



# The Granite State Granger

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## Northeast Leaders' Conference

January 27-29, 2017

Holiday Inn

476 Holiday Drive

Rutland, VT 05701 877-410-6667.

There will be a \$10 Conference Fee.

The cost for the room will be \$105.00 per night plus 10% tax. The room cost includes the Hot Breakfast Buffet at the hotel. When calling to make a reservation, please mention that you are with the Grange Leaders' Conference in order to get the Grange rate. Room Registration deadline is: **Monday, January 9, 2017.**

### Meals

#### Dinner, Friday, January 27, 2017

On your own. The Holiday Inn offers Friday Night Pasta, Bread & Salad Bar \$15.00 There are also several restaurants within easy driving distance of the hotel.

#### Lunch, Saturday, January 28, 2017

Tureen of Split Pea Soup, Tuna, Egg, Ham & Turkey Salad Wraps, Cole Slaw, Pasta Salad, Chips, Pickles, Beverage, Assorted Cookies & Brownies (\$22)

#### Banquet, Saturday, January 28, 2017 – Plated Sit-Down Dinner (\$35)

\_\_\_\_\_ Vermont Roast Turkey, Apple Sage Stuffing

\_\_\_\_\_ Roasted Loin of Pork Montreal, Cider Apple Glaze

Each entrée includes plated salad, freshly baked rolls, butter, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Pitchers of Milk & Ice water on each table, Served Coffee or Tea and a Dessert Buffet featuring assorted cakes, éclairs, cream puffs, tarts, mini cheesecakes.

**Deadline for Meal Reservations is January 20, 2017.**

Please make your check payable to: Vermont State Grange and mail to: Linda Sanderson, 229 Mears Road, Milton, VT 05468 Meals cannot be guaranteed after the deadline date.

## NE Leaders' Conference Schedule

Friday, January 27, 2017

Registration: 4:00-7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Welcome

Introduction of National Grange Rep.

Introduction of State dignitaries by

State Masters

8:00 p.m. Meeting of NE Connection

State Committee Meetings

8:30 p.m. Hospitality Room Opens

Saturday, January 28, 2017

8:30 a.m. Opening of the day's session

Opening Prayer

Announcements

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Breakout Sessions:

NE Grange Trustees

Lecturers

Chaplains

Agriculture

Legislative

Youth

Juniors

Home Economics &

Community Service

Publicity

Membership

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch,

1:00 p.m. Guest Speaker, Errol Briggs

2:15 p.m. Guest Speaker

3:15 p.m. National Master

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. NE Connection

6:00 p.m. Banquet

Community Service Awards

Raffle Drawing

Entertainment

9:00 p.m. Hospitality Room Open

Sunday, January 29, 2017

8:30 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. General Meeting ;

Records of 2016 Conference

Reports of Session Committees

Other Business

Election of Officers

Closing Remarks

## Registration Forms for the North East Leaders' Conference

may be obtained from

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E-mail: [ch420@netzero.net](mailto:ch420@netzero.net)

## E-postcard Filing Time

by Dan Bascom, State Treasurer

In March, 2016, the IRS changed their web site, so all of you who filed before then last year will have a difficult time trying to file this year. Your previous password is no longer valid. You must set up a new account. To do so, go to <https://sa.www4.irs.gov/epostcard/>. You will need your EIN Number, go to get started and follow the prompts. **You must file by Feb. 15, 2017.**

Now if you have problems call or email me as I have set up a preparer account and can file for you. If you missed the last year or two please call me ASAP as I would need to file for you immediately. If you have not filed for 3 years or more your Grange will lose your IRS non-profit status and it costs \$400.00 plus a lot of paper work to get it reestablished. I would rather file for you than have to go through all that paper work. I have done about 20 Granges already.

As your State Treasurer I feel this is another benefit the State Grange can provide for you. Dan Bascom, (603) 332-2164, [kdbascom@aol.com](mailto:kdbascom@aol.com).

## Deadline

**The next issue of the Granite State Granger will be mailed in March, 2017. Please send items for the paper to Hannah West on or before February 10, 2017. Report on events of December and January Look ahead to events of March, April and May.**





*From my pad  
to your pad*

**Christopher Heath  
NH State Grange Master**

Brothers and Sisters, first let me say thank you to all the delegates who attended state session this year. It was a pleasure to have you in attendance. It was especially nice to see a lot of new faces. I hope your experience was good and you will come again next year. All in all I think we had a good session. I was pleased that we had sixteen resolutions this year. It meant more work for all of us but we survived. We have some areas that need a little improvement, but I feel we are getting to a happy medium for everyone.

Second, thank you to the delegates at this year's state session for having the confidence in me and reelecting me as State Master. I hope that I can continue to perform the duties of the office and move the Grange forward. I will be finishing my visitations to all the Granges across the state and will continue to visit in the future. It is so nice to make those connections to other members, brothers and sisters, from around the state. I plan on making them all long lasting relationships.

I want Granges to continue to work on the goals like you did last year. You can have a small goal of putting up flyers advertising your Grange or a larger one of holding an open house at your meeting space. Maybe your goal is to volunteer at the public library or even hold a benefit supper. Either way, try to do something. Once your Grange achieves or completes that goal, set another one. Try to make sure that these goals have something to do with your community.

Grange membership continues to be a hot topic, and I encourage everyone to ask people to join. Membership is everyone's responsibility. New members are going to come from your community. Ask your friends, neighbors, or people in your church. Young, old or middle aged. Single people, married couples with or without children. The Grange has some-

thing to offer to almost anyone. We need to get out of our comfort zone and grow the Grange. The Membership Committee and the State Grange can help. We are just waiting for you to ask. We are willing to be there and help you have successful open houses and other membership drives. By doing this we can help spread the Grange word and get more people to join the Grange.

I have made a few changes to the committees for the next two years. I am combining the Family and Community Service committees into one. Dick and Debra Patten will be co-directors of this committee. I am dividing the Legislative/Agriculture into two committees. Robert Haefner will continue as the Legislative Director and Norman Brandt will move from Membership to Agriculture. Beth Merrill has retired as Youth Director so I have asked Sarah Leclerc to take the reins and be the new Youth Director. She has also agreed to take over the role of Webmaster, working on revamping the website so that it will be more modernized. Hopefully things will be easier to find and more user friendly.

I will be temporarily running the Membership Department. I am looking for volunteers to help with this committee. If you are interested, please feel free to contact me so I can get you up to speed and set you off working.

Stephen Tracy will be our new Publicity Director. He is working on making contacts with the newspapers around the state and getting the Grange news out. He will be willing to work with anyone who needs help with writing articles or contacting their local papers to get these articles printed. Most newspapers want interesting news to print. Make sure that your article has value for the reader. If

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you have a special event going on or are working on a project in the community, ask them to put it in the paper.

You should always try to invite the community to come in and participate in your special event. Maybe you could ask them to help with that project you are working on. We must remember to have a positive attitude and outlook when participating in these events. We are all the face of the Grange.

I am glad that most Granges are still working on their ritualism. This is an important part of who we are and where we came from. Let's not lose the lessons of our order. Work on teaching our newer members about the strong history of ritualism in our Granges.

I wish the best for all the Grangers during this holiday season. Be safe as you travel to visit family and friends. I look forward to another year.

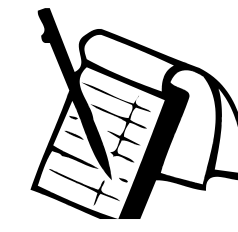
#### Harmony Grange #99

Harmony Grange #99 hosted a timely free public program on the "Heroin Epidemic" at the Sanbornton Town Hall on October 4th at 7:00 PM. The speaker, Deputy Chief Sean Riley, from the Laconia Fire Department, has many years of direct experience with the drug overdose problem. The Chief discussed the various drugs involved in the current crisis, the availability of "Narcan" for immediate overdose treatment, the effects on law enforcement from crime associated with the monies needed to maintain drug habits, and the shortages and difficulties of obtaining adequate treatment in the state for the increasing numbers of the population suffering from addiction. The 90 minute presentation elicited numerous questions from the audience who left the meeting much better informed about what has become a crisis issue in New Hampshire.

Harmony Grange plans to host two public programs in 2017, "Mosquito and Tick Borne Diseases" and "Emergency Preparedness". These events are also planned to be held at the Sanbornton Town Hall. More information including specific dates will appear in future issues of "The Granite State Granger".

Support the Granite State Granger with your donation.

**Lecturer's Lines  
State Lecturer  
Jane Trombi**



Another Grange year is upon us and it's time to get our programs in place for our upcoming meetings. The 2016 Lecturer's program was given out at State Grange and the delegate should have given you your packet. If not, please check with your delegate. The complete program is also on the State Grange website. Please contact me if you have questions.

Our program theme this year is "Education is the Key." As Lecturer, you are the educator of your Grange. In the installation charge it states: "to you is assigned the important duty of leading in the literary program and the educational work of the Grange." There are many options in the program for you to fulfill this obligation. The National Lecturer is also providing a "Lecturer's Program in a Box". This is available on the National Grange website: [www.nationalgrange.org](http://www.nationalgrange.org). Click on news/resources then on Lecturer's Programming.

Awards for last year were given at State Grange. Beth Merrill, Lecturer of Hillsborough County Pomona received Honor Lecturer for 2016. Second place went to Judy Bailey of Rochester Grange and Honorable Mentions went to Gary Ford of Concord Grange and Jozi Best of Claremont Grange. Congratulations to you all and thank you for your continued work in educating our Grange members.

"Our Own Backyard" program showed Wicwas Lake Grange as Number One with the most activities completed. Second Place went to Rochester Grange, Third Place to Blow-Me-Down Grange and Honorable Mention to Pemi Valley Pomona. Congratulations to you all for being so active.

The Art Contest, Photography Contest, Create-a-Card Contest and Creative Writing Contest were all judged and prizes awarded at State Grange. The complete list of winners will be printed in the journal.

#### Contests for 2017

Photography Contest

Note: We are asking that photographs

have a foam board or other rigid backing. They may be matted but not framed.

Categories are:

- A. Covered Bridges
- B. Flowers
- C. Family
- D. "Four Seasons" (take a picture in the same spot during each of the four seasons. If you don't get them all taken this Grange year, you can hold them over for next year. This direction only applies to the Four Seasons photographs.

Art Contest

Categories:

- A. Oils & Acrylics
- B. Watercolors
- C. Charcoal, Pastels, Markers and Pencil
- D. Mixed Media (this category is endless!) For example, a work on canvas that combines paint, ink, and collage materials. It doesn't have to be on canvas. It could be on any background material.

E. NEW CATEGORY: Adult Coloring Page. Adult coloring books are all the rage and are a great relaxation and concentration tool. You can find them almost anywhere. You may enter one coloring page, using any type of medium to color: pencils, crayons, markers, gel pens.

Create a Card Contest

This contest gives members the opportunity to create their own all occasion cards. Size of the cards will be no bigger than 5 1/2 X 8 1/2.

Categories:

- I. Hand Made (Drawn by hand or cut and pasted with materials found in the home rather than commercially prepared.)
- II. Computer Generated (Any card using a computer in any way.)
- III. Hand Stamped and/or Deco-rated (with materials available from craft stores)

Classes are as follows:

- Class A: Baby
- Class B: Halloween
- Class C: Anniversary

Creative Writing Contest

This contest has three different types of writing that you can participate in.

Categories:

- I. Poetry – Haiku (An unrhymed Japanese

verse) It has 17 syllables in all. 5 on the first line, 7 on the second line and 5 on the third line. They are not rhyming.

(Title) Son

He's always a joy

Line 1 (5 syllables)

Never sitting a minute

Line 2 (7 syllables)

Makes this mama proud!

Line 3 (5 syllables)

Only one subject category: Family  
II. Tell the Story – "Memories From My School Days". (500 word limit)  
III. Read the Book and answer the following question, "Why Did I Enjoy This Book?" You must read a book; any book, and then answer the question. In 500 words or less, tell why you were impressed or entertained by this book. Try not to give the entire story away.

PLEASE see the program book for a complete list of rules.

#### Bowling

Save the date of March 19, 2017, for our annual bowling tournament. We will start at noon and the cost is still \$12.00 for adults and \$8.00 for Juniors. Watch for registration forms coming out in January.

#### Grange Month Banquet

Save the date of April 29, 2017, and join us at the State Grange Building for an evening of fellowship and celebration of our great organization. There will be a Penny Sale starting at 4 p.m. with our banquet starting at 5:30. Cost will be \$15.00 and \$7.00 for ten and under. Anyone interested in participating with their talent or variety act in an Open Mic Time is welcome to do so. Participants will be considered for Best of Show to attend the Evening of Excellence at National Grange.

I am looking forward to another great year as your lecturer and I look forward to working with all of you. Again, please contact me if you have any questions.

Support the ELF!

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Another year in our State Junior Grange has passed, and I have mixed feelings on our membership in Junior Grange. I was able to obligate two young ladies at Centennial Grange and have heard of others who now belong to different Granges due to the (Plus) +1 program. No communication is coming to me as to where our young people are now joining Granges.

Are you adding children to your Granges and how do I relay our activities to you? I have dues cards to send once I receive the information. There are two other new members being reported to the State Secretary, and I am excited to hear we are growing. Please let me know if addresses of members are changed so I can be in touch with them. Please review the +1 program on the National Website under Junior Grange.

We have four Juniors graduating and hopefully joining your Granges: Samuel Klapyk, Blazing Star Grange #71; Mollie Durand, Wicwas Lake Grange #292; and Patrick and Lukas Marcoux, Watatic Grange #36

I would like to congratulate all the Granges working with Juniors: Centennial Grange #185, Chichester Grange #132, and Hudson Grange #11 especially for starting with Juniors in 2016. I have chosen two Granges to recognize: Blazing Star Grange #71 for having the most Junior members in 2016 and Watatic Grange #36 for the most contests entered in 2016. Congratulations to all Granges with Juniors!

Did you know that in 2017 the Junior Grange in New Hampshire is 90 years old? How can we grow and celebrate such a great event? My theme this year is "Let's Celebrate! NH 90 Years "Jewels of the Grange". Will you all assist in making the year a growing year for Junior Grange?

Participation in activities with your children bonds us all together. We can turn up our numbers and maybe open

a Junior Grange in your own Grange and be the first in years to do so. These will be our future Subordinate, Pomona and State officers if we work with them, and teach them more about the Grange. Make it fun for all young adults and children to be a part in our order.

#### Save the Date

Junior Fun Day on February 11 and Adults can attend the Youth program at the same time. Watch for the Schedule in the mail in January.

#### Big E Contest 2017

This has more info than the booklet for Juniors!

#### Boat Craft

Use any material or combination of materials such as paper, foam, cork, wood, plastic, etc. to make a boat that will float. Size not to exceed 6"x6"x6". Judges will test floatability.

We will see if they float at the Birthday Party on August 11 at the State Grange Building in Hooksett.

If any members have ideas for our big party, I am willing to work with you to make this a great event for our Junior Grange in New Hampshire. Did you know what Jewels are for the 90th Anniversary?

#### Junior Grange Winners at State Grange 2016

##### Drawings

Alayna Twiss, Watatic Grange 1st  
Alayna Twiss, Watatic Grange 2nd  
Alayna Twiss, Watatic Grange 3rd  
Ava Twiss, Watatic Grange 1st

##### Felt Crafts

Genevieve Twiss, Watatic Grange 3rd  
Ava Twiss, Watatic Grange 1st  
Lily Lynch, Watatic Grange 2nd  
Alayna Twiss, Watatic Grange 3rd  
Caden Lynch, Watatic Grange 3rd

##### Something Recycled from nothing

Cole Enman, Rochester Grange 2nd  
Mallory Enman, Rochester Grange 1st

##### Baking Contest

##### Chocolate Chip Cookies

Mallory Enman, Rochester Grange 1st  
Cole Enman, Rochester Grange 2nd

**For food that stays our hunger,  
For rest that brings us ease,  
For homes where memories linger,  
We give our thanks for these.  
- Traditional Blessing**

#### News from National Grange

On Thursday, November 17, delegates of the National Grange held scheduled elections for two positions on the Executive Committee and special elections for the offices of Lecturer and Lady Assistant Steward.

Duane Scott, Fort Atkinson, Wisc., and Leroy Watson, Walpole, N.H., were re-elected to two-year terms on the Executive Committee. This will be the start of Watson's second term while Scott begins his fourth term and was re-elected by the committee as secretary.

Amanda Leigh Brozana, National Grange Communications and Development Director, announced on Wednesday, Nov. 16, her intent to resign as National Lecturer to respect the tradition of separation of staff and officers. Brozana, of Greenbelt, Md., was elected Lecturer in 2015 before returning to the National staff in March 2016.

Christine Hamp, who has been serving as National Lady Assistant Steward, was elected Thursday to the remaining one-year term of the Lecturer's office. With the move of Hamp, of Nine Mile Falls, Wash., the one-year remainder of the term for Lady Assistant Steward was open and Brenda Rousselle, of Essex Junction, Vt., was elected to the office.

Hamp announced in a letter to delegates that she is "honored to be your new National Grange Lecturer and ... exited to get to work." She plans to announce programming changes or additions by December 15 and encouraged all State Presidents to share information with their members as soon as possible.



Watatic Junior Grangers



I would like to thank everyone, especially the FFA Chapter in the Lebanon area, for working with us to collect items for the Silent Warriors of Lebanon and Enfield. We collected several big boxes filled with canned food, toiletry items and more.

We had a very successful session in West Lebanon. The Recognition Awards I presented from Thursday to Saturday were well received. I was pleased to honor several officers who were wounded in action. They were pleased to think an organization such as the Grange would take time to honor them.

I sincerely hope more Granges take the time to honor someone whether a police officer or firefighter or teacher. The State Lecturer is going to receive suggestions for a citizen and public service awards. She will be speaking more about this.

The Christmas season is a wonderful time, but it can be a very sad, lonely time for some people. Grange members will be providing gifts for families or children who might not have a happy Christmas. The Grange project, Santa Remembers Teens at Christmas, has been a successful project. I have been asking Grange members to support this project by sending in gift cards.

The teens love shopping, going for a pizza, or getting a hair cut. Please help support Santa and donate a few more gift cards. We need your help to make this project successful. Operation Santa Claus volunteers have asked me if the Grange could help again with gift cards. I said yes we are going to donate some gift cards. They make a good gift for the teenagers.

While we are talking about not forgetting teens or young boys and girls, think about our senior citizens who live alone and have no family living near them. Many times our seniors who do live at home often are forgotten. Their neighbors are busy, socializing, and forgetting they might have someone in their

neighborhood who is alone and would welcome an invitation to visit. You might surprise them with a poinsettia, homemade Christmas cookies, and maybe offer to decorate a small table top Christmas tree if they don't have one. How about a group of Grange members taking a trip to the local nursing home and offering to do some Christmas songs, bringing some Christmas spirit, and finishing with some home made Christmas cookies and punch.

Don't forget the Salvation Army is always looking for volunteers to ring the bells for the Red Kettle Drive. I have done this with members of my Grange a few years ago and they are always happy to have the help.

This winter may not be so easy as last year. Please be on the watch for the elderly who might need their pathway shoveled, their mail or newspaper brought in, the oil checked in their furnace, or possibly you could go to the store for them. There are many things you could offer to help those in need.

Your Grange might check to see if your town/city is going to have a winter emergency shelter for the homeless. If there is a shelter being organized see if your Grange can assist in some way. You might donate good clean linen, blankets, clothing, canned food, crackers, soups, and dry spaghetti, or macaroni. They need volunteers to help with the shelter.

There are many things that your Grange could be doing. What I have written about in this article are ideas if your Grange isn't sure what to do. I don't expect you to do everything. These are just ideas your Grange can think about.

The Dictionary Project is a good idea to think about. If your Grange can't afford to do this alone or afford the books, you might approach another organization to assist you. You might check with the school to see if they still want the dictionary.

This will do it for this time, I hope everyone has a great Christmas, Chanukah, and a very Happy New Year in 2017!

**Remember, someone asked you to join the Grange. Don't forget to ask someone to share the same opportunities that you have received.**

#### Antrim Grange #98

The Antrim Grange exhibit that was displayed at Cheshire, Hopkinton, Hillsborough County, and Deerfield Fairs won many ribbons thanks to the work of Gloria Davis and Dawne Hugron who were responsible for its creation, transport, and construction. The Grange booth at Home and Harvest sold goodies and collected donations for the Dictionary Project. Our dictionary-themed parade float was awarded a prize by the parade committee.

Funding has been secured for purchasing dictionaries for our 15th year of participating in the Dictionary Project. A dictionary has been presented to every third grade student in Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Francetown, Greenfield, and Peterborough Elementary schools.

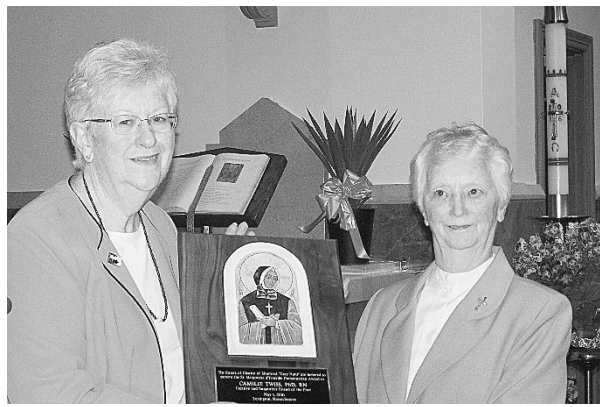
Thanks to the generosity of Liz Robertson, we held a fabric and crafts sale on two Saturday mornings this fall, which was a lot of fun. This is a project that we plan to continue in the spring.

At the recent State Grange session in West Lebanon, NH, Beth Merrill won awards for her needlework and greeting card entries and was awarded the distinction of Honor Lecturer. Sarah Mercier won second place with her counted cross stitch entry. One of Beth's greeting cards was selected to be sent to the National Grange convention to be displayed in the Showcase exhibit.

Our "Stepping Up in the Grange" tree is now on display at the Festival of Trees. Our twentieth annual cookie decoration meeting was moved to Thanksgiving time this year due to the date change for the town Tree Lighting event. Antrim Grange is happy and eager to prepare and serve the December 15th free Community Supper at the Presbyterian Church and have some festive activities planned for our diners' entertainment. We hope you will join us for a turkey and biscuits supper!

Our free public winter speaker programs are being planned for January and February. Meet the Candidates Night, where citizens can meet and ask questions of the folks who are running for town office at Town Meeting in March, will be held on February 22nd.





**Camilie Twiss Honored**  
by Suzanne Forget, SGM

On Sunday, May 1, 2016, the Sisters of Charity of Montreal, "Grey Nuns", were happy to present to Camilie Twiss, PhD, RN, the 18th St. Marguerite d'Youville Humanitarian Award at Youville Place, Lexington MA.

The Sisters honor their beloved foundress St. Marguerite d'Youville by bestowing this award on individuals they feel best exemplify her values and mission. St. Marguerite (1701-1771) spent a lifetime in service to the poor in Montreal, Canada, facing every new challenge with action, with courage and with compassion. She was proclaimed a saint in 1990. The award consists of an icon of St. Marguerite which this time bore the inscription:

**CAMILIE TWISS, PhD, RN -  
Creative and Supportive  
Friend of the Poor.**

It was an exciting day as there was much energy in the air. The chapel was filled with joyful greetings and chatter among the numerous personal invitees of Camilie: her loving family, many friends, members of other service organizations, several Associates of St. Marguerite d'Youville, some residents as well as the Grey Nuns and their guests. The Award Program included an inspiring prayer prepared by Sr. June Ketterer.

In her welcoming remarks, Sr. Jeanne Poor, SGM, Area Coordinator, praised Camilie on her rich and compassionate life as a committed Christian, a devoted and faithful wife, a loving and kind mother of two, and now an adored grandmother. Over the years and supported by her husband, Camilie was always involved helping the less fortunate besides conscientiously fulfilling her many professional and family obligations. Camilie's husband, whom she loved and now misses, died over ten years ago.

A woman of prayer, a quiet woman, Camilie is also a woman of strong vision. She puts her whole heart into the task at hand and in whatever she is called to be or do. After a career in Pediatric Nursing, Camilie unassumingly became the Director of the School of Nursing at St. Joseph Hospital, Nashua, NH until her retirement a few years ago. In 1990, Camilie joined the Associates of St. Marguerite d'Youville, carrying on the mission of the Grey Nuns. Since 2010, she is the Director of the Associates of St. Marguerite d'Youville. Innumerable hearts are being touched and many poor are having their basic needs lovingly met through the creative efforts and hard work initiated by Camilie and her faithful Associates. Camilie is also involved in another service organization, the Order of Patrons of Husbandry where the needs of the poor are met through creativity and collaboration with others.

After receiving the Award graciously presented by Sr. Jeanne, an overwhelmed and happy Camilie said she was very pleased on being surprisingly chosen for the 2016 Award. She added: All that I have done was with the help and support of many loyal and devoted Associates. I did not do it alone. She also gave credit to the late Connie Brodeur, former Director of the School of Nursing: She always pushed me beyond what I felt capable of achieving. What touched Camilie very much were the several times she went on a Pilgrimage to Montreal, Canada to visit where St. Marguerite d'Youville lived and served the poor. She said: How can one stand in the same room where Marguerite d'Youville, Foundress of the Grey Nuns, prepared and served food for the poor; climb the orchard hills at Chateauguay; or touch her prie-dieu without feeling an overwhelming awe of the woman she was, her works and her faith?

Camilie received a standing ovation after the closing hymn to St. Marguerite d'Youville: "Joyful, joyful we acclaim you, faithful, trusting Marguerite". There was a reception after the Award Program, where the camaraderie and joyful atmosphere lingered till it was time to say goodbye, with hearts filled with praises to God for the gift of Camilie to our broken world!

# Grange Bulletin Board



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I want to say Thank You to everyone for the pre 100th Birthday celebration, even with cake and cards, given to me at this years N.H. State Grange session.

A very special Thank You to Brother Richard Patten for all the hard work he did to make it such a special evening. The Historian award is an honor to have received.

Thank You to all of you for your many years of friendship and support. As these golden years come and slip away I can only remember how great the Grange is. Continue on with your Grange work for the generations to come.

Fraternally, Past State Master  
Brother Carl Adams

## Blazing Star Grange

The Blazing Star Grange Winter Farmers' Markets are now underway. Held the first Saturday of the month, December through April from 9am-1pm, there are two floors of farms, specialty food producers and artisans.

The Grange serves breakfast sandwiches plus lunch to help defray market costs. More information is available at [blazingstargrange.org](http://blazingstargrange.org).

## National Grange Quilt Squares

The pattern for 2017 is the Spiderweb Star. It is to be made with shades of green and brown, representing the earth and agriculture. The pattern to use can be found at: <http://www.mccallsquilting.com/patterns/details.html?idx=8325>. The blocks must come UNFINISHED and measure 12 1/2" x 12 1/2".



**Aurora Grange #235** in Pittsburg has been holding its regular monthly meetings. In October we started the meeting with a soup and bread supper for members. Deputy Jean Abbott was on hand for fall inspection, and she helped us to install our new officers and to welcome new members, Joy and Harold Webster. In honor of Halloween, members dressed up in costumes as seen by Janice Judd in the photo above.

Our November meeting was a joint meeting with the Pittsburg Historical Society. The evening started with the annual Thanksgiving pot luck dinner, and then everyone enjoyed an interesting program about Veterans' Day prepared by Lecturer Chip Evarts. We're looking forward to our Christmas get-together in December when we exchange gifts and share a lovely meal.

**State Grange Directors**  
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Grange Services - Lois Enman  
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Junior - Joann Brandt  
Membership - Chris Heath  
Publicity - Stephen Tracy  
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## Calendar of Events 2017

(a work in progress)

- Dec. 3 - Blazing Star Grange Winter Farmers' Market, Grange Hall, Danbury 9 - 2
- Dec. 10 - Deputy School  
Concord Fire Academy
- Jan. 9 - Reservation deadline for NE Leaders' Conference hotel
- Jan. 20 - Reservation deadline for NE Leaders' Conference meals
- Jan. 27-29 - NE Leaders' Conference  
Rutland, VT
- Feb. 11 - Winter Youth Rally &  
Junior Grange Fun Day  
State Grange Building, Hooksett
- Feb. 17 - 18 - Farm & Forest Expo  
Radisson Hotel, Manchester
- March 19 - State Grange Bowling  
Lakeside Lanes, Manchester 12 noon
- April 8 - Spring Fling (tentative)
- April 29 - Grange Month Banquet  
State Grange Building
- June 2-4 - June Youth Rally
- July 7-9 - Northeast Youth Conference  
Massachusetts
- July 28-30 - Grange Family Weekend  
Gunstock Campground
- Aug. 11 - Junior Grange Birthday Party  
State Grange Building, Hooksett
- Aug. 31 - Sept. 4 - Lancaster Fair  
516 Main St., Lancaster
- Sept. 1-4 - Hopkinton State Fair  
State Fairgrounds, Contoocook
- Sept. 15 - Oct. 2 - The Big E  
West Springfield, MA
- Sept. 19 - Hotel reservations due for  
NH State Session
- Sept. 24 - Grange Day at the Big E
- Sept. 28 - Oct. 1 - Deerfield Fair  
Route 43, Deerfield
- Oct. 1 - Youth & Lecturer's Contest  
Entries Due
- Nov. 7 - 11 - National Grange Convention,  
Spokane, Washington

## Thank You

**Mascoma Valley Pomona Hospitality Committee would like to say "thank you" to all Grangers who stopped by the hospitality room during NH State Grange Session in Lebanon. It was nice to visit and enjoy a small meal/snack with the many Grangers state wide. A special thank you to Blow-Me-Down, Croydon, and Park Granges for helping to supply time and goodies for this event.**

**Leadership must be demonstrated, not announced.**  
Fran Tarkenton  
Football player



## Letter of Thanks

I would like to thank State Secretary Jerry Leclerc and State Master Chris Heath for the surprise presentation of my 50th Golden Sheaf Certificate. Also, a special thanks to my best friend Jerry Leclerc for the gift of my Golden Sheaf Pin.

I can't believe 50 years have come. I was 14 years old when my uncle Bill Spaulding asked my parents if I could join the Grange. I had been a Juvenile Grange member at 5 years old, but it disbanded after 2 years.

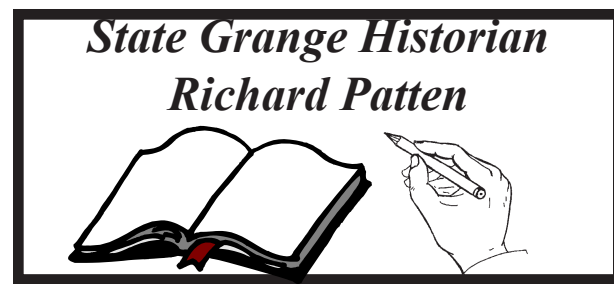
I can't thank enough my uncle who took me to many meetings and supported me in many ways; my mother who was always ready to cook meals when I was Junior Director for kids at camp or family weekend to raise money for our budget; my dad who helped in his own special way; Betty Courmoyer and Ed Pratt who were mentors and special friends; my best friend Jerry; my Grange brother, Don Ross; and my wife Debbie, who I don't think realized what she was getting into back in 1984.

Thanks also to my staff when I was State Master. I look around the room and see most of them still very active and to me they will always be my special friends. I thank my Grange family who always support me in whichever role I am serving I love this organization more than life sometimes. When I was bullied so bad in school, the Grange gave me hope, taught me how to speak in public, and gave me a chance to prove that I was worth something.

Lastly, being your State Historian is one of the greatest honors I could ever serve. I love learning and reading the history of this State Grange and doing research or helping someone locate information. Community Service has been my life and I love making people happy, bringing a smile to their face. This is my life. Thank You!

Richard Patten





Another State Grange Session is over. I sit back and think what a wonderful session. I am so happy and would like to thank everyone who helped me with the surprise 100th pre-birthday celebration of our most senior Past State Master, Carl S. Adams. It was an evening I won't forget for awhile.

I am also honored to present Rhoda Davis with a Grange Memorial marker and flag. I have felt for a few years after I read a statement in the first history book written by past State Master and Historian John L. Saturley how he felt the first State Master was never appreciated for all the work he did. That statement stuck with me. The politics this year nationally has been the nastiest I have ever seen. That is why I would like to put a Grange Memorial Flag on our Past State Masters' graves. They are like our National Leaders the US Presidents. They deserve to be remembered with a Grange Memorial Flag. I hope to continue this project, but I don't have a budget except for mailing out secretary minute books.

I am back to 1977 where a new State Master was elected. It wasn't meant to be a new election, but due to circumstances beyond control of State Master Alton Carpenter, the delegates were surprised that a new State Master was going to be elected. B. Franklin Hayes was elected as the new State Master. For some unknown reason the delegates didn't elect the newly retired Master to the Executive Committee. I can remember sitting there after the Sixth Degree when the newly elected State Master announced that he was appointing the newly retired State Master to a position on the State Executive Committee righting a wrong that had been done. Past State Master Carpenter accepted and thanked him for the honor.

There were 61 candidates for the Degree of Flora. Looking at the list, I saw Dorothy Amey, Dennis Blain, Thomas & Agnes Ellis, Edward (Ted) Rhodes, Amedee LeClerc, Gina Trombi, Gary

Ward, and Beth Yardley as some of the new members taking this beautiful degree by Past Flora Edith Anne Emery. Donald Ross was the soloist with Ruth Jeralds as acting Ceres. There were 242 registered voting delegates at this session held in Littleton at the National Guard Armory.

Going back to 1927, I still am baffled as to how they could have a state session just before Christmas. I am sure that Christmas was celebrated much differently in those days with the depression coming and the holiday having more meaning. It was not so commercial as it is today.

The delegates met in Concord from December 13-15 in the Concord City Auditorium. The Sixth Degree was conferred on a class of 222 candidates. The newly revised Sixth Degree ritual was used for this class. The new Sixth Degree revised ritual, proposed a year before and tried out in various sessions, was adopted for permanent use and instructions given to issue a new Sixth Degree manual in printed form, with preface explanatory of degree and directions covering the conferral of same. It was adopted.

I found that the Educational Loan Fund will be 90 years old in 2017 as the delegates voted at 1926 session to organize the Fund. It was decided that the Executive Committee of the State Grange would be in charge of the Fund with State Master James Farmer elected as Chairman, Brother George Drake as Secretary of the Fund and Brother Charles Varney as Treasurer. It was decided at the Executive Committee of January 29, 1927, that the Treasurer of the State Grange be Treasurer of the Trust Fund. They will be empowered to receive all donations and contributions and be requested to disburse all monies when ordered by the loan committee. A number of rules were adopted by the delegates. I wonder how many students were helped by the Educational Loan Committee?

The Secretary reported a Pomona membership of 11,098 members in 20 Pomona Granges. Hillsborough County Pomona Grange was the largest with 1,282 members, and Eastern New Hampshire Pomona was second with 1,147 members. The Subordinate Grange Membership was 28,625 members in 269 Granges.

This was a net loss of 86 members. The largest Subordinate Grange was Capital Grange of Concord with 522 members. The next ones were: Rochester with 425; Nashua with 308; Granite of Milford with 280; Pequawket Grange of North Conway with 275; and Cheshire of Keene with 274 members.

This is the 90th anniversary for the Juvenile/Junior Granges in New Hampshire. In 1927, Mountain Laurel Juvenile Grange of Northwood was the first juvenile unit organized with 26 boys and girls and 42 honorary members.

I was reading the Executive Committee minutes of 1927. I found where they endorsed the idea of having two traveling gavels, with one going up and down the state and a second gavel going across the state. I also saw where the Executive Committee voted to pay the Special Deputies \$4.00 per day for reviving dormant Granges under the direction of the State Master.

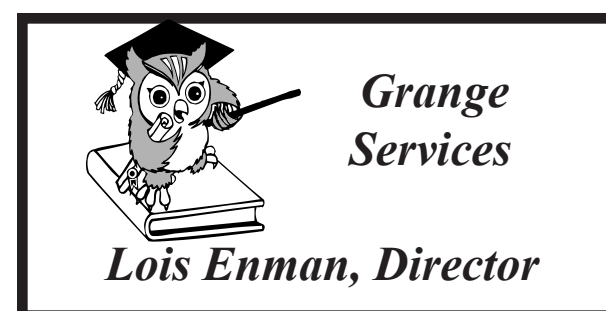
I have been busy answering telephone calls and e-mails regarding several Granges. Does anyone know why Wyoming Grange of South Weare was named Wyoming? Atkinson Historical Society is planning a celebration and wondered where the Atkinson Grange secretary minute books are. I am looking for junior/juvenile Grange books of Bartlett Junior Grange of Salisbury.

I love reading about the History of the State Grange and I enjoy being your State Historian. I get so excited when I read something that people never knew the Grange did or supported.

Until next time, Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah and lastly a very Happy New Year in 2017.



State Master Chris Heath (far right) with Past State Masters Beth Merrill and Carl Adams (row 1), James Tetreault, Daniel Bascom, and Richard Patten (row 2)



Wow! State Session has come and gone, I hope you were able to attend.

The delegate from your each Grange at State Grange received an informational packet that should be shared with your committee chairpersons and members of your Grange. This is information about the work and plans for our State and Subordinate programs.

Our committee was pleased to "Showcase" 6 Granges at Session for providing scholarships in their local communities. Thank You to: **Hudson #11; Joe English # 56; Rochester #86; Mohawk #217; Pine Grove #298 and Wicwas Lake #299.**

As your Grange plans for the coming year's programs please have an event to raise funds to donate to the Educational Loan Fund, (ELF). These donations help us to use the interest earned to provide scholarships for our members.

Oh! Yes, remember to check out the benefit offers for members on the National Grange website. [www.nationalgrange.org](http://www.nationalgrange.org). I hope to see many of you in our Grange travels in the up coming months.

#### A Household Hint from Pam Kimball of Meriden Grange

Here is how to cook a perfect hard boiled egg, noodles, even summer squash and save on energy too.

Take eggs or spaghetti / noodles. Summer squash have to be cut up into small pieces. Put them in a covered pan with water covering the food you are cooking.

Bring the water to a boil. Then turn off the heat and wait 20 minutes. Do not peek into the pot. That will cool off the hot water, and it will not work. The heat is what cooks the food.

You will get a perfectly cooked hard boiled egg or noodles. The steam from the water cooks the items without using fuel to do it.

I have done this hundreds of times, and it works every time.



Hello Harvesters and Gleaners,

The Ag Committee is growing to reflect the growing interest in the State for Agriculture. You are not the only ones to be noticing the increase in backyard poultry programs spreading across the state. The State Master and Concord Grange have noticed also! Because of that the State Master has moved me from Membership to Agriculture.

So far on my Committee I have Bob Haefner, Past Ag Director and currently continuing as a bridge between Grange and the Farm Bureau, I find his love for all Agriculture and passion for it to be invaluable to us and could not bear to lose him from this committee. I also have Jozi Best on my committee. Her experience with Agriculture is well known and her information on keeping sheep and much more will hopefully be put to great use. I'm also working on tapping the experience of a young Walpole Grange member, as I know that he will bring some Goat work and am very interested in seeing what other skills in agriculture that he has been hiding. There is also a Maple producer that I'm going to see about, as Agriculture is vastly expanding and Grange should be open to all forms from the Aquaculture to the Zinnia growers.

You may have seen the new Ag program sent out with the rest of the Directors' information. The list of programs is just a start to what I'm hoping this committee will provide Granges. Currently I do not know what type of budget I will have, and because of this if you have the Ag Department do a program at your Grange I hope you will donate to the presenter for Gas/ transportation. If you have a good Ag related program and are willing to put it on at a Grange near you please contact me so I can add you to a list.

To start off with for the information flow to our Granges I am going to be adding a hint of Ag for each of the bulletins.

**Hint 1:** did you know you can tap trees in the fall for sap for Maple production. It is true! The tree is moving its sugars down as the leaves turn from green to gold (compost gold that is). Though sap is not as high of a sugar content in the fall, it is possible to tap in the fall. Just remember if you tap for the fall you shouldn't collect in the spring as your tree will become weak fast and you may lose it.

**Hint 2:** Grow though out the winter. There are Carrots, Parsnips, Cabbages, and Garlic that can be planted in the fall. These will grow all during the winter and be harvestable in the winter or early spring.

**Hint 3:** Now is the time to add compost on the surface of your Garden. The snow and rain during the fall and winter will leach the food into the rest of the soil to cut down on hot spots in your garden.

Well, for now that will be a good start. I hope to hear from you all soon... Oh wait, I didn't say how I can hear from you... You can call 642-5074 or e-mail [fishbrandt@yahoo.com](mailto:fishbrandt@yahoo.com).

#### Chichester Grange

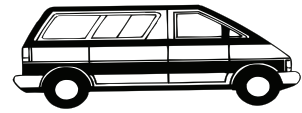
A Penny Sale and Soup Lunch held on November 5 brought in over \$150 to spend on Operation Santa Claus. In addition to the teenager we had already requested, we were able to sponsor a second teen in memory of Fred Carlson. Fred, our Overseer, who passed away in October was very active in the Retired State Employees union and spent many hours each Christmas season helping with Operation Santa Claus.

Chichester Grange has agreed to sponsor Boy Scout Troop 30 of Loudon, which serves some Chichester Scouts as well. We will be taking the necessary training after the holidays.

Our Socks for Seniors collection is really taking off in the community. We have boxes at Chichester Library, Pittsfield Library, and a local thrift shop to collect warm and colorful socks which we will give to the residents of a local nursing home at Christmas time. Our goal this year is 150 pairs.

Soon it will be time to bake Christmas cookies to give to our fifty-year members.





**Family & Community  
Department  
Deb Patten**

Happy Holidays to All! I can't believe the holidays are upon us. We have begun a new Grange year and are off to a very busy start.

We had a very successful State Grange session with many winning Needlework entries as well as some very great participant entries on display. Thank you to all who participated. NH was fortunate enough to have had some winners at Eastern States as well.

The baking contest was well represented with entries from eight of our ten Pomona's as of June 30, 2016. Congratulations to the winners of the Blueberry Muffin contest. Thank you to the non-Granger Hotel Staff who served as judges. They loved this part of their day! The winning entry was Jeannie Forrester from Wicwas Lake Grange.

We had a very successful collection of mittens, gloves, scarves and boots at State Grange. The items we collected have all been divided amongst the committee so these can be delivered to elementary schools and Boys & Girls Clubs throughout our state. Thank you so much for thinking of all the cold hands and feet of the children in our state. You have warmed my heart and the hearts of many by your generosity.

We sold fudge and trail mix as well as our continued supply of RADA cutlery. We are very grateful to those of you who made fudge, trail mix, cookies, etc. for sale. We still have RADA cutlery and can order anything you choose if we don't have it on hand. Please keep this in mind as we have some great everyday useful knives in sets that make great Christmas gifts.

We have published our program for next year. The Grange year has begun and most of the program packets were picked up at State Grange. Whoever represented your Grange at State Grange picked up your packet. PLEASE be sure to ask that

individual from your Grange who may have picked up your packet to give the Family & Community Services program to you. That will guide you on your work for this next Grange year.

You will notice that the baking contest for this year is Blonde brownies (aka Congo Bars). You can use any recipe you choose – just please indicate if you put nuts in them. Please have this contest at your subordinate level. The winner for each subordinate should make them again and send to Pomona for that baking contest. The winner at the Pomona will need to bring the entry to State Grange in October 2017.

**Mittens, Hats, etc.**

Keep your knitting needles going and remember all the hands and hearts we can warm by the mittens and gloves we collect. If you donate them to schools etc. during the winter season that is great – just please be sure to keep track of your tally and report it at the end of the Grange year.

**Needlework Contests**

Please be sure to remind all Grangers to please participate in the needlework contests. The categories are the same as in the past and a brochure will be mailed to all Family Services chairpersons. Remember – this contest is for non-Grangers as well. Your Grange can sponsor a non-Granger's needlework. This might be a good way to attract new members.

**Glencliff**

We will be preparing 120 goody bags for Glencliff Home once again. We will fill these bags in December at Leaders/Deputy school and deliver them to Glencliff before Christmas. The residents enjoy these treats all day on Christmas Day. This is a State of NH facility. The residents come from all over the State.

**Project Night Night**

We will continue this project which was a resounding success this year. This is a national project to support children who enter homeless or domestic violence shelters – most of the time with nothing but the clothes on their backs. This project will provide them with a sack which will contain a stuffed toy, a blanket and a children's book.

I am checking with the Project Night Night folks about permission to

make our own sacks, but if we are not allowed we will purchase them. We are asking all of you Grangers to please help us with the blankets and stuffed toys. The blankets will hopefully be fleece, as these are warm for children. These can be made from the no-sew kits that can be purchased or hand sewn or purchased. These should be children's size. Typically 1 ½ yards of fleece will well cover a child.

Stuffed toys and blankets must be new please. The stuffed toy and blanket just need to fit into the sack which is the size of a standard pillowcase. Please plan to distribute these throughout the year to the shelter we are supporting in your Pomona area. Please reach out to your committee member to either have her deliver the sacks or tell you where to deliver them. Please keep track for reporting purposes and please take a picture if you are able to. I will have a spot on the report for you to tell me how many you delivered throughout the year.

We have a committee person who is a Librarian and is applying for a grant for the books, so we are very thankful to Doris Mitton for taking care of this piece. If the grant is unsuccessful we will need your help to obtain the children's books for these sacks as well. No religious books of any nature. Age appropriate – between the ages of 3-10 is good. New or slightly used books but not tattered and torn, please.

**Family Services Committee  
for 2016-2017**

- Debra Patten, Director
- Cam Twiss – assigned to Hillsborough County Pomona and Sub. Granges
- Deb Stone – assigned to Mascoma Valley Pomona and Sub. Granges
- Ann Leger – assigned to Northern NH Pomona Granges and Sub. Granges
- Mary West – assigned to Suncook Valley Pomona & Sub. Granges
- Virginia Clark – assigned to Cheshire County Pomona and Sub. Granges
- Linda Phelps – assigned to Pemi-Valley Pomona and Sub. Granges
- Pat Izzo – assigned to East Rockingham Pomona and Sub. Granges
- Alice Tuck – assigned to Eastern NH Pomona and Sub. Granges

All contact information will be printed in the roster.



This will be my last article as Membership director. I thank everyone that has worked with me over the past few years especially those that were on my Committee. The State Master is working hard to locate a new Membership director and once he does I'm sure the new Membership Director will fill the shoes that all the past membership directors left just fine. Meanwhile Chris has said pro-tem he will be acting Membership Director until a new one is appointed.

I hope all the packets have been sorted and handed out in your Grange from State Session. I know there is a Membership Book, An Ag Book, A Junior Book, a Lecturers packet, a Legislative paper, a Family and Community packet and a youth packet. If you hold one of these positions in your Grange and your Master has not given you some information from the State, please please let someone know: ask your Master, ask your State Session rep, ask your Secretary. If nobody can give it to you, contact the director from the State Grange directly so they can either mail or email you a copy, and I'm sure soon all the programs will be available on the State Grange website.

Speaking of State Session, I will say this year's session was one of the most enjoyable I've been to over the years. Between reports heavily laden with suggestions of Mentoring, to games with prizes presented by the Steward, to a showdown by two "gunslingers" with jammed guns. I personally feel the only thing that would have made it more interesting and exciting would have been a walking field trip to a small business or activity the town was having.

This makes me wonder what type of stuff can you do during your meetings to make them more interesting and fun? I know Wicwas Lake has game nights, dances, and activities on non-Grange nights that bring everyone together and

keeps their Grange Growing! If your Grange members are regretting coming to Grange because it feels like a chore over a fun night out with good friends, you may need to consider how to bring life and fun back to your meetings. 30 second skits anyone? I've heard of Granges in RI that do activities like egg races during their meeting. Why not do a bean bag toss to talk? Bring a bean bag to your meeting. During Business session when someone stands up toss the bean bag to them -- nobody can talk until they have the bean bag. It can be a game and better organize your meeting.

Well I'm closing on a note of some type so let's go B sharp, and I can't wait to work with you all in my new position with the State Grange.

**Trust Fund Assistance**

The NH State Grange Trustees of Trust funds have money available now for assistance to members who may be in need. The applicant must require some form of financial assistance or aid for their personal care, comfort, well-being or the needs of their immediate family. The requested assistance could be used to help pay for hearing aids, eyeglasses, dentures, medical bills, home heating or any one of a number of other reasons. The maximum amount granted is \$500.00 per year.

The application form and complete guidelines are available on the NH State Grange website [www.nhgrange.org](http://www.nhgrange.org) or you may contact any of the Trustees or Grange Services Committee members for assistance with the paperwork.

This is not charity. This fund was established by Grangers like you to aid their brothers and sisters in time of need, but the Trustees need your help to connect with these members so that we may help them.

- Thank you for your assistance.
- Trustees of Trust Funds
- Diane Collins, Chairman
- Ann Leger, Secretary
- Vicki Hussman, Joy Perkins,
- Rhoda Davis; Trustees

**Not what we say about our blessings,  
but how we use them, is the true  
measure of our thanksgiving.**

~W.T. Purkiser



With another State Session in the books, we find ourselves starting a new Grange year once more. New programs, new ideas, and even some new faces are all beginning to surface as we embark upon 2017. It gives me great pleasure to be one of those "new faces" taking on this new role for the next two years.

I'm hoping that the transition between directors will be a smooth one – I have worked closely with the Youth Committee in the last two years, and I have a pretty good handle on most of the things that will need to be done. Please bear with me in the coming months as I acclimate myself to this new position. I'm excited to be able to take on this role, and I can't wait to get out across the state!

One thing that the committee and I are working diligently to plan is the Winter Youth Rally in February. More details are to come about this event, so please keep your eyes peeled! Make sure that you're studying for your Grange Knowledge Test, and be ready for a day of fun and fellowship.

A goal that I have for 2017 is to try and attend as many Youth Nights as I can. If your Grange is planning a Youth Night, don't hesitate to send me an invitation! I'm hoping to compile a list at Youth Rally in February, but you can send it to me in an email, too.

In closing, I hope your holidays are happy and healthy, and you spend them with those who mean the most to you!



***In Memoriam***

**Names were not available at  
time of printing, due to a problem  
with the State Secretary's computer.  
This feature will resume in March.**





## Camden's Project

Myself, my grandmother, Bonnie, and five members of the Wingold Grange #308 got together for a "sewing bee" on November 11th (Veterans Day), to make cloth handbags that will serve as the program kits, to be sent out to elementary schools and libraries in NH. Each bag will have small, blue plastic butterfly button on it, so children will know the size of a Karner Blue (the size of a quarter.) All cloth material for the gold bags, with the blue butterfly pattern sewn on gold (for the Gold Award), will come from reusing existing fabric (no new purchases.)

I had gathered enough material myself to make 14 bags, but why stop there? Martha Fowler, Wingold's Lady Assistant Steward, found more gold material; so, we will be able to make more than 14 bags to go to as many schools as possible. With the help of the Wingold Grange #308, my project is on a great track to completion!

Hello! My name is Camden Till-ingham, and I am an Ambassador Girl Scout working on my Gold Award! This is the highest award a Girl Scout can earn, equivalent to the Eagle Project in Boy Scouting. I am working closely with New Hampshire Fish and Game to write a children's book about our endangered state insect, the Karner Blue Butterfly. I will be giving copies of the book to NH Fish and Game, along with program kits that include a folder of crafts, activities and puzzles to teach educational programs about the life of a butterfly.



**Note: Lucia Savage, Gladys Ray, Norman Brandt, Joann Brandt and Patricia Izzo are the members of Wingold Grange who assisted with sewing the bags. Neil Savage helped to coordinate Wingold Granges's part in Camden's project.**



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