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Time to File Your Grange's Annual IRS Tax Return

This is a reminder to all Granges in NH that your fiscal year ended September 30, 2012, and now you have until February 15, 2013, to file your annual 990-N electronic tax return with the IRS. Failure to file for three consecutive years can result in a loss of your non-profit status.

The website address to file at is <http://epostcard.form990.org> and complete filing instructions were mailed to every Grange in May of 2008. If you have lost your instructions or just need help please contact the NH State Grange Treasurer, Daniel Bascom.

If your Grange is unable to file on line, then you may contact the State Grange Treasurer for a paper copy of the 2011 990-EZ form and one will be mailed to you. The paper version changes every year so you must use the 2011 form this year. The paper version is also due to the IRS by February 15, 2013.

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Northeast Leader's Conference

The Northeast Leaders' Conference will be held at the Seasons Event and Conference Center (Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel), 155 Riverside Street, Portland, Maine, on Friday, January 11, through Sunday, January 13, 2013. This conference is open to all Grange members who would like to attend.

Room reservations must be made with the hotel (207-774-5861) by December 31, 2012. Be sure to mention Maine State Grange when making reservations. The single or double occupancy room rate is \$55 per night plus tax. A charge of \$10 will be added for a third person sharing a room. Children 17 years and under may share the same room with parents at no additional charge. Check in time at the hotel is 3 p.m.

Friday evening dinner and breakfast on Saturday and Sunday are on your own. A restaurant is available in the hotel as well as many others within half a mile driving distance. A buffet lunch (roast beef & smoked turkey-\$18) and buffet dinner (herb chicken and beef bourguignon - \$38) will be served on Saturday.

The conference fee is \$10 per person and all attendees must register by December 15, 2012. The registration form is available on the NH State Grange website. Fill out the registration form and mail it with a check made out to Maine State Grange for the conference fee and meals to Maine State Grange, 146 State Street, Augusta, ME 04330.

Directions

Take I-95 (Maine Turnpike) to Exit 48 in Portland, turn right off the exit and the hotel will be immediately on your right.

2013 Quilt Block

The National Grange Lecturer is sponsoring a quilt block contest with the aim of having a quilt show at the 150th Anniversary of the National Grange in 2016. There were 28 quilt blocks entered this year. The judges from the Boise quilt guild were very impressed with the log cabin squares in fall colors.

2013 Contest Parameters

Pattern: a Christmas Star as depicted on page 66 in the book **501 Rotary Cut Quilt Blocks**. The National Lecturer has chosen to reference this book in the interests of uniformity. A picture with size and dimensions will soon be posted on the NG website.

Size; 12 1/2 inches unfinished so it will be 12 inches when finished

Colors: since it is a Christmas Star the colors will be red, green and white.

Name I: Please do not put the name of your state on the block. It makes it difficult to keep the blocks anonymous from the judges.

Name II: Attach the maker's name address and Grange # (pinned) to the block.

Send your entry to Debra Patten, Family & Community, when the other needlework items are due. She will see that one block is chosen for the National Contest.

Quilting Help Wanted

The National Lecturer is looking for a volunteer(s) to put together the 2012 quilt blocks into a quilt to be displayed at the 2013 National Grange Convention in November, 2013. He is working on a small (personal) budget for this. If anyone would like to perform this task, please contact him at.

Pete Pompper

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A Hearty Grange Welcome to the Following New Members

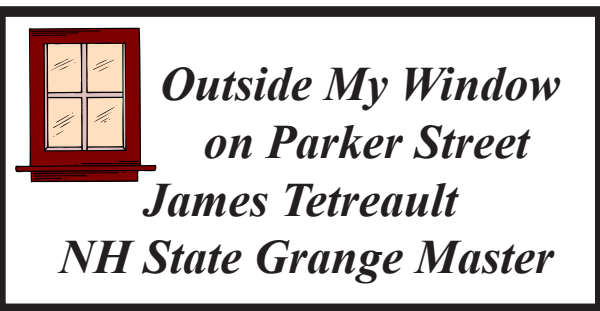
Joan Bloom
George Bloom
Eleanor Murray
Francis Murray
Heidi Goodwin
Ester Cain
Jim Cunningham
Nancy Cochran
Casey Berman

Baker's River
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Baker's River
Croydon
Friendship
Friendship
Friendship
Halloween

For a list of new members from Londonderry and Wicwas Lake Granges see page 12.

**If you yourself are at peace,
then there is at least
some peace in the world.**

Thomas Merton



We just completed two very successful conventions. The 138th annual session of the New Hampshire State Grange was held in beautiful Hampton Beach, NH. I walked away from this convention with an optimistic view of our great organization. The delegates made the tough decision to move forward with growth. By a vote of the delegate body they created a Grange Growth Fund so we have the financial resources to grow the Grange. They also created a Grange Growth Team, which I hope will give a focused effort to help revitalize Granges, as well as help create new Granges.

Do you have any ideas on where you think a new Grange can be organized? Do you live in a community where there used to be Grange? Would that community again benefit from having a Grange in it? If you have answers to these questions don't hesitate to contact myself or Membership Director Anne Boisvert.

During the past year we had 19 Subordinate and one Pomona Grange with net gains in membership. Was your Grange one of them? When was the last time that you asked someone to join your Grange? Every Grange can benefit from having new members. They bring a fresh perspective, and they bring new ideas and a vitality that sometimes is needed.

The other goal that I hope to accomplish during my last two years as your State Master is the opportunity to bring new ideas and new people into State Grange leadership positions. I am very excited to announce the appointment of Tara Sad as the new Resolutions and By-laws Chairman. Have you ever wanted to serve as a Deputy, or a Committee Member, but have never been asked? If you're interested in being a State Grange official let me know, I will be happy to consider new appointments to State Committees.

At the 146th Annual Session of the National Grange held in Boise, Idaho, we

discussed many subjects. One subject that was discussed extensively was whether to raise dues, The National Grange is at a point where we are not going to be able to sustain the current programs and staff that we have. The other option is to institute an annual \$25.00 charter fee to be assessed to every Pomona and Subordinate across the country. I voted for both of these options, because I believe that we can't grow the Grange by cutting programming and staff. So, I would like to have your input. Which option do you see as being the best option for your Grange?

Next year we will host the National Grange in Manchester NH, for the first time since 1913. I pledged to have 100 candidates for the 7th degree next year and I challenged the other Northeast State Masters to match us with at least 50. Help me make my pledge!! If you have members in your Grange that are eligible to take the 7th Degree, encourage them to do so!!

Some of you might have noticed that the name of my column has changed. That is because I have a new address. At the end of September I purchased my first home, so please update my address. I look forward to staying home for a month or two to enjoy my new home.

I want to take a moment to thank Past State Secretary Carolyn and Past State Treasurer Gail Turcotte, who both retired as state officers at this last session. Thank you for all of your hard work on behalf of our great organization. Your contributions have been appreciated by the Grange.

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and I look forward to seeing you around the State in the new year.



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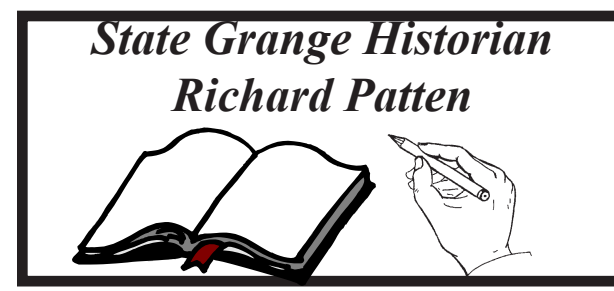
I hope your delegates to State Session have returned with lots of information to share and help us increase our visibility and membership in our local Granges.

In my report at session I was sad to state that only a quarter of the Granges in our state were able to make a donation to the Educational Loan Fund (ELF). I hope you will try to have a silver march or a pick up collection at a meeting for this program. The interest earned through this program allows the State Grange to award scholarships to our members to advance their education. This program also offers an educational loan for a Grange member or a member of a Grange family in good standing. There is also a High School Equivalency assistance application for Grange members. All of these forms are available on the State Grange web site at www.nh-grange.org under Grange Services.

At all our Grange meetings I hope a member is reporting on the many benefits that are offered through the National Grange. These programs range from Hearing Aids; Life Line Screenings; US Pharmacy Card (Scripps); Hertz Car Rental; Choice Hotels Discount; Wire-fly-cell phone service; and VIP Pet Insurance. Information on all of these programs and more is available on the National Grange web site at www.nationalgrange.org. These benefits are shown in the latest brochure "Invitation to Membership and Summary of Members Benefits" that is on the State web page for a Grange to print and offer to prospective members in our Granges.

Our committee is able to provide further information to you and your Grange as you may need it, so please contact me or a committee member with questions or concerns.

In closing I wish you a Healthy and Happy Holiday Season and may the coming year bring us all a Great Grange Year.



As I read the Memorial List this year for our Grange, it seems that more and more members from our generation are being called to serve our Great Master of the Universe. The following are members who never served in the Pink Sash Family but served the Grange well.

Alta Hammett was a member and Past Master of Merrimack River Grange of Canterbury, Rumford Grange of East Concord, Loudon Center Grange, and Halloween Grange of Concord Manor. She was a member of Suncook Valley Pomona and Merrimack County Pomona. She served on several State Grange Session Committees.

Marion Boardman was a Past Master of Cornish Grange and Sullivan County Pomona. She traveled throughout the area. Even after breaking her hip she kept going. She will be missed in her area.

Genevieve Louder served Ashuelot Grange as Master and as a Matron for Ashuelot Juvenile Grange. She continued to serve the Grange as a member of Prentice Hill Grange.

Emilie Willard was a dedicated member of Miller Grange serving as Master for Miller Grange and Grand Monadnock Pomona. She and her late husband George Standley were always coming to State Grange Session. George would stand and share his opinions. He would suggest his good friend Raymon Willard for a State Office. A few years after George passed away, Emile married Ray Willard and they continued to travel throughout the area.

Janet McLean was a quiet Grange member. Her brother, Donald Ross, is a member of our State Executive Committee. Janet belonged to Wingold Grange. She surprised a lot of members the year she participated in the public speaking contest. Janet with her late husband David participated in the annual State Grange Bowling Tournament for many years.

Walter Sanborn was a member of Chichester Grange. I can remember the first time I met Walter. I attended a meeting of Chichester Grange because I was serving as Junior Director and I was hoping to organize a Junior Grange in Chichester. I could see Walt's expression and it scared me a little. However, the Grange voted to reorganize their Junior Grange. Walt loved the Fire Department. He also enjoyed his antique vehicle, riding in parades.

Elizabeth Wright was a member of Hollis Grange and Hillsborough County Pomona Grange. She was a very quiet but very dedicated member.

Pauline Haines was not mentioned in the Memorial Service, because her name somehow didn't transfer from Loudon Surprise Grange to Pineconia Grange. I received a call from a local funeral director who was handling the arrangements. It was mentioned she belonged to a Concord Grange but no name was given. I went back and found her name in Loudon Surprise, but when they merged with Pineconia somehow her name got lost. She felt she was a 65 year member of the Grange, being a Past Master of Loudon Surprise Grange and a Past Matron of Loudon Surprise Juvenile Grange.

Carryl Heath held a pink sash as a New Hampshire State Grange Deputy. He and his late wife Natalie were members of New Durham Grange, Mountain Laurel Grange, Wattannick Grange, and Eastern New Hampshire Grange, serving as Master in some of them. Carryl was a dedicated Grange member as well as a loving family man. He encouraged his family to become involved and committed to whatever they took on. They were always willing to help a Grange.

The first time I met Carryl was in 1969 when I was Youth Chairman for Pineconia Grange. It was my second year, and a February snowstorm was hitting the state. I didn't know whether to cancel or keep it going. I received a call from this man who said they had two car loads coming. I also had several others coming. So, we held our youth night and Carryl Heath and his family along with several friends brought a lot of enthusiasm to our meeting. Carryl went on to serve the Florida State Grange in later years.

Elizabeth Grant was a typical mother and grandmother. She belonged to Golden Rod Grange as well as Cheshire County Pomona. Elizabeth traveled many miles with her daughter Carolee Barrett when she was a Junior Deputy and then Junior Director. Elizabeth served on the State Contact Committee. She will be missed by many in her area. I can remember many times she would hold her granddaughter Alana when Carolee was busy,

Kenneth Pelton was a guy who loved his Grange and served it well. Ken would come to many Grange Family Weekends with corn from his garden. He would give corn away to anyone who would enjoy a dozen ears or so. Ken was Past Master of East Rockingham Pomona and Hampton Falls Granges. He served the State Grange as State Agriculture Chairman.

B. Franklin Hayes saddened many when it was learned he had passed away in Florida. He had moved to Florida with his wife Ginny. Frank was a friend to many regardless of age. He took a big interest in youth work, began the annual bowling tournament, and served the State Grange by holding offices of Gatekeeper, Assistant Steward, Steward, Overseer and Master. He served briefly on the Executive Committee as well as being National Grange Secretary. Frank was someone that you could go to talk about a Grange problem or a personal problem.

I can't tell you how shocked I was when Gerry LeClerc called me in October and said Marilyn Machia had passed away. I was sick about this as I had just spoken to her about becoming a member of the Community Service Committee for next year.

I met Marilyn in 1980 when I became Junior Director and she served as a Junior Deputy, traveling to Groveton, Lebanon and Lower Intervale. She was a tremendous help to my late mother at Junior Grange Camp weekend. She enjoyed working with Junior Grangers and never complained about anything. She loved her cards and horseshoes at Family Weekend. Marilyn will be missed by many people and I know she is with her husband Roy in the Great Grange above.

Home Grown Politics
*Across New Hampshire Farmland
 to Concord and Washington*
Bob Haefner
Legislative and Agriculture Dept.

For those that were not at State Session in Hampton Beach, Sister Tara Sad and I did a workshop on Animal Rights Groups. ("Sister Tara," wasn't she in a Clint Eastwood movie?) Our workshop talked about the fundraising efforts of HSUS and how little money that they raise actually goes to help animals, about 1%. We talked about the real agenda of HSUS and other like groups, which is the elimination of animal agriculture and pet ownership.

The Legislative and Agriculture Department presented Rep. Derek Owen of Hopkinton this year's legislative award. Derek has been a member of the House for twenty years and has been a member of the Committee on Environment and Agriculture for the full twenty years. Derek is best known for two things: His hat that proudly states "Farm from here to Eternity," and his perennial Hemp bill. Derek has been a valuable member of the Committee, and we wish him well as he retires from the legislature at 80 years of age.

The Award to Derek was the one award presented at the Awards Banquet, but not the last to be awarded. We had three agriculture awards that were delivered at local Granges, because the recipients could not attend the Banquet. They are:

"200 Year Farm"

McQuesten Farm in Litchfield

This award was delivered at Hudson Grange. McQuesten Farm has been in the same family, in the same location since 1744.

"Century Farm"

Fletchers Dairy in Walpole

Delivered at Walpole Grange

"Young Farmer Award"

Tracie Smith of Tracie's Community Farm in Fitzwilliam

Delivered at Peterborough Grange

The Legislative and Agriculture team will meet at Deputy School in ear-

ly December to plan our year. One of our goals for this year is to update our policy book, I have fallen behind in doing that, and this is the year we catch up.

Tentatively we plan on another Grangers in Public Office panel again at Spring Fling in April. We are going to plan a Grange Day at the State House and see if we can't actually get a Governor to show up. The last thing we will spend time on is the Legislative Fly In during May in Washington. I would love to get some new folks to attend. The Fly In is a great experience.

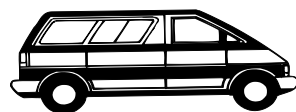
Let me make a pitch again to get Grangers to the Big E for Grange Day at the Big E. Please come and Stay to march in the Parade at 4:00. You have plenty of time to schedule it for September. West Springfield is not that long a ride and it is a fun day. I would like to see two Grangers from each Grange in the Parade, a few of them carrying the NH State Grange Banner. Two per Grange would be 152 marchers. We had five this year and four of those were from the same Grange. My Challenge to each Subordinate: get two folks to go on Grange Day. Wouldn't it be fun to see the faces on the Connecticut and Rhode Island marchers, when they finally get out numbered?

The election is over. It is now safe to answer your phone and open your mail. Whether your candidate won or lost, we had the biggest turn out in history for most polling places and registered many new voters. The registered voters increased by about 10%. Let's see how many come out to town elections in March: 80% or 15%?

Don't forget to email or call your State Reps and talk to them about the importance of Agriculture to our NH Economy and culture.

Deadline

The next issue of the Granite State Granger will be mailed in March, 2013. Please send items for the paper to Hannah West on or before February 8, 2013. Report on events of November, December and January. Look ahead to events of March, April, and May,



Family Services Department
Deb Patten

The Family Services Committee is gearing up for an exciting year. We have great projects planned. The committee has been formed with several members throughout the state. You will all have representation from your area but certainly feel free to reach out to me as well either by email Dickdebatten@comcast.net or by phone 603-228-1803. I will be happy to help.

Each Grange should now have a copy of the program that has been planned. We will be sending a report form to each Grange as soon as the committee meets to finalize the program. Please read through the program and begin your work for the year. Our goal is to get 500 pair of mittens for the Mountain of Mittens by next October at State Grange. So please get those needles going! Please note the new project for Boots for children as well. In December we will be presenting goody bags to the patients at Glenclyff Home.

There is so much need out there. It is easy to help families in desperate need - even if it is to help someone get to the grocery store or take them to a doctor's appointment or help them with a day care issue. We are the Family Services committee of a Family organization - the NH State Grange! Everyone should be treated like Family!

My sincere wishes for a very Happy Holiday season!



Danbury Grange Winter Markets
Local Food and Crafts
Held at Blazing Star Grange Hall
Hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Breakfast and Lunch available
January 5
February 2
March 2
April 6

Community Service Thoughts



Richard Patten

I have been very pleased with the reports by Granges on the many projects they are doing in their community. The amount of volunteer hours has been astonishing. I am so proud of the volunteerism by you and the members of your Grange. To bring a smile to someone's face who didn't expect a card or gift, to help your community by adopting a spot to beautify it, or to assist another organization to make an event successful is wonderful. The gratification of knowing you made a difference in someone's life gives you a feeling that is hard to describe.

State Master James Tetreault gave us a challenge to donate 2012 cans of food either to the food bank or to a local food pantry. I have tried to get an accurate count, but I am sure we have gone over that total many times. Can you imagine sitting down to a full meal with dessert and beverage, while a few miles down the road someone has nothing in their plate to enjoy? Hopefully Granges will continue to support this project in 2013.

The committee has completed planning the new 2012-13 Community Service program. There are some changes; one of which is the Dictionary program. This is an excellent project and I hope Granges will continue to work with the schools in their community to provide the third grade students with dictionaries. I hope Granges will also feel they can assist a neighboring town, or a private school, whether it is a charter, religious, or project second start. If your Grange needs assistance making contacts for this, please let me know. I would be very happy to assist you.

I am also bringing back the Teddy Bear project with slight changes that will be explained in the program. There is definitely a need for comfort for someone who is very much alone. It is long overdue for the Grange to realize we have some very serious problems in our communities. Whether it is drugs, alcohol, or bullying, the Grange can take the lead in their community trying to seek solutions

and not ignore these problems.

I am very pleased with the suggestions I received for the recognition awards. I have offered to contact towns or schools for suggestions if the Granges felt uncomfortable in doing this. Saying thank you to these professional people is the nicest thing we can do. They are putting their lives on the line every day. I did some letters to towns that didn't have Granges and was extremely pleased with the interest received. The same applies to the Correctional Officer Award that was proposed by Bob Trombi. I had several county facilities send in nominees and thanking the Grange for recognizing these individuals.

I am extremely pleased with the amount of reports received and the booklets submitted for Community Service. Some Granges initiated outstanding projects in their communities. Some of these were projects that a community could no longer support while others may have been due to a Board of Selectmen or State Government Agency feeling it didn't have the funds to maintain a certain place. In reality it's a project that benefits people who needed this continued.

Community Service Recognition

1st place: Concord Grange # 322

This Grange took on a project that the city cancelled due to budget cuts; Called Splash Bash, it is an evening of fun for children to swim, enjoy music, popcorn, soda, and balloons provided free of charge.

2nd place: Winthrop Grange # 315

For successful efforts to keep the Rest Area Building open on Route 2.

3rd place: Pine Grove Grange # 298

This Grange is covering 10 towns to distribute dictionaries to 3rd grade students along with maintaining other community projects

4th place: Pembroke Grange # 111

For having a Cool Down & Relax Booth at Pembroke's Old Home Day with bottles of cold water given to people and lawn chairs provided to rest in.

Honorable Mention:

Mohawk Grange # 217,

Mount Hope Grange # #77,

Blow-Me-Down Grange # 234

I realize that many don't have the time or energy to do a booklet. However, in or-

der to be considered for an award from the National Grange, a booklet must be submitted. The winning report has been sent to National Grange for judging.

Subordinate Grange Booklets

1st Place: Pine Grove Grange # 298 of Bath

2nd Place: Hudson Grange # 11

3rd Place: Concord Grange # 322

Fourth Place: Joe English Grange # 53 of New Boston

Honorable Mention

Blow-Me-Down Grange # 234 of Plainfield

Winthrop Grange # 321 of Shelburne

Pomona Granges

There were no booklets received in the Pomona Granges. However, I was pleased with the Pomona reports that were received.

1st Place: East Rockingham Pomona, Joann Brandt, Chairman

2nd Place: Merrimack County Pomona Shelley Huntoon, Chairman

3rd Place: Pemigewasset Valley Pomona, Dale MacDonald, Chairman

Single Page Subordinate Reports

The single page Subordinate Grange Reports received were in some cases very informative. Although these were not in booklet form, I appreciate the time Grangers took to write out what their Grange did this year. The following were judged and received ribbons and prizes.

1st place, Mohawk Grange # 217, Colebrook

2nd place, Mount Hope Grange # 77, Landaff

3rd place, Watatic Grange # 36, Amherst

4th place, Cochecho Grange # 81, Dover

5th place, Baker's River Grange # 290, Rumney

The reports for next year have been revised, and I hope to have a report from every Grange. The projects each Grange spoke about are tremendous.

I would like to thank Norman Brandt for placing a display at Deerfield Fair for which we received a Blue Ribbon and a \$100.00 premium. I would like also to thank Granges who have helped with banquet tickets for our honorees.



In Memoriam

Timothy Ray PM	Bakers' River
Past Fair Committee	
Bertha Butterfield	Concord
Verna Foss PM	Crown Point
Virginia Dolloff	Hampton Falls
Edward St. Pierre	Hooksett
Delma Pratt	Mont Calm
William Pratt	Mont Calm
Richard Eaton	Mount Hope
Isabelle Patten	Pine Grove
Pearl Robinson	Pine Grove
Stanley Glines	Riverside
Ralph Pugh, Jr. PM	Reunion
Past State Pianist	

A Double 50th Anniversary

On Monday, November 19th, Mohawk Grange #217 of Colebrook helped Haven and Elaine Haynes celebrate two 50th anniversaries. At the end of the meeting attended by several of Haven & Elaine's friends and relatives Master Michelle Hyde presented Elaine her Golden Sheaf booklet, signifying the 50 years she's been a member of Mohawk Grange. Haven passed the mark a few years ago.

Then, at the social time after the meeting Haven and Elaine were surprised with a beautiful cake that their son "J-R" had sent to the meeting to celebrate Haven and Elaine's recent 50th wedding anniversary. He couldn't attend because he had to work protecting our border with Canada, but his wife was there as Haven and Elaine cut the cake for all to enjoy - along with some ice cream, Haven and Elaine still live on their farm in East Colebrook and provide lots of vegetables, fruit, jams & jellies, and baked goods to the community through their own shop, and at the Farmers' Market store in town.

Haven has been a Grange member since he was 14 years old, because his parents and grandparents were Grangers, and it was Elaine's marriage to him that got her to join the Grange, too.

Plates Wanted

Sunapee Lake Grange needs dishes to reduce their use of paper products at Grange suppers.

The dishes do not all have to match. Call Stephen Tracy at 252-5395.



Best of Show at Deerfield Fair for Hampton Falls Grange

Lucy Woodes and Norman Brandt of Hampton Falls Grange #171 entered a traditional exhibit at Deerfield Fair this year. Lucy collected all of the items to display, but Norman helped her to put it together, so she considers it a partnership.

The exhibit took a blue ribbon for first place, and it was also judged Best of Show. It was Lucy's first fair exhibit and she was pretty excited about the results.

Norman is the newest member of Hampton Falls Grange. The other members are very happy to have him, especially since he's a strong young man who can help move furniture. There are not too many youngsters in #171.



On September 23, 2012 Croydon Grange held a potluck BBQ at their Grange. Croydon Grange invited members of Antrim, Park, Warren Pond and Blow-Me-Down Granges to attend. There were approximately 30 Grangers that did make the potluck BBQ. There was plenty of food and drinks, and a wonderful time was had by all.

During this time, Master Roy Stone of Park Grange recognized all the Granges that helped at the Cornish Fair Booth this year. With the extra help, the booth did extremely well, and each of the four Granges was presented with a check, which Park Grange has not been able to do before. All the members were totally surprised as this was not expected. As true Grangers, they had come to just help another Grange out in their time of need.

Our hats are off to Croydon Grange for the idea to have a potluck BBQ that included all members from the four Granges that helped at the fair. Croydon Grange Master, Brian Rossiter, hopes to make this an annual event.

Grange Bulletin Board

Grange Paver at the Boscawen Veterans' Cemetery

As he was presenting awards at the State Grange Celebration Banquet, Dick Patten, Community Service Committee Chairman, mentioned a project he has had in mind for some time to have a memorial or paver at the NH Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen in the name of the Grange.

Later that evening the Firefighter of the Year won the 5050 raffle and donated his prize money to Dick for the Veterans project. It seems that his family were members of Hampton Falls Grange.

Dick has called the cemetery. They were very pleased, and he has been assured that the paver will be ready in May when the cemetery opens.

He will be planning a dedication, and Firefighter Blatchford of the Durham Fire Department will receive a special invitation.

Mohawk Grange

Mohawk Grange #217 of Colebrook held their annual chicken pie supper on October 6th. It was a great turn-out with over 200 people. Cars from many states were parked all up and down the road. People came from "far away", too, including one long-time member who lives in Poulsbo, Washington, and his wife; and two ladies from Switzerland, who were in town visiting a friend.

The money raised by this event will go toward the scholarships the Grange will give to local students in 2013.

Henrietta Jackson was a long-time Mohawk Grange member until her death several years ago. Her cole slaw has always been served at our chicken pie suppers, and everyone loves it, so a few months ago the recipe was posted in our local newspaper. We thought New Hampshire Grangers might enjoy it too.

Henrietta Jackson's Cole Slaw

3 lbs. cabbage - chopped
1 green pepper - chopped
2 white onions - chopped
2 c. sugar
1 c. cooking oil
1 c. apple cider vinegar
2 tbsp. celery seed
1 tbsp. salt

Combine sugar, cabbage, pepper and onions and mix well. Mix oil, vinegar, celery salt and salt, and bring to a boil. Pour over cabbage mixture and stir until well mixed.

Store in the refrigerator in air-tight containers. Let stand at least three days, as flavors improve the longer it stands. Will keep for a month.

Note: Processing the sugar and vegetables in a processor works well.

Thank You Note
Thank you for the Birthday cards sent to Carl Adams on his 95th Birthday in August.

Congratulations

to Alanna Bellville who received an EMS Provider of the Year Award on November 17 at the Fire/EMS Family Appreciation dinner. It was a proud climax to a great first year with her fire/ems family. Here's to many more!

Aurora Grange

On October 3, 2012, Aurora Grange #235 of Pittsburg was pleased to recognize long-time member, Bernice Fish, with a certificate honoring her for 80 continuous years of membership. Bernice has been a faithful member and has held just about all of the possible offices that she could hold. She is currently the pianist for Aurora Grange. Seen below are Grace Carlin, Lady Assistant Steward, Bernice Fish, Jean Abbott, state deputy, and Eddie Evarts, Assistant Steward. Jean did the honors of presenting Bernice with her certificate during her fall inspection visit.



Calendar of Events

Dec. 8 - Deputy School - Concord Fire Academy
Jan. 11-13 - Northeast Leaders Conf. Portland, Maine
Feb. - Winter Youth Rally (TBA)
March 10 - Bowling - Lakeside Lanes Manchester
April 13 - Spring Fling - Belmont Middle School
April 27 - State Lecturer's Variety Show & Penny Sale - State Grange Building, Hooksett
May - Legislative Fly-In, Washington, DC (TBA)
May 18 - Maine/NH Gathering
This Calendar is far from complete. Watch your e-mail for other events and for more details.

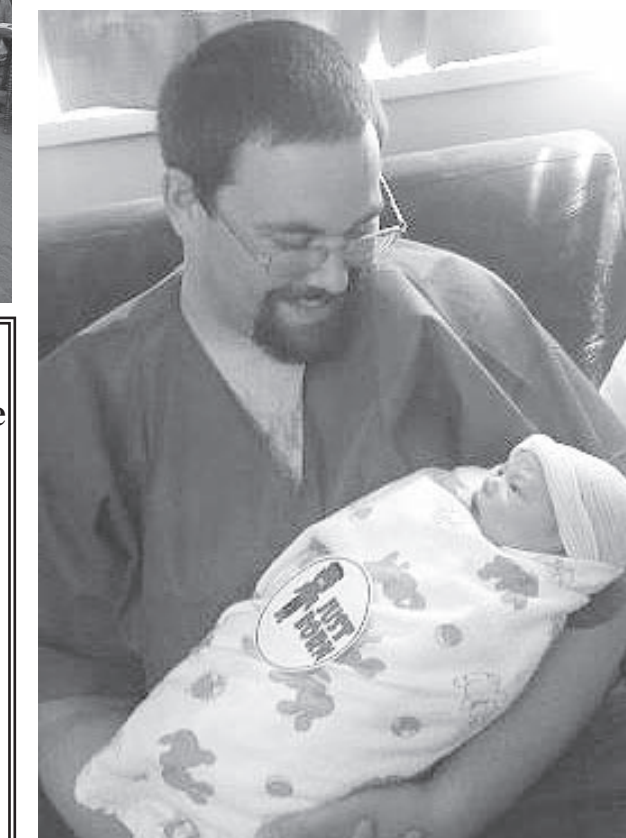
Sunapee Lake Grange

This year Sunapee Lake Grange of Newbury had three suppers, ordered dictionaries, and took in three new members without a loss. At the July picnic Richard Perkins received his 70-year seal, and Butch Palmer and Master Laura Sevens received their 50-year certificates.

Edythe Craig, long-time secretary, received the Boston Post Cane for being the oldest citizen of Bradford at age 94. She has since had to resign as secretary as she has had to move into assisted living in Goshen.

The town of Newbury, which owns the Grange hall, will be painting the exterior of the building, and members will be painting the interior and repairing wallpaper and updating the kitchen inside.

An average of eight members attend each meeting with a three generational Grange family among the active members. The whole group is positive and upbeat with a forward mindset on building the Grange through discussion of future projects to draw in the community with an active membership covering the age genre.



Proud Daddy

The Bailey family is growing. On August 15 at 12:34 p.m, Patrick & Ashley had a baby boy, Benjamin Joseph Bailey. Ben weighed in at 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 19-3/4 inches. Everyone is doing well. Ben is the grandson of Pat and Rick Bailey of Hudson Grange.



What a great joy to hear at State Session that NH had a net gain in membership. Keep up the good work, Grangers, it's starting to pay off.

I am working with Jim Tetreault and Chris Heath on a plan for us to work on throughout the year deciding where work is most needed in building Granges and starting new ones. At this time we are working on a new Grange in Manchester. Thank you all who helped.

Other places I am working on include Sunapee, Lempster, Claremont and Springfield. I have received applications for the future Claremont Grange, and they are joining Park Grange for the time being to keep their interest up. I have people speaking to me about Lempster.

Good PR seems to be working for us as is the case for Manchester. I hope we can work on getting the good word about the Grange into the public's eye through magazines, newspapers and TV. I am looking forward to working with you throughout the year.

As some of you may remember, I joined another fraternal organization to relearn what it is like to be a new member and learn from that how to work with our new members. One of the biggest things that I have learned this year is to keep the new members informed, Don't forget them-Befriend them. I have not learned much in the new order because the members forgot to invite me to a degree day that I had repeatedly stated I wanted to attend so I could better understand the precepts of the order without a blindfold. Also, I am now just learning about programs to help the members, their families, and the community that I didn't know about for a full year.

Please befriend all our new members and keep them informed.

Visit the State Grange website at www.nhgrange.org



Junior Grange is coming back!

Hear ye, hear ye,

Let's organize or reorganize Junior Granges across New Hampshire. The challenge this year is to organize or reorganize Junior Granges.

Why?

According to the National Program Guide for 2013: "Membership matters in the Grange at any age. We are a family organization that must strive to offer opportunities for everyone in the family. Children bring an opportunity for growth and excitement for everyone in your Grange. The Junior Grange and subordinate Grange work hand and hand to develop and create opportunities within your community. Everyone benefits from working together."

I am willing to help you with resources and materials to promote a Junior Grange in your area. You must have someone or a group that loves working as leaders with children ages 5-14. Ask your Subordinate Grange to support a Junior Grange by hosting the Junior Grange in your hall. Invite members with young children to an organizational meeting.

History of Junior Grange

The first Junior Grange was organized in Texas in 1888. At the 24th Annual meeting of the National Grange in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1890 a ritual was adopted. There have been two minor changes in the wording of the Junior Grange Pledge in 1980, but otherwise, it remains as it was written well over 100 years ago.

I have seen many of the Grange members today that had started in Junior Grange and are now some of our State committee members and are really growing as future leaders for the New Hampshire State Grange.

Contests

Contests for National Grange and be found on the National Grange website: www.nationaljuniorgrange.org. New Hampshire State Junior Grange holds contests for children of members and

non-members.

All contest ages for the contests will be: 4 ½ -7 years, 8-11 years, and 12-14 years of age

Make a Card for a Holiday

Use any material, no bigger than 4inches by 6 inches.

Collage Contest

No bigger than ½ poster board and requires to tell a story with a theme like Pets, Places, Nature, Animals, Flowers, Vegetable favorites, etc. This is a great project at home or at a Grange meeting with young children who should be supervised with their cutting and gluing.

Ask Grange members to bring in old magazines for children to cut up.

Cards and Collages should be brought to the February Youth Rally or program.

Christmas Ornament Contest

Choose Popsicle sticks, clothes pins, bulbs, candy cane to make an Ornament for the Christmas tree.

Ornaments should be brought to State Grange in October, 2012, for judging and prizes.

With any questions on any of the Junior Grange work please contact me.

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Aurora Grange members Ann Gray and Nicole Varney visited Pittsburg School third graders and distributed dictionaries from the Grange on October 17, 2012. Students seen in the front are Landen Phillips, Carter Prehemo, Garrett Lassonde, Kaylie Start, and Brennan Egan. Ann Gray and Nicole Varney are in the back. Missing from the photo is James Foote.



Thank you all who entered a State Lecturer's contest this year. The entries were judged and prizes were awarded.

This was one of those years when, if you entered a contest, you probably won a prize. I wish I knew why participation was so low. There were only three entries in the Art Contest. The Creative Writing Contest generated two "Read the Book" essays and one poem. The Cinquains were more popular with 18 entries. There were not enough Cinquains to make up a booklet, but I will sprinkle them into the pages of the GSG as space allows. There were very few "Create a Card" entrants. The Photography Contest seems to be the only one with an enthusiastic response and even that seems to be dwindling in number of participants. Do folks just not have time for hobbies anymore? Do we need different categories? What would motivate you to enter a Lecturer's contest? Please share your thoughts with me.

I am very appreciative of your support for the State Lecturer's Talent Fund. Thanks to contributions from Granges and Grangers, the return of the money that Wilber Heath was unable to use last year, and the Penny Sale profits, we were able to give Kathy Yardley a check for \$700 to help her on her way to Boise. As next year's Night of Excellence will be held in New Hampshire, I will give you all a one year rest from Talent Fund contributions. If they arrive, I will bank them, but I am not actively seeking donations in 2013.

A Lecturer's booklet with program suggestions, contest rules, and useful information has been prepared. It was distributed at the State Grange Convention in an envelope with programs The Granges who were not represented at the convention will have their packet delivered by hand or mailed to the Grange Master. I do have a few extras if yours has gone astray.

If you are a Lecturer, please ask for your packet. Then read it and use some of the suggestions. Sometimes I feel as if I am howling in the wilderness.

- Art
- Oils & Acrylics
- 1st – Ruth Pelton, Hampton Falls Grange
- Charcoal, Pastels, and Pencil
- 1st – Roberta Sliva, Hampton Falls Grange
- 2nd – Pamela Kimball, Meriden Grange
- Digital Photography
- Barns
- 1st – Bonnie Lampman, Rockingham Grange
- 2nd – Rodney Huntoon, Concord Grange
- 3rd – Steve Dame, sponsored by Concord Grange
- People
- 1st – Beth Merrill, Antrim Grange
- 2nd – Amy Grant, sponsored by Arlington Grange
- 3rd – Wayne Turcotte, Rochester Grange
- Wild Animals
- 1st - Diane Collins, Park Grange
- 2nd – Mark Collins, Park Grange
- 3rd – Bonnie Lampman, Rockingham Grange
- Traditional Photography
- Barns
- 1st – Rodney Huntoon, Concord Grange
- 2nd – Carol Hill, Rockingham Grange
- 3rd - James Jacobs, Rochester Grange
- People
- 1st – James Jacobs, Rochester Grange
- 2nd – Carol Hill, Rockingham Grange
- Wild Animals
- 1st – Rodney Huntoon, Concord Grange
- Create-a-Card
- Category I A
- !st – Marion Woodworth, Rochester Grange
- 2nd – Pamela Kimball, Meriden Grange
- Category I C
- 1st – Sandra Baker, Pembroke Grange
- 2nd – Pamela Kimball, Meriden Grange
- Category III A
- 1st – Marion Woodworth, Rochester Grange
- 2nd – Marion Woodworth, Rochester Grange
- Category III B
- 1st – Marion Woodworth, Rochester Grange
- 2nd – Marion Woodworth, Rochester Grange
- Category III C
- 1st – Lois Enman, Rochester Grange
- 2nd – Marion Woodworth, Rochester Grange

- 3rd – Marion Woodworth, Rochester Grange
- Category IV A
- 1st – Rodney Huntoon, Concord Grange
- Category IV C
- 1st – Rodney Huntoon, Concord Grange
- Creative Writing
- "Read the Book"
- 1st – Camilie Twiss, Watatic Grange
- 2nd – Gabrielle Van Sant, Winthrop Grange
- Poetry, category 1
- 1st – Janet Sherrod, Hampton Falls Grange
- Poetry, Cinquains
- 1st – Nancy Bean, Antrim Grange
- 2nd – Judy Bailey, Rochester Grange
- 3rd – Beth Merrill, Antrim Grange
- Honorable Mention – Steve Fowler, Pembroke Grange and Grace Leone, Rochester Grange

Prize Winning Cinquains

1st place

- Nancy Bean, Antrim Grange
- Diver
- Novice, Veteran
- Slowing, speeding, stopping
- Watch for State Trooper
- Ticketless

2nd place

- Judy Bailey, Rochester Grange
- Pickles
- Dill, Sweet
- Slicing, Biting, Savoring
- Heaven in a Jar
- Picklicious

3rd place

- Beth Merrill, Antrim Grange
- Hoovie
- Graceful, Gray
- Trotting, Galloping, Grazing
- Running free in heaven
- Cherished

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Action on the Resolutions Presented at the 2012 State Grange Session

Resolution #1 - Submitted by: Cheshire County Pomona #6

Subject: Pomona and Subordinate Granges entering into contracts

RESOLVED, that prior to a Pomona or Subordinate Grange entering into a contract that could result in a large debt, (greater than \$5000.00) that the Pomona or Subordinate Grange must contact their State Grange Master and Executive Committee in writing, with the details of the proposed contract and/or circumstances, to request permission to enter into said contract, with the exception of emergency work required due to a natural disaster or similar circumstances, and be it further; RESOLVED that a section 4.11.6 (too long to print here) be added to the National Digest:

The delegate body adopted this resolution.

Resolution #2 - Submitted by: Cheshire County Pomona #6

Subject: Campaign Finance Reform
Resolved, That the New Hampshire State Grange and the National Grange advocate for a constitutional amendment that would overturn the "Citizens United case" that classified corporations union and outside special interest group with the same free speech rights that are enjoyed by everyday citizens and exempted them from campaign disclosure laws and restore transparency campaigns and election funding.

The delegate body took no action on this resolution and the resolution is considered defeated.

Resolution #3 – Submitted by: Northern New Hampshire Pomona #5

Subject: Closed Rest Areas in Northern New Hampshire

Resolved: that the NH State Grange support the re-opening of the Rest Areas in Northern NH on a full-time basis; and be it further

Resolved: that the NH State Grange go on record as supporting the renovation and upkeep of these buildings and grounds and advocate removal of barriers to allow travelers to utilize the parking lots for rest breaks.

This resolution was adopted as amended by the delegate body.

Resolution #4 – Submitted by Concord Grange # 322

Subject: NH Humanities Council Presentations

Resolved: The State Master along with two other members to be appointed by him to meet with the NH Humanities Council in an effort to stress the importance of focusing on the positive image of Today's Grange and not focusing the demise of the Grange in the 1950's; and be it further

Resolved, a meeting should be scheduled as soon after National Grange has completed its current session.

This resolution was defeated by the delegate body.

Resolution #5 - Submitted by Concord Grange # 322

Subject: Northeast Grange Events

Resolved: We are requesting the Leaders in charge of these events meet and discuss the possibility of scheduling these events at the same time preferably during a weekend from Wednesday to Sunday or Thursday to Sunday in which the Youth Rally, Lecturer's Conference, and Go To Church would be held. This would enable everyone attending being able to support each these events. The exception would be the Northeast Leaders Conference which is held in December or January and the planning for the upcoming meeting would be held; and be it further
Resolved, the States would continue to rotate each year as currently but possibly holding them at a hotel or conference center and if found practicable, be scheduled by 2014.

This resolution was adopted by the delegate body.

Resolution #6 - Submitted by: Hillsborough County Pomona #1

Subject: United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)

Resolved: that the National Grange encourage action and debate by the U.S. Senate to ratify UNCLOS, and thus adhere the United States to the same oceanic standards and regulations as more than 160 other nations have already adopted.

This resolution was adopted by the delegate body.

Support the Granite State Granger with your donation.

Resolution #7 Submitted by: The New Hampshire State Grange Executive Committee

Subject: Interim Legislative Policy Authorization

Resolved: that the Delegate Body of the New Hampshire State Grange authorize the NH State Grange Executive Committee in conjunction with the Legislative Committee to set interim legislative policy between state sessions. The Delegate Body shall determine whether to make the policy permanent at the next annual session through the resolution process.

The delegate body adopted this resolution as amended.

Resolution #8 - Submitted by: Cheshire County Pomona #6

Subject: Political campaign signs

Resolved: that the New Hampshire State Grange go on record in support of legislation to restrict the number of campaign signs in one area to be no more than six signs per candidate in one half mile stretch of road, not to include private property. The delegate body adopted this resolution as amended.

National Youth Ambassadors for 2013

The National Grange is pleased to announce the two new Youth Ambassadors, Jimmy Smith of suburban Seattle, Wash., and Courtney Gray, of Cary, N.C.

Smith is a member of East Hill Grange No. 736. He is a student at Western Washington University, majoring in history. In 2011, he served as Lecturer of the National Grange Youth Officers Team and has been a part of the Washington State Grange Youth Officer Team since 2007.

Gray is a member of Southern Wake Grange No. 1295 and is studying communications and broadcasting at Winthrop University. She has competed in competitive speech, debate and mock trial contests for eight years.

The National Ambassador program, allows a youth to assist with the national youth department programs and services, and help plan for the next annual convention.

The other competitors were Elijah Bright, of Huntersville, N.C.; Jennifer Lanstrum, of Geauga County, Ohio; Adam Hinshaw, Darke County, Ohio; and Brittney Oliver, of Tacoma, Wash.



We are happy to announce the Londonderry Grange Hall has a new coat of shingles. Our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to ALL the good people for their generosity which made it possible to complete this project. It is believed that those were the original cedar shingles being replaced.

The Grange Hall holds a prominent position in the history and historical heart of Londonderry. It was built about 1909 and is on the NH State Historical Building Register. For over 100 years it has been a stalwart place of activity for community affairs, education, social events, activities, and home to Londonderry Grange #44.

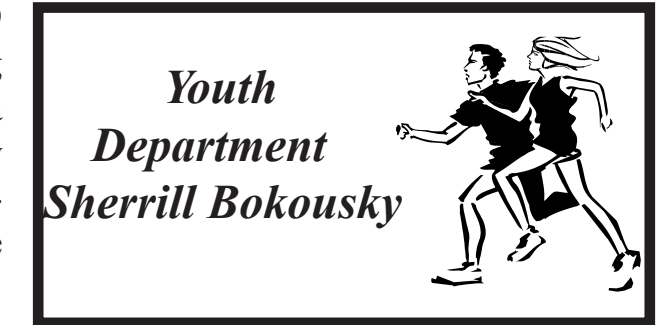
Over the years time has taken its toll on the building exterior. The shingles had become weathered, worn and started falling off endangering the building interior. Something had to be done quickly to preserve this historic landmark. How to do it and pay for it seemed a monumental dilemma. In the spring of 2009, Grange State Master Beth Merrill suggested we meet with Hannah West and her "team" of entrepreneurs who deal with this kind of problem.

On June 24, 2009, Londonderry Grangers, community folks and Scout Leaders met with Hannah and her team to explain the pursuit of this project. We were introduced to practical areas of pursuit. Hannah showed us by demonstration how to start and how it could be accomplished. Before the meeting was over we had over \$200.00 to start with. State Representative Betsy McKinney was our first donor.

We spread the word into the community. Master Henry Peterson got estimates on building materials and carpenters to do the work. We had fund raisers and donations started to come in. When we had enough money to do the poorest area, carpenter Dave Flynn shingled the east end of the building before winter.

To encourage donations it was suggested for the price of a bundle of shingles the donor could write their name on a shingle to put on the building. Way to Go!! More fund raisers followed. Thank you Whippersnappers, Remax, Doctors, Insurance Agents, Lawyers, Boy Scout Troop 521 for their help, and the generosity of ALL the community of Londonderry, friends of the Grange, members of the Grange and especially the anonymous donors that gave the last big push to complete the job in November 2011. Did we leave anyone out?

What a community!! All worked to complete a worthwhile goal! Again, Thank You one and ALL. Well Done.



The winners of the Youth High Score awards were announced at State Session in October. The Subordinate High score was Wingold Grange and the Pomona was Pemigewasset Valley. Each has received a plaque they will hold for one year.

Programs were given to each Grange. The program has youth contest entry forms and year-end report included. The first one to think about is the Youth Officer application form. I am making plans for that contest to happen in February at the Winter Rally. New contests added this year are Create a Calendar and Recycled Art. These are open to all Grange members.

The theme for the year is "Grange Youth...The Leadership Difference." This is the opportunity for youth in our Granges to learn, to grow, and to have some fun. I am looking for all youth to participate in the contests, events, and activities that are planned for the coming year.

If you have a youth night or activity planned it can be added to the web page. Please send these dates to me so I can get them added. I look forward to hearing from you with any questions or concerns.



Our second degree day of 2012 was held at the Wicwas Lake Grange Hall in September. This degree day featured more than thirty candidates. The room was full of people. The singing was wonderful. The procession of new members being escorted to receive their packets was enough to impress anyone who might feel pessimistic about the Grange future. It was a proud day for Grange Growth.

The new member packets that were featured at degree days this year are available from the membership director at any time by request as are assorted individual membership materials. Most of these are provided free of charge. The role of your membership department is to promote the Grange to the public at events such as fairs and expos and just as importantly to provide the means for individual Granges to do promotion in their local area. Lately we have taken on the role of seeing that new members have the opportunity to experience the degree work so they will have a firm foundation in the roots of the Grange. I am looking for Granges to host Degree Days for 2013.

You may have seen the display at the membership table at State Grange Session featuring those who had a net gain in membership in the year ending June 30, 2012. Congratulations to Antrim, Arlington, Blow Me Down, Centennial, Concord, Gilman, Halloween, Hampton Falls, Hudson, Jeremiah Smith, Londonderry, Lower Intervale, Meriden, Mohawk, Mt. Pistareen, Pembroke, Peterborough, Walpole, Wicwas Lake, and Pemigewasset Valley Pomona. That is nearly a third of the Granges in the state, which I think is very impressive. A new Grange in Manchester is in the process of being organized and may in fact be all set by the time this paper reaches you. Let that be a lesson to the rest of us that Grange Growth is an achievable goal.

A Hearty Grange Welcome to
the Following New Members
of Londonderry Grange

Joseph Adams
Diane Carey
Glen Carey
Sharon Carson
Janet Cichocki
Michael Donovan
Kevin Donovan
William Flagg
Anthony Herrera
Kimberly Herrera
Zach Herrera
David MacCulloch
Kathleen MacCulloch
Alexandra Nutt
Jonathan Nutt
Andrew Perry
Thomas Perry
Bill Perry
Larry Pierce
Robert Saur
Mary Wing Soares
Monica Turcotte
John Bermudez
Kevin Bloom
William Donenico
Curtis Howland
Shem Kellogg
Stuart Light
Jeremy Littlefield
Chris Lopez
Michael Kirk MxNeil
Ofer Nave
Sandy Pierre
William Rodriguez
Mike Ruff
Emily Sandblade
Alfonso Sira
Erick Todd

**Fundraising
Sherrill
Bokousky**



The first activity for the year began with the 1/20 club. This is a weekly drawing for a \$25.00 prize and continued for 20 weeks. At the end of the 20 weeks there were 4 additional cash prizes drawn. All winners' names were listed on the NH Website.

We will continue this fundraising activity for the 2013 year. It is a great way to raise funds, and we can do this in the community as well as within the Granges. We do need help with selling tickets. Tickets are now available.

Additional fundraising plans included a Breakfast and Plant Sale which was held in May at the State Grange Building in Hooksett.

During September our activity was the two days spent on serving Blueberry Pie at the Big E. The final fundraiser we have this year is a Silent Auction and the 50/50 raffle right after the Banquet on Saturday evening.

To complete all these activities I had the help of Grangers who volunteered their time and talents. I wish to say thank you for that help and support. Fundraising is a vital part of our organization's needs. Together we made that possible. Again, thank you.

A Hearty Grange Welcome to
the Following New Members
of Wicwas Lake Grange

Lester Boynton
Roberta Boynton
Judith Brown
Marvin Brown
Robert Burrack
Erin Dyer
Bill Fisk
James Foley
Jeanne Forester
Donna Giles
Alicia Gorrell
Knut Ingemnuksen
Kevin Leandro
Miller Lovett
Virginia Lovett
Gerianne McAllister
Kate Miller
Wallace Reilly
Shawn Stewart
Lorenzo Trombetta
Bea Lewis Wheeler
Collette Worsman
Glen Worsman

Correction

Two errors in the September edition of the Granite State Granger were called to my attention:

In the Historian article a name was misspelled: It should have been **Ina Andersen**.

The name of **Ida Hutchins** was omitted from those who attended the North East Lecturers' Conference and helped with the program.

Hannah West, Editor

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