



# The Granite State Granger

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Spring Fling  
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A diverse array of topics has been arranged for your enjoyment at the Eighth Annual Spring Fling, and the Jr. Department is hosting separate activities for the kids! All workshops are open to the public, so if there is a topic you think is of interest to someone you know, go ahead and invite them! Please check the official mailing to your Grange, or go to [www.nhgrange.org](http://www.nhgrange.org) for the finalized list and schedule! These are the workshops that were confirmed at the time of this GSG deadline. Topics: Membership 101, Code Reading, A Reporter's Talk, Getting Hooked on Small Aquaponics, Lecturer's Tips, Using Gelatos in Mixed Media and Cardmaking, and a couple more in the works at publication deadline time.

There are two workshops scheduled for the first morning time slot this year. The first will be the return of our state legislators' panel under the direction of State Legislative Director, Bob Haefner. The second session of the morning will feature guest speaker Joyce Belcher, certified herbalist of Herbs for Life, Inc. in York, ME. She has experience in treating Lyme disease in dogs and horses, but has loads of great, easy-to-understand information about Lyme disease in all species, how we become infected, the symptoms, and how it works in the body and reacts to various antibiotics or herbal formulas.

Did you know?

- According to the NH Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services, sixty percent of deer ticks in many parts of NH are infected with Lyme disease.
- The CDC reports that NH has the highest incidence rate of Lyme disease in the United States.

## Degree Days This Year?

by Norman Brandt, Membership Director

I've been chatting with our Worthy State Master, Chris Heath, about Degree Days. Over the past few years I've noticed the numbers of people attending Degree Days are going down, Granges are not bringing their newly obligated members to them. Also over the past few years fewer and fewer people are volunteering to fill the offices for the degrees making them more difficult to arrange. I agree that the degrees are one of the most unique things that our organization has to offer and help bind us closer together, but if people are not volunteering and are not coming to take them... That brings the questions that I'm now presenting to you, our members.

Do we put on a Degree day this year a month or two before State Session?

What part of the State would best benefit from having the degrees near them?

Do we put on a Degree Day at all this year?

Should we break up the degrees into two 1/2 day sessions?

What is the Wish of our Grangers in NH? Please email your thoughts to me, [Fishbrandt@yahoo.com](mailto:Fishbrandt@yahoo.com).

This is a serious topic that everyone of us has some experience with or knows someone who does.

Registration starts at 8:45 and the first workshop begins at 9:00 a.m. The final assembly ends at 3:30 p.m.

Registrations are recommended, but not required and are most helpful if received by April 3rd. A suggested voluntary donation of \$10 per person, which includes lunch, is being asked to help defray the expenses of the day and is payable on the day of the event. Families are encouraged to set their own donation amount. Do not send payment with your registrations, please! If at the last minute you realize that you can attend, please come even if you are not registered! We will make every effort to accommodate your attendance at this event.

Please make plans to join your fellow Grangers from around the state for this unique, fun, and educational day of membership enhancement. And don't forget to bring your friends, too!

**Do not wish to be anything but what you are, and try to be that perfectly.**

**- St. Francis de Sales**



Pictured above is Jean Temple with the twenty pound turkey she won in November at the Christmas Bazaar held at the Plainfield Town Hall on November 8, 2014. This event, sponsored by Blow-Me-Down Grange #234 was a huge success with over two hundred attendees and great weather. Thanks to all who supported this event, the shoppers and the vendors who participated with their great assortment of goodies. The Corn Chowder Lunch as a favorite, along with Meatball and Sausage Subs. There were 15 free door prizes, the first prize being the turkey.





*From my pad  
to your pad*

**Christopher Heath  
NH State Grange Master**

As I sit here in the warm confines of my home to write this article I wonder if all of you are doing the same. It is amazing how Mother Nature acts sometimes, and I hope this is not the start of another ice age.

It has been a busy three months, since my last article, here in the New Hampshire State Grange. In late November, I met with the committee directors to discuss their programs for the year. It was encouraging to know that they have some great things planned for the coming Grange year.

In December we held our Deputy School/Committee Planning Meeting at the New Hampshire Fire Academy. We had a great turnout and everyone was on the road home by 2:00 pm. Later that month I had the pleasure of visiting Mohawk Grange in Colebrook to watch them confer degrees on two new candidates. Congratulations to them for bringing in new members and for doing a good job with the degrees. I visited Wicwas Lake Grange to present them with the Distinguished Grange award that they received at National Grange. They are a very large, active group in their community. We could all learn a lesson or two from this Grange.

January brought another cold month but found me travelling to a few more Granges. I visited Centennial Grange, Jeremiah Smith Grange, and Claremont Grange. Both Centennial and Claremont Granges held a visioning program at their meetings. For those of you who have not had one of these programs, I would strongly encourage you to have your Deputy schedule a visioning program for you.

Also in January, the New Hampshire State Grange hosted the the Northeast Leaders Conference. The event was held at the Best Western in Portsmouth NH and Grangers from New York, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire at-

tended. There were 120 plus participants who took part in this conference. It was a great success, and I want to thank everyone who played a part in it. I especially want to thank Ken Berry, Jerry Leclerc, and Kerriann Heath for taking care of most of the details and arrangements. I heard nothing but good comments about the weekend.

At the end of January I found myself and Noel the Hampster at the Winter Rally in Hooksett. I want to commend both Junior Director Joann Brandt and Youth Director Beth Merrill and her team for a great day. The Juniors had many activities including making dessert for lunch, opening and closing the Junior meeting. They initiated two new members. The youth also had a great day full of activities including a demonstration of Parliamentary Procedure by the FFA.

In February, a large group of Grangers helped man the Farm and Forest Exposition booth in Manchester New Hampshire. We had many visitors to the booth and as a result we had 20 plus people fill out rip cards. Membership director Norman Brandt will be sending these cards to Granges in the communities where these people live. The people who filled out these cards are interested in knowing more about the Grange and some of them are even interested in joining the Grange. If your particular Grange happens to be one of the communities where these people live, I encourage you to reach out to them and tell them what your individual Grange does. Invite them to come to your meeting and see what you do. Provide them with a schedule of your meetings so they know when things are happening. Most importantly, I hope that you ask them to become a member of your Grange. For those Granges that do not get a referral, please don't be discouraged. Go

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out and ask someone in your community to come to a meeting. Ask them if they would like to join the Grange. People are out there ready to join, all you have to do is ask.

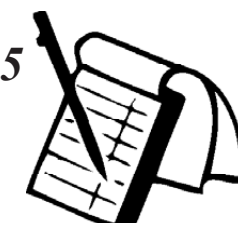
I would encourage any Grange that has an FFA chapter, a 4-H chapter, or a Future Business Leaders Association in their local area to contact them and invite them to put on a program for your Grange. When they come to visit, you should tell them more about what your Grange does and ask them if they would like to come again. Maybe if their interest is high, you could ask them to join. Sometimes all it takes is someone to ask them. Communication is the key to your success in growing your Grange.

I hope that Granges have been receiving correspondence from the State Grange. We are trying very hard to improve the communications with all Granges and this can only be accomplished if those letters and emails are shared with all the members. These do take some time to read through but the information is important. Just because there is something going on and you personally are not interested doesn't mean that someone else at your Grange isn't. Share emails and communications about events with all your members so they can make the decision for themselves.

At the end of February I traveled to the Master's Conference which was located in Belleville, Illinois. While there I attended many workshops on a wide variety of subjects. Masters of State Granges all over the country attend this conference. I had a great time learning and getting motivated to continue growing the Grange in New Hampshire. It was nice to see all the friends that I made when I was at National Grange Session.

I hope to do some more traveling in the next few months and hope that Noel and I will see a lot of you in our travels. We will be bowling on March 8th in Manchester at the State Grange Bowling tournament. We will also be attending the Spring Fling in April. I will be putting on a workshop called Grange 101. This will be a learning workshop that I would encourage new Grangers to attend. I hope to see many of you in my travels around the state. Stay safe and warm!!

**Out & About 2015  
State Lecturer  
Jane Trombi**



Are you getting "Out and About"? I know the weather has been a little snowy, but better weather is on the way! In March, you could head out to a sugar house on Maple Weekend. It will be March 28 & 29th. Visit the NH Maple Producers website at: <http://www.nhmapleproducers.com> to find out what sugar houses are participating. Spring Fling on April 11th will be another great time to get "Out and About". Remember to take a picture of your group for your collage due on October 1st.

With all these snowy days, I hope you have taken some time to work on your contest entries. Create a card, Cinquains, Read the Book or Tell a Story. These are all great winter activities.

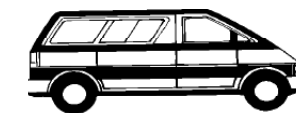
The next big event for the Lecturer's Department is the Variety/Talent Show and Penny Sale. This will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, at the State Grange Building in Hooksett. (See Bulletin Board page for details.) I hope we will see many of you there as participants or spectators. There are many possibilities. We are looking for vocal solos or groups, musical instrument solos or groups, dance solos or groups, skits or variety acts such as monologues, recitations, magic tricks, etc. The Best of Show entry will have the opportunity to perform at the Night of Excellence at the National Grange Session in Lincoln, Nebraska, in November. Junior Grange members are also encouraged to perform, although they cannot be considered for Best of Show. Watch for an entry form as time gets closer.

There will also be a penny sale the same day as the Variety Show. If you are making donations to the penny sale, items must be at the State Grange Building by noon time on May 2nd. Lunch will be served at noon. The proceeds of the lunch and penny sale will go to the Talent Fund and help to send the Best of Show to Lincoln, Nebraska in November.

The Talent Fund is in need of your donations. Granges or individuals

may donate. Remember, this fund helps one of your fellow Grangers represent NH at National Grange. Please make your check out to NH State Lecturer and note that it is for the Talent Fund.

It's never too early to start thinking about warm weather and the North East Lecturer's Conference. This year we will be heading to Maine to St. Joseph's College in Standish, ME. Some great workshops have been planned, so watch for more information this spring. This will be the 100th North East Lecturer's Conference and so the theme of the conference is "100 Years Of.." NH will be doing a program on Music.



**Family & Community  
Department  
Deb Patten**

I hope everyone is fairing this very cold, snowy winter well. I know we live in New England and should expect this but it seems we have had our fair share!

With the winter weather, I hope you are all keeping your hands and hearts warm by working on mittens, hats, etc. for the children in our state who so desperately need them. There is a very strong need for mittens in schools, Boys and Girls Clubs, Group homes, etc. Please distribute these throughout the winter and also keep in mind that we will be looking for mittens for our Mountain of Mittens next fall at State Grange. Please remember to keep track of the number of mittens you donate during the year so your Grange will get credit on your annual report in 2015.

One of our projects is Galoshes from Grangers. Thank you very much to those Granges who donated boots at State Grange. We collected 38 pairs at State Grange. Please keep this in mind for 2015, as we will once again be collecting boots in October 2015. You should be able to purchase boots at a reduced cost later in the winter season and hold them for October. If you purchase them now and distribute them please be sure to indicate that on your 2015 report as well.

Hopefully you are all planning your

meetings for the year and have included a Family Services (Home Economics) Night. Please invite the committee member listed below and/or me to your meeting. We will be happy to help answer any questions you may have.

Ann Leger – Upper Coos and Northern NH

Debbie Stone – Mascoma

Valley and help with Pemi-Valley

Mary West – Suncook Valley and Merrimack County

Cam Twiss – Hillsborough County

Carolyn Ross – East Rockingham and Eastern NH

Virginia Clark – Cheshire County

Deb Patten – Carroll County

and help with Pemi-Valley

The baking contest should be part of your program as well. Please choose one of the 6 recipes mailed to you recently. These are all no-bake to give everyone an opportunity to participate. There are many in assisted living without ovens – just cooktop stoves – so this gives everyone an opportunity to participate. If the recipe calls for angel food cake, that can be purchased in the store. Oreo cookies, etc. are all purchasable items.

Please be sure to be working on your needlework entries. The categories and rules were included in your packets. Please let me or your committee representative know if you have any questions. The due date for the needlework is August 1 so you have plenty of time. I am hopeful for lots of entries in each category.

Stay healthy and warm!



**Benefit Race Preparations**

Race sponsors, racers from the Lakes Region Ice Racing Club, and members of the Wicwas Lake Grange gathered on the ice of Meredith Bay on Feb. 7 for a photo promoting a Feb. 15 ice race on Berry Pond in Moultonborough to benefit Suzanne Taggett of Meredith who is battling cancer. (photo Bea Lewis)



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

Are we tired of this winter yet? Are we ready to plant the garden? I am.

Jim Tetreault, Tara Sad and I have started to plan the National Grange Legislative Fly In to be held in New Hampshire. We met in Marlboro a couple of weeks ago and came up with our preliminary plan for the Fly In. We plan to host the National Grange Fly In in late January or early February of 2016. The First in the Nation Presidential Primary will be on Feb. 9 and we want the Fly In prior to the Primary and after the Iowa Caucuses. That will almost ensure that the candidates will be here along with the press corps. This will be the 100th anniversary of the NH Presidential Primary, making it a great time to host the Fly In. We have sent our preliminary plan to our National Grange Legislative Director, Burton Eller.

Once again I am the Chair of the NH House Committee on Environment and Agriculture. I once again have big shoes to fill following Representative Sad as the Chair last term. Our committee has 10 freshmen out of 21, so we have a learning curve in front of us. Our committee has two bills on MTBE, and a bill to prevent Fracking. We have a bill naming the Red Tailed Hawk as the state Raptor. There are agriculture bills that address workers compensation, plates on construction equipment used on the farm, cost of care of seized animals, and hemp among other things.

On February 2nd and 3rd was the annual Farm and Forest Exposition. The Grange booth was great as usual. Several of us helped facilitate a workshop on Right to Farm Legislation at the Expo. Agriculture seems to be under attack for all sides across the country, and New Hampshire is not exempt, maybe being attacked even more. We have farms that have been around for years and many are getting new neighbors who like the open space the farm provides, but do not like the farming part. We are also expe-

riencing town planning boards and zoning boards fighting agriculture. Farms are under attack from animal rights activists, anti-technology consumers, and in-fighting over agriculture production methods. The good news is that NH has been ranked the number two state in the nation, behind South Dakota, as the friendliest to agriculture, based on some 80 criteria.

The Department of Agriculture Markets and Food (DAMF) has one of the smallest budgets of any state Department of Agriculture in the country. In fact the only smaller ones are the two states that do not have a standalone department of agriculture. We asked the Commissioner to add money and people to this year and then asked the Governor to approve it. We got less than we asked for in the Governor's budget but did get an increase. Let's hope we can keep it in the budget with the widening gap we have in revenue versus expenses.

At Deputy School we spent our time together updating the NH State Grange Policy Manual. It is current through the 2014 approved resolutions. Right now I am looking forward to the NH FFA convention and Spring Fling and of course Patriots Day on April 19th when we can be sure Spring will arrive.



What a great Farm and Forest experience this year! I will admit, a week prior to Farm and Forest I was worrying that I wouldn't have enough people to cover the booth, but come the actual event the following people had stepped up; Joann Brandt, Gloria Davis, Everett Fryman, Trisha Taylor, Omer Ahern, Jim Tetreault, Chris Heath, Anne Boisvert, Adam and Bob Paquin-Varnum, Valerie Merrill, Stephen Tracy, Lois Enman, Marion Woodworth, and Beth Merrill. I would like to thank everyone that came and helped and all that sent photos. Over 20 rip cards were filled out. How grand!

Once I'm done figuring which people are going to which Granges, I'll be

sending an e-mail or letter to each of the Masters letting them know that we have a rip card (or more) for them. It will also have all of the contact information from the Rip card in it, followed by the actual Rip card and a Report Card being sent to either the Membership Chair or the Secretary. Hopefully, I will get the Report card back so that I know that you have contacted the people on the Rip Cards. If all goes well we'll be bring in new members all over the State.

Speaking of new members, I would like to introduce everyone to the newest member of my membership Team; Everett Fryman (Everett.Fryman@gmail.com) of Mohawk Grange #217. What enthusiasm he has for Grange! During Farm and Forest I had given him permission to go around, see the other exhibits, and fill out a chance to win free food from grain companies, His response to me was, "I feel if I leave the booth even for 10 minutes I could miss chatting with one more person that may be interested in joining." Can you imagine if every Granger had that drive how strong all of our Granges would be right now? Everett lives in Colebrook, and he and his partner have started Frippery Farm, a Dairy Farm that produces Goat milk and is working on having a camelid milking heard. Hopefully you will welcome him to my team as I have.

I am encouraged by the news coming from the north: Eleven new members between two Granges since State Session, One had requested 20 more applications.

I would like to remind all Granges that the State Membership Department provides these materials free to you. If you insist on paying us back we charge at least one new member to the NH State Grange this coming year but would gladly take an over payment of one new member for each application we send you. If you need help learning about the materials we have and how to use them, I've done one program for a Grange and am willing to come to your Grange (or a group of Grange members) and talk with everyone and help you out. Please give me enough notice to allow me to re-arrange my schedule. Please keep up your good work. I hope to hear from you all soon.

**Community Service Thoughts**



**Richard Patten**

This has been a terrible winter so far. I realize Granges have been unable to meet due to the extreme cold or snowstorms. Despite these conditions, there are many community service projects you could be working on from home.

If you have elderly citizens in your neighborhood, your Grange could organize a Home Alone project in which you could check on elderly citizens living alone. Make a telephone call to ask how they are doing. Shovel a path to the mail box or paper box, or a path for the oil delivery person so oil can be delivered. If you don't hear from your neighbor, please don't ignore this. They may have fallen down on the floor, or maybe they ran out of oil and have no heat. You might ask them if they need to have a flashing light installed so if something happens, someone might notice it.

How many Granges are doing the dictionary project this winter? This is a great time for a group of members to sit around the table putting labels inside the cover of the dictionaries.

Another thing you could do is write greeting cards for St. Patrick's Day, Easter, or Passover to veterans who live in the Liberty House in Manchester, NH Soldiers Home in Tilton, the Harbor Homes in Nashua or Hampton. You may contact representatives of various nursing facilities and see if they have residents who would welcome a card.

The various homeless shelters and food kitchens are in desperate need of support. You might contact them to see if they need linens, blankets, pillows, games, or food. It is so important that you help keep the food stocked. We have many people of all ages who don't get a chance to enjoy a healthy meal. We still have the Fill An Empty Plate project,

I hope your Grange is thinking ahead to Grange Week or Grange month to celebrate this special time. It is a great time to honor an outstanding police officer, firefighter, teacher, retired veteran, or active duty armed forces person, citizen,

and in the Pomona Grange, Public Service Award. Please send out invitations to friends and family members of the recipients. This year you may include the county Sheriff's Department.

All entries are due to me by June 30. Please do NOT put the entry forms inside your yearly booklet. If you need assistance, please don't hesitate to ask. These people put their lives on the line everyday to keep us safe and protected. Whether it is keeping us safe from harm's way or trying to rescue us from a house fire or car accident, or teaching our children in school, these professionals think they are performing their job only to lose their life in the line of duty.

I was extremely pleased with the response from the Northeast Region Grange interest in continuing to honor a police, firefighter, and teacher. The states will send their nominees to me after their State Conventions or by December 1st. The winning nominees will be judged, and we will honor them at the Northeast Leaders Conference in January, 2016, in Massachusetts. I am very pleased and keeping my thoughts positive that I may have an announcement to make in the future about this program. I am also pleased to know that many Granges continue to do the Fill An Empty Plate project as well. These were two of the programs I initiated when I served as National Community Service Director.

I was very pleased to present the first Northeast States Grange Teacher Award to Richard Beals from NH. Dick received the Outstanding Teacher Award at our recent State Session in Nashua.

Now is the time for your Grange to think about community projects in the spring and summer. The Granges who do beautification projects can be making a list of what needs to be done at the site they adopted. Raking, bagging up leaves, paper products, cans, and more would be the first order of business. Then comes the planning of what to plant such as annuals, bigger plants, or a novelty item to make your site special.

Does your Community sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt for the children? Your Grange might step up to the plate and sponsor the event. You hide plastic eggs

with candies inside and have 3 golden eggs to be redeemed for special prizes. This could be for children ages 5 to 8 years old. If you wish to do an Easter Egg Hunt for older children ages 9 to 15, you might try a flashlight hunt on Friday evening from 5 to 7 p.m. Don't forget to bring Easter cards, cookies, or candies to shut-ins letting them know they aren't forgotten. Unfortunately, Easter has become almost as commercial as Christmas. The true meaning of Easter has become forgotten, much like Christmas.

I am hoping that Granges will start collecting pennies for the Santa Remembers Teens at Christmas project. I am hoping we can do more than last year in our collection of gift cards. It is never too early to start collecting gift cards. Collecting pennies will help you with this project and not drain your treasury

I will close for now. Thank you for all your cards, thoughts, and prayers. I have been coping with pneumonia and bronchitis for 12 weeks and I have had so many tests. Thank you! It meant so much.



Members of Mohawk Grange #217 visited third-graders at Colebrook Elementary School on Friday, December 5, to hand out dictionaries. Grangers participating were Ginger Jannenga, Haven Haynes, Wayne Brown, and Elaine Haynes. (photo courtesy of The News and Sentinel, Colebrook)

**Deadline**

**The next issue of the Granite State Granger will be mailed in June, 2015. Please send items for the paper to Hannah West on or before May 8, 2015. Report on events of March and April. Look ahead to events of July, August, and September.**



### Blazing Star Grange News

The March 7th Danbury Winter Market marks the halfway point of the Blazing Star Grange's six market winter season. If Winter is half over then Spring is surely coming —dare we hope? The Newfound Farm Clothing Company, one of the 17 regular market vendors, is counting on it as they are busy sewing and designing petticoats which are promised to be all the rage this Spring. The market is held in the Grange Hall, 15 North Road in Danbury from 9am-1pm on the first Saturday of every month through May. A wide variety of farm, food and craft items, all locally grown and produced are available. A hot breakfast and lunch is served downstairs in the Blazing Star Bistro.

At 2 p.m. following each Winter market, people interested in a sustainable Danbury meet at the Grange Hall. The Grange completed a two-year sustainable Danbury Series on November 8th, 2014, with 35 people in attendance. With so much enthusiasm from the group, the Grange decided to continue the meetings.

In January, they formed groups covering five sustainable subjects: recycling, allocating food resources, building a stronger local economy, safer food supply, local branding, farm collaboration/networking and land usage. Attendees formed mini groups according to their interests and went about gathering info for the February meeting. While these subjects were indeed the conversations, another topic emerged, centered around Danbury- its uniqueness, sense of community, and how this program could connect the whole community across the board regardless of age, economic status, and life experiences

The group reports all had exciting possibilities of what a community could conquer by working together and building awareness. The group learned about many resources that are already used to help feed the food insecure population through programs at the Danbury Food Pantry. Composting at a town level has been investigated. The food resources committee envisions unique landscapes for the town, encouraging people to garden, to encourage support of local farms and the creation of community demo gardens.

The land usage and availability committee is hard at work researching what our area has produced in the past—in its heyday of agricultural productivity and using this date as a guide to what could be done again. Farm networking and collaboration has begun as an attempt encourage cooperation instead of competition.

All groups touched on the importance of supporting local farms and businesses to encourage more local buying. Knowing the person that grows your food makes for a safer food supply whereas a layer of risk is added each time a food changes hands. Local buying keeps food dollars in the community, supports our neighbors keeping their farms viable and stops lining the pockets of supermarket stockholders. Committed local consumers create successful consistent farmers' markets that can attract and keep the best vendors which in turn will have the best products available for purchase.

The Community Service Committee holds a bee on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings of the month to work on community service projects. This winter, they are making lap quilts but will bake items on March 7th for the Grange's annual food sale on town voting day.

Looking ahead to April 4th, the Grange will sponsor a silent film at 7:30pm presented by Jeff Rapsis. The event is part of the ongoing presentations to utilize the Grange stage after the restoration of their historic stage curtains.



### In Memoriam

Robert Gregar	Baker's River
Lee Spinney	Centennial
Ruth Young	Cocheco
Mary Fowler	Cocheco
Irene Spaulding	Concord
Marjorie Rodis	Crown Point
Ruth Williams	Gilman
Patricia Wells	Harmony
Wayne Elliott	Harmony
Irving McDowell	Joe English
Virginia Janik	Tuftonborough
Olive Bourque	Watatic

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

# Grange Bulletin Board

### Attention Youth Scavenger Hunt Participants!

We've had plenty of #1 this winter, so I hope you remember to get pictures to include in your Scavenger Hunt booklet before it's all gone. Also, coming up right around publication time of this GSG is an opportunity to get photos for question #19.

How are you coming along with all the other clues? The list was published in the December 2014 issue of the GSG and is also available at [www.nhgrange.org](http://www.nhgrange.org). Happy shooting!

### Daniel Webster Grange Annual chicken BBQ and large penny sale Saturday, May 30 Webster Town Hall

Chicken BBQ will be served from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Penny sale tickets will be on sale from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m. unless sold out before. Drawing of the lucky winning tickets will begin at 6:45 p.m.



Winthrop Grange took in six new members on February 5. They are from left to right: Carl and Justin Lessard from Shelburne, Lee Ann and Lonnie Brooks from Gorham. The two not pictured are George Stanley and Donna Wesson from Berlin.

The Agate will meet on Saturday, April 25, at the Holderness Community Church Annex Meal at 12 noon Meeting to follow

Hosted by Lower Intervale Grange

### 2015 Grange Family Weekend! July 24-26

Bring your family, bring your friends and join us at the Gunstock Mountain Resort for a weekend of camping, fellowship and fun. Bring something to share for our potluck supper (followed by a campfire) on Saturday evening. Enjoy Bingo, Cribbage, Campground activities, and relaxation with your Grange friends.

Make your reservation directly with the campground by calling 603-293-4341 X155.

#### Make your reservations soon.

The Campground is open to the public and will fill up quickly. When making your reservation, to keep our group close together, mention that you are with the NH State Grange group.

#### Campground Amenities

Gunstock is a full service campground, with an outdoor in-ground pool. The pool is open during the summer months and is handicap accessible. The campground has two bath houses with free hot showers and coin-operated laundry facilities. Campers can play in two playgrounds, hike through the wetlands boardwalk and fish in the pond. Kayaks, paddle boats and mountain bikes are available for Gunstock guests to rent. In addition, there is a skateboard park, and a mini golf course located near the lodge. Miles of hiking and biking trails start right at your doorstep. Athletic equipment such as horseshoes and volleyballs are available for use.

Complete resort information is available online at: <http://www.gunstock.com/recreation/camping/>

Hope to see you there!



Support the ELF! Please send your Educational Loan Fund donations to: Rodney Huntoon 8 Pine Acres Rd., Suite 808 Concord, NH 03301

State Lecturer's Variety Show & Penny Sale Saturday, May 2, 2015 State Grange Building, Hooksett, NH 12 Noon: Soup & Sandwich Lunch \$5.00 1:00 pm: Variety Show After show: Penny Sale Join us with an act or just to watch!

### Thank You from Liberty House Hi Dick:

Just a brief note to thank you and the NH State Grange for your continued support of our homeless veteran's program. The cards and Christmas stockings helped to make the holiday season much more meaningful not only to our residents, but to those veterans that struggle to survive on the streets. We hand out many of the cards, and some of the stockings to them as well.

In any event, Liberty House considers the NH State Grange as true allies of ours in our battle against homelessness amongst America's veterans.

Thanks again, and God bless.

Bill Zarakotas

Director, Community Relations

### Rockingham Grange Open House April 19, 2015 2-4 p.m.

Rockingham Grange Hall 233 Main Street, Epping Dan and Louise Harvey will receive their 75 year certificates.



Barbara Low (left) of Rockingham Grange was presented her Golden Sheaf certificate by Carol Hill, Master.

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### Mohawk Grange # 217

Mohawk Grange held their youth night on Monday, February 16, with the Canaan, Vermont, FFA program and the agricultural program at Canaan Memorial High School in Canaan, Vermont. The FFA Advisor Chris Brady, who was the 2014 Advisor of the Year for the State of Vermont was there with students Sage Johnson (FFA Chapter Vice President) and Josiah Riley (FFA Chapter Reporter).

Chris set up the power point on the big screen and Sage and Josiah spoke on the things they have done this year. They went to the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky and the dairy products and got a bronze award and Sage had participated in Dairy Showmanship and got a silver award.

They also talked about what they have been doing with the town forest. They have been cutting trees so that they can use the portable sawmill to make the wood needed to build a sugarhouse. This has taken longer than expected but it looks like they will be set up to start sugaring next year. Animal and plant science is another area that they have been covering and that has been going very well.

Sage is a senior and wants to take Dairy Farm Management at Vermont Technical College to become a dairy farmer. Josiah is a sophomore and has been enjoying working on the woodlot. We ended the night with subs and sundaes that all enjoyed.

### Concord Grange # 322 Community Awards Night Monday, April 20, 7 p.m. International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Hall 48 Airport Road, Concord Heights (former Elks hall, located across from the airport, NH National Guard and Civil Air Patrol)

This is an open meeting. Guests are welcome. There will be refreshments to enjoy before the meeting and after the meeting closes. We will be presenting the community awards for police officer, state police, firefighter, citizen, legislator, and the John H. West Memorial Award for outstanding teacher of the year.





The year 2014 is now history and a new year 2015 is here with new challenges. It was in 1895 that the NH State Legislative Committee was organized and gave its first report to the delegate body. At one time the State Grange had 125 members, who were State Representatives. The NH State Grange also included several former Governors as members of the organization as well as State Senators and Executive Council members.

Former State Master Nahum Batchelder served as National Grange Master, and Governor for the Granite State at the same time. His portrait is on the second floor at the State House leading to Representatives Hall. In reading the first report, the State Legislative Committee was very active. They got a law passed after prolonged contest, the enactment of a law for more practical agricultural instruction and manual training at the Agricultural College at Durham. They appeared before the House Committee on Agriculture, House Committee on Banks among others.

The State Grange also had a State Grange Taxation Committee, which was combined with the Legislative Committee. A few years ago, the Agriculture Committee was absorbed into the Legislative Committee. Plans are underway for the annual Grange Day at the Legislature, to be held on a Wednesday in April to celebrate Grange Month. Please try to come, see, and learn how your legislators debate and vote on various bills.

I found that from September 30, 1894 to September 30, 1895, 14 Granges were organized; Contoocook # 216, Mohawk #217 of East Colebrook; Mount Gardner # 218 of Woodsville; Piermont # 219; the journal stated Mohawk #220 in Gorham ( will check that name); Lake # 221 of Sunapee; Sugar Hill # 222, Lisbon; Colebrook # 223; Columbia #224; Dover # 225; Frontier # 226 of Stewartstown; Eden # 227, Milan; Androscoggin # 228, Milan; Pilot # 229 of Stark; As of

September 30, 1895, six more were added: Unity # 230; Umbagog # 231 of Berlin; Blue Mountain # 232 of Grantham; Rye # 233; Blow Me Down # 234 of Plainfield; Aurora # 235, of Pittsburg. Mohawk, Blow Me Down and Aurora Granges are very active today.

Now let's spring forward to the year 1975 and see what took place. I found Donald Ross being selected as Youth Master of the Year. The Youth Officers opened the Saturday morning session with Youth Master Donald Ross rapping the gavel at 8:30 a.m. Other Youth Officers were: Overseer Patricia Leclerc (Bailey), Lecturer James Hayes, Steward Michael Hayes, Assistant Steward Bruce Heath, Lady Assistant Steward Roslyn Heath, Chaplain Tricia Taylor, Treasurer Pamela Kimball, Secretary Gayl Hayes, Gatekeeper Stephen Ahern, Ceres Sally Ann Fellows, Pomona Abbie Seaver (Ahern), Flora Roberta Tremblay, Pianist Ralph Pugh, Executive Committee: Steven Janvrin, Laura Humphrey, and Forrest Decatur.

The Youth Committee offered a prize of \$10.00 to the Pomona and Subordinate Grange that conferred all the degrees on the most youth candidates. Pemigewasset Valley Pomona with six new members and Sunset Grange with ten new members were the winning Granges. It was reported that 87 youth joined Subordinate Granges and 28 joined Pomona Granges. The 1975 Princess crowned was Laura Humphrey, Hampton Falls Grange; Prince, James Hayes, Lower Intervale Grange; and Young Couple, Everett & Cynthia Aldrich, Stratford Grange.

In the State Secretary's report 26 Pomona Granges reported a membership of 6,040 members, with a loss of 132. There were 204 Subordinate Granges with a membership of 13,677 members, a loss of 359. The Junior Granges with 25 units reported a membership of 484, a loss of 66.

The progress on the Freedom Gavel was reported with 97 Granges having received it with a brief ceremony featured at each Grange. It still had more to go having only 48.2% completed. The Freedom Gavel was a special large gavel, celebrating our Nation's Bicentennial, going from

Grange to Grange

State Master E. Norris Hall, who was finishing his four year term said in his final Master's Address that Granges who meet in homes continuously lose their prestige in the community as an organization of service to the area. The State Master spoke about the Granges who stepped up to the plate in their community by Land and Building Improvements, purchasing and giving to Fire and Police Departments rescue and life saving equipment, as well as helping out in the hospitals.

There were 101 candidates to take the Bicentennial Class of the Sixth Degree. Who were some of the candidates in that class? B. Richard Bailey, Jeffrey Bailey, Donna Huntoon, Lisa Moran, Joanne & Lois Gibson, David Oscarson, Christine Woods, Hazel Morrison, Rev. Earl Vincent, Bernard Nason Jr. and David Wilson.

In 1975 a Resolution was presented to include the position of Pianist as an elective office with amendment that the Grange would not be penalized if they were absent. This was adopted by the delegate body with an appropriate installation charge composed.

I personally miss the session committees as it gave everyone a chance to serve and discuss resolutions. The Public Affairs Committee in 1975 talked about resolutions dealing with an Energy Policy, Automobile Emissions Controls, Federal Aid Highway and Safety Acts, Seat Belt Law, jar rubbers and canning lids, Nuclear Generating Stations, and Pulp Mills. Each resolution was discussed with several members appointed by the Master and brought forward to the delegates for their vote. Several other committees included the Credentials, Master's Address, Good of the Order, Junior Grange, and Constitution & Bylaws.

I guess it is time to finish this Historian column for the GSG. I hope you enjoy reading as much as I enjoy writing what I find. I could write more and more but space is limited. Since I have been ill and told by the doctor to rest and rest, I am working on updating the book I did a few years ago but never got printed. I hope this year to get it printed.



**Junior Winter Rally, January 31, 2015**

Arriving at the State Grange Building, we found the heat in the hall was 40 degrees. A change of schedule for the Juniors was to cook first in the kitchen to keep warm. We cooked Chocolate Chip Oatmeal cookies, two types of brownies, and Rice Krispy Treats. This warmed us and the building gradually warmed too.

Thanks to all our Adult helpers the Grange hall was set up ready for us to fill the offices. Not one of our Juniors had ever done the Junior Opening and Closing. We had four visitors who also filled offices and two were obligated as Junior members: Mallory Enman and Desean Penny. We welcome them and hope they will continue to work on Junior projects. We had another young man wanting to join. He came with Tricia Taylor, and she was unable to reach his Mom to see if this was possible. We hope to continue to grow our State Junior Grange.

Three of our Juniors have been working on their Merit Badges and their Grandmother, Cam Twiss, had made them sashes to pin their badges on. They were escorted to the Altar and presented with their Badges. A big accomplishment!

Genevieve Twiss received Family Tree Badge, Inside the Earth Badge, and Manual Alphabet Badge. Ava Twiss received her Reading Badge, Family Tree Badge, and Manual Alphabet Badge with Emergency Help Badge - on order. Alayna Twiss received her Reading Badge, Family Tree Badge and Manual Alphabet Badge. They told a little about what they had to do to receive their Badges.

The afternoon sessions consisted of games, duck tape craft, and card making for the Veterans Home to cover a community service project. A total of ten children attended all or part of the activities.

A big thank you to our State Master Chris Heath, Tricia Taylor State Executive Committee member, Gloria Davis,

Lois Enman, Camilie Twiss, and Daviana Penny for assisting us, either by bringing children or working with activities. Having many Young at Heart as our audience and cheering us on encouraged our Juniors. We also want to let the Youth know how much we appreciated being there with them as parents were near by if we needed support from them.

#### Bowling

We will be having Bowling with parents in March, using bumper alleys. If there are any Junior age children wishing to become members, I will be willing to do the obligation for them. Non-Juniors and Juniors are welcome at this activity but reservations must be included with the Subordinate Grange reservations with ages of children listed.

#### 1+ Membership

The new 1+ membership is a great way to start the Junior program in your Granges. I included the program in the Junior booklets sent with your delegates to State Grange in October, 2014. You begin with one Junior member in your Grange (sending me the names, addresses, birthdays and parents names) Initiation for Junior Grange is \$1.00 and dues each year are \$1.00. If applications are needed you can print them off the National Website for Juniors. You would become part of the NH State Junior Grange until you have grown to a total of 13+ in your Grange.

These young Juniors are able to fill in an office when you have an absent member or a vacant position available. They can also be seated next to an officer to learn how their office works. Junior Grange has the same offices as Subordinate Grange and is later able to graduate into your Grange and know how to become an active Subordinate member. Review the contests in State Junior, National Junior, Lecturer's and Youth that are appropriate for your children and bring something for them to work on and encourage entering many contests. Many of these have cash prizes and this will encourage working harder.

#### Merit Badge Program

The Merit Badge programs are listed on the National Grange Website and many can be worked on at a Grange meeting or at home.

#### Future Programs

We are planning on having two one-day programs for the Juniors in place of the Camp Weekend with the Youth this year. This will give us an opportunity to reach different areas in the two days. Please give me your feedback on how far you are able to go to attend one of these events. It is fun to invite non members and parents to attend in hopes to grow our Juniors. (The future of our Granges comes from early learning.) I heard of many families at Farm and Forest looking for activities of learning for their children.

#### Contests for Juniors

Age groups for the contests will be: 4 ½ -7, 8-11, and 12-14 years

#### Brown Paper Bag Craft

Use a brown paper bag and make it into what ever animal or craft you would like to make. You may use construction paper, glue, etc, to decorate your crafted bag.

#### Recycled Something from Nothing

Choose Popsicle sticks, clothes pins, bulbs, candy canes, etc. to make a useable item. Suggestions: Soda bottle bird feeder, tin can craft, bottle caps, whatever you have and make into a useable item. No larger than 12" x 12" x 6". This should be brought to State Grange in October, 2015, for judging and prizes.



NH State Grange Master Chris Heath with Junior Grangers holding "Noel" our Mascot, at the Winter Rally held January 31, 2015.

#### A Hearty Grange Welcome to New Members

**Bobette Glidden Bakers River**  
**Nancy Davis Bakers River**  
**Kerrie Walker Granite**  
**Mamie Miles Granite**  
**Stephen Fournier Stratford**





## GRANGE YOUTH NEWS

*Beth Merrill*

### Winter Rally Youth Meeting

This event was held on January 31st and can be considered a moderate success. There were 45 people in attendance throughout the day. Junior Grange activities started in the morning, while the Youth Committee met to make plans for several upcoming youth events and projects. The scheduled youth events began with lunch, provided by the Youth Committee, followed by a series of workshops. The first one had participants join in three different mixer games, just to get everyone feeling like part of the group and ready to be involved. Lots of laughs proved that learning new things about Grangers we thought we already knew can be fun!

The second workshop was a quick review of the state and national youth programs. Not much has changed with the State Program, but there are many new activities and contests to keep our youth members busy throughout the year.

One of those new contests is the Grange Parliamentary Procedure Contest, and for our third workshop of the day a group of FFA students from Winnisquam High School came to do a “parly pro” demonstration so that our members might have an idea of what participation in this contest will be like. They were an impressive group, very knowledgeable and capable in understanding how an efficient business meeting should be run. They answered a number of questions before heading back home. There is interest from a couple of members to form a NH team to compete at National Grange in November, but we need several more volunteers and a coach in order to make this happen.

Next, was time for the Grange Knowledge Test, written this year by Jerry Leclerc. Winners will be announced at June Youth Rally. Once that was completed, a craft activity was available for anyone wanting to learn how to make

ornaments out of aluminum cans and decorated with alcohol ink. Several of the completed fish shapes were handed in to be included with sale items at the New England Grange Building.

Thanks to the efforts of State Gatekeeper, Kathy Yardley, and her assistants, a delicious supper was served to the group and then it was time for the Youth Association meeting. Thanks to the special by-laws committee that met earlier in the day, an efficient discussion of the proposed by-laws changes and ensuing decisions were handled in a timely manner. It was voted to assemble three Special Challenge Bowling Teams that will go head-to-head at the State Grange Bowling Tournament. Each of these three teams, Youth Team, State Officers Youth Team, and State Officers Team, will select four members for their team and will also choose a charity for which they will play. Members of the two losing teams will pay \$25 each to the winning team’s charity.

An excellent program was presented by Youth Lecturer, Anne Boisvert, and winners of the theme baskets donated by the members of the State Youth Committee were announced. Everyone headed home after a day jam-packed with fun, fellowship, and learning opportunities.

### Sign-A-Song

Here is a major change of plan from the State Youth Program distributed last fall! The Sign-A-Song Contest will be held in conjunction with the Lecturer’s Variety Show on May 2nd at the State Grange Building. There will be qualified judges on hand to give all participants constructive comments on their performance, so please start practicing your songs now! This contest has been a fan favorite since its inception in the 1970’s and it would be a shame to lose it due to lack of participation. There is a category for beginner signers, so challenge yourself and give it a try. Better still, find a partner and work on an entry together. It’s very fun to do!

### Drill Team

We are currently seeking youth members to join the competition Drill Team, which will compete at the regional youth conference in July. We are going to try an experiment this year in an effort to

assemble a sixteen member team, the first of that size in a number of years. We are going to try to have four different teams of four members, regionally located, work individually on their part of the drill and then, with only one or two complete team rehearsals, see if we can put it all together. If you were not at Winter Rally for the initial sign-up of the team, then do not wait any longer to let your Youth Director know that you are interested in being a part of the team this year!

### June Youth Rally

June Youth Rally is set to be held at Copper Cannon Camp in Franconia, NH June 5, 6, and 7. Details and registration information will be mailed and posted on the State Grange website as soon as they are available. Plan on having your entries for the Public Speaking Contest (Prepared Speech and Radio Spot) ready this weekend, and also be ready for selecting our representatives for the Grange Jeopardy Contest at regional conference. Those who qualify for the regional team will get to compete for top honors at National Grange convention in November!

A reminder to anyone seeking funding from the Jodi Bailey Youth Fund to help defray the cost of attending June Youth Rally and/or the Northeast Youth Conference, the application deadline is May 1st! The completed form requires the signature of your Grange secretary and your Grange seal, so it is best not to wait until the last minute to send it in!

### Northeast Youth Conference

Northeast Youth Conference is being hosted by Rhode Island this year. We will be staying at Camp Aldersgate in Chepachet, RI July 10-12. I hope we will have NH contestants in all three age groups in all three categories of the Public Speaking Contest. Impromptu speaking contestants do not have to qualify at a state competition in order to participate at the regional competition. Registration information and a schedule of events will be sent out simultaneously with the June Youth Rally mailing.

Phew! There’s a lot going on. Don’t forget to let me know when you are holding your Youth Night. We will make an attempt to have a representative there, if we are invited! See you in the spring!

*Outreach  
Director  
Stephen  
Tracy*



According to our ritual, Winter is supposed to be the time to relax and enjoy the fruits of our labors. This winter has not been a time of rest, but it has been enjoyable.

December and January were a delightful challenge of balloting and doing the Degrees on 5 new candidates for Mohawk Grange, which is getting about 15 people out to their meetings in cold and snow. They even have a junior membership pending!

I have been busy working the streets of Gorham for new members for Winthrop Grange. They started working on contacting prospective members and organizing a membership night. Then sickness and disease struck, and they were down to about 2-3 people being able to attend meetings. Panic. Despondency. How will we continue? I spoke up and the membership meeting did go on ...with a supper of course!

Ah! Success. The Winthrop meeting netted 6 new members including a youth who does signing.

At Stratford we are working on another public informational meeting since the last was so well attended. This topic is on a study done by UNH about food insecurity. Stratford and Columbia are in the highest risk category so we will have one of the UNH staff speaking on the subject and then have a discussion on how we can change that as in a community garden, etc. The last meeting gained 3 new members for Mohawk and hopefully this one will gain Stratford some.

I am also working with Riverside on a membership meeting after I work the streets for them. Work on the Grange in Ossipee is still in the works.

Farm and Forest Expo brings a lot of opportunities to get the Grange into the public eye and gain new members. I got to speak to people from across the state and even walked around to the other booths working on membership. It was

good to see so many dedicated Grangers there milling around with some form of Grange emblem on to give us exposure.

One of my biggest pushes has been to get the Grange out of the Grange Hall and into the community so the world knows there is an active Grange there. Stratford Grange will be having their February meeting at an extended care facility where 3 of our members are in the winters of their lives. The facility is overjoyed and wants us to meet there often. Our goal is to see to the well being of our members there, and the active members think this is a great idea also.

When the meeting at the extended care facility was reported in the local newspaper the editor asked if a photographer/reporter could attend. They thought this was a fantastic idea and that we don’t just forget about our aging members. If you have members homebound or facility bound please remember them. Stratford Grange members are either visiting or calling its members to be sure all is well. Talk about Grange family! There’s another benefit of the Grange.

Weather permitting (common phrase in the North Country) I will be having a public meeting for the formation of a new Grange in Stewartstown. I have finally found a public meeting place (rare in this town) and I have had several people speak to me from town about having a Grange. Hopefully this year does not go by without a new Grange organized in the state. I challenge others to make it more than one.

Another way to get the Grange into the public eye is media. I am not the computer savvy guru to start blogs, websites, joining Facebook, etc. I am more for the written word so I am working with a newspaper and a magazine for stories about the Grange. Soon there will be a movie on the Hallmark Channel...yeah right. Well... let me look into that. Or how about a country singer singing about the Grange? The possibilities are endless if you think outside the little box of a Grange Hall.

I am on the state board of Small and Beginner Farmers, and we are working on a series of public agricultural speakers that we wish to do around the state. I will be contacting some Granges to see if they

wish to co-host and sell finger foods and drinks. While advertising the meeting the Grange gets recognition.

The Grange Growth Team is still active and meeting soon. If you need their help, let Chris know. Along with organizing new Granges let’s try to save our struggling Granges also and end the year without any Grange closures and gain new ones. Come on, as Rosie the Riveter said, “We can do it!”

Lastly, I am looking for a copy of the picture of me kissing a pig during our challenge a few years ago. An electronic pic would be best but if you have a hard copy I’ll accept that also.

Now get bundled up and get out and promote the Grange!!



*Grange  
Services*

*Lois Enman, Director*

I hope when you read this article that your Grange has received and read the Educational Loan Fund (ELF) appeals letter from Rodney Huntoon. Your donations from Subordinate and Pomona Granges help this Department to provide scholarships to our members who are trying to advance their education. We are also able to offer loans to them that must be paid back after they have completed their college degree. I challenge ALL Granges to make a donation no matter how small to this Department before September 30th of this year. I would like to report at State Session that All Granges in the 2015 Roster had sent a donation.

A reminder to members that the National Grange offers many membership benefits to any Subordinate member. These can be checked out on the National Grange website at [www.nationalgrange.org](http://www.nationalgrange.org). Please share these updates at your meeting.

I hope high school seniors and college students are making an early start on completing the required paper work for scholarships and loans.

Please contact me or any committee member with your questions or concerns about Grange Services.



## **Peterborough Grange**

A Ceremony of Recognition for Temple/Wilton Community Farm (TWCF) and Trauger Groh, Anthony Graham and Lincoln Geiger was attended by a packed audience Sunday, November 23, 2014. The farmers were honored for establishing one of the first CSAs in America twenty-five years ago. All seats were filled. The walls were lined with standing audience members, and the balcony of the Monadnock Cultural Center (former Peterborough Historical Society) was full. The event was sponsored by Peterborough Grange #35.

Thirty third and fourth grade students of Pine Hill Waldorf School in Wilton sang farm songs. Keynote speakers were Martin Novem, founding member of TWCF, and via skype Steven McFadden on the big screen. Steven and Trauger were co-authors of the book, **Farms of Tomorrow Revisited**. Guest speakers were Steffen Schneider, Director of Farm Operations, Biodynamic Association of North America; Bob Haefner, Chairman of NH House of Representatives Agriculture Committee, for NH State Grange; and Ron Christie, board member, Northeast Organic Farming Association of NH (NOFA).

Alice Groh, Trauger's wife, gave an insightful speech on Trauger's background and how the TWCF came to be. Proclamations were read for Town of Temple by Ruth Holmes of Peterborough

Grange #35, Town of Wilton by Kermit Williams and Richard McNamara who are NH State Representatives for Wilton. Theo Groh, Trauger's son, read the Proclamation for State of NH by Governor Maggie Hassan.

Ron Lucas, Lecturer for Peterborough Grange #35, presented the Certificates of Recognition. Carol Andrews, on board of directors, accepted on behalf of TWCF members. Trauger and Alice Groh, Anthony Graham and Lincoln Geiger received their certificates. Trauger, Anthony and Lincoln each gave a speech that captivated the audience. Their passions for healthy food, environmental concerns and caring for the earth and people and how we and they live glued the listeners to each man's words. Also, a deep concern and warning about safe food availability was expressed. They truly had their hearts exposed. Their caring, hard work and intelligence are amazing, showing why they deserve and earned this recognition.

Many organizations contributed to this event. TWCF gave Ron Lucas two large baskets filled with produce, bread, jams and other foods from farms recognizing all the work he has done (he used to be a member). All our Grange #35 members were in attendance, each with tasks to fill – directing attendees, making introductions, giving speeches, making food and handling the refreshment table. Following the event the Biodynamic Association asked for a photo for their website.

## **Calendar of Events**

**(a work in progress)**

- March 7 - Danbury Winter Market**
- March 7 - Youth Glow Bowling**  
**8-11 p.m. Boutwell's Bowling Center, Concord**
- March 8 - State Grange Bowling, Lakeside Lanes, Manchester**
- March 14 - April 5 - Maple Sugaring Month**
- March 28-29 - Maple Weekend**
- April 4 - Danbury Winter Market**
- April 11 - Spring Fling, Tilton**
- April 25 - The Agate 12 noon, Holderness**
- May 2 - Danbury Winter Market**
- May 2 - State Lecturer's Variety Show and Penny Sale - Hooksett**
- May 30 - Daniel Webster Grange Chicken Barbeque and Penny Sale. Webster Town Hall 4:30 p.m.**
- June 6-8 - Youth Rally, Copper Cannon Camp, Franconia**
- June 19-21 - Annaul Art Show, Antrim Grange**
- July 10-12 - NE Youth Conference Chepachet, RI**
- July 22 - 26 - North Haverhill Fair**
- July 23-26 - Stratham Fair**
- Aug. 3 -5 - NE Lecturers' Conference St. Joseph College, Standish, ME**
- Aug. 21-23 - Cornish Fair**
- Sept. 2-7 - Lancaster Fair**
- Sept. 12 - Danbury Grange Fair Activities Dawn to Dark**
- Sept. 18-Oct. 4- Eastern States Expo.**

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