



# The Granite State Granger

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## State Grange Banquet Town & Country Motor Inn Saturday, October 29, 2011 6:30 p.m.

Reservations are now being taken for the banquet on Saturday evening, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

The menu selections are as follows:

**Prime Rib of Beef**  
**Baked Stuffed Chicken**  
**Vegetarian Shish-ka-bob**  
**\$30.00 for adult meals**

**A Chicken Fingers and French Fries meal will be offered to Children 12 and under:**

**\$16.00 for child's meal**

All dinners include the following: Seafood Bisque, baked potato, fresh vegetable with the meal. The dinners will also include coffee, tea or milk. Soft drinks will be available at an additional charge. The dessert will be Ice Cream Puffs. If you will need to have a diabetic dessert, please let Tricia Taylor know when you make your reservation(s).

To make banquet reservations contact, Tricia Taylor (State Ceres) by Friday, October 14, 2011. No late reservations will be accepted after this date, as we have a deadline to meet with the hotel. All checks should be made payable to the NH State Grange.

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## 97<sup>th</sup> Danbury Grange Fair

Blazing Star Grange #71 in Danbury will host its 97<sup>th</sup> annual Grange and Community Fair on Saturday, September 10, 2011. In celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Grange building, the theme of the Fair will be "Life in 1911", which is the year the hall was built. The day will kick off with a pancake breakfast at the Danbury Elementary School hosted by the PTO.

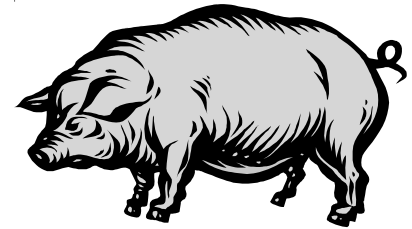
At 11 am the parade will begin at Restful Road on Route 104 ending at the Grange Hall on North Road. You do not have to give prior notice to enter a float or be in the parade. Just show up that day with your unique interpretation of Life in 1911. Bicycles, tractors, old cars, and pedestrians are all welcome. Parade line up will begin at 10 am and judging of entrants will take place before the parade commences.

After the parade the tractor pulling will be held at the corner of North Road and Spa Road near the cemetery, and the Lyme Town Band will perform in front of the Grange Hall.

The ever-popular bed races will be held at 12:30. Teams will be formed and fierce competition will prevail as young and old vie for the best time as they push the old metal bed from the firehouse to the creamery just beyond the Hall.

Other highlights include a baby show at 1 pm, Dutch Auction at 1:30 pm, and a ham and bean supper will be followed by live blue grass music and a live auction.

Some Fair features will be ongoing during the day such as the Attic Treasures sale in the American Legion hall that opens at 8 am and ends at 3 pm. Also, during the entire day fairgoers may put bids on many items in a silent auction that will end at 9 pm when the winners are announced during a break in the live auction. You don't have to be there to win.



## Kiss the Pig

On Saturday, June 4, the often postponed Kiss the Pig Contest finally ended. The winner was Beth Merrill, who raised \$202.60 for the NH State Grange and the National Grange Name Protection Fund. Other top fund-raisers were Hannah West - \$165, Stephen Tracy - \$158.66, Dan Bascom - \$156, and Lester Gibbs - \$145. Two very cute pigs were present for kisses from Beth and from anyone else who wanted to kiss a pig.

This event raised \$258.60 for the National Grange Name Protection Fund, the favorite Grange charity of several contestants. Other Grange charities which benefited were: Youth Department (\$20), Legislative Department (\$20), Granite State Granger (\$82.50); Dictionary Project (\$72.50), Membership Department (\$78.33), NH State Grange Trust Fund (\$46), Lecturer's Talent Fund (\$35), Jodi Bailey Fund (\$12.50), and the National Youth Fund (\$2.50). The NH State Grange realized \$414.33 from this project.

Many thanks to Kathy Yardley who transported the pigs to the State Grange Building and to Stephen Tracy who made sure they were comfortable while there and held them up to be kissed.



## James Tetreault State Master



### Outside My Window on Keene Rd

Are we growing our Grange here in NH? I hope so! When was the last time you asked someone to join your Grange? Membership growth doesn't happen by the work of the State Grange. It happens as a result of each and every member taking the time to ask someone to join the Grange!

I am very excited by hearing about all the new members being taken in around the state. Kudos to all the Grange with new members. Don't forget to take the time to send a complete list to the State Secretary, along with the initiation date as well as a complete address. We want to ensure that all our new members are included on the GSG mailing. Also, don't forget to send the information to our State Membership Director Anne Boisvert, so she can update the website under our "Grange Boosters Program" to recognize the Granges that are taking in new members.

It doesn't seem possible that State Grange Convention planning is already in process. Reminder: you will find the program in this paper for our upcoming session on October 27-29<sup>th</sup> at the Town and Country Motor Inn in Gorham, NH. We will be hosted by Northern NH Pomona. I am looking forward to our theme days that include Ritualism, Fun and Programming, as well as a Legislative Day. Our National Representative will be Bruce Croucher, Past Master of the NY State Grange, and currently Priest Annalist of the Assembly of Demeter. I would like to make a special invitation to our Northern Brothers and Sisters. If you have not attended a State Grange session in a while, please join us, we're in your back yard. Just a reminder to all Granges, don't forget to submit your awards recipients for State consideration. Submissions go to Dick Patten.

I want to close with this thought. What is Leadership? An example of leadership was recently cited to me. I was talking to a local Grange leader, and this

leader told me that they had been struggling. They sat with some of their younger members, and asked for help, asked them to step up to the plate, and start assuming some leadership in that local Grange. These members were surprised, when they were asked. They just assumed all was right, because, no one had asked them for help. They assumed because the core group was still strong, and handling everything that they really didn't need to step up. So let me ask all of our local Grange leaders, when was the last time you asked your membership for help? They maybe waiting to be asked so don't be too proud to ask for help.

### Mount Hope Grangers' Awards Total 525 Years of Service

Members of Mount Hope Grange in Landaff received certificate of service awards at their June meeting. (L-R) Maybelle Howard (55 years), Elaine Clough (55 years), Maxine Tyler (65 years), Richard Eaton (65 years), David Clement (60 years), Esther Heath (60 years); Norman Heath (65 years). Not present: Joan Bronson (55 years), Conrad Schofield (45 years).



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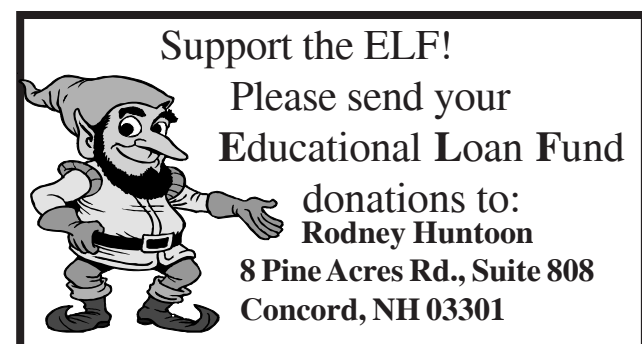
The items have arrived from the various Grangers throughout the state for the needlework contest. Thank you, members, for the numerous entries. I also received items for the sales tables at Eastern States. Everything will be delivered to them for the judging that is done there and for the Country Store.

The raffle of the quilts will continue until State Grange Session, and the tickets will be drawn at that time. Members of the committee are still selling tickets, so, if you haven't had a chance to get yours, please see one of them in your Grange travels.

We will also be taking donations at our exhibit area at State Grange for the Philbrick House stockings. Remember, we need small items that will fit in oversized stockings. Also, personal articles for the residents at Glenclyff will be collected. We will bag these items in little gift bags to be presented to them after State Grange. Donations of linens for the Rape & Domestic Violence Crisis Center should also be brought to the State Grange session. Sheets and towels may be any size, but they should be new.

Remember the knit caps for the troops overseas. I delivered almost 70 hats from Gilman Grange to the Pease Greeters, and they were thrilled with the donation. As soon as I have another load I will be sending them along.

The Family & Community report is due to me by September 15. If you have not made your donations to the Kelley Farm or Family & Community, you still have time. Kelley Farm donations should be sent to National Grange with a notation on the check saying Kelley Farm.





### All About Youth Allissa Estes

I would like to introduce myself as the new Co-Youth Director. My name is Allissa Estes and I have been with Grange and the Youth for nine years. As we wind down the summer and head into fall, let's look back on what the Youth have done over the summer. We went to Camp Spaulding for Summer Youth Rally and to Brunswick, ME for North East Youth Conference where New Hampshire took second place in the drill competition. We also attended a beach day at White Lake in Tamworth, NH. August 13<sup>th</sup> was when we held our Annual Harvest Moon Stomp at Andrea and Tim Goulet's house in Northwood.

A Youth Awards Night was held on August 27<sup>th</sup> in Hooksett at the State Grange Building. At the awards night we announced the winners of the Youth Officer testing, the winner of the Grange Knowledge Test, and some personal awards. I'm sorry that I do not have them listed here in the GSG as I said in my June article, but some things have come about, and we had to rearrange some dates.

Here are some important dates to remember. Youth reports are due on August 25<sup>th</sup> to Pomona. Please turn them in on time to give your Pomona Youth Chairman a chance to prepare his/her report. On September 1<sup>st</sup> Youth reports are due to the State Youth Director. Youth contest entries are also due on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Apple picking will be held at Meadow Ledge Farm in Loudon, NH and Youth Officer practice at the State Grange Building in Hooksett on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Hope you sent in your Youth Donations. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events. Have a wonderful fall season, and enjoy the weather and fellowship as your Granges start back up.

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



### Grange Services Lois Enman

Wow! Where has the Summer gone? The Grange Services Committee has just finished up with the scholarship applications review and is pleased that the following members will be starting or continuing their education.

**Britton Doig**  
**Casey Diog**  
**Gregory Trombi**  
**Gabrielle Van Sant**  
**Hillary Ward**

This scholarship program is made possible by your personal or Grange donations to the Educational Loan Fund (ELF) request that your Grange receives each year. If your Grange has not been able to donate in the past please consider maybe having a bake sale or a silver march for this purpose. All donations will help the fund grow to provide more monies for the future scholarships.

In the last issue of the GSG I talked about the American Income Life Insurance Company program and said we should be receiving a letter to follow with a contact from the company. Since that time the State Grange and this committee has learned our coverage may still be in effect. So please have patience, and I hope to have an update soon.

n to our State Session. I hope your Grange will be sending a representative and please speak to me or my committee members if you have concerns that we may address from this committee. You may also email or send by regular mail any concerns or questions.

**State Grange Building Fund**  
**This fund is used for repairs and replacements at the State Grange Building. Expenditures are authorized by the State Grange Executive Committee. Checks should be made payable to New Hampshire State Grange (labeled Building Fund) and sent to**  
**Carolyn Ross**  
**80 East Road**  
**East Kingston, NH 03827-2005.**

### Blazing Star Grange

On Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, six members of Blazing Star Grange #71 received awards for their continuous membership in the Grange. Most notable of these is Audrey Curren, a retired school teacher, who received a citation from National Grange President Ed Luttrell for her 80-year membership. Audrey joined the Grange when she was a student. At fourteen years of age her signature is in the membership book under her maiden name of Audrey Wells.

John "Willie" Wentworth, also a member since he was fourteen, was presented with his 70-year award. There are two photos on the walls of the Grange hall that are meaningful to Willie. One is a picture of him in the Junior Grange, which was formed for youngsters under 14. The other is a photo of his father and other officers of the Grange at the time the new hall was built in 1911. This picture is being used on a brochure for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the hall this year.

Florence Blay, who currently holds the office of Lecturer for the Danbury Grange, was on hand to receive her 55-year award. Other members who earned awards, but were not present at the meeting, are: Marie Bennett, 65 years; Forrest Powers, 55 years; and Terry Taylor, 40 years. After the ceremony, guests were invited to partake in refreshments and members enjoyed talking to award recipients about their past experiences in the Grange.



Willie Wentworth and Audrey Curren

**Legislative & Agriculture Department  
Robert Haefner**



**Home Grown Politics**

**Across New Hampshire Farmland to  
Concord and Washington**

This, my third GSG column, as your Legislative and Agriculture Director, has been a slow period. We have not had a big project during the last three months, but have not been still either. We are currently preparing for State Session, by selecting award recipients for both Legislators and the various farm awards.

We are currently busy updating the NH State Grange Legislative Policy Book. Some Resolutions may or may not come out of it. The book was last updated in 2009. We are reviewing every policy in the book.

I sit on the NH Farm Bureau's Government Affairs Committee, as the Grange Representative. We were asked to submit the Grange Priorities for the coming year for consideration in the Farm Bureau's policy book. Just a few of the priorities we submitted are:

We are strongly opposed to any attempt to eliminate or consolidate the NH Department of Agriculture.

We support and promote "Buy Local."

We support Farm to School and Farm to Restaurant programs.

We strongly support State Meat Inspection.

We support extending broadband to rural areas.

We oppose the elimination of Cooperative Extension.

We care that our dairy farmers are profitable.

We are always concerned about Federal Legislation that is one size fits all, and that any federal legislation protects our small farmers in New Hampshire.

Finally, we encourage all of our farms, including organic and non-organic, to work together. There is room for all of us, and no method is better or worse than the other - just different.

I just came back from the Council of State Governments annual meeting in Halifax. It is not a Grange Event, but for Legislators. We did a lot of good work in the agriculture legislative area and produced three resolutions that are good for NH Agriculture. In the next year I expect to turn some of that into NH Legislation.

Finally, I have a challenge to our subordinate Granges and Pomona. What can you do to promote NH Agriculture, your local farmers and Farmers' Markets, and the whole buy local idea?

**Sherrill Bokousky  
Fundraising**



We have completed the 1/20 club drawings for this year. Now we are setting up displays in some of the fairs around the state. I have also received the dates for us to participate in Blueberry Pie Days at the Big E. The dates are September 23 and September 30. I have a list of volunteers but still need more. If you are able to take a Friday off in September there is a great time to be had. Volunteering to help with fairs or Blueberry Pie Days is a great way to help NH with fundraising and your help is very much appreciated.

The next event we will be working on is to prepare and serve a supper for a group who will be renting the State Grange Building on October 8. If you would like to help out with that, please let me know, and you can sign up for one of the tasks.

Time is moving quickly and soon it will be time for state session. I am looking for items to place on the silent auction table. I have a few items so far and hope to have more soon instead of waiting until the last minute. If you have anything you would like to donate please let me know, and thank you in advance.

Finally, I am looking at what we might want to do for fundraising in 2012. Looking ahead I am considering having a craft fair or doing a breakfast or a supper. We are always looking for fundraising ideas. If you have one please let me know.

**Meriden Grange**

On Tuesday, April 5, Meriden Grange in Meriden, NH, held a NH Legislators Night. NH State Representatives Steve Cunningham and Andy Schmidt were the two legislators who attended. Cunningham represents the towns of Croydon, Newport, Springfield, Goshen and Washington for District 2 in the NH House of Representatives. Andy Schmidt represents the towns of Grantham, Plainfield and Cornish for District 1 in the NH House of Representatives. Andy Schmidt has served just three months in the NH Legislature but already seems to have gained some knowledge about the issues facing the state. Steve Cunningham was elected in 2009 to serve out one year of another representative's term. He is now in his third year of serving in the NH House. The two NH House Representatives talked about RGGI (Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative), the NH Budget, UNH attending/affordability, taxes, regulations facing non-profit organizations regarding county fairs and fire suppression units, NH state employee retirement and pensions, healthcare, gun rights and laws, constitutional amendment regarding school funding and unions.

Nearly twenty people attended the event and the discussion lasted two hours. Matt Houde, NH State Senator for District 5, also attended and commented on current legislation. Refreshments were served. Cunningham and Schmidt visited and answered further questions from the attendees after the main program was finished.



**Laura Ward and the Legislators**



Thursday, May 5, in Goshen many Grangers and I attended a talk sponsored by the NH Humanities Council on the “Rise and Fall of the Grange in NH” by former Ag Commissioner Steve Taylor of Meriden. It was quite informative and we got to speak to a few non-Grangers who asked about reopening a Grange there. I even gave Steve Taylor an application and asked him to consider rejoining our fold. If you see this meeting advertised in your local area please attend with applications and old GSG’s to help promote the new chapter in this talk that the Grange is on the rise again not just in NH but nationwide.

Two days later I participated in Degree Day in Dorchester. Kudos to all. Thank you Dorchester Grange.

I was extremely pleased with the turnout for Rusty Hunt’s training. A lot of positives came from the weekend. Some people are already putting their newly gained knowledge to work. I encourage all the attendees to get out and keep what you learned fresh by utilizing it. It may seem intimidating, but the more you get out and work the easier it becomes and then it becomes a joy when you see your efforts pay off.

I have received calls from several Granges asking me to come work with them. This feels good that Granges want to grow and survive. It felt good to be able to connect them with the newly trained people in their area.

I had two meetings planned in the North Country by spending the weekend around ME/NH Day planned, but my truck again decided to give up the ghost and I am back to “shoe leather express.” This is the time for all the other trained people to shine.

I recently joined another fraternal order (Knights of Pythias), and I am learning what it is like to be a new member again. I can understand the feelings of new Grangers and can help them along.

The biggest headache of organizing a new Grange is the government paperwork. Thanks to Gail Turcotte and Don Ross I was able to get through that. I am working on a protocol of Grange and government legal paperwork necessary when forming a new Grange and will present it to the Executive Committee for approval so I can share with all members.

In June I had the opportunity to meet with Winthrop and Riverside Granges on membership building. It was great to such enthusiasm and interest in the Order. While there I worked the crowd at the Lancaster Farmer’s market. We discussed opportunities to get the Grange in the community to let them know the Grange is still alive. Members were admonished to always carry the tools of growth...pen, application, smile and positive attitude. Members must get out into the community to promote the Grange. I am trying to make time to work with Pemi Valley Pomona also. Thank you for the invite.

In my travels around the state I am hearing stories of how some members’ words and attitudes are driving members out faster than others can draw new members in. These situations give the Grange a bad image in the community. This is not good. We as members must think before we speak or act. Is what I’m about to say or do going to help or hurt the Grange? Do I need to agree to disagree with the majority even though I personally feel differently?

How does a Grange as a whole deal with a troublesome member? The Maine State Grange has been working on retention for a few years, and their suggestion is through the ballot box during election of officers. Just forget to suggest the troublesome member for office. Now I understand some Granges need every warm body they can get to fill offices. What if we went back to the days when the Gatekeeper sat in the ante room and elect the troublesome member to Gatekeeper? Ante room equals time out room. At your next meeting talk about moving the Gatekeeper and then when someone acts up ask him or her if they want to be Gatekeeper. Hopefully they get the hint.

As our gardens, fields and woods grow some of us are working on preserving the harvest for our future. As our ritual says

we need to winnow out the chaff. We need to clean the produce and maybe toss out a sour rotten berry. One bad apple can spoil the whole batch. Maybe we need to winnow our membership. Jim, Arthur, and I will be meeting to work on this subject. If you have any suggestions please let us know.

Hopefully some of you have been working the fairs, farmer’s markets and old home days this summer for gleaning new members.

I am finding where the Lack of Communicating Monster is rearing its ugly head again in the Order. This is not good. It causes ill will among the membership. When people are left out of the loop they feel left out, unwanted or unneeded. We need every member to be active within their ability and maybe sometimes pushed a little out of their comfort zones.

See you at State Session.

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### **A Leadership Tip from National Grange**

All Grangers make a huge contribution to this Community Organization. Because of this contribution, they have the right to feel important. Why? Because they are! Regardless of the kinds of activities people work on for the Grange, members should know that their input, help, energy, encouragement (and let’s not forget their dues) are important and vital to our growth. We can show our appreciation by listening when other members talk and thank them for whatever they have done, no matter how small the contribution.

All Grangers have the right to be productive. As leaders we are responsible for bringing out members’ special skills and talents and then make sure that they get to use those skills to be a productive part of the Grange. Sometimes we need to make sure that the jobs that need to be done are broken up into pieces so many people can take part and everyone can feel productive. I’m sure that sometimes you might think it’s easier to do something yourself, but by doing the work ourselves, we are depriving other members of an opportunity to make an impact. We can all do something, no matter what age or physical ability. Every member must have opportunity to make a contribution.

**NOTICE**

The Trustees of the New England Grange Building are looking for interested persons to fill staff positions at the New England Grange Building located on the grounds of the Big E in West Springfield, MA.

The positions are: **Director of the Grange Experience, Facilities Manager, Program Manager, Country Cupboard Manager, and Caretaker.**

If you are interested in any of these positions or more information about them contact Matthew Clark, Trustee President, at: 358 Pond Rd., Surry, NH 03431 Tel. (603) 209-1995 or [cfiremedic99@aol.com](mailto:cfiremedic99@aol.com)

**Mohawk Grange**

The theme of Colebrook's July 4th Parade this year was US History Events. Mohawk Grange #217 chose the Gold Rush for their float and won the "Closest to Theme" prize. In the picture you can see MaryAnne Woodward-Neary (Lecturer) and her son and others panning gold beside a brook, with their tent in the background, and the Rocky Mountains at the back of the float. Worth Master Michelle Hyde is sitting on the very front with a fur cap on. The float was built on a hay wagon owned by Grange members Robert & Yvonne Burrill. As they passed along Main St. they were tossing gold-wrapped candies to the crowd.



**List your Grange event  
On the NH Grange website.  
Contact Wayne Turcotte:  
[bfdw2@myfairpoint.net](mailto:bfdw2@myfairpoint.net)**

**Grafton Star Grange**

On Friday July 15, 2011, Chaplain Connie Carr presented the Golden Age Cane of Grafton Star Grange #60 of Hanover to 90-year old Margaret Truman. Because of Margaret's declining health, the ceremony took place at The Towers in Lebanon where she lives. Attending were four generations of Margaret's family, who are Margaret, her daughter Cathy, her granddaughter Christine and her great granddaughter Victoria. From the Grange were Worthy Master Lester Gibbs, Past Master Betty Abbott, and Past Master Connie Carr. Several of Margaret's fellow residents of The Towers were there to congratulate her.

After the presentation, the group was treated to music at the organ by Worthy Master Gibbs and delicious refreshments made by Margaret's daughter and granddaughters.

Margaret [Peggy] Truman joined Grafton Star Grange in 1951. During her 60 years as a Granger, she has held many offices and served on many committees. She has been an active member until the past five years when declining health slowed her.

All of her children and grandchildren hover over her, proving what a devoted and loving mother she is. Their home has always been a meeting place for neighborhood children. Everyone, young and old, who knows Margaret, loves her dearly.

The Grafton Star Golden Cane goes to an older member in good standing of the Grange. Over the generations the cane has been presented to elderly members of the same family. The first Granger to receive it was James Hennage, who was born in 1851. Later his daughter, Gertrude Barnes, held the cane. Other family recipients were Louise Stuart and her daughter Lila Musgrove, as well as Mary Riley and her son Joseph Riley. About 12 other individual members of Grafton Star Grange have received the Golden Age Cane over the years.

It is a high honor to receive the Golden Age Cane and also an honor for Grafton Star Grange #60 to present the cane on to Margaret Truman. Congratulations, Margaret Truman.

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**State Overseer Christopher Heath and Kerriann Nightingale, both of Centennial Grange # 185, would like to announce to all their Grange Family Members that on July 5, 2011, they became engaged. A September 15, 2012, wedding is planned.**

**A Hearty Grange Welcome to the Following New Members**

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| Katelyn Kelsea    | Aurora Grange       |
| Nicole Varney     | Aurora Grange       |
| Marjorie Gorman   | Blazing Star Grange |
| Katelyn Drake     | Blow-Me-Down Grange |
| Brian Rossiter    | Croyden Grange      |
| Philip (PJ) Clark | Gilman Grange       |
| Wanda Brooks      | Lake Shore Grange   |
| Michael Costello  | Londonderry Grange  |
| John Poland       | Mount Hope Grange   |
| Rita Poland       | Mount Hope Grange   |
| Joyce Carroll     | Peterborough Grange |
| Gene Jonas        | Peterborough Grange |
| Marilyn Jonas     | Peterborough Grange |
| James Cusano      | Pineconia Grange    |
| Christie Winmill  | Walpole Grange      |
| Tom Winmill       | Walpole Grange      |
| Nancy Berry       | Wicwas Lake Grange  |
| Maurice Gouin     | Wicwas Lake Grange  |
| Jonathan James    | Wicwas Lake Grange  |
| Russell Rabian    | Wicwas Lake Grange  |
| John Ramsay       | Wicwas Lake Grange  |

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

# Bulletin Board

**Deerfield Fair set up is September 26, 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. and September 27, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Pick up is Sunday, October 2, 2011, between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. If other times are needed, please let the Superintendent know.**

## Is It Copyrighted?

As we all know the National Grange is still dealing with some trademark infringement issues. We have probably also read about songwriters and others who are trying to protect their compositions in these days of easy downloading. The issue that faces us as Grangers is we must make sure that any articles, information or any other materials we reprint from other sources are not copyrighted or trademarked by other groups. If you see something on the Internet that you would like to use, please check and see that it does not officially belong to someone else.

The technology exists today to find out who is using copyrighted materials, track down the offenders, and prosecute. It is not safe to assume that if you see a joke or a bit of information in a church or school bulletin or hear it at a meeting that it is up for grabs. If you are not sure if an item is copyrighted, don't use it! We don't need to be on the other side of a lawsuit for copyright/trademark issues.



## In Memoriam

Dean Brimacombe		Aurora
Donald Barnaby		Brookline/Wilton
Ruth Cartier		Hampton Falls
Richard Blatchford		Hampton Falls
Sandra Richards		Hampton Falls
Blanche Pevear	PM	Hampton Falls
Marion Smart	GS, PM	Jeremiah Smith
Elsie Smith	GS	Mont Calm
Bernie Hicks		Mohawk
Carl Craig		Sunapee Lake
Elizabeth Frisbee	GS	Wingold
Everett Holmes	GS	Wingold



**Rebecca Lillian Boisvert**  
Born on June 16, 2011 to Marty and Anne Boisvert.

**Her Daddy says she is a future sap hauler. Her Mom and her Grandmother, Hannah West, see her as a 5th generation Granger.**

## Blow-Me-Down Grange #234

Rte. 12A in Plainfield, NH is hosting a

### Vintage Motorcycle Show

at their Grange Hall  
Saturday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>  
10 AM to 5 PM.

**“FAST FROM THE PAST” — Vintage bikes featuring Harley Davidson, Indian Factory Racers, Vincent, BSA, Norton, J.A.P., Crocker, Brough, Superior & BMW.**

INDOOR EVENT— rain or shine  
\$5.00 per person,

Ages 10 and under – FREE.

Refreshments will be available.

This event is sponsored by Mascoma Savings Bank and J&P Cycles.

All proceeds to benefit B-M-D Grange and the Plainfield Police Department.

Contact info: Doug Morrison:

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[merylene@surfglobal.net](mailto:merylene@surfglobal.net).

**“THE ATTIC SHOP”** located on the second floor of Blow-Me-Down Grange will also be open for your shopping convenience. We have Antiques, Art Work, Crafts, Jewelry, Glassware, New and Gently Used Clothing.

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

## Deadline

Send copy for the December issue of the Granite State Granger to Hannah West by November 14, 2011. Report on events of August, September, and October. Look ahead to January, February, and March.



## Rochester Grange

On July 16, 2011, for the National Grange Gathering, Rochester Grange held a flag raising ceremony with Boy Scout Troop 357 that the Odd Fellows (who meet at our building) sponsor. We cleaned and repainted our flagpole and purchased a new flag for the event.

## Calendar of Events 2011

**Aug. 31-Sept. 5 - Lancaster Fair**

**Sept. 1 - Deadline for Youth and Family & Community Reports**

**Sept. 1 - Deadline for F & C State Awards & Lecturer's Community Citizen Award**

**Sept. 1-5 Hopkinton State Fair**

**Sept. 9-11 - Hillsborough County Fair**

**Sept. 16-25 - Rochester Fair**

**Sept. 16 - Oct. 2 - Big E, Springfield, MA**

**Sept. 23 - Blueberry Pie Day, Big E**

**Sept. 24 - NH Day at Big E**

**Sept. 26 - Grange Day at Big E**

**Sept. 29-Oct. 2 - Deerfield Fair**

**Sept. 30 - Second Blueberry Pie Day**

**October 8-11 - Sandwich Fair**

**Oct. 1 - Lecturer's Contest entries due**  
**Oct. 8 - Reservations due for State Grange Session**

**Oct. 10 - Lecturers' Quarterly report due**

**Oct. 14 - Reservations due for State Grange Banquet**

**Oct. 27-29 - NH State Grange Session, Town & Country, Gorham**

**Nov. 8-12 - National Grange Session, Tulsa, OK**

**Dec. 10 - Deputy School**

**Turn your face to the sun and the shadows fall behind you.**

**Maori Proverb**



# 138<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

New Hampshire State Grange  
Patrons of Husbandry  
Town & Country Motor Inn  
U. S. Route 2  
Gorham, NH

## Special Guests

Bruce Croucher- Priest Annalist, Assembly of Demeter; Sharon Croucher - Lecturer NY State Grange; Senator Jeanne Shaheen; Raymond Burton, Executive Council State of NH

## Thursday, October 27, 2011

Theme - Ritualism

Registration beginning at 6:00 PM

(\$10.00 Registration Fee for each delegate)

(\$5.00 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, Matthew Clark

(Gates and registration will be closed during the service)

### Reports

Treasurer . . . . . Gail Turcotte  
Secretary . . . . . Carolyn J. Ross  
Executive Comm. . . . . Wilber Heath  
State Officer's Reports as time permits

### Workshops - 8:45 PM

Secret Work by Priest Archon  
Daniel P. Bascom  
Marching 101 by National LAS  
Beth Merrill

### Closing the Grange

State Officers will form receiving line at rear of meeting room after closing.

## Friday, October 28, 2011

Theme - Fun Day

### 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 Sessions Committees,  
Reading of Resolutions & Convention Rules

### Reports

Lecturer . . . . . Hannah West  
Membership . . . . . Anne Boisvert  
General Deputy. . . . . Arthur Merrill

### Workshop - 10:40 AM

Fun with Finances by Matt Snow  
Report of Trustees of Trust Funds  
Rodney Huntoon

### State Master's Annual Address

Jim Tetreault

### Afternoon Session – 1:30 PM

#### Reports

Family Weekend . . . . . Bob Trombi  
NH Grange Foundation . . . . . Jean Abbott  
State Grange Building Anne & Marty  
Boisvert  
Session Coordinator . . . . . Ken Berry  
Information Director. . . Linda Neilson  
*Granite State Granger* Hannah West  
Photographer . . . . . Mark Collins  
Web Master . . . . . Wayne Turcotte

### Workshop - 3:15 PM

How to Access and Influence  
NH State Government  
by Raymond Burton  
Executive Council State of NH

Eastern States Trustees Matt Clark

### Closing the Grange – 4:30 PM

(or at conclusion of business)

### Obligation of the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree – 7:10 PM

### Evening Session – 7:30 PM

Conferral of Sixth Degree  
Introduction of Guests  
Closing in the Fourth Degree

## Saturday, October 29, 2011

Theme - Legislative

### Morning Session – 8:00 AM

Procession of Youth Officers  
(State Officers to be at their Stations)  
Opening in the Fourth Degree  
Calling the Roll of Officers  
Calling the Roll of Granges  
Reading the Minutes from Friday  
Reading of Convention Rules

#### Reports

Youth . . Patrick Bailey & Alissa Estes  
Grange Services . . . . . Lois Enman  
Family & Community . . . . . Alice Tuck

### Election of one Executive Committee

Member 10 AM

### Workshop - 10:30 AM

Bruce Croucher, Priest Annalist

#### Reports

Legislative/Agriculture. . . . Robert Haefner  
Historian . . . . . Richard Patten  
Ways and Means . . . . . Sherrill Bokousky  
Report of Pomona Granges - Pomona Masters

### Afternoon Session – 1:30 PM

Reports by Resolutions, Master's Address  
and Credentials Committees

Budget

Unfinished Business

### Closing the Grange – 3:30 PM

(or at conclusion of business)

### Evening Session – 6:00 PM

### State Grange Celebration Banquet

(By advance, October 14th reservation only!)

\$30.00 – Contact State Ceres, Tricia Taylor

#### Program

Introduction of Guest Dignitaries  
Main Address by Guest Speaker  
Recognition Awards  
50/50 Raffle winner  
Conclusion of Silent Auction  
Start of new 120 Club

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## 145<sup>th</sup> National Grange Convention

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Tulsa, Oklahoma

November 8 through 12, 2011

### Resolution #4

Submitted by

Gilman Grange #1

Subject: Voting Protocol During State Session

WHEREAS, NH State Grange By-Laws Article XII, Division 4, state: "All elections in State, Pomona, Subordinate and Junior Granges shall be by ballot, and a majority of all legal votes cast shall be necessary for choice."; and

WHEREAS, the Subordinate and Pomona delegates represent the voting body at State Session; and

WHEREAS, the State Session Committees are made up of the delegates present; and

WHEREAS, State Session Committees currently meet during session (including when voting is taking place) to conduct committee business, preventing the committee members from participating in State Session voting; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the NH State Grange By-Laws Article X, have a new Section created that states: "No Sessions Committee meetings will be held while voting is taking place at the Annual State Grange Session."



**Resolution #1**

Submitted by

Rochester Grange #86

**Subject: Sale, Encumbrance or Transfer of Grange Halls**

WHEREAS, the instructions and procedures for the sale of Grange Halls and Real Property are currently listed in Article XIV, Section 9, Divisions 1 through 4 of the New Hampshire State Grange By-Laws and Chapter 4, Article XI, Sections 4.11.1 through 4.11.5 of the National Grange Digest which are excerpted in the New Hampshire Grange By-Law Appendix; and

WHEREAS, the instructions and procedures of both documents are to be followed when selling, encumbering, or transferring a Grange Hall or Real Property, and can be confusing and need to be consistent with each other; and

WHEREAS, there are currently no provisions for sale, encumbrance or transfer of Grange Halls or Real Property under Article XIII Pomona Granges in the New Hampshire State Grange By-Laws, yet the same rules apply per the National Grange Digest; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Article XIV, Section 9 of the New Hampshire State Grange By-Laws be re-named "Sale, Encumbrance or Transfer of Real Property"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Article XIV, Section 9, Division 2 of the New Hampshire State Grange By-Laws be deleted; and be it further

RESOLVED, Article XIV, Section 9, Division 1 of the New Hampshire State Grange By-Laws be re-numbered to Article XIV, Section 9, Division 2, and insert "the Master and" after "petition" in the first line and change "real estate" to "Real Property" at the end of the first sentence; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the New Hampshire State Grange By-Laws Article XIV, Section 9, be amended by adding a new Division 1:

Division 1. For the instructions/procedures for the sale, encumbrance or transfer of a Grange Hall or Real Property, go to Appendix F of the New Hampshire State Grange By-Laws which includes Chapter 4, Article XI, Sections 4.11.1 through 4.11.5 of the National Grange Digest and Article XIV, Section 9, Divisions 2 through 4 of the New Hampshire State Grange By-Laws inserted where appropriate"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the New Hampshire State Grange By-Laws Article XIII Pomona Granges, Section 1 General Provisions, be amended by adding:

Division 4. For instructions and procedures concerning the sale, encumbrance or transfer of Grange Halls or Real Property, go to Appendix F of the New Hampshire State Grange By-Laws which includes Chapter 4, Article XI, Sections 4.11.1 through 4.11.5 of the National Grange Digest and Article XIV, Section 9, Divisions 2 through 4 of the New Hampshire State Grange By-Laws inserted where appropriate.

**Resolution #2**

Submitted by

Gilman Grange #1

**Subject: NH State Grange Annual Meetings**

WHEREAS, each year it becomes more difficult to find a suitable location for our Annual State Session on the weekend described in the NH State Grange By-Laws; and

WHEREAS, some hotels will not accept reservations for more than one year in advance of our Annual Session, due to this being a busy weekend for them, thus limiting our NH State Grange Convention coordinator in making reservations for our annual conventions; and

WHEREAS, the NH State Grange By-Laws Article V, Section 1 reads: The Grange shall hold its regular annual meeting, between October 20 and the first Thursday of November....; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the NH State Grange By-Laws be amended by changing Article V, Section 1, "between October 20" to "between October 15".

**Resolution #3**

Submitted by

Gilman Grange #1

**Subject: Journal of Proceedings**

WHEREAS, the Journal of Proceedings is the permanent record of a State Grange Session; and

WHEREAS, this Journal was previously provided in printed form to the Subordinate and Pomona Granges; and

WHEREAS, many members do not have access to a computer or have difficulty downloading the Journal files from our website; and

WHEREAS, the Journal is now only provided to the Subordinate and Pomona Granges on-line; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the NH State Grange By-Laws Article XII, Section 1, have a new Division created that states: "The NH State Grange Secretary will provide one printed copy of the Journal of Proceedings to each Subordinate and Pomona Grange each year."



**Dictionary Presentation by  
Croyden Grange in May, 2011**

**Resolution #5**Submitted by the New Hampshire State Grange  
Executive Committee**Subject: Clarifying Language on  
Sale of Grange Halls**

WHEREAS, there needs to be strength in the language of our By-Laws; and

WHEREAS, the language in our By-Laws needs to be clear; and

WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 9, Division 1 and Article XIV, Section 9, Division 3 are not clearly worded; therefore be it

RESOLVED, Article XIV, Section 9, Division 1 First sentence "The Subordinate Grange will petition..." be changed to read "The Subordinate Grange shall petition..."; and be it further

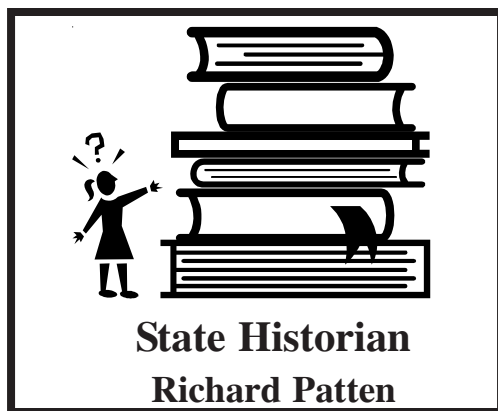
RESOLVED, Article XIV, Section 9, Division 3 is changed from:

Division 3. Upon final approval of the State Executive Committee to sell said property, the New Hampshire State Grange will act as an escrow agent for said Grange. Upon sale of property the sum of \$1,000, if sale price is more than this amount, may at the discretion of the Executive Committee of the New Hampshire State Grange be left to the control of the Grange selling the property. This is provided that the Grange does not intent to surrender their charter. The remainder of the sale price will be placed in an escrow fund with the New Hampshire State Grange and controlled by the Executive Committee of the New Hampshire State Grange. The New Hampshire State Grange will pay accrued income on this fund to the Subordinate Grange annually, if requested. Funds from said escrow account may be returned to the Subordinate Grange in such amounts as may be requested in writing by the Subordinate Grange upon a two-thirds vote of the New Hampshire State Grange Executive Committee.

To:

Division 3. Upon final approval of the sale by the State Executive Committee of the New Hampshire State Grange will act as an escrow agent for the Subordinate Grange. If the net proceeds from the sale is \$1,000.00 or less the Subordinate Grange may retain the entire amount provided it does not intend to surrender its charter. If the sale proceeds exceed \$1,000.00 the excess amount shall be assigned by the Subordinate Grange to the State Grange. Funds not retained by the Subordinate Grange shall be held in an escrow account controlled by the State Executive Committee. The State Executive Committee shall pay annually, in the month of April, to the Subordinate Grange, upon written request from the Subordinate Grange, accrued income and such portions of the principal as the Executive Committee may by a two thirds vote approve. Requests for portions of the principal shall be in writing, include reason for request, and be submitted at least four weeks in advance.

**These changes were recommended by the New  
Hampshire State Grange Legal Counsel.**



It is time for the County Fairs. Cheshire, Cornish, North Haverhill, and Stratham Fairs have been held with several more on the horizon. I can remember when Canaan and Plymouth Fairs were also a part of the fair schedule. My home Grange, Pineconia, would exhibit at Hopkinton. I can remember the first year we were invited to do a display. The Grange Building at Hopkinton featured many Granges hoping to win money. You could do a general display which featured prescribed amounts of vegetables, crafts, sewing, and fruits. A Grange doing a general display also needed a fresh quart of milk, a pound of butter, and a Bible. Some Granges would display a U.S. Flag within their exhibit. A Grange could also do a theme exhibit rather than doing a general exhibit. The members would meet at Hopkinton on Wednesday to start the process. That first year Pineconia did a display was a learning one. We didn't have a Grange sign. We ended up using small paper plates with a letter in each one spelling our name. It was embarrassing, but at that point, what else could we do? We made a lot of notes in case we did a display the next year.

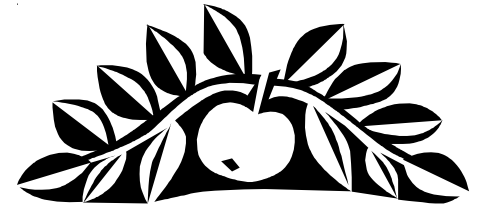
I can remember Daniel Webster, Bow, Merrimack County Pomona, Contoocook Valley Pomona, Union Pomona, Narragansett, Contoocook, Catamount, Chichester, Halloween, Bartlett, Antrim, and the New Hampshire State Grange all having displays. The members would work on these displays for hours hoping to receive a Blue Ribbon and \$50.00 prize money. The Red Ribbon would mean a \$ 45 dollar prize with a White Ribbon display meaning \$ 35.00. In some years, if the gardens didn't produce quality vegetables, it meant doing scrambling around trying to put together a great exhibit. As years went by, the Grange Building at Hopkinton lost many Granges. However, in the past few years, more NH

State Grange Committees began putting displays in to gain prize money to help with their work.

Along with the county fairs, Granges throughout area would have their own fairs to raise funds. A typical Grange fair might feature yard sale or flea market, bake sale, white elephant table, plants, vegetables, raffles, and a public supper. The public suppers would feature ham and beans, New England Boiled Dinner, Yankee Pot Roast, or Roast Turkey. There were some cases when a Grange would feature entertainment to close the fair. In years past, some Granges held parades, beauty contests, baby contests, horse pulling, and more. In Merrimack County, I can remember after Labor Day, Hooksett Grange would begin the Grange fair season. Bow Grange would follow next with their event being held at the Bow Fire Station. They would have games for children in the afternoon with dinner being served at 5 p.m. The entertainment would follow the public supper. Pineconia Grange would have the fourth Saturday of September. The first year featured a public supper with entertainment. The next year found the members having a daylong yard sale with different booths inside the Grange Hall. As we moved into October, Riverhill Grange would hold a sale on the first Saturday or October with Halloween Grange taking the second Saturday. Blazing Star Grange of Danbury still holds a big town fair on the second Saturday of September. I remember when I was State Master, riding in the Concord Coach stage coach, which was very enjoyable.

The Grange Fair or having a booth at the local County Fair was a big day in which non-members could learn a lot about the organization and possibly join the nearest Grange to their home. The members would plan for weeks to put their best foot forward. Whether it is having a day long fair or putting together a Grange exhibit at a County Fair, the public needs to see and feel what a wonderful organization this is.

**As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.**  
**John F. Kennedy**



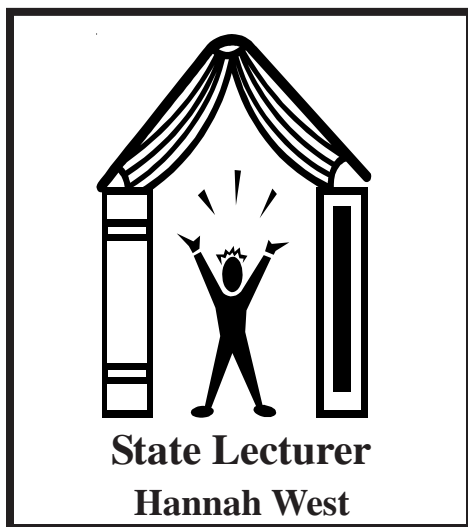
### **Blazing Star Grange Presents Grange Citizen of the Year Award to William C. Wallace of Danbury**

On Thursday, June 9, with family and friends in attendance, Danbury businessman William "Bill" Wallace was presented the annual Blazing Star Grange Citizen of the year award. This award is presented to a Danbury resident who has contributed to the welfare of the community in a special way, and Bill Wallace is a fine example of a dedicated citizen.

Owner of a pre-fabrication company that supplies high quality custom pre-fabricated building components to local and regional builders throughout New England, Bill has served Danbury in many capacities including current membership on the planning board where he generously donates his time and building expertise.

A testimonial was read by Charlotte McIver, a Grange member who sits on the Danbury Planning Board with Bill: "When Danbury's Independence Park was in need of more picnic tables, Bill was right there to provide them. He has also made numerous contributions to both our police department and our fire department. In 2008, Bill was selected by Extreme Home Makeover to work on a project for the Voisson family in Manchester, rebuilding their home that had been lost in a flood. His performance on that project was so outstanding that he was asked again in 2009 to assist with a project in Lyme, NH, for a family whose son had leukemia. When a single mom needed more space in her home for her child who has Asperger's Syndrome, Bill was right there providing assistance. In short, Bill would come to the aid of anyone or any organization that asked for his help and is well deserving of the Danbury Grange Citizen of the Year award."

Bill's name will be added to a plaque in the Danbury Town Hall listing all the recipients who have received the Grange's Citizen of the Year award.



I hope to see many of you at the State Grange Building on Saturday, September 17, at one o'clock for a Lecturers' meeting. If the Lecturer of your Grange is unable to attend, perhaps a substitute would be willing to come. I know we don't all live near Hooksett, but maybe someone in your Grange would like to visit a nearby relative or take advantage of mall shopping in Manchester or Concord or Tilton. You don't have to be a Lecturer to attend. I want to ask questions about the State Lecturer's program, and any Granger may answer them.

### Variety Show

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Variety Show in June at the State Grange Building. There were five vocal, one instrumental, and four variety entries. Many thanks to Bob Haefner and Lois Enman who were pressed into service as judges and to Kevin Belval for serving as announcer. The Best of Show was Wilber Heath with his recitation of "Charlie and the MTA." He went on to compete at the North East Lecturers' Conference in August where he again was named Best of Show. It's not too late to make contributions to the State Lecturer's Talent Fund so we can help send him to National Grange in Tulsa, Oklahoma, to perform at the Night of Excellence.

The Youth Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song Contests were held following the Variety Show. Also, two small pigs showed up looking for kisses. The Kiss the Pig contest is now officially over. Marie Hall, Past State Lecturer, was a participant in the Kiss the Pig event with her Grange charity listed as the State Lecturer's Talent Fund. Thanks to her the Talent Fund received about thirty-five dollars of Kiss the Pig money.

### North East Lecturers' Conference

There were nineteen New Hampshire Grangers at the North East Lecturer Conference at Bridgewater, Massachusetts, in early August. Many of them stayed for the entire event, and the rest were present for the NH program, North East Night, or the banquet. The New Hampshire program was well received. Many thanks to Lester Gibbs for playing the keyboard and to all the others who took part. Next year New Hampshire will be hosting the conference, so please be ready to man the refreshment room and help with all the other details of a successful conference.

### Contest Entries

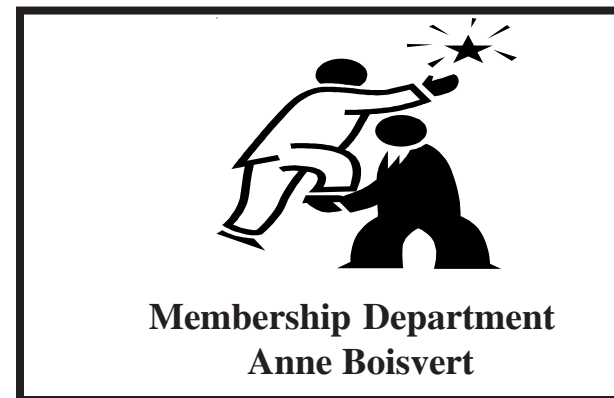
October 1st is the due date for entries in the State Lecturer's Contests. Creative Writing, Create-a-Card, Art, and Photography entries are all due to me, so I can have them judged by State Session. You may mail them to me at 3 Depot Road, Chichester, NH 03248 or deliver them in person if you live near by. I would be glad to collect them at the Lecturers' Meeting on September 17 if you have them ready by then.

### State Session

I will be needing help at the State Grange Session to see that the contest entries are well displayed, that prizes are distributed, and that entries are returned to their creators at the close of the conference. If you will be at the Town & Country in October and do not have other official responsibilities, I could use you! Let me know by e-mail or letter, if you can be of assistance.

### Planning Ahead

As your Grange plans for 2012, give some thought to what can be done to make your job easier or more interesting and to involve others in the Lecturer's work. Perhaps your Grange could select a theme and use it for program topics, fair exhibits, and fund raising ideas throughout the year. Are there others in your Grange who could put on just one program next year? Is there something different you can try? Perhaps there is a program idea from the past that could be successfully brought back this year on its "anniversary." Can you hold a program of interest to the public and invite them into your meeting place? Have you noticed something another Grange has done that you would like to "steal?" Gather your ideas before the planning meeting happens.



Don't forget that the Grange membership year ended with the June quarterly report information, so... Happy New Year! It is time to wipe the slate clean and make some new membership resolutions for your Grange. The importance of keeping current members excited about the Grange cannot be emphasized enough. Try to make each meeting or activity something members will want to tell their friends about and invite them to join in the next time. Start small and see what happens. When something does happen, let everyone know so that other Grangers will be encouraged. For that matter, let me know so that I can be encouraged.

Remember to send in your Grange Booster forms when you bring in a new member. These are available from me or on the NH State Grange website. Your secretary should have copies as well. I have to date only received four forms. I admit that due to the arrival of a small future Granger at our house in mid-June and preparation for said event, welcome packets have been slow to materialize, but they will be arriving soon to a new member near you.

I am also currently planning what to have available at State Grange Session for your membership needs. Please let me know if you have any ideas or requests for this.



### Thank You

**I wish to thank all the Granges and Grangers that contributed to the gift presented to me by State Master Jim Tetreault at the North East Lecturers' Conference. My heart is warmed by your generosity.  
Hannah West, State Lecturer**

### Croydon Grange

In June the rolls grew again with the addition of Brian Rossiter, formerly of Sullivan Grange. Welcome back to the fold Brian.

Croydon Grange presented two Community Citizen Awards. During the Croydon School meeting two people noted that several of the tuition students listed no longer lived in town. This drastically reduced the budget and the taxes. At the monthly school board meeting the Grange honored Patti Lussier and Jan Michel for their efforts.

The Sullivan County Farm Bureau presented a great program and the speaker was very impressed with the Grange and its activities. An agriculture resolution was passed that evening.

In July the rolls grew again with Patryc Wiggins of Guild. She called after reading so much about the Grange in the local newspapers and was quite enthusiastic about joining. Welcome Patryc.

On Friday July 22<sup>nd</sup> with the temp at 100 degrees members gathered for a Mystery Ride. After a somewhat cooler ride on the back roads of Cornish with some lesser-known historical stops, the group stopped at Blow-Me-Down Grange for ice cream and shopping in the Up Attic Shop. Then more back road riding to Park Grange where some Park Grange members spoke

on how to do breakfasts without a complete kitchen. From there more back roads home with some more historical stops. All had a wonderful time.

The August meeting brought future projects to the table. The Grange will be sponsoring an essay contest asking people to write about their memories in the town's one room schoolhouse, which may be the longest running school in the country, built in 1780. Other future projects are monthly breakfasts, assist in the town's fall festival, hold a 50/50 raffle at Croydon Day and honoring town officials through the State Grange Lecturer and Family and Community Service programs. Cody Kangas won the Whoopie Pie contest and is now waiting to hear when the Pomona contest is.

Croydon Grange was ready at their August meeting to host Mascoma Valley Pomona. One member showed with some possible new members for the Pomona but no show and no call. (?)

The September meeting will be Election of Officers and the Deputy will be invited. Croydon members were given a challenge of five new members and then Stephen Tracy will join. They have made it to three.



### A Membership Tip from National Grange

When we are talking to potential members, we need to make sure they know that there is always room for one more and that the Grange needs them. We need their ideas, passions, expertise, energy, or whatever valuable skills they can give us. Focus on these people and what they like and what they need and see if you can find a way to encourage them to donate their skills and time to the Grange. We need to let them know that the Grange can help them if they come and share those likes and needs. Let them know that the Grange needs to hear what they have to say, that it is important to the Grange.

If they are into politics then explain this is a great place to learn about the legislative process and to see democracy at its best. If they're passionate about civic participation then perhaps they would be interested in the types of activities the Grange sponsors. The Grange is full of opportunities that would interest just about anyone. By sharing their ideas, giving their time to the Granges activities, and coming to the meetings they will make a difference in the community and they will be rewarded for their efforts.

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