumpkins and materials to decorate with at the Youth table in the display room.

In November, the Youth in New Hampshire will have the opportunity to attend National Grange session in Cromwell, CT. Any youth that are interested in attending the Youth Activities at National Session need to let me know by September 20<sup>th</sup> so that arrangements can be made for accommodations and transportation. The Youth portion of National Grange will start Wednesday night and will run until Sunday. Also, any member who has completed the requirements for a National Grange Achievement award or other National Grange contest needs to get their paperwork to the National Grange Youth Development Director as soon as possible. Her contact information can be found on the National Grange web site at [www.nationalgrange.org](http://www.nationalgrange.org). Again, if you do not have access to the internet, please let me know and I will get the proper paperwork to you. Please be sure to let me know which contest you need paperwork for and I will mail it to you. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Harvest Moon Stomp and hopefully at State Session this year.

### **Granite Grange**

It's Dictionary Project time again! Granite #7 of Milford is looking forward to its 2008-2009 Dictionary Project. The committee was really gratified with the results last year. This is our second time doing the project. We wonder what took us so long. We had ups and downs in the beginning, but we persevered to follow through. Anyone who has not participated, you don't know what you are missing. Jump on the school wagon. It's fun!

Granite has been collecting handicapped apparatus (walkers, crutches, shower chairs) and donating them to the Muscular Dystrophy Association (Jerry's Kids). Their closet is now overflowing! We are now working for another organization to donate to. This is a very rewarding effort which leaves one with a warm fuzzy feeling.



The Legislative Department has had a busy spring, I spent three days during the month of May in Washington DC talking to our Senators and Congressman about Grange policy. I also had the opportunity to attend a luncheon at the Carnegie Institute on world hunger. Did you know that the National Grange was one of the founding organizations of C.A.R.E.? The National Grange is a regular participant in this organization. I also had the opportunity to attend a luncheon meeting with a telecommunications work group that the National Grange is a member of. We discussed broad band Internet access, and legislative changes that need to be made in order to upgrade broad band across the country. Other items under discussion were the changes in the telephone service industry. In retrospect it seems like I spent a lot of time having lunch in Washington DC!

The State Master and members of Peterborough Grange testified at a hearing in Concord concerning regulations for small farms. The main issue concerned the labeling of raw milk. The State Grange supported limited regulation on small farms as long as the public interest was protected. It was noted at the hearing that they were pleased to have had testimony from the State Grange and the State Grange would be monitoring the issue.

During the the month of July we had our annual New England policy work session. This is where representatives of the six New England State Granges get together to create policy for each of the State Granges. We are trying to create reciprocal policies across the region that we can lobby on in Washington.

On August 8th, Sister Beth and myself were invited to attend the policy development committee meeting of the NH Farm Bureau. This was a full day where people from the NH Department of Agriculture, the USDA, NH Fish and Game,

the Associate Dean of Agriculture from NH, and numerous other organizations were invited to testify. I, as your Legislative Director, was among those testifying. The process was very informative, and it gave the Grange an opportunity to meet the movers and shakers in the Ag industry in New Hampshire.

Don't forget to be working on public affairs resolutions to be acted on at State Grange in October. We are also looking for nominations for the Robert Bodwell Award. This award is for a Grange which has been involved in local Legislative work.

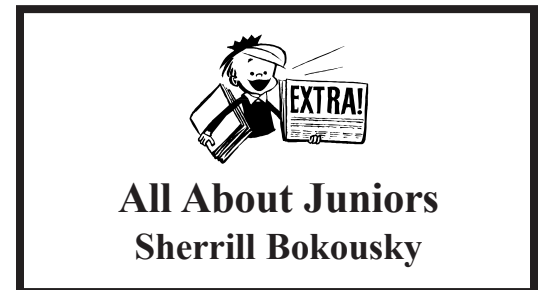
I hope everyone has had a great summer, and I look forward to seeing you in our travels around the state.



**Kelley Farm Fund Raiser**

This year instead to having a big fundraiser day, the Friends of the Kelley Farm are having a Quilt Raffle. They hope to raise enough money to keep up the level of support that they have given the farm in the past couple of years. A picture of the quilt appears above. It is a Queen-Sized Quilt: 98 1/2" X 98 1/2". The design of the quilt is Log Cabin blocks in a Barn-Raising setting, and it looks even better in color. It is made from Civil War reproduction cloth. Tickets are \$2.00 each. They would be glad to sell you a raffle ticket and mail it to you. The drawing will be held at the Kelley Farm on October 25, 2008 at 8 pm. If you win, they will call and mail the quilt to you. The quilt is valued at \$1200.00.

You can make your check out to:  
**"Friends of the Kelley Farm"**  
 Send your check to:  
 Donna Champion  
 4820 Pioneer Trail  
 Greenfield, MN 55357



Junior Grange had a chance to be visible in the community by being part of the Family Fun Fair in April. This is a great chance to meet people and share what Grange is all about. Kids visiting the table could make a card to go with the flower pots that they were filling with flowers and that gave us a chance to talk a bit with parents when they visited our table.

The Northeast Regional Youth Conference in July gave the Juniors a chance to learn more about the Youth program, and the Youth could be mentors for the older Juniors. Public Speaking and Sign a Song contests included Junior entries as well.

We have some great contests for the Juniors to participate in. The next contest planned is Valentine's craft for display at the Big E. Other contests include Decorate a Bag, Decorate a T Shirt, Christmas Ornament, and Recycled Craft. All entries will be due October 1. All contests are open to non Juniors so please let me know if you know of children or grandchildren that might want to participate, and I will send the contest requirements to you.

During this year Juniors have been learning about this year's Host State which is Connecticut, where our National Session will be held in November. For Small World Study the country is Ireland. The National program for 2008 is Reading Across America. Creative Writing contests, Reading contests and activities are available.

As a reminder I will again ask that if you know of kids that would like to be Junior members. Please let me know so I can pass on some information about the program. We still need to grow our current Junior Granges and possibly open new ones. Thank you

**Tomorrow is often the busiest  
day of the week.  
— Spanish Proverb**



**Membership Development  
Coordinator: Stephen Tracy**

In June we had a great Degree Day to initiate our new members from the newly reactivated Peterborough Grange in grand style. It has been quite awhile since the degrees were done so there were a few rough edges, but it was great to see all the ritualism again. Some of the officers had never seen the degree work before but did a wonderful job.

Your newly selected Membership Development Team was trained and put into immediate action by Rusty Hunt our National Leadership/Membership Director. After an evening and morning of training the team was divided among four Granges in the Upper Valley: Blow-Me-Down, Meriden, Park, and Mont Calm.

At Blow-Me-Down finances were a big issue so they decided to work up a budget for the year ahead and work on balancing it and promoting more rentals of the hall. The non-members (Friends of the Grange Hall) present were given a personal invitation to become Grange members. Their other project is to organize a meeting inviting all other organizations in town to work out a community calendar so there won't be as many things going on in town on the same date. Part of the team returned for followup during the town's 4th of July Celebration to assist Blow-Me-Down Grange with their flea market. A membership table was set up inside the front door with a lot of positive interaction with attendees.

At Meriden Grange, due to scheduling conflicts, only one member attended. This was not due to lack of effort as the Grange did quite well in advertising the meeting. The training was deferred for a discussion with a Valley News reporter who showed up.

Park Grange chose to work on a public breakfast using local produce. Part of the team returned for the first breakfast and was quite pleased. Membership

applications were presented to the guests with some interest expressed. The breakfast are the 2nd Saturday of the month.

At Mont Calm the discussion was publicity. It was decided to erect Grange signs at the four entrances to town on the state highways. The question now is who do they speak to - the state highway department or the local landowner? If anyone has the answer let us know.

I would like to congratulate the team for their efforts and enthusiasm. The team consists of Sandra Bokousky, Arlene Fall, Ida Hutchins, Hannah (and John) West, Kathy Yardley, Larissa Grant, Jim Tetreault, Arthur and Beth Merrill, Steve and Marlene Hughes, Allissa Estes and myself. Although our team had its heart and soul torn by the loss of John West I still believe we have a great team. Contact them if you would like them to come to your Grange to infuse your Grange and community with the will to grow.

In my previous report I encouraged members to promote the Grange. I feel if I am going to ask you to do it I had better do it myself. I attended the Cornish and Lebanon Farmer's Markets, spoke to people about the Grange, and distributed applications. I plan to get to the Claremont Farmer's Market as there is some discussion about reorganizing a Grange there. If you would be interested in marching in a local parade, let me know soon.

Basically, let's let the state know the Grange is here. There has been a trend lately of Granges closing or consolidating. Let's work to change that.

### **Pomona Study Committee**

A well-attended meeting was held on July 19<sup>th</sup> with representatives of all but one Pomona Grange discussing the age-old question, "What do we do with the Pomona Grange?" The productive dialogue resulted in a mutual agreement that the jurisdiction of the Pomona Granges in New Hampshire have little to do with their success or failure. Instead, a new focus needs to be developed to enhance the Pomona Grange's unique position within the structure of the Grange. A follow up meeting to further discuss and develop plans for future growth is scheduled for late August. A full report of the Pomona Study Committee will be given at State Session.



**Grange Services  
Connie Carr**

### **80 Years**

### **Notes of Interest from the Education Loan Fund**

by Rodney Huntoon

**First loan made: May 18, 1927 - \$100**

**473 loans made to June 30, 2008**

**\$96,752**

**4 loans not used (\$2,000)**

**21 loans written off (\$3,135)**

**4.4 of loans written off**

**3.3 of dollars written off**

**10 loans outstanding on June 30, 2008**

**(\$9,561)**

**438 loans paid off - \$82,056**

A fantastic record! The Educational Loan Fund says a hearty "Thank You" to all the past and present recipients who repaid their loans to enable us to reuse the funds.

Interest income from our invested principal of \$123,382 allows us to grant scholarships to students furthering their educational pursuits. There has been an impressive number of scholars receiving these awards, however, the actual number is not readily available. The number of scholarships depends on money received and the number of applications.

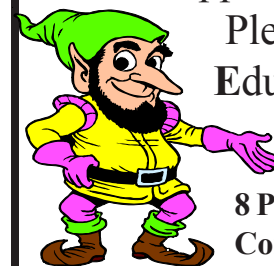
A student may borrow up to \$1,000 per year for a total of \$2,000. Further information may be obtained from any Grange Services Department member or directly from the Grange website.

### **Support the ELF!**

Please send your  
**Educational Loan Fund**

donations to:  
**Rodney Huntoon**

**8 Pine Acres Rd., Suite 808  
Concord, NH 03301**



### **Deadline**

Send copy for the December issue of the Granite State Granger to Hannah West by November 15, 2008. Report on events of August, September, and October. Look ahead to January, February, and March.

# Grange Bulletin

## A Hearty Grange Welcome to the Following New Members

Madeleine Reihl	Antrim
Sandra LaFleur	Granite
Phyllis Brown	Halestown
Ginny Blackmer	Harmony
Raymond Garland	Henry Wilson
Stephen Dean	Henry Wilson
Natalie Libitz	Hudson
James Batchelder	Pembroke
Abigail Holm	Peterborough
Anna Lombard	Peterborough
Artie Cernota	Peterborough
Bryn Dumas	Peterborough
Cassie Dumas	Peterborough
Charles Daloz	Peterborough
Dan Holmes	Peterborough
David Schwab	Peterborough
Emily Drury	Peterborough
Ethan Hamby	Peterborough
Francois Maguer	Peterborough
John Quist	Peterborough
Leigh Friedline	Peterborough
Lindsay Johnson	Peterborough
Margaret Sauvain	Peterborough
Marty Wight	Peterborough
Mike Lombard	Peterborough
Raymond Miller	Peterborough
Romek Sypko	Peterborough
Ronald Lucas	Peterborough
Ruth Holmes	Peterborough
Shana Brautigam	Peterborough
Shawn Lupa	Peterborough
Silas Holmes	Peterborough
Stephanie Lupa	Peterborough
Wren Fournier	Peterborough
Cynthia Jackman	Pleasant Valley
Jessica Jackman	Pleasant Valley
Antonia Andreoli	Walpole
Joseph Dion	Walpole
Margaret Dion	Walpole
Melvyn Schupack	Walpole
Tara Sad	Walpole



Adelynne Rose Safford was born July 8, 2008 at Valley Regional Hospital to Ann-Marie (Collins) Safford and Nephi Safford of Claremont. Adelynne weighed 9 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches long. This is the couple's first child. Grandparents are Mark and Diane Collins of Claremont, Charles and Patricia Safford of Plymouth, and Joseph and Kim Mender of Lebanon. Great-grandparents are Constance and Willis Brown of Melbourne, Fla., Diane and Dennis Collins of Alstead, and Pat and Lew Mender of New York.

### Aurora Grange

Aurora Grange #235 of Pittsburg held its annual picnic on Thursday, August 7, 2008, at the home of Chip and Eddie Evarts. There were eleven brothers and sisters in attendance. In spite of the less-than-ideal weather, everyone had a marvelous time but had to rush off earlier than planned, as there were some torrential downpours that resulted in road washouts and flash flooding in town. Thankfully everyone is fine in Pittsburg.

### Reminder:

#### Harvest Moon March

Come join us for a weekend full of fun.

**Where: Beth and Arthur Merrill's Corral**

**When: September 13 and 14, 2008**

**Activities will include-Mini Golf, Bobbing for Apples, Sack Races, Scavenger Hunt, Auction, Raffle, Pick a Duck, Dart Balloon, A Program on moons, Cook Out and Camping. Sunday Morning Pancake Breakfast and Much, Much More!**

**Support the Granite State Granger with your donation.**

### Blueberry Pie Days

Blueberry Pie Days are right around the corner. The first day is set for Friday, Sept 12th. This will be a full day, from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The second day is Thursday, Sept 25th, and we will work from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. We will be needing at least 14 workers for each day. This is a fun way to earn money for the NH State Grange, and you get to see the fair, too! Free admission and free parking passes are given to all who help out. Please call Gwen Yardley at 603-756-3677 and sign up today!

### Craft Fair

#### Vendors Wanted!

**The NH State Grange is planning a fund-raising Craft Fair for Saturday, November 29, at the State Grange Building in Hooksett. They are looking for vendors (Grangers or non-Grangers) to rent a space to sell their wares. This is a Craft Fair, not a Yard Sale. If you are interested or know someone who is, please call Kim Bascom at (603) 332-2164 or e-mail Claire Gagne at memerecbg@aol.com. They will provide details.**

### Help Needed at the Big E

There are many opportunities for Grangers to volunteer at the New England Grange Building. Your State Master would be so proud if NH Grangers offered their assistance to Jack Cottrell who is in charge of staffing the general store that occupies part of the main floor of the building. There are also opportunities to serve as Grange ambassadors on the main floor and to play host to visitors who stop in at the NH room upstairs in the Grange Building. Any volunteers willing to travel to West Springfield, MA and give some time to the Grange are eligible to receive complimentary gate passes as well as a parking pass. This is a value of \$22 or more. Please contact Jack Cottrell directly at 401-783-5671 if you are volunteering to work in the general store. All other offers should be directed to Beth Merrill



### Thank You

Thanks so much to those who reached out to us at the time of John West's death. The food, flowers, donations, prayers, cards, notes, phone calls, and offers of help were overwhelming.

We are very blessed to have such a caring Grange family.

**Hannah & Mary West  
Anne & Marty Boisvert**

# Bulletin Board

## Antrim Grange

As part of their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, there will be a Square Dance at Antrim Grange Hall on October 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00 p.m. Early arrivals will get instruction from caller Jerry Maurice of Deerfield, NH. Antrim Grange members have a special surprise planned during intermission, and they will also be hosting a Chocolate Bake-off. Be sure to bring your favorite home-baked chocolate dessert item to join in the competition, calories, and fun!

### Calendar of Events

- Sept. 10 - State Youth Reports due  
Youth Contest entries due
- Sept. 12- .28- Eastern States Exposition  
Springfield, MA
- Sept. 12 - Blueberry Pie Day at "Big E"
- Sept. 13-14 - Harvest Moon March  
Merrill Farm, Antrim
- Sept. 13 - Public Supper at Granite Grange,  
Milford
- Sept. 15 - Family & Community Reports due
- Sept. 21 - Grange Day at "Big E"
- Sept. 25 - Blueberry Pie Day #2 at "Big E"
- Oct. 1 - State Lecturer's Creative Writing,  
Art, Photo, Create-a-Card entries due
- Oct. 11 - Granite Grange Public Supper &  
Open Mike
- Oct. 11 - Square Dance - Antrim Grange 7 p.m.
- Oct. 15 - Jr. & Sub. Quarterly Reports due
- Oct. 20 - Pomona Quarterly Report due
- Oct. 23-26 - NH State Grange Session, Nashua
- Nov. 8 - Granite Grange Public Supper
- Nov. 10-15 - National Grange Session  
Cromwell, CT
- Nov. 15 - GSG Deadline for December issue
- Nov. 29 - Craft Sale State Grange Building
- Dec. 6 - Agate meets at Pine Grove Grange  
Bath, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 13 - Granite Grange Public Supper &  
Open Mike



Trevor Matthew Clark was born on May 23, 2008, at Cheshire Medical Center to Matthew and Lynn Clark. Birth weight 7lbs 13oz. Length: 20 3/4 in.

List your Grange event  
On the NH Grange website.  
Contact Mark Collins:  
[mark-dianecollins@comcast.net](mailto:mark-dianecollins@comcast.net)

### Granite Grange Public Suppers

23 Webster Street  
Milford, NH

5 to 6:30 p.m.  
Adults - \$8.00

Children undr 6 - \$4.00

September 13  
Meatloaf.

Mashed potatoes & gravy  
Corn on the Cob  
Fruit Cobbler

October 11  
Smorgasbord

(kielbasa in gravy, corn chowder,  
Swedish meatballs,  
macaroni & cheese)  
Pudding w/cool whip  
Open Mike at 7:00 p.m.

November 8

Spaghetti & Meatballs  
Tossed Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Italian Ice

December 13

Turkey & Trimmings  
Assorted Pies  
Open Mike at 7:00 p.m.

## THANK YOU

On Behalf of the Patten family, I would like to thank all Grange members for their telephone calls, cards, attending the calling hours, sending flowers or making a donation, or attending the church service. My mother would have so surprised to see so many people including our Governor coming to pay their respects to her. She loved people and would do anything to help someone. I would like to thank the members as well for their calls to me during this time. It has been a struggle, but if I had to make a decision again regarding my family or an organization, my family would have to come first. It has been a very difficult time, but with your thoughts and prayers I hope to make a full recovery.

Richard W. Patten



## In Memoriam

Ena Carlson	PM	Chichester
John West	GS, PM,	Chichester
	National Chaplain	
Elmer Eldridge	GS	Coheco
Alice Champagne		Coheco
Helen Hill	GS, PM	Harmony
Omar Ahern, Sr.	GS, PM,	Lower Intervale
	Past Deputy	
Jean Corneau		Mont Calm
Robert Lamprey		Moultonborough
Madelene Hadley		Mount Hope
Ruby Gray		Mount Hope
Shirley Harvin	GS	Ocean Side
Maxrene Patten	Past Jr. Dep.	Pineconia
Ruth Hale	GS	Rochester
Claudia Boucher	GS, PM,	Wattannick
	Safety & Ecology	
Hazel Rogan		Wingold
Mary Hooper	PM	Wingold
Shirley Carbonneau		Winthrop

## Big E Trip Cancelled

On the August 15 deadline the Trip to the Big E had only 22 sign-ups for a 50 passenger bus. Therefore, it had to be cancelled.

## WE ARE GROWING!!!

Come & enjoy Granite Grange #7's  
Open Mike October 11th  
at 24 Webster Street, Milford, NH.  
\$5.00 at the door  
or combo ticket \$10.00 (supper &  
admission to open mike).



The Needlework Contest had many entries this year. The list of winners will be in the next Granite State Granger.

Remember that End of the Year Reports are due September 15th. We need your Community Service reports to qualify for getting funds from National Grange for prizes. Last year we had 41 Community Service entries. Can we top this?

Thank you very much for all the items you made for the Big E Grange Sale. Your handiwork will help with expenses for the New England Grange Building.

Wow, did you come through for the items for the goody bags for National Grange! Thank you for the time and effort it took to make them.

Hope to see you at State Session. Remember to bring your donations of new linens for the NH Coalition Against Rape and Domestic Violence, as well as the yummy fudge and trail mix to keep the participants fired up.

**Lost Your Report Forms?**

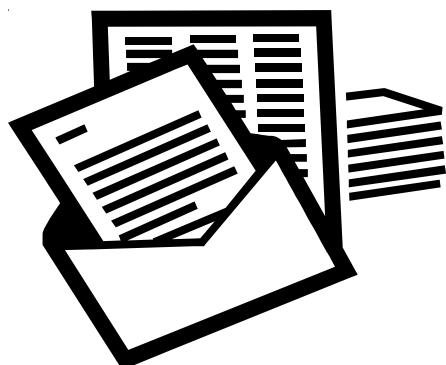
The three forms for Family and Community reporting were given out at the 2007 state session in a manilla envelope. We had hoped to reproduce the forms in this GSG, but space and technology do not permit. If you do not have the original report forms, please refer to the information on this page, write up your own report, and send it by September 15 to

**Nancy Bean**

**66 Centre Street**

**Concord, NH 03301-4138.**

If the timing is a problem, please send your report in anyway. Better late than never.



**Home Economics Report**

**Grange Name and Number**

**Chairperson**

**Phone**

**Categories for NE Judging:**

**Number of Entries:**

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ Afghans
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ Doilies
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ Embroidery
- D. \_\_\_\_\_ 3 piece baby sets
- E. \_\_\_\_\_ Plastic Canvas
- F. \_\_\_\_\_ Counted cross stitch
- G. \_\_\_\_\_ Adult garment  
                   \_\_\_\_\_ Knitted  
                   \_\_\_\_\_ Crocheted
- H. \_\_\_\_\_ Latch hook
- I. \_\_\_\_\_ Quilted wall hanging
- J. \_\_\_\_\_ Stuffed Toy

**State Categories:**

**Sewing**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Garment
- \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Garment
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tied Quilts
- \_\_\_\_\_ Miscellaneous
- \_\_\_\_\_ Woodworking
- \_\_\_\_\_ Baking Contest
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gingerbread

**Stuffed new toys for Shriners**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Grangers
- \_\_\_\_\_ Non-members

**Mittens donated by**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Grangers
- \_\_\_\_\_ Non-members

**Eastern States items from**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Grangers
- \_\_\_\_\_ Non-members

**Held a Home Economics night**

yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

**Attended another Home Ec. night**

yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

**Donated to Fam. & Comm. Service**

yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

**Donated to Kelley Farm at:**

**The National Grange Kelley Farm  
 c/o Samantha Johnson  
 1616 H Street N W  
 Washington, DC 20006**

yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

I don't know why it is we are in such a hurry to get up when we fall down. You might think we would lie there and rest a while.

**Max Eastman (1883-1969)**

**Editor and writer**

**Community Service Report**

**Grange Name and Number**

**Chairperson**

**Phone**

**Hold an Awards Night? Yes, No**

**Submit a nomination for the**

**State Award for**

**Police Officer Yes, No**

**Firefighter Yes, No**

**Educator Yes, No**

**Other Yes, No**

**Submit a nomination for**

**Agricultural awards**

**200-year-old Farm Yes, No**

**Century Farm Yes, No**

**Young Farmer Yes, No**

**Donate to**

**A food pantry Yes, No**

**A clothing drive Yes, No**

**Collect Linens for NH Coalition**

**Against Rape & Domestic Violence**

**Yes, No**

**Participate in**

**3rd Grade Dictionary Project**

**Yes, No**

**A Community Activity Yes, No**

**Work with another group on a project**

**Yes, No**

**Number of hours of Volunteer Service**

**by members \_\_\_\_\_**



**Community Service State Awards**

**Form**

**Grange Name**

**Town**

**Chairperson**

**Phone**

**Nomination for Citizen of the Year**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Why did you select this person?**

**Nomination for Police Officer of the**

**Year \_\_\_\_\_**

**Why did you select this person?**

**Nomination for Firefighter of the Year**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Why did you select this person?**

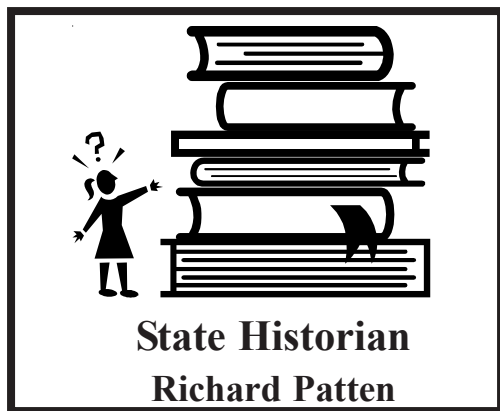
**Nomination for Educator of the Year**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Why did you select this person?**

**Visit the National Grange website at**  
[www.nationalgrange.org](http://www.nationalgrange.org)





State Historian  
Richard Patten

Another State Grange Session is looming on the horizon. The sessions have changed to some degree from past years. There was a time when several hundred patrons would attend for the whole event, not just for a day or afternoon. The resolutions provided debates, often heated ones. The Youth Coronation was one of the true highlights with the crowning of the new Prince, Princess, and Young Couple. What did happen to the long green robes? There would be dancing with refreshments for a few hours. Now if the Red Sox are playing in the World Series, many people go back to their room to see if the Beantown Heroes are winning.

The annual Memorial Service is a time to remember those who have left our circle to become a member of the Great Grange above. For the past few years I have done a report, talking about some of our brothers and sisters and the history they have provided for future Grangers to remember. There are many new members who, after hearing a name called, don't understand what that member did for their local Grange and the mark they left on the Pomona and State levels. This year is no exception. While I won't write about everyone whose name will be called, I will talk about a few.

Claudia Boucher, a member of Wattannick Grange can be remembered for her many hours working with boys and girls as Matron for Wattannick Junior Grange. She was also very active in her subordinate Grange. She would be a proud grandmother watching her grandson Jim Tetreault working his way up at the State Grange level.

I am sure that Edna Clark, who became a member at Daniel Webster Grange after Ezekiel Webster Grange closed, is busy in the Great Grange above playing the piano. She was very happy when asked to provide music for a Grange.

Alice Sanborn from Chichester Grange was another active member in her own Grange. You might not see her at many other Grange meetings, but she would definitely be in attendance at Chichester. She held various offices and enjoyed riding in parades with her husband in their antique auto.

Harold Yeaton lived in the Concord area, but held his Grange membership at Crown Point. Harold and his family could be seen at Grange suppers throughout the Capital area. He would always find time to stop and talk to you when spoken to.

The month of July really took a toll of two families. My mother Maxrene Patten was finally called to the Great Grange above. She was a patient in Concord Hospital for one year and a week. She loved Grange so much that she would never say no to helping work on a Grange fair or cooking for hours to get a public supper ready. Although she tended to stay in the background and shunned the spotlight, there were very few times she said no. She served as a Junior Deputy and as a committee member for the Stae Home Economics, later to be called Family and Community Committee. She loved to see people, especially her Grange friends. I had to make a very difficult decision last year with many things in my life. She would have been devastated had she known that I resigned as your State Secretary to help care for her. I have a thank you note in another part of this paper.

And lastly John West. I was stunned to learn a few days after my mother, that John had followed her to the Great Grange. He was so dedicated, always had a smile, and was so positive about everything. He was a great school teacher in the Concord School System for over 34 years. Many of his former students would come to see him at Pineconia's Awards Nights. Hannah and he became active in the town of Chichester's Old Home Day celebrations. He was so proud of his daughters. He missed his father, the late Herbert West, so much. Many times in years past, John and his father would attend meetings. He would always find time to stop and talk.

Remember the history that you are writing for your Grange and Community and not even realizing it.

## National Master Presents Priorities

On August 18, National Master, Ed Luttrell spoke at the State Grange Building, outlining the five priorities that the National Grange will promote during the 2008-2009 term. These priorities are:

- 1) Increase Active Membership and Participation at each Community Grange
- 2) Develop New Leaders and give the opportunities at each Community Grange
- 3) Revitalize Community Granges as a State Priority
- 4) Form new Community Granges
- 5) Re-emphasize and strengthen the family structure through the Junior & Youth Programs

Brother Luttrell noted that the State Grange Leadership Team, at an earlier date, had chosen to adopt four of the five priorities to focus on in the NH State Grange. Ironically, the one not chosen as a priority, "New Community Granges", has been accomplished, nevertheless, with the recent organization of Peterborough Grange.

During the Q&A period Brother Luttrell spoke of his plans for organizing Granges in states where there currently are no Granges. He gave information on the cost vs. benefit of owning the National Grange Building in Washington, D.C. He highlighted details of an exciting new website program that will be made available very soon to ALL Granges, and he even answered the question, "What is your salary?" Hooksett Grange member, Claire Gagne, made the comment that this was the first time she'd ever been face to face with a National Officer and seemed pleased that he would take the time and effort to visit us here in New Hampshire.

At the conclusion of his power point presentation, "The Clock Is Ticking," Master Luttrell listed three benefits of Grange membership, which he can never repay. 1) Opportunities to develop his personal growth and leadership skills. 2) Meeting his wife Celia Fox and raising their three children in the Grange. 3) Most importantly, Brother Ed noted that when each of his children graduated high school, he realized they were much better prepared for life than their peers, and he credits the support and guidance of the Grange Family for that advantage.

Could you ever repay the Grange for what it has given you?

**135<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION**  
**New Hampshire State Grange**  
**of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry**  
 Courtyard Marriott  
 2200 Southwood Drive  
 Nashua, NH 03063  
 1-800-321-2211

[Directions: From Manchester: Take Rte 293 to Rte 101 West to Rte 3 South (Everett Turnpike). Take Exit 8. Turn left at blinking light. Proceed straight into Southwood Corporate Park. Hotel is up on the left.

From Boston, MA: Take I-93 North to I-495 South to Rte 3 North (Everett Turnpike). Take Exit 8 and make a left at the first light. Hotel is up on the left.

Room rates: \$94.00 per night plus tax for a single or double. You must have a credit card to hold reservation.

Reservations: Call 1 800-321-2211 on or before Friday, October 3, 2008 (cut off Date). Mention New Hampshire State Grange so that you get the discounted rate.]

**October 23 - 26, 2008**

**Special Guests**

Nancy Swainston, Ceres National Grange  
 Jeff Swainston, Master Michigan State Grange

**Thursday, October 23**

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 Fourth Degree  
 Introduction of Special Guests  
 Calling the Roll of Granges  
 Grange Memorial Service

Chaplain, Hugh Clark  
 (Gates and registration will be closed during the service.)

**Conferral of the 2nd Degree**  
 Under Direction of Deputy Donald Ross

**Lecturer's Program**

**Announcements**

**Closing the Grange**

**Hospitality Room open**  
**9:30 PM to 11:00 PM**

**Friday, October 24**

**Morning Session – 8:30 AM**

Opening in the Fourth Degree  
 Introduction of Special Guests  
 Calling the Roll of Officers  
 Calling the Roll of Granges

Reading the Minutes from Thursday Session  
 Announcement of Master's Address,  
 Credentials, and Resolutions Committees  
 Reading of Resolutions  
 Reading of Convention Rules

**Reports:**

Treasurer – Gail Turcotte  
 Secretary – Carolyn Ross  
 Executive Committee – Daniel Bascom

**BREAK**

**Reports:**

Lecturer – Marie Hall  
 Legislative – James Tetreault  
 Grange Services – Constance Carr  
 Membership Development – Stephen Tracy  
 State Grange Trust – Camilie Twiss  
 Fundraising & Operations – Kim Bascom  
 Media – Mark Collins

**State Master's Address: Beth Merrill**  
**11:30 AM**

**\*\*LUNCH BREAK\*\***

**12:00 Noon**

**Afternoon Session – 1:30 PM**

**Reports:**

Historian – Richard Patten  
 Family & Community – Nancy Bean  
 General Deputy – Tricia Taylor  
**Conferral of the 5th Degree – 3:30 PM**  
 by NH Fifth Degree All Stars under the direction  
 of Rachel Bailey, State Grange Pomona  
**Closing the Grange – 4:30 PM**

(or at conclusion of business)

Evening Meal on Your Own or in

Hospitality Room

**Obligation of Fifth Degree 7:15 PM**

**Evening Session – 7:30 PM**

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

Introduction of Guests

Remarks by National Ceres, Nancy Swainston

**Announcements**

**Closing in the Fourth Degree**

**Dismantle Flora's Court**

**Hospitality Room open until 11:00 PM**

**Saturday, October 25**

**Morning Session – 8:00 AM**

Youth Officer 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 Session

**Reports:**

Youth and Junior – Chris Heath and  
 Sherrill Bokousky

**Study Committee Reports:**  
 501c3 Committee – Rodney Huntoon,  
 Chairman  
 Pomona Study Committee – Mark Collins

**Election of Officers – 9:30 AM**

**Officer Reports:**

Overseer – James Tetreault  
 Steward – Chris Heath  
 Assistant Steward – Matthew Clark  
 Lady Assistant Steward – Jane Trombi  
 Chaplain – Hugh Clark  
 Gatekeeper – Ann Leger  
 Ceres – Kathy Yardley  
 Pomona – Rachel Bailey  
 Flora – Diane Collins

**\*\*LUNCH BREAK\*\***

**12:00 Noon**

**Afternoon Session – 1:30 PM**

**Vitaly Important Workshop for All Grange**  
**Members: "Is My Grange Compliant with**  
**Current NH Laws and Regulations?"**

**1:30 – 2:30 PM**

Presented by – Special Guest, Terry Knowles  
 Charitable Trusts Division

NH Dept. of Justice

Discussion and Action on Resolutions  
 Unfinished Business

Report of Credentials Committee

**Closing the Grange – 4:30 PM**

(or at conclusion of business)

**Evening Session – 6:00 PM**

**State Grange Celebration Dinner**

(by advance, October 15<sup>th</sup> reservation only!)  
**\$30.00 – Contact your Grange Secretary or**  
 State Ceres, Kathy Yardley  
 (Soup, Garden Salad, Rolls, a Chicken entree,  
 Baked Scrod, and Penne Pasta,  
 chef's choice of vegetable, starch and  
 dessert and coffee station)

**PROGRAM:**

Welcome by State Master  
 Introduction of Guest Dignitaries  
 Recognition Awards

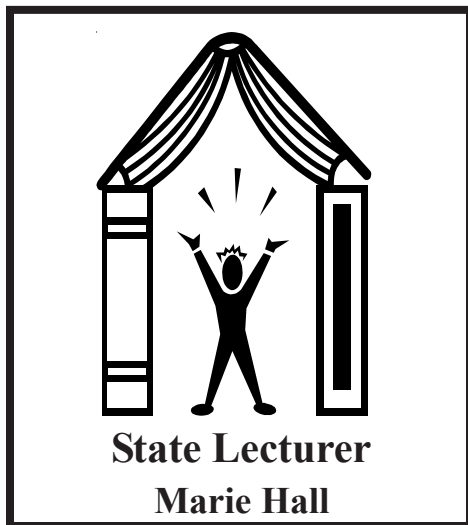
State Lecturer's Talent Winner

**DANCE – 9:00-11:00 PM**

**Sunday, October 26**

**Inspirational Service – 9:00 AM**  
 Hugh Clark, State Grange Chaplain  
**Installation of Officers – 9:45 AM**





Another year is closing in on us. Have we been the Lecturers that have spurred our Granges on to recognition?

June 7, 2008, found us at the State Grange Building in Hooksett for Spot Light NH. Were you there? Spot Light NH is open for every Grange member. You do not have to perform at your Subordinate level first, then go on to Pomona level and win there in order to come to the State Talent Contest. More than one person from your Grange can enter and compete for the chance to represent NH at, first, the North East Lecturers' Conference and, second, at National Grange. You do not have to win at the North East Lecturers' Conference to go on to National. You are automatically entered into National when you win Best-of-Show in NH. National gives you \$100 just to show up and perform in their Night of Excellence. Here is a list of brave souls who decided that they would lift up their boot straps, have some fun, and participate in Spot Light NH. I wish to thank these people for sharing their talent with us. I hope to have people come out in droves next year because I know we have a lot of talent in New Hampshire.

#### Vocal

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Mary West  
"Taylor The Latte Boy"  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Jessica Jackman  
"Walking After Midnight"

#### Instrumental

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Kathy Yardley – Bells  
"The All American Hometown Band"  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Brandon Melanson – Piano  
"Realization" Original Composition  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Ron Goodrich – Piano  
"Ways of Love" Original Composition

#### Best-of-Show

- Kathy Yardly – Bells  
"The All American Hometown Band"

Northeast Lecturers' Conference was in Farmington, Maine, this year, and New Hampshire's Program was based on "Bring Purple Into Your Life." I have not yet received photos that different people took while our program was going on or I would show them here. In the display room at the State Conference in October I am hoping to be running a CD of the programs that were put on at Lecturers' Conference.

The group from NH included: Beth Merrill, Gail Turcotte, Marion T. Jones, Dot Haskins, Lorna Bates, Yvonne Crocker, and Judith Chase, as well as myself. These wonderful ladies wore many different hats and I am proud of each and every one of them for the excellent job they did in presenting the NH program.

This conference is open to every Grange member, not only Lecturers. I strongly urge those who have not attended to try it. I cannot express enough about the fellowship, fun, education, idea exchanges, sharing, laughter, and inspiration that each individual who attends brings home. It is my hope that those who attended can bring home and share with their Granges some of the enthusiasm they experienced, and we can spread it across the State. Hope to see you next year in Rhode Island.

As the summer is winding down, I hope that everyone has been creating, creating, creating, because ALL of the following contests are due to me on the first of October, 2008.

#### Creative Writing Contest

Categories:

- I. Poetry – "How I feel about....."  
(Happy, sad, angry, amazed, etc)  
II. Tell The Story – "A Holiday Story"  
(real or not)  
III. Read The Book – and answer the following question. "Why I Would Recommend This Book To Someone Else?"

#### Art Contest

Categories:

- I Oils & Acrylics  
II Watercolors  
III Charcoal, Pastels and Pencil

There are three divisions within each category.

- Division I Subordinate Grange members  
Division II Junior Grange members age 5-9  
Division III Junior Grange members age 10-14

#### Create a Card Contest

Categories:

##### I. Hand (Stamped or Hand drawn)

- Class A - Holiday  
Class B - All Occasion  
Class C - Thinking of You

##### II. Computer generated

- Class A - Holiday  
Class B - All Occasion  
Class C - Thinking of You

##### III. Hand Decorated (Lace, Cross Stitch, Photo, Stickers, Etc.)

- Class A - Holiday  
Class B - All Occasion  
Class C - Thinking of You

#### Photography Contest

Categories:

##### A - The People/Person in my Life

##### I. Traditional (Roll of film, pictures developed from negative)

##### II. Digitally Enhanced (Digital Camera, photo enlarged by scanning and enhancing)

##### B - Where Am I? (1<sup>st</sup> place will be used as a guessing contest at State)

##### I. Traditional (Roll of film, pictures developed from negative)

##### II. Digitally Enhanced (Digital Camera, photo enlarged by scanning and enhancing)

##### C - All God's Creatures (Animals, insects, etc.) (No people)

##### I. Traditional (Roll of film, pictures developed from negative)

##### II. Digitally Enhanced (Digital Camera, photo enlarged by scanning and enhancing)

##### D - In the Garden

##### I. Traditional (Roll of film, pictures developed from negative)

##### II. Digitally Enhanced (Digital Camera, photo enlarged by scanning and enhancing)

##### E - What Is It? (1<sup>st</sup> place will be used as a guessing contest at State)

##### I. Traditional (Roll of film, pictures developed from negative)

##### II. Digitally Enhanced (Digital Camera, photo enlarged by scanning and enhancing)

If you have any person or group of people that you would like to honor as a Community Citizen or Community Service (that has not been previously honored at your Subordinate or Pomona level), please contact me with information concerning them so that I will be able to hand out a State Award to them.

If you have any questions about any of the contests, and your Lecturer is unable to help you, please give me a call. I look forward to receiving your many achievements.

Visit the State Grange Website at  
[www.nhgrange.org](http://www.nhgrange.org)

## The “Golden Gals” of Fidelity Grange

by Channing Reis

(South Hampton, NH) - Call them the seven sisters. Call them octogenarians (with apologies to any who are flirting with eighty, but not there yet.) Call them the “Golden Gals” of Fidelity Grange!

Whatever you call them, these seven ladies are as unique a collection of Grangers as one could ever meet. If Time Magazine devoted an annual issue to seniors with spunk and dedication to Grange traditions, doing right by the communities they live in, these seven would be on the cover.

All these ladies have the distinction of six or more decades in the Grange! They proudly speak of their sixty and sixty-five year pins. We’re talking about Alice West, Elizabeth Frisbee, Kay Imbresia, Natalie Blinn, Sarah “Brownie” Moore, Florence Goldthwaite, and Deanna Santosusso. Not far behind the “Golden Gals” is Grace Ducharme, with her fifty year pin.

Elizabeth Frisbee joined the Grange when she was 14-years-old. While foot trouble has slowed her down these last several years, Elizabeth can still generate as much energy as the infamous Hurricane of 1938, which, coincidentally, made New England landfall the same year Elizabeth joined the Grange. She is known for her great contributions to the Home Economics programs and is famous for her penny marches. Elizabeth also keeps meticulous records, be it a recipe or instructions for Jiffy Knit Bonnets.

Sarah “Brownie” Moore was not far behind Elizabeth in joining the Grange, and has been an important contributor over many years. She jokes that the Fidelity Grange records show her as “deceased.” Fortunately for all of us the erratum refers to an aunt by the same name. “Someday I’m going to find that book and ‘inkerate’ it” Brownie quips. While her “Virginia Reel” isn’t as freewheeling as it was in the old days, Brownie has remained an active and enthusiastic contributor to many Grange programs together with a host of other activities in town. Her civic contributions are many.

Alice West, like her sister before her, is known for bringing uplifting, lilting harmonies to Fidelity Grange events - such are her musical talents and wonderful singing voice. Natalie Blinn and Florence Goldthwaite, for their part, have served Fidelity in many capacities over the years including tenures as Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

Fidelity’s current Master Kay Imbresia has an active role in organizing most Grange projects and does so with vigor. Kay has been instrumental in the recent initiatives including the “Breakfast with Santa” program and Fidelity’s participation in the national Dictionary Project. She has also been the push behind a revival of the Memorial Day services held in conjunction with the local Barnard School. Kay is one who gets the job done with flair and perseverance.

Last but certainly not least this “Golden Gals” team has been rounded out in recent years by Deanna Santosusso who has toiled quietly and consistently for many years, usually without fanfare. She may be the youngest of the “Golden Gals” but her experience and her contributions, especially around the kitchen during Grange suppers and other events, has made a big difference.

Fidelity is in summer recess and like so many Granges has suffered the loss of at-large members. But as long as the “Golden Gals” stay active and involved, Fidelity Grange will have life, and the community will continue to benefit by their labors. Congratulations ladies!

### Pine Grove Grange

On July 20, Pine Grove Grange #298 members from Bath, NH braved heavy rains to provide the food concession at the 9th annual “Cruisin’ At The Hop Car Show.” Individuals in the photo (from L to R) include Bill Scott, Karen Fesler, Linda Lauer, Debbi Fisher, Priscilla Parker, Dana Estes, and Walter Parker. Photo by Joe McQueeney, Bare Bones Photography



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