



# The Granite State Granger

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**Bus Trip to 150th National Grange Convention, Herndon, VA  
Sponsored by NH State Grange Youth Committee**

Departing: Concord, NH, Wednesday, November 16, 5:30 a.m.

Arrival: Hilton Dulles Airport Hotel 3:00 p.m.

Return Date: Sunday, November 20th

Hotel Accommodations: Make your own reservations via National Grange website: <http://www.nationalgrange.org/150th-annual-national-grange-convention/#hotel>

Bus Fare Includes: Transportation to/from convention, Thursday afternoon/evening General Tour, Saturday afternoon transportation to/from Seventh Degree conferral, driver gratuity, driver hotel, parking fees, etc.

Meals: All meals are on your own  
Cost: \$150 per person, round trip

**Minimum: 46 passengers needed to charter the bus**

Maximum: 55 passengers

**Reservation deadline to Bob Trombi: August 1st**

**State Grange Youth Fundraiser!!!**

Are any of our NH Grange members willing to join our clean-up crew on July 16th at the NH Speedway in Loudon?

Groups of 20 persons receive an extra \$250, too.

Please contact Adam Paquin Varnum at [arpaquin@gmail.com](mailto:arpaquin@gmail.com) or 785-1581 if you can help.

**New Hampshire State Grange  
143rd Annual State Session  
October 20 ~ 23 2016  
Fireside Inn & Suites  
25 Airport Road  
West Lebanon, NH  
603-298-5900**

**2016 State Session Room Rates:  
Single/Double \$109.95  
Triple \$119.95  
Quad \$129.95**

Room Rates are per night and include a Breakfast Buffet. Room Rates do not include the 9% NH State Room Tax

When making your reservations, please indicate to the hotel Reservation Department that you will be attending the NH State Grange Annual Session. Please be sure to make your reservations prior to September 19, 2016. Rates may change following that date.

**Northeast Grange Lecturer's Conference  
Lecturers and Others Welcome to Attend**

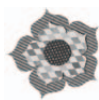
The 2016 North East Grange Lecturer's Conference will be held on August 1, 2, 3 and will be hosted by Rhode Island at Bridgewater State University in Bridgewater, MA. The full conference cost will be \$190.00 per person double occupancy and \$200.00 per person single occupancy. Commuter – onetime \$25 fee, and attend as much of the conference as you wish, meals not included. Price for individual days or individual meals is available. All attending any part of the conference must register and have a current badge.

Make conference check payable to: NE Grange Lecturer's Association. The participant must sign it, completely fill in the form, include any special needs or requests, (be specific). Send your completed form with your payment before July 10 to: Eileen Hebert, 221 Grange Rd. North Smithfield, RI 02891. A confirmation receipt will be sent to the participant.

In addition to the conference cost, a separate \$10.00 registration fee, payable to Jane Trombi NH State Grange Lecturer, with the small registration card (pink) must be sent to Jane at 794H Court St. Keene, NH 03431 by July 10th.

New Hampshire's program will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 2nd at 11:15 am. The program will be "Come Visit Us in New Hampshire". Your State Lecturer looks forward to those registering being a part of the program. Tuesday night is "Spirit Night" so be sure to wear your Purple! Hope to see many of you there!

Get form and payment in early, you may cancel later if the need arises. The deadline date of July 10 will be strictly enforced. Anything postmarked after July 10 will be returned.



## In Memoriam

Paul W. Davis, Sr.	Past State Master Pembroke Grange
Linda Locke	Blazing Star
Gordon Hatch	Centennial
William Pluff	Concord
Chesley Hall	Concord
Glenn Creighton	Daniel Webster
Madeline Roberts	Daniel Webster
Paul Jobin	Riverhill
Laura Jobin	Riverhill
Mary Ham	Rochester
Gladys Lovering	Stratford
Emma Ingalls	Wingold
Curtis Pike	Tuftonborough
Kenneth Craige	Tuftonborough
Leona Fisk	Walpole

*"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills  
from whence cometh my help."  
Psalm 121*

**New England Grange  
Go to Church Sunday  
June 26 at 3 p.m.  
Cathedral of the Pines  
Rindge, New Hampshire**





*From my pad  
to your pad*

**Christopher Heath  
NH State Grange Master**

Where is the time going? It is so hard to believe that it is now June, and we are halfway through this year already. Seems like only yesterday we were celebrating Grange Month.

Since the last edition of the **Granite State Granger** many things have happened. April was Grange Month. I hope that your Grange did something in your community to make the public notice you. We should be proud of our organization and the things we have accomplished in the past and present.

Spring Fling was hosted at the Taylor Community Woodside Center on April 9th. We had 26 Grangers from all over the state attend this function. The kitchen staff at the facility served a nice array of sandwiches and soups, and no one went home hungry. After Spring Fling I attended the Fun @ Fun Spot event hosted by the youth department. This was a great time of fellowship and fun. Congratulations to the Youth Director and her team for putting on a great event.

In April I was back on the road visiting Granges across the state. I was at Londonderry on the 11th, Halloween Grange on the 12th, Suncook Valley Pomona on the 13th, Concord Grange on the 18th and Northern NH Pomona on the 21st.

We had our walk-through at the Fireside Inn and Suites in West Lebanon on April 23rd. I feel that we are going to have a great session this year in October at a good facility. This is the first time we have been back to the area since 2007. I hope that the Grangers from this part of the state show up in droves.

I met with the General Deputy on the 26th of April to discuss Pomona Granges and their redistricting. By now the Pomona Masters should have received my letter concerning the redistricting. The redistricting was not the easiest thing to do, especially because the result included closing two Pomona Granges.

The last thing I wanted to do was close Granges but sometimes it is the best thing for the organization going forward. My hope is that this redistricting will strengthen a couple of Pomonas that were struggling and provide more workers to help spread the load. Also by giving the Pomona Granges a purpose, it might encourage more people to become active in what Pomonas do and who knows, maybe some new people will join.

On the 4th of May I visited Antrim Grange and participated in the exemplification of the Third Degree. The members did a great job and should be commended for taking on this endeavor. They had some members that had never seen the degrees and this was a chance to see them in their home Grange. Membership Director Norman Brandt did a great job organizing and running the Degree Day on the 14th of May at Blazing Star Grange. Congratulations to those who learned their parts for the degree. The degrees are always more impressive when the parts are recited from memory. A big thank you goes out to the four members who volunteered to be marching candidates.

May 17th found me back on the road visiting with Crown Point Grange. On May 21st New Hampshire hosted a Tri-State Membership Leadership Conference held at the Taylor Community Woodside Building in Laconia. Grange members from Vermont, Maine and New Hampshire were in attendance. Joe Stefanoni, National Grange Membership/Leadership Director presented two workshops. Joe did an outstanding job providing the tools we need to help Granges get a net gain in membership. He also provided tools to help leaders lead their groups more efficiently.

I hope that everyone is working on

**THE GRANITE STATE GRANGER**

This is a free\* publication to keep Grange members informed of past and up-coming events.

\*(However, donations are accepted.)

This paper is printed quarterly.

Postmaster or anyone else:

Please send all related correspondence to  
**Hannah West  
3 Depot Road  
Chichester, NH 03258**

their resolutions for State Grange. Please remember that any resolutions that have to do with changing the bylaws, either State or National, need to be to the State Secretary by September 1st in order to be considered at State Grange Session. Any other resolutions can be sent any time. Also remember that if you bring a resolution to State Session, you must bring 125 copies with you. I am looking forward to having some great resolutions at this year's session.

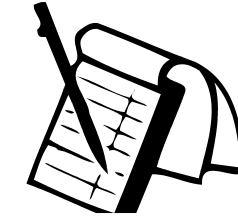
I also hope that everyone is getting out and visiting other Granges. The Grange visitation contest is still going on and if you need more notepads, please let the State Secretary know so he can get them to you.

Please remember that anyone you meet or know is a potential member. Ask them to join you at your meeting so they can find out what you are all about. In your Granges you should have interesting programs and activities that will entice the public to join you. When they come to your meeting to participate in your event, ask them if they have ever considered joining the Grange. Be sure to have applications handy so you can give them one. Remember to refer them to your web presence whether that be the State or National Grange websites, your facebook page or your Grange's own web site. Make sure to tell them about all the positive things you do in your community. Membership is everyone's responsibility.

I hope to see many of you during the upcoming months as I continue to travel around the State. Please have a safe summer and make some time to spend with your loved ones.

**State Grange Directors**  
Agriculture/Legislative - Robert Haefner  
Community Service - Richard Patten  
Family Service - Debra Patten  
Grange Services - Lois Enman  
Youth - Beth Merrill  
Junior - Joann Brandt  
Membership - Norman Brandt  
Publicity - James Tetreault  
Fundraising - Kim Bascom  
Webmaster - James Tetreault  
GSG - Hannah West  
Building - Anne & Marty Boisvert  
Photographer - Mark Collins  
Family Weekend - Robert Trombi  
Resolutions and By-laws - Tara Sad

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



**Our Own Backyard!**

Where in "Our Own Backyard" have you been this Spring? Did you get to visit a Sugar House? Did you attend a political event? Have you had a program about New Hampshire? Maybe you had someone come to your hall and talk about our great state. Remember to send your NH Program to me by June 30th.

Look ahead to see what you can do as the weather gets warmer. Memorial Day will be a good time to go to a parade, and there are several spring and summer sporting events you can go to. This is a good time to start thinking about putting an exhibit in your local fairs. It is a great way to get the Grange name out there and get information to locals about what you are doing.

**State Grange Bowling**

Our State Grange Bowling Day on March 13th at Lakeside Lanes in Manchester was well attended. We had 63 adults and 14 Juniors. The winners are as follows:

**Men's High Triple**

Class A: Arthur Merrill, Class B: Andrew Savage, Class C: Matthew Clark, Class D: Lawrence Brandt.

**Men's High Single**

Class A: David Hewes, Class B: Dan Bascom, Class C: Tony Skibiki, Class D: Lawrence Brandt.

**Women's High Triple**

Class A: Mary Dowes, Class B: Laura Sevene, Class C: Allissa Estes, Class D: Sarah Leclerc.

**Women's High Single**

Class A: Dianne Hoitt, Class B: Laura Sevene, Class C: Allissa Estes, Class D: Sarah Leclerc.

**Grange Teams**

First Place - Daniel Webster  
Second Place - Henry Wilson Team A  
Third Place - Wingold  
The State Officer Vs. Youth Association was once again won by the State Officers with a score of 1106. The Youth team scored 1085. The State Officer Team was made up of: Arthur Merrill, Dan Bas-

com, Kerriann Nightingale Heath, Sarah Leclerc, and Lois Enman. The Youth Association Team was made up of: Aurora Farrell, Lynn Clark, Allissa Estes, Emilie Leclerc, and Lawrence Brandt.

Joann Brandt was in charge of the Juniors and has all the details on their scores. Thank you to all who came out on such a beautiful day and many thanks to all those who helped!

**Variety Day and Grange Banquet**

On April 30th we gathered at the State Grange Building in Hooksett for an afternoon and evening of Grange fun! In our talent/variety show we had three participants. The winner in the Junior Vocal category was Ava Twiss of Watatic Jr. Grange singing "Viva La Vida." The winners in the adult Vocal category were Hannah West and Mary West of Chichester Grange singing a Peace Medley. In the variety category, the winner was Adam Terrell of Walpole Grange telling An Abenaki Legend "Gluskabe and the Maple People".

The Best of Show went to Adam Terrell who will have the opportunity to participate in the Night of Excellence at National Grange in November. Congratulations to all participants. Thanks to Kevin Belval for being the MC.

The penny sale was a huge success! Many thanks to Hannah West and Carolee Davison for getting all the items ready for the sale. After the penny sale those in attendance had the opportunity to visit Robie's Country Store, which is just up the road from the Grange Building. Robie's is a member of the Historic Preservation Corporation and dates back to 1896. There is lots of historic memorabilia to see! Thank you to Gloria Davis for setting up the visit.

Our Grange Month Banquet had about 40 in attendance. The meal was wonderful and many thanks go to Sherrill Bokousky and the members of Watatic Grange for all their hard work. Lester Gibbs provided us with a chance for a sing-a-long with songs from the Grange songbook. Richard Patten, NH State Grange Community Service Director, gave out some awards to celebrate our members. Awards to be given at a later date: Lifetime Achievement Awards went to Rodney Huntoon and Jane Cooper Fall,

Community Spirit Award to Donna Huntoon Sprague, and Grange Winter Project to Danbury Grange for their winter market.

Present to receive awards were:

Henry Parkhurst, State Representative and member of Arlington Grange in Winchester for Community Spirit Award for his role as Mr. Pickle for 18 years at the Winchester Pickle Festival. Grange Entertainer Award went to Hannah West of Chichester Grange.

**Northeast Lecturers' Conference**

Are you ready to come and join in the festivities? It'll be a great time with Rhode Island as the host. We will be at Bridgewater State University in Bridgewater, MA on August 1, 2, 3. There will be several workshops and each state will put on a program entitled: "Come Visit Us In....." Of course ours is NH. If anyone has suggestions for the program, I'm always interested in your ideas. If you are interested in going, please contact me or your own lecturer.

**Photography Contest**

I hope you are out taking pictures! The rules for 2016 can be found on page 4 of this paper. They are also in the State Lecturer's Program Booklet.

**Chichester Grange #132**

Chichester Grange welcomes Timothy Martin Boisvert, son of Marty and Anne Boisvert, as their newest future member. Timothy was born on March 7 at 11:11 a.m. in the midst of a busy Maple Season.







We have had lots of activities since our last GSG. I hope you have been able to attend some of the planned programs with your children.

Spring is a great time to teach the children by planting. It is fun to see seeds as they come up out of the ground, and it can be done in pots, window boxes, and gardens. It is fun to watch beans pop out of the ground and eventually show leaves, then more until flowers come. The tiny beans appear under the flowers that fade, and it seems only a week until they are almost ready to pick. It sounds like I am quoting part of our Grange ritual. I see this happen with the children in our lives.

Remember to get me the entries for Eastern States craft using the word "Junior or Juniors". I must have them before August 15 so I have time to have them judged, and winners can be packed to go to Springfield to be judged there.

We attended the State Bowling with 14 children from age 4 to 11. The top boy age 9 and older was William Huntoon and top girl was Ezri Kling. The under 9 boy was Trevor Clark and the top girl was Isabell Brandt. We all had a great time. Thanks to Jane Trombi, State Lecturer, for the jump ropes all the Juniors received along with a Bowling Certificate.

I packed my car with crafts to work with the Juniors at the Spring Fling, but no Juniors attended this year. Some of the workshops this year would have worked with the Juniors, and I enjoyed attending them.

It was great to see some Juniors attending the State Talent Show and Penny Sale this year. The Twiss girls also assisted with the Banquet table centerpieces (a pot of Pansies). It was great to see Ava Twiss enter the Talent contest by singing a song with no accompaniment. She did a great job and received a trophy.

I was invited to Centennial Grange to obligate two young girls into Junior Grange. It was great to add more Juniors,

and although the girls were tired they brightened as they were escorted to the alter.

We were hoping to have a Junior Fun Day in June at the State Grange Building, but checking with parents, the date would not work. We have an invitation from Hillsborough County Pomona to attend a Family Fun Day in Hudson at the park across the road from Hudson Grange. This will be Sunday, July 17, at 2 p.m. We will meet at the hall and travel together to the Park. We plan to picnic at the park or return to the Grange Hall for supper, depending on weather. Watch for the schedule and check the Website for more information. I will need a count. I understand there are port-a-potties and some of the Benson Animal Farm buildings have been restored. There is no swimming but bring sunscreen.

Family Camp Weekend July 29, 30, and 31 will be at Gunstock again this year. I will attend on Saturday and bring crafts and activities for the Juniors. Please let me know if you have children coming so I can have enough materials for all to enjoy.

Review the Junior contests that can be done as many come to State Grange for judging. The Baking Contest for Juniors is Chocolate Chip Cookies. Other contests are: Sewing a toy or pillow; Recycled something from nothing; felt craft; and Make a Card for a Senior. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

As the summer season arrives, I hope everyone will enjoy a great summer and keep Grange in mind to get contests completed and to me when required.

Joann Brandt  
603-642-05074  
jbrandt774@aol.com



Jane Trombi and Ava Twiss

### State Lecturer's Photography Contest Categories

**A. Grange Selfies** (This means take a picture of yourself with your phone or camera.) You must be in front of a Grange Hall or Grange Sign, wearing a sash at a meeting or with someone wearing a sash at a meeting.

**B. My Favorite Spot to Relax**

**C. Where am I?** (going on vacation, a hike, bowling? This could be anywhere!)

**D. NH Attractions**

**E. "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 category will be the exception to rule 5 below.

#### Rules

1. Only prints are accepted for judging. No slides in any category.
2. Photographer must select the category and class for his/her entry.
3. Participants may enter all categories, using different photographs.
4. Participants may submit only one entry per category.
5. Entries must have been taken between October 1, 2015 and October 1, 2016.
6. Print may be made by a commercial process but photo must have been taken by the entrant personally.
7. Rigid backing (foam board preferred) No frames, please.
8. Entry must not be larger than 16 x 20.
9. Print should be on photo paper.
10. There are three divisions within each category:

Division I - Subordinate Members

Division II - Junior Members age 5-9

Division III - Junior Members age 10-14

11. Small cash prizes will be given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each category and division.

12. Labeling: Each entry should be properly labeled with the photographer's: Name, Grange, Category and Division. (You may use the label provided in the State Lecturer's Program)

13. Judging: Entries due to the State Lecturer by October 1, 2016.

#### Criteria for judging photographs

- A. Composition and arrangement
- B. Interest
- C. Presentation
- D. Technique



It doesn't seem possible that summer is knocking on the Grange door. I am hopeful that Granges throughout the Granite State have or are scheduled to honor citizens in their communities. Please send in your citizen of the year, police officer or if your community is covered by the Sheriff Deputies or State Police, firefighter, educator, and for the Pomona Granges Public Service Award by August 31 or as soon as possible. Please let me know if you don't have the nomination forms and I will be happy to send them out. I have received several to date.

I am also looking for Granger of the Year nominees. If you have someone in your Grange that is worthy of this award, please send the name in to me. We have Grange members who go beyond the call of duty and are the backbone of the Grange.

There are many Grange projects that could be done in your community. Are you involved in a Community Beautification Project? Please be sure to clean the area, choose flowers or shrub type flowering bushes that can stand dry conditions if this summer does not get the rain. You might ask someone from a business that could come to your area and suggest what would be good to plant.

Another possible project for your Grange to think about is School Graduation or Proms that are being held in many schools. Your members might offer to be chaperones or provide refreshments for Senior or Junior Proms. The same with Graduation Day, if your Grange presents a Scholarship, see if your Grange could provide refreshments following the ceremonies. There are graduations now for pre-school going to kindergarten, kindergarten to first grade, sixth grade going to Junior High or Middle School. Again, your Grange could offer to provide refreshments, balloons, decorations, etc.

The Fourth of July or Independence Day will soon be upon us. Your Grange could enter a float or decorated

vehicle if your community or a neighboring community has a parade. This also applies to communities that have Old Home Day Celebrations. Your Grange could sponsor an event, have an exhibit, or participate in the parade. I remember Pembroke Grange a few years ago having a tent with lawn chairs and offering bottles of cold water to enjoy and rest while the activities are ongoing.

Don't forget to continue collecting change for the "Change for Grange" project. At your meetings, please have a container asking members for any loose change. The money collected will help with our Community Service projects.

Operation Santa Claus has already asked me if the Grange would partner with them providing gift cards for the teenagers. They said the past two years have helped so much. I am hoping that Grange members will donate gift cards of any amounts from McDonald's, Pizza Hut, Wal-Mart, Target, Best Buy, Super Cuts, Movie Passes, Sears, Olive Garden, Red Robin, or Burger King are some of the ideas where to buy them. The theme is Santa Remembers Teens at Christmas and between Operation Santa Claus and Friends of Forgotten Children, we have made many teenagers happy. The gift cards are to be brought to State Grange. As I have stated, the cards donated will be distributed to teenagers in your area. We mark down where they are coming from so when they given out, we know where they are going.

Please remember your Community Service Reports and booklets are due by August 31. In order to be eligible for the National Grange money prizes, we need your reports. Please work on your booklet and don't show State Grange activities such as the Flora's Court, or Banquet to name a few.

We are in hopes of having a joint Family Activities Committee and Community Service Luncheon at the State Grange Session on Friday. We will have information on this as soon as it is confirmed.

Have a great and safe summer, and I look forward to seeing you after Labor Day in September. Please call me at 603-496-2017 or email me at dickpatten7@gmail.com.

### 2016 Grange Family Weekend! July 29-31

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. Junior Director, Joanne Brandt will be leading Saturday activities for kids!

Our group has a block of campsites reserved in the "Boardwalk" area. All of the "Boardwalk" sites have been filled. If you would like to join us, you can make a reservation directly with the campground. This will locate your camper in a different area of the campground, and you can join us in the boardwalk area for fun & fellowship.

#### 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!

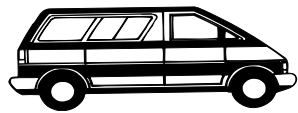
#### A Household Hint

##### Stain Free Plastic Bowls

How many people put pasta sauce in a plastic bowl and never get the stains out? Before you put the pasta sauce in a plastic bowl, spray the bowl lightly with PAM cooking spray or any other type of cooking spray. Then put the sauce in the bowl. You will never have a stained bowl again. Works every time.

Submitted by Pam Kimball of Meriden Grange who heard it first on Martha Stewart.





**Family & Community  
Department  
Deb Patten**

Hopefully you have continued to work on making mittens, hats etc. to warm the heads and hands of our girls and boys in this state. These are so needed and it is amazing how much they are appreciated when distributed to the schools and Boys & Girls Club. Please keep working on these throughout the summer as well so we can have a huge Mountain of Mittens at State Grange in October.

**Baking Contest**

I hope all Subordinate Granges have included the baking contest in your program. This year's baking contest is Blueberry Muffins. There is no specific recipe – we just ask that you indicate if you included nuts in your muffins so there will be no allergic reactions to judges or Grange friends who might eat the muffins. The winner from each Subordinate should participate at the Pomona level, and the winner of each Pomona will have to bake again for State Grange in October. Make it fun! Be creative! Happy Baking!

**Needlework**

This year's categories are the same as previous years. I will be sending the pamphlets out with a letter to each Family Services chairperson, but in the meantime here are the categories for competition at Eastern States: Afghans, Doilies, Embroidery, 3 Piece Baby Set, Plastic Canvas, Counted Cross Stitch, Adult Garment, Latch Hook, Quilted Wall Hanging, Stuffed Toy, Baby Afghan.

These contests are open to non-Grangers as well. Please invite someone in your community to participate. This just may generate interest for potential new members.

There are also State level contests in the following categories: Quilts, Sewing – either adult or child's garment, Woodworking, Other crafts

All entries are due by August 1 so hopefully you have been working on these projects all winter and spring and

will be ready to finish them up and get them to me by August 1. You can give them to one of the committee members or you can call me at 603-228-1803 and we will make arrangements to get them to me.

**Galoshes from Grangers**

We are continuing this project this year. Please be on the lookout for boots so we can hopefully get two pair from each Subordinate Grange.

**Eastern States**

There are many items needed for sale at the Grange building at Eastern States. Items that go particularly well are scrubbies, potholders, slippers, ½ towels, dishcloths, baby sweaters, mittens etc. These articles can be turned in to me as well, and I will be happy to be sure they are turned in before Eastern States begins in September.

**Project Night Night**

This great project is off to a great start! I am so excited about our participation in this project. The Family & Community Service committee is planning to purchase the sacks for this project because this is a national project and I want to be sure we follow the program guidelines. We have had many great donations of fleece blankets, but we still need many more in order to meet our goal of fifty for State Grange. This is a great project for your Grange to work on during a meeting. These should be child-size fleece blankets – usually need 1.5 to 2 yards of fleece.

The sacks will have a stuffed toy. I have received a few stuffed toys and have put them away until State Grange as well but we need quite a few more. These sacks will also have a children's book which is being acquired by Doris Mitton who is writing for a grant for these books. These sacks will go to homeless shelters as all too often when children are forced to go to a shelter due to homelessness or domestic violence, all they have is the clothes on their back. This will provide them comfort.

Thank you for your support and participation in our program. We are here to help you. Please be sure to reach out to one of the committee members listed in the roster or to me.

Support the Granite State Granger with your donation.

**An Invitation  
from Concord Grange**

Concord Grange # 322 would like to invite everyone to join us for the annual Nevers Band Concert at Keach Park on Tuesday, July 26.

Keach Park is located on Concord Heights across from Kentucky Fried Chicken. You turn onto Grover Street from Loudon Road which is across from the Heights Fire Station. Go to the end and turn left onto Pembroke Road, Go about 1/4 mile, turn left onto Newton Avenue and drive down to the park entrance.

Concord Grange members will gather at the park at 6 p.m. for a picnic. You are welcome to bring your picnic food and join us, or you can buy steamed hot dogs with all the fixings at 6:30 p.m. There will also be many Grange home made deserts to enjoy. Please bring your own lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

The Nevers Band is a crowd favorite, playing songs from the Civil War era to Broadway tunes, Patriotic Marches, and Disney music. The Concert will start at 7 p.m. In conjunction with this, the Grange will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Heights Fire Station which is on Loudon Road next to Papa Gino's. We will have some awards to pass out.

The history between the Grange and the Heights Fire Department goes back to 1922, when Pineconia Grange petitioned the city to have fire protection on the Concord Plains, now known as Concord Heights. The first Engine was #5, and its station was located on Pembroke Road and Grover Street. The Grange and Fire Department worked together to light a Christmas Tree on the Concord Plains in December of 1939. The Fire Department stored the harness for the lights at the fire station.

Please call Grange Master Dick Patten for information at 496-2917.

**Giving is so often thought of in terms of the gifts we give, but our greatest giving is of our time, and kindness, and even comfort for those who need it. We look on these little things as unimportant--until we need them.  
Joyce Hifler Writer**

**Come Visit Us in...  
101st Northeast Grange  
Lecturers' Conference**

**Workshop & Program Schedule**

2016 Badge Required for All Activities  
ECC – East Campus Commons #39 on map

CH – Crimson Hall – Dunn Suite #36  
WH – Weygand Hall – registration #35  
WH1047 – Weygand Hall classroom #37

**Monday, Aug 1, 2016**

1:00 - 4:45 Registration – Weygand Hall Dorm lobby

Turn in your Swap-A-Lot\* items at registration

1:00 – 4:45 Fellowship and free time

5:15 – 6:15 Dinner – ECC

7:00 Welcome and Grand Opening (CH)  
MC - Scott Sherman, Lecturer RI State Grange. Flag Presentation, National Anthem, Invocation. Welcome by Lawrence Spencer, Master RISG. Introductions of State Lecturers and Guests

**State Program: Rhode Island**

8:15 pm 2 Workshops

A. \$ Grow Your Dough \$ -Janet (CH)

B. Programming -Jane & Linda (WH1047)

Refreshments after closing

(WH-3rd floor)

**Tuesday, August 2, 2016**

7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast – ECC

8:45 MC – Jane (CH)

Flag Salute, Devotions & Announcements

**9:00 – State Programs:**

**Vermont and Massachusetts**

10:15 - 2 Workshops

A. Amanda Brozana (CH)

B. Copyright (WH1047)

11:15 MC – Kay

**State Program: New Hampshire**

12:00 -- 1:00 Lunch – ECC

1:15 - 2 Workshops

A. Panel discussion with Kathy (CH)

B - Copyright (WH1047)

2:15 -- MC— Linda (CH)

**State Programs:**

**Connecticut & New York**

3:30 - 2 Workshops

A. \$ Grow Your Dough \$ -Janet (CH)

B. Panel discussion with Kathy (WH1047)

4:30 - SWAP-A-LOT – (CH) – Kay

5:15 – 6:30 Dinner – ECC

June 3 is the 94th birthday of June Flury of Stratford Grange #238. Happy Birthday to you.

**7:00 - Spirit Night - (CH)**

(Line up by state for march-in, wear your state color, bring your shakers!)

1. Maine - Yellow

2. New York - Pink

3. Connecticut - Orange

4. New Hampshire – Purple

5. Massachusetts – Blue

6. Vermont – Green

7. Rhode Island - Red

MC – Scott Sherman --- Introductions of Past State Lecturers & State Grange Officials by State Lecturers, Spirit Song, Introduction of State Master or Rep., Lect Recognition and Entertainment

Refreshments after closing

(WH-3rd floor)

**Wednesday August 3, 2016**

7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast – ECC

8:45 MC - Kathy

9:00 - 2 Workshops

A. Amanda Brozana (CH)

B. Identity theft (WH1047)

10:00 - 2 Workshops

A. Programming - Jane & Linda (CH)

B. Identity theft (WH1047)

11:00-2:00 CHECKOUT

Please turn in your KEY & CARD

and evaluation sheet.

11:15 - MC – Janet

**State Program: Maine**

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch- ECC

Thank you for joining us and making our Conference special!

SEE YOU IN VERMONT IN 2017

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\*Grange Themed “SWAP-A-LOT”  
Share your Grange themed program ideas. Participation is optional. If you want to participate, each person makes 50 copies. Turn items in to your State Lect. at conf. registration, receive “SWAP” token, then collect your swap items Tuesday afternoon. No page limit, but remember, YOU are doing the copying at your expense. If you don't have swap items, you may purchase a stack for \$1.00. IMPORTANT!!! – No copyrighted material will be accepted.

**Your cell phone has already replaced your camera, your calendar and your alarm clock. Don't let it replace your family.  
~Author Unknown**

**Blow-Me-Down Grange #234**

A celebration of life was held for Past Master Fred Sweet at Blow-Me-Down Grange #234 on April 30th, 2016. Brother Sweet joined our Grange on March 22, 1935 and served as Master from 1938-1942.

This years Annual Baking Contest of Blueberry Muffins was held at our last meeting. Winners were: 1st Place: April Farewell; 2nd Place: Jeff Hadley; 3rd Place: Phyllis Aldrich. Thanks to all who participated. Winners from the local Granges will compete at Park Grange on the Pomona level. The Finalist will go to State Grange.

**Mohawk Grange #217**

Mohawk Grange #217 of Colebrook started National Grange month at their April 4th meeting by having Colebrook Police Chief Stephen Cass speak to the members on the problem of drugs in our area as part of our lecturer's program. Chief Cass has arrested 9 people for the distribution and sale of drugs during the past couple of months stemming from months of working cases to get evidence against them. Most of the problem is stemming from prescription drugs and he told us that it is a big problem that is a drain on the courts and for small forces like our local force to deal with. After Chief Cass presented his talk and answered questions from the membership, the Mohawk Grange Lecturer presented Chief Cass with the Law enforcement Officer of the Year Award from Mohawk Grange #217.

Chief Cass graduated from Colebrook Academy in 1987 and joined the Colebrook police force in 1997 as a part-time officer. He graduated from the police academy in 2001 and in 2002 was promoted to sergeant. In 2004 he was named Chief and under his lead the police department has hired on retired state troopers to bolster the experience in the department and be able to use their experience to make the local force better but in the same vein keep the small town feel to the force.

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





I received an email from Mr. Arthur Pease, whose parents were very active in Wentworth Grange and when that Grange closed, they transferred to Mt. Cube Grange of Orford. He wrote to me because he was doing research about there being another Grange in Orford in the 1870's.

In the course of the conversation, I told him that he was my 10th grade geography teacher at Concord High School. He said he did teach at CHS but didn't remember me. He wasn't sure if I was mixed up, but he emailed some photos of himself at Grange meetings. As soon as I saw them, I knew it was him. He was a great teacher and someone I knew I could trust.

To research the answer to his question I read the State Grange Journals from the beginning to the 1890's. After three days of looking, I found it. There was a Grange called Union Grange # 59 of Orford. The Grange was organized in 1877. Within a couple of years a fire destroyed their building. It was a major fire and the Grange lost all their records, and property. The Grange approached the NH State Grange for a loan to rebuild and it was granted. After the loan was repaid to the NH State Grange, Union Grange of Orford closed their doors for good.

Mt. Cube Grange # 236 of Orford was organized a few years later and continued for many years. NH Governor Meldrim Thomson and his wife Gail were members of this Grange until they passed away. I found out for Arthur Pease that his father and his mother transferred their membership to Mt. Cube Grange when Wentworth Grange closed.

A couple of weeks ago he came to Concord and brought some Grange photos with him. They didn't have any names and he wanted to know if I could identify them. I did most of them. We had a great time talking about his teaching. He and his wife are living in Lebanon. I am hoping he will come to the State Session and

join the Grange.

I am still having a problem with Moultonborough Grange. I did get some books from the last Secretary for this Grange. I made a few telephone calls and found out the Historical Society has left the Grange sashes and Grange implements where they were last used. However, trying to get a return telephone call is terrible. I can only hope with summer coming, they might be open for the season and I can try to contact someone.

I was looking at the 75th anniversary report and found the First Degree was conferred at the State Session by Thornton Grange # 31 of Merrimack in 1886. The Fourth Degree was conferred by Daniel Webster Grange of Webster. The Sixth Degree was adopted in 1886 by the National Grange and conferred in New Hampshire for the first time in 1887.

I was reading the 1946 State Grange Journal as they met in Rochester. The class of candidates featured the Honorable C. Wesley Lyons, Mayor of Rochester, and six hundred fifty-five candidates received the lessons of the Sixth Degree in two classes. Cora French, Stanley French, Frank Hayes, Charlotte Horr, and Myrtle Keniston were some of the candidates that I recognized.

The State Youth Report in 1946 asked each Subordinate and Pomona Grange Master to appoint a Youth Committee of three to work with the Lecturer and Master to encourage the young people to participate in youth drill and degree teams and any other way they are fit to aid our Youth, the future men and women in our organization. The State Youth Committee also requested \$200 hundred dollars from the State Grange to work with. Ruth Fuller was the Chairman of the State Youth Committee giving this report.

**Deadline**  
**The next issue of the Granite State Granger will be mailed in September, 2016. Please send items for the paper to Hannah West on or before August 9, 2016. Report on events of June and July. Look ahead to events of October, November, and December.**

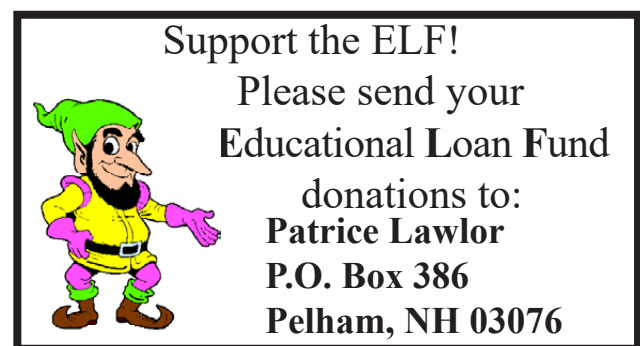


Here I am after degree day reflecting on all the great people that were willing to spend such a beautiful day inside putting on all four degrees for four candidates. I personally liked the last two degrees after the State Pianist got there to play the music so that I didn't have to rely on my laptop. Thanks to Joann Brandt and Mildred Ingraham for putting on the tableaux.

Here's a little cute story about the tableaux. Millie, being on my committee, had volunteered to do any thing needed for degree day. I gave her two options the tableaux, or operating the computer for digital tableaux. She had never seen or heard of a tableau before and said, "Oh, I'll do the Table". This makes me wonder how many Granges actually still do tableaux or know what they are.

As summer is coming, remember things that can be done to be seen in your community. As school gets out and parents are looking for ways to keep their kids busy while they are at work your Grange could consider doing a Junior Grange. Just contact the Junior Director and ask how. Also, where School is out some kids are being denied a lunch or meals in general, why not open your Grange Hall for a lunch activity program, or if your town/city has a low income area a couple grills some hot dogs and hamburgers with a salad. Not only will it be keeping the community fed, but it will leave a good flavor of your Grange in their mind. If you picked up the membership book at State Grange or it was mailed to you, take a look and see what we have to offer you.

Well, have to get all the baby birds fed and more of the garden planted. Until next time...



Hello, here I am again, looking for application requests for Scholarships!

**Scholarship Applications**  
 High school seniors or a Grange member planning to attend an accredited post secondary institution can apply for a Grange scholarship grant. The scholarship application and the criteria for applying are available on the State Grange website [www.nhgrange.org](http://www.nhgrange.org) under Grange Services. Be aware there are two (2) pages; also several letters of recommendation are required. Grange Services Department committee members also have the forms.

**The Application is only complete with the following Information:**

1. The application form must be completed and signed by the applicant.
2. A current letter of recommendation from an academic staff member, an employer or manager from the applicant's place of employment, or a member of another community organization.
3. A letter from a Grange member, (non-relative) which provides information on the applicant's involvement in Grange activities. This is not limited to your Subordinate Grange.
4. An essay from the applicant with his/her educational goals and financial needs, signed by the applicant.
5. Transcripts of grades from high school or college last attended. (This is not required if applicant has been out of school more than 5 years.)

**The Deadline for scholarship applications is July 1, 2016.** Please mail your complete application and letters of recommendation to:

**Director of Grange Services**  
**Lois L. Enman**  
**9 Blake Street**  
**Rochester, NH 03867**

We also offer Educational Loans to our members or a member of a Grange family in good standing.

In my last article I noted that the Grange Services Department would like

to have a "Showcase" of the Subordinate and Pomona Granges that present scholarships in their local communities during the year. I mentioned that your Secretary or Master could send this information to me after the June quarterly report by email or snail mail. The committee hopes there are lots of Grangers that provide this opportunity.

**National Grange Membership Benefits**

As a member, you can take advantage of these many opportunities:

- National Grange Travel**
- Car Rental Discount**
- Comfort Keepers**
- Office Depot**
- Beltone Hearing Aids**
- CVS Caremark**
- Choice Hotels**
- U.S. Pharmacy Card**
- VIP Pet Insurance**

The following benefits are New:

**Free nutritional Analysis & Plan**  
**Surebridge Supplemental Insurance**

For more information on any of these benefits you can go on line at [www.nationalgrange.org](http://www.nationalgrange.org) or contact the National Grange 1-888-447-2643, ext. 109

Wishing you a colorful Spring and may your Summer travels be good.

Most of our problems can be solved. Some of them will take brains, and some of them will take patience, but all of them will have to be wrestled with like an alligator in the swamp.  
 Harold Washington (1922-1987)  
 Politician

**Photo Scavenger Hunt**

This program, developed by the 2016 National Grange Youth Team, will also be used for the NH Photo Scavenger Hunt.

**Rules**

1. At least 25 pictures must be submitted from the 30 categories provided.
2. All pictures must be taken in 2016
3. All pictures must be submitted in either a PowerPoint, Google Slides, or MP4 file. The photo files should be placed in a Dropbox file folder or Zip file.
4. The NH deadline is October 1st to the State Youth Director, Beth Merrill
5. Use one picture per category.
6. All pictures must be taken by 1 person. This is an individual effort.

**2016 Photo Topics**

1. Take a selfie with a government official
  2. Take a picture of yourself picking up roadside trash and throwing it away
  3. Take a picture of your local town hall/government building
  4. Take a picture with your State Grange Master
  5. Take a picture with your Grange best friend
  6. Take a picture that is postal-related
  7. Take a picture with the oldest member in your subordinate Grange
  8. Take a picture of your Grange Hall set-up
  9. Take a picture of yourself in a sash
  10. Take a picture of an Open Bible and an American flag in one picture
  11. Take a picture of a Grange Charter
  12. Take a picture with a restaurant employee
  13. Take a picture from a fair
  14. Take a picture while on vacation
  15. Take a picture of yourself at a farm
  16. Take a picture of yourself wearing a Grange-related t-shirt
  17. Take a picture of a church
  18. Take a picture with a multi-generational Grange family (minimum of 3)
  19. Take a picture of a Grange craft that you've created
  20. Take a picture of you and a Grange member from another state
  21. Take a selfie with 10 or more people
  22. Take a picture of a meal
  23. Take a picture of something with a Grange emblem on it
  24. Take a picture of yourself hugging a tree.
  25. Take a picture of someone else taking a picture
  26. Take a picture of someone using sign language
  27. Take a picture of a group performing a Grange drill
  28. Take a picture of a bridge
  29. Take a picture of a state or national landmark
  30. Take a picture with the degree participants at any Grange degree presentation (4th, 5th, 6th or 7th)
- BONUS: Take a picture of yourself buying 10 cents of gas, receipt and pump must show the amount.

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



**Outreach  
Director  
Stephen  
Tracy**



What did your Grange do during Grange Month to proclaim your Grange to the community? In Colebrook the Kiwanis have a new electronic sign on Main Street for local information. They had "April is Grange Month. Check them out." Also the local paper had the Grange Month Proclamation in a ¼ page ad. Due to weather and no heat in the Stratford Grange Hall they decided to have an Open House with several activities in June.

While perusing the internet so see what other Granges are doing and to see what kind of image we have I stumbled upon a recurring theme nationwide. Granges are growing where the communities are working on local, organic farms and communities. Local protects the food chain from terrorists rather than confined in one easy target or damaging weather area. This trend is growing and we need to jump on it. The other recurring theme is the gap between the local Grange growth and the non-organic stance of National Grange. That is not helping us to grow. Many Granges across the country are working on resolutions to make the Grange more welcoming to this trend by changing the direction of the Grange to the popular ideals of the growing local and organic/non-GMO communities.

Past National Membership Director Rusty Hunt told us to "make the Grange fit the prospective member, not the other way around." With more and more Americans choosing non-GMO and organic and foreign countries are refusing those products seems like disaster for our farmers. Any business that wants to grow listens to the consumer and gives them what they want knowing that if they don't their company will go out of business. It's time for us to do the same.



**Mohawk Grange of Colebrook gets some much-needed repairs.**

Spring is struggling to make its appearance with hopeful signs of renewal for another growing season in our gardens and hopefully within our Granges. How many of you have been planting the seeds of Grange growth in your communities? Did anyone take the challenge I put out in my last column about discussing the bobcat hunting season and putting it in the newspaper?

Any positive activity of our Granges should be advertised, the weeds of negativity should not. I am seeing Granges that are struggling and they usually have negativity in the ranks and that negativity is spilling over into the community and that is not a good image for us. One way to try and correct this image both in the Grange and in the community is to have a Visioning and work with what has been accomplished afterward. At a recent meeting with the Stratford Selectboard I suggested a Visioning to motivate the sleepy community where getting people active in the community is not happening.

For those who attended the workshop on building community at Spring Fling it was a great interactive time and I hope you will take some of the ideas and implement them in your Granges and communities. When Chris came up short on speakers he asked me if I could talk for two hours, and I said no but I will get the attendees to. As it turned out we had more than two hours of discussion and sadly had to stop. Great enthusiasm.

Commitment is another way of helping the Grange grow. If you say you will do something, follow through and do it. The reason I ended up with a 2-hour workshop is because people told Chris they would be there to do a workshop. As Chris tried to finalize the schedule people who had committed were not responsive and were no-shows. This is contrary to our obligation and does not help the Grange. When others are expecting you, be there, as promised.

## Calendar of Events 2016

- June 3-5 - June Youth Rally, Copper Cannon Camp, Franconia
- July 1 - Grange Services Scholarship applications due
- July 8-10 - NE Regional Youth Conference hosted by NY at SUNY Cobleskill
- July 21-24 - Stratham Fair  
Route 33 in Stratham
- July 27-31 - North Haverhill Fair  
1299 Dartmouth College Hgwy, Haverhill
- July 29-31 - Grange Family Weekend  
Gunstock Mountain Resort
- Aug. 1 - Needlework Entries due to Deb Patten
- Aug. 1 - Reservations due for bus trip to National Grange
- Aug. 1-3 - NE Lecturers' Conference at Bridgewater, MA
- Aug. 4-7 - Cheshire Fair  
Monadnock Hgwy, Swanzey
- Aug. 13-14 - Belknap County 4-H Fair  
Mile Hill Road, Belknap
- Aug. 19-21 - Cornish Fair  
Town House Rd., Cornish
- Sept. 1-5 - Lancaster Fair  
516 Main St., Lancaster
- Sept. 2-5 - Hopkinton State Fair  
State Fairgrounds, Contoocook
- Sept. 9-11 - Hillsborough County Fair  
15 Hill Dale Lane, New Boston
- Sept. 16-25 - Rochester Fair  
72 Lafayette St., Rochester
- Sept. 16 - Oct. 2 - The Big E  
West Springfield, MA
- Sept. 19 - Hotel reservations due for NH State Session
- Sept. 25 - Grange Day at the Big E
- Sept. 29 - Oct. 2 - Deerfield Fair  
Route 43, Deerfield
- Oct. 1 - Youth & Lecturer's Contest Entries Due
- Oct. 8-10 - Sandwich Fair  
Rte. 109 North, Center Sandwich
- Oct. 20-23 - NH State Grange Session  
Fireside Inn & Suites  
West Lebanon
- Nov. 15 - 19 - 150th National Grange Convention, Washington, D.C.

### Mohawk Grange # 217

In February the Mohawk Grange of Colebrook had the Canaan, Vermont, Future Farmers of America come to speak about the programs they have done during the past year. They talked about their new sugarhouse that they had built with the industrial trades class and set up the operation to produce maple sugar this year. This group has won many state competitions and represented Vermont at the National Convention also.



**GRANGE  
YOUTH  
NEWS**  
*Beth Merrill*

### Youth Bowling Challenge

Adjustments were made from the proceedings last year. Each team, randomly selected by the State Lecturer, raised a sum of \$100 to put into a kitty. The youth bowling team, consisted of Lawrence Brandt, Allissa Estes, Aurora Farrell, Lynn Clark, and Emilie Leclerc, challenged the state officers team comprised of Dan Bascom, Lois Enman, Kerriann Heath, Sarah Leclerc, and Arthur Merrill. Despite an early lead by the youth, the state officers got serious with their final string and prevailed with the higher total score. The winning state officers' team determined that the accumulated kitty be donated to the Education Loan Fund. Thanks to all who participated and made financial contributions to this fun activity!

### Spring Fling

As Youth Director, Beth Merrill presented a workshop on papercraft ideas to help encourage participants to create entries for the Youth Committee's Papercraft Contest later this year. Please refer to your copy of the 2016 Youth Booklet (bright yellow cover titled "Lead the Way to a Brighter Day" or find it on the Youth page at nhgrange.org) for entry details for this and all other contests that we offer.

### Fun @ Fun Spot

On April 9th, the youth and the young at heart headed off to Funspot after Spring Fling to unwind and have some fun. Everyone split up into two groups, and we had a scavenger hunt to complete. A few of the things were to talk to someone about the Grange and have them fill out a rip card, find someone that wasn't from New Hampshire, and take pictures with a cartoon statue and on a carousel. After everyone completed their list and came back together, we had delicious cupcakes and ice cream and declared the winning team, whose members got 100 tokens to split among each other.

After the team activities were over, everyone continued to enjoy the facility at their leisure.

### Lecturer's Variety Show

Youth member, Adam Terrell, from Walpole Grange entered the Variety Act category of the Lecturer's Talent Contest with a Native American tale about how we came to make maple syrup. Adam was awarded the Best of Show and is now eligible to present his talent at National Grange's Evening of Excellence in November.

### June Youth Rally

June Youth Rally has more than likely already happened when you receive this issue. If not, check out the State Grange website for the schedule of activities and come join us!

### Northeast Youth Conference

Northeast Youth Conference is being hosted by New York this year. We will be staying at Cobleskill College in Cobleskill, NY July 8-10. In addition to the usual fare of workshops, we will be taking a tour at Secret Caverns on Saturday morning. Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song contests will be held on Saturday afternoon, and Sunday morning will again feature the inspirational and entertaining drill team competition. A schedule of events was sent out simultaneously with the June Youth Rally mailing. Cost for the entire weekend is \$110. Registrations are due at June Youth Rally.

### State Grange Youth Fundraiser!!!

(See page 1 for details.)

### Photo Scavenger Hunt

You may have noticed within the State Youth Program booklet that the list for the contest was set to be distributed this year. As it happens, the National Youth Department has announced their own Digital Photo Contest, which we are happily adopting as our own. The October 1st deadline still holds for all state entries by members of any age, but if you wish to be considered for national judging, you must send your entry, in digital format, to Charlene Shupp Espenshade by September 1st. Complete details for this contest can be found elsewhere in this issue, on the state Grange website, and on the Grange NH Youth facebook page.

### The Big "E"

The Big "E" is celebrating its 100th birthday this year and starts on September 16th and runs through October 2nd. Grange Day will be on Sunday, September 25th. If you are interested in attending this spectacular event, then make sure that you let our State Master, Chris Heath, know **before July 1st** in order to receive a free admission/parking pass, for which you must be willing to stay until after 5 p.m. and join other Grangers in marching in the Daily Parade for Grange Day. Also, the Youth Committee is willing to sponsor a charter van to take you there on Grange Sunday. If you are willing to meet the bus in Keene for a 7:00 a.m. departure, at a cost of \$15, please indicate your interest to the Youth Director so that you can get added to the passenger list.

### Bus to National Grange Convention

Look for details on page 1 of this issue.

### 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  
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Vicki Hussman, Joy Perkins,  
Rhoda Davis; Trustees



# Grange Bulletin Board



**Officers and candidates from the May 19 Degree Day in front of the newly restored stage curtain at the Blazing Star Grange Hall in Danbury**

**Thank You**  
 Thank you to all our Grange friends for the beautiful cards and warm messages I received at the time of Paul's death. The Grange was a big part of his life and I appreciate all the kind thoughts.  
**Rhoda Davis and family**

**Save the Date**  
 Cocheco Grange is turning 140 years old. An Open House Celebration is being planned for September 8th, 2016.

The Attic Shop at Blow-Me-Down Grange #234, 1107 Rte. 12A, Plainfield, NH, is open every Sat. 9 am – 3 pm.

We have a large inventory of a wide variety of items. Stop by for a fun shopping experience. Info: call 603-313-8047.

**A Hearty Grange Welcome to New Members**  
**Barbara Michalski**    **Arlington**  
**Gary Jones**            **Blazing Star**  
**Dustin Franco**        **Golden Rod**

**Coming in September**  
 State Master Chris Heath is planning four Area Meetings to be held around the state during the month of September. More information will be coming out soon.

Burton Meyers is no longer Secretary of Winthrop Grange. Please send correspondence to Master Marc Van Sant  
 39 Meadow Road  
 Shelburne, NH 03581.

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