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Thank You, Dick and Debbie Patten

Dick and Debbie Patten thanked all the members of their Family and Community team with a luncheon during the State Session in Keene. Committee members presented them with a gift card, and this poem was read in recognition of their work as co-chairs.

An Ode to Debbie and Dick

T'was the night before State Session in Dick and Debbie's house

He was watching football, she was quiet as a mouse
Thinking of all the things she had done and counting them off
one by each one.

The cooking contest was great, a real big success

The response was amazing she had to confess.

And those bags with a blanket, a book and a toy

Will be a great comfort to each girl and boy.

How many mittens on that famous tree?

About a hundred, that was plain to see.

The needlework came from far and wide

"Dick, how will I get this all inside?"

It's piled everywhere, over and under

You'll just have to build me a great big rotunda."

The quilting and knitting, sewing and crocheting

It'll take the judges a week to go through them-just saying.

My helpers packed goodie bags for Glencliff

It will give those oldsters a happy Christmas lift.

Richard sprang from his chair shouting "Michigan won!"

Now I'm ready to tell you all the things I have done.

I encouraged our Grangers to reach out to others
To care for and work for their sisters and brothers.

The notebooks I got recorded their deeds

It's amazing to see how they filled other's needs

Sending presents and cards to vets in November

And lots of gift cards for teens in December.

Delivering baskets for Easter in the spring

Conducting drives for food and clothing.

Making sleeping bags for the homeless in need

Those couldn't have been better received.

Every fall we honored the heroes who serve us

In fire, in teaching, and in police service.

I asked too much some people said

Others replied, "Don't complain, get busy instead!"

Something else now, it was great to see

Giving third graders their own dictionary.

It's great to see everything that's been done

And I thank all our Grangers, every last one.

Then Dick said to Debbie and Debbie to Dick

All the people who pitched in, it really was slick,

They worked from their hearts and really had fun

And they said to each other, "Our work here is done."

We all thank you, Debbie, we all thank you, Dick

Over the months and the years you made it all click.

We will miss your devotion, your guidance and drive

Your hard work and enthusiasm that kept projects alive.

Thank you, be well, enjoy your rest

We voted, you know, and you both came out BEST!

Newly Elected State Grange Officers



Back: Kathy Yardley, Robert Trombi, Dan Bascom, Arthur Merrill, Lester Gibbs, Norman Brandt, Christopher Heath, Matt Clark, Gerald Leclerc, Robert Haefner, Mark Collins, Wilber Heath, Adam Paquin-Varnum. Front: Jane Trombi, Crystal Seward, Mary West, Kerriann Heath, Beth Merrill, Tricia Taylor.

A Call for Help

Volunteer custodians of the New Hampshire State Grange Building, Beth Merrill and Dawne Hugron, are inviting interested Grangers to join them in Hooksett at 10:00 a.m. on January 3rd, February 7th, and/or March 7th for the purpose of deep cleaning, sorting, and inventorying the contents of the kitchen. Each date we will tackle a section of the kitchen, working for a couple hours before enjoying a nice luncheon together. If you would like further details or to be informed of weather-related change of plans, please contact Beth Merrill @ 588-6615 or abmrdf@mcttelecom.com.



*From my pad
to your pad*

**Christopher Heath
NH State Grange Master**

I am so proud to know that the delegates to the 145th Annual session had the confidence in me to elect me to a third term as the State Master of the New Hampshire State Grange. State Grange Historian Dick Patten informed me that it has been 70 years since a State Master has been elected to more than two consecutive terms. I am honored with this appointment, and I will do my best to keep the State Grange in New Hampshire moving in the right direction. I will be working directly with State Overseer Robert Trombi to see our organization moving in the direction it needs to go so that it can grow. I hope that I will continue to get the support I have had over the past four years.

If you were not a part of State Session this year, you probably don't know that we have started a new partnership with other organizations across the state to help battle the opioid crisis affecting our state. The Coalition is called RxALI (Rx Abuse Leadership Initiative). It was launched by the Governor and the rest of the members in the alliance. Delegates were given educational material, informational material and Deterra bags to take home with them. Each community should work with another entity in town to setup a display and provide a location where people can pick up bags to destroy their unused prescription opioids so that they don't fall into the hands of young people across our communities. The supplies for the communities are free and can be replenished when they need more. I hope that you will use this project to get the Grange name out to the public and maybe use this as a possible membership tool.

Two new special committees have been formed in the State Grange. One is a committee to come up with policy for virtual attendance at Grange meetings. They will be working on policy that will be used going forward to govern how

Granges can use this tool to make Grange meetings accessible to all our members. It should give members the ability to attend meetings even if they are home at their house or far away. The policy will be the guidelines that each Grange will use. If you have any ideas that you would like to share with them, please send them to Matthew Clark, State Chaplain, as he has agreed to be the chairman.

The second committee is tasked with determining the viability of keeping the current State Grange Building. We have seen a decrease in its use, and it is on the borderline of costing the Grange more money than it might be worth. If you have any ideas you would like to share with this committee, please send them to Beth Merrill, State Executive Committee member, as she has volunteered to chair this committee.

I hope that many of you took the opportunity to visit National Grange Session in Stowe, Vermont. It was a week of meeting new friends and visiting with old ones. I had the opportunity to fill in as Master for the sixth degree and First Mystagogue for the seventh degree. I also participated in the convocation after the seventh degree. It was an honor to fill both positions in the degrees. All in all, it was a great convention. If you didn't make it, plan to attend the next time it is in our region in 2023. Next year's convention will be held in Minnesota!

I am going to try and visit all the Granges in the state again in the next two years. It is important for Grangers to visit each other and that is why I am planning on doing this. I have really enjoyed making new friends and seeing old ones during my visits. It is nice to walk into a Grange Hall and feel like I am at home. My Grange is a small one and we are all like family. I am really enjoying broad-

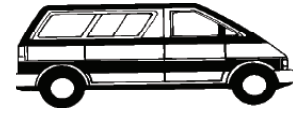
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ening my family with all of you Grange members across the state.

Remember that we are all Subordinate members. Just because some of us wear a pink sash doesn't mean we are different. If you or someone has a higher calling and wants to get involved with a state committee or even become a state officer, it is easy to do. Get out, be active, be a Do'er and people will notice. They will say to each other, so and so would make a great state officer or they would be great on a state committee. Remember that we are all approachable and are equals.

I want to encourage you all to get out and grow your Grange. We all, as members, are responsible for our Grange health. One of the ways to ensure you have a healthy Grange is by growing. Find people in your community that are interested in the values of the Grange. Tell them of the opportunities that they have available by joining the Grange. Get them involved in your projects. Ask them to help and let them help. Give them some freedom to try new things. Just because we have always done it this way doesn't mean that it couldn't work as well or better another way. Be receptive to their ideas. Find some passion that they have and encourage them to follow that desire. Provide them with the opportunities to grow as an individual and as a Grange member. We, as Grange members, need to learn to change. If we don't, it could be the end of our great organization.

In closing, I want to let you all know that I am working on appointing a committee to work on Pomona Granges. We have had resolutions, submitted to the State Grange, the past two years concerning the future of Pomona. In the recent and distant past, we have had study committees that looked into the status and purpose of Pomona Granges. I am hoping that this committee will be able to come up with a program/structure/purpose for our Pomona Granges. My goal is to have something to present to the delegates at State Session in 2019 that we can implement in 2020. Pomona should have a reason for existence, and we should all have input on this decision. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please let me know.



**Family & Community
Department
Kathy Yardley - Joyce Martin**

Welcome to a new Grange year! We hope that you are as excited about your Grange's upcoming activities as we are. First we would like to introduce ourselves as your co-directors for 2019. We are Kathy Yardley (Walpole Grange) and Joyce Martin (Claremont Grange), both long-time Grangers but first-time directors! When we added up our combined years of Grange membership the total number was kind of scary, so we've just decided to say "We've been in the Grange since we were youngsters".

We would like to thank Dick and Debbie Patten for their many years of devotion to this program. They have created a wonderful collection of activities that gives Grangers all over our state a multitude of ways to get involved inside their Grange Halls and outside its four walls as well. We sincerely hope that you will participate in as many of the projects in this year's program as possible.

Now is a great time to remember the elderly and veterans with a card or a goodie bag or Christmas stocking filled with goodies. Homeless shelters are filling up as the weather gets colder and your Grange could offer support to a local shelter by providing hot meals or supplies. Another project we are continuing next year is the Santa Remembers Teens at Christmas, so encourage your members to start saving your loose change now to use next year to purchase gift cards for Operation Santa Claus. And, once "old man winter" closes in, you can get out your knitting needles and crochet hooks and start working on hats, mittens and scarves for the Mountain of Mittens project that we will have at next year's state session (or feel free to give them to your local school or other needy group). All these projects - and MORE - can be found in the Family & Community Service Program booklet which your Grange's chairperson has, or feel free to contact us - we're happy to help!

**Home Grown Politics
Across New Hampshire Farmland
to Concord and Washington
Bob Haefner
Legislative Director**

I want to thank State Master Chris Heath for trusting in me for two more years as your Legislative Director. It is an honor to serve you all. I would like to introduce you to the Legislative Committee, my sounding board, workforce and friends:

Josie Best, Tara Sad, Jim Tetreault

We are already working toward the next 14 months. The Committee, while not meeting at Deputy School, is setting up a meeting for the following week to start planning and assigning tasks for our next couple of projects. The big project in front of us is to organize and host the National Grange Legislative Fly-In here in New Hampshire for our first in the nation presidential primary. Our last Fly-In here was a big success, and we have been asked by Burton Eller to do it again. To that end, while National Grange is in Vermont, Tara and I have an appointment for lunch with Burton and Betsy Huber to start the Fly-In planning. I guess by the time you are reading this in the GSG, that meeting will have already happened.

The next project on our plates is to have another Grange Day at the State House in either April or May. All six past Grange Days have started in the House. This time I have asked the Senate to host us in the Balcony of the historic Senate chamber. Our State Master has suggested that he would like to include the NH Historical Society during our Grange Day. We will work on arranging that.

I am about to update the NH State Grange policy manual for the resolutions from the recent state session, and I want to go through it and make some formatting edits. I will also ask the Grange members to please call or e-mail me, if you feel strongly about a bill in either the NH Legislature or Congress and we can see if we have policy and can lobby on behalf of the NH State Grange.

In early November I participated in the NH Farm Bureau annual meeting at the Mountain View Grand in Whitefield.

The Farm Bureau meeting is always a Friday and Saturday. I attended a Great workshop on helping to cast your farm or organization in a positive light through social media. It was presented by the Communications Director for the American Farm Bureau. I attended a cooking class, put on by the resort's Executive Chief, entitled 'Farm to Plate'. I also, as always, love the Young Farmer Discussion Meet. I attended the Banquet Friday Evening. Saturday was the Delegate Session, where I was one of the three Delegates for Hillsborough County Farm Bureau. I continue to Represent the Grange on the Government Affairs Committee. I am also on the Dairy and Livestock Committees.

The 2018 Election is over. The phone calls and mail boxes full of campaign ads have stopped. Nationwide, we had a big turnout for a mid-term election, very big. I thank everyone who voted for doing it. It is your duty in a republic to exercise your right to vote and decide who is going to represent you in Washington and Concord and in your counties. No matter who you voted for and whether the result met your hopes, the majority of our citizens spoke, and we have governments that the majority voted for. We cannot blame the result on a low turnout. Democrat or Republican, I ask for support for and civility toward our elected officials. As the saying goes, we can debate policy and "disagree without being disagreeable." Some day I am going to write my thoughts on what has happened to our national political dialog.



In Memoriam

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| Gordon Covill | Aurora |
| Victor Phelps | Blazing Star |
| Julia Burrows | Centennial |
| Pauline Swain | Centennial |
| Raymond Bailey | Cochecho |
| Donald Murray | Concord |
| Christine Gaitan | Crown Point |
| Richard Chevalier | Hampton Falls |
| Ruth Brown | Joe English |
| John Poland | Mount Hope |
| Elizabeth Hanington | Tuftonborough |



Greetings from your Membership Team!

Your Co-Directors, myself and Gloria Davis, and the entire Membership team look forward to helping you brainstorm how to grow your Grange in 2018. We can't do it for you but we can try and assist you.

Sometimes in order to grow we have to look introspectively. Have you looked at your Grange lately?

Does the meeting time of your Grange still meet the needs of your members?

Does the meeting night of you Grange still meet the needs of your members?

Is your Grange "kid friendly?" Are potential new members with children welcome in your Grange?

Are you making sure that you have something interesting at your meetings? People don't want to come to a meeting that is "just a business meeting".

We need to throw open the doors and the curtains of our halls and welcome the public.

I hope that you and your family have a Happy Holiday Season.

A Hearty Grange Welcome to New Members

Blaze MacMullen	Blazing Star
Sharon Carson	Londonderry
Kathy Wagner	Londonderry
Paige Conroy	Mt. Pistareen
Ashley Hoard	Mt. Pistareen
Chee Chee Tyrrell	Park
Sue Stern	River Hill
Sonny Stern	River Hill
Anthony Hans	River Hill

Watatic Grange

After receiving their prize money for contest winnings, Genevieve and Ava Twiss donated some to the Rescue Mission in Nashua for their Thanksgiving appeal to provide meals for the homeless and needy. Thank you girls.

Londonderry Grange

We have a new campaign suggested by our youngest member, now 15 years old and our lecturer. It is called Raise the Roof. We are offering donors the opportunity to sign a starter shingle with each bundle of shingles they purchase for a "good will" donation of \$30 for each bundle of 28 shingles. Of course, we are also accepting donations of any amount. We need to raise 20K ASAP to replace our leaking roof.

We hosted our MUMS FOR MEALS event for the fourth year. We accepted donations of non-perishable food and sold beautiful mums ready to bloom. All proceeds go toward the NH Foodbank. We also had 5 crafters in the Hall and held a raffle. These monies went to the Raise the Roof fund. Our sisters and brother from Watatic Grange joined us for the opportunity to raise funds for their dictionary project. They were good company and we were happy to have them.

On October 29 Londonderry Grange served a luncheon to the North American Syrup Growers. This was one stop along the way of the final day of their Annual Convention, which was held in Concord, New Hampshire. Their first stop on the day-long tour was Mack's Apples. Unfortunately the rain prevented them from walking through the apple orchards.

The coordinator for the tour, Edie Kemp, had offered us the opportunity to provide their lunch, as a fundraiser for our Raise the Roof Campaign. We welcomed them into the warmth of the Hall with a cup of hot mulled apple cider. The drink was graciously donated by Mack's Apples. Choice of a generous portion of either an American style or Italian style sub sandwich with all the fixings was laid out. We had homemade chili, butternut squash bisque and chicken noodle with orzo soups. This was followed by cookie platters.

Camilie Twiss of Hillsborough County Pomona gave the group a detailed but brief summary of what Grange is. Sherrill Bokowsky also came along to help us prepare and serve the meals. A little history of the building was also shared. Approximately one half of the guests were primarily French speaking

as they came down from across Canada for the event. The others came from as far away as Wisconsin, Minnesota and Pennsylvania.

Many spoke fondly of Hank Peterson who passed away in December of 2017. Some took photos of our memorial display in the Hall commemorating Hank who was a member of their group for many years. Good will donations piled up in our collection jar. A few signed a starter shingle for the roof project. By early afternoon the members were asked to embark on their tour bus for the next leg of that day's tour. They were grateful for a hot meal in a warm inviting place on that cold, rainy day. Their next stop was a hydroponic garden center in Loudon.

Our next event is the Traditional Wreath Sale and Raffle Extravaganza on December 1st at our Hall. On the front lawn we will have the wreaths displayed and a fire pit blazing to ward off the chill. Hot cocoa will be plentiful and free. Decorated wreaths will be available for purchase while they last. Inside the Hall there will be a large selection of undecorated sugar cookies and gingerbread boys and girls. We will provide the icing and decorations for each decorator to make his/her own personalized creation to take home for free.

There will be an extensive variety of raffle items to choose from. Baskets were requested from all shops in the area. We will have a variety of gift certificates from local coffee shops and eateries. Crafters who have joined us for past events will also be donating items. (There will not be crafters at this event.) There will be staged set-ups for selfies and personal photo opportunities.

[Editor's note: Although the wreath and raffle event will be over by the time you receive the paper, I am including it here as a source of ideas for other Granges to try in the future.]

Deadline

The next issue of the Granite State Granger will be mailed in March, 2019. Please send items for the paper to Hannah West on or before February 8, 2019. Report on events of December and January.

Look ahead to events of March, April, and May.



I thought, since this is my first entry for the newsletter, that I would let you know a little about myself. First, my Grange experience. I joined Wicwas Lake Grange in 1967 at the age of 14. I served for a few years as their Lady Assistant Steward. I took my 7th. Degree in Hartford, Connecticut.

In 1975, I joined the Navy and was a Hospital Corpsman. I met my first husband, John, and we had two boys. When I returned to NH, I was a single parent and had enrolled in Nursing School. After getting my RN, working, and raising two active boys; I admit that I didn't think much about the Grange. Our Grange did not have a Junior Grange.

Since getting active again, I have tried to do what I could. In 2010, my husband Brian and I went door to door with a letter basically saying if the Grange didn't get members that the hall would be closed. The first meeting we had 32 join, and thus the revitalization of Wicwas Lake began. I have served on the Executive Committee, held the office of Lecturer, and am LAS at this time. I am an affiliate member of Bakers' River Grange, and have held the office of Master, LAS, Lecturer, and now Steward. In Pemi Valley Pomona, I have been Ceres, and now Overseer. I have served on the State Grange Service Committee, and the State Family Committee.

I look forward to doing all that I can to get all the Granges to know what the Grange Services are all about, and getting more benefits from National to give us more ammo to get more members. I also hope to be able to give out more Scholarships to those interested in pursuing higher education, so please encourage your Grange members to donate generously to the Education Loan Fund and spread the word that scholarships are available.

In closing, I have only one thing to say! Let's make this a year to remember as far as Grange Growth! Go get them Grangers!



I am happy to say that our Worthy Master Chris Heath has asked me to stay on as Agriculture Chair, and I agreed to do it. Hopefully this year will be better and slightly drier than last year, giving me and my committee some time to get some interesting programs for Grangers to go to. I will also be sending Hannah some programs I know about that the Extension Offices are going to be doing to be e-mailed out.

For those that wondered, I did not get any official submissions for Century Farmer or any of the other Agriculture awards that we give out. Because of that, I did not give out an award at State Session. A member from Concord Grange had offered me two suggestions, but as they were not voted on by the Subordinate or Pomona Grange I felt I could not just use them.

State Grange and National Grange, as I understand it, has always worked from the bottom up. Without direction from you the Subordinate members how can we know what is needed to be done? In this case it also gives the Farm/ Friend of a Farmer, etc. a local contact as well as someone that had been there and vetted the place ahead of time. I would hate to get a nomination, give them an award, and then find out that they do not have the same morals as the community they live in have.

Farm and Forest is coming up quick in February. As I understand, the Membership, Agriculture, and Legislative committees will be working together on this, and we will be looking for lots of help for spreading the word.

Stay warm and start working on your garden plans.

He who marvels at the beauty of the world in summer will find equal cause for wonder and admiration in winter.
John Burroughs, 1837-1921

Aurora Grange

Aurora Grange #235 of Pittsburg has been holding its regular meetings. In November the Grangers got together with members of the Pittsburg Historical Society for their annual joint pot-luck supper. The whole group enjoyed some delicious food followed by a program on Veterans' Day and facts about the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier presented by Aurora Grange member, Chip Everts.

At the meeting, folks turned in pennies for the Pennies for Patients collection taking place at Pittsburg School with their Key Club members. Monies raised go to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

On November 17, 2018, Aurora Grange members had their annual pie and donut sale with Granger Pamela Frizzell making donuts right on site. Pam had already made and pre-sold 14 dozen donuts prior to November 17, when she made 25 dozen donuts at the site of the sale. All of the pies and donuts were sold out in record time. The photo shows Pam making donuts while Mohawk Grangers Leta and Wayne Brown look on and Pam's great-niece, Mackenzie Gray, suggests hot donuts.



Chichester Grange

With some help from Suncook Valley Pomona Chichester Grange presents dictionaries to third graders in Chichester, Epsom, Pittsfield, Northwood, Barnstead, Gilmanton, Loudon, and Bow each year. Members Carolee Davison and Hannah West are busy finding sponsors, ordering dictionaries, and visiting schools. So far, three schools have their dictionaries and two more schools are on order. A Penny Sale and Soup Lunch on December 1 will provide funds for Chichester Grange to sponsor a teenager through Operation Santa Claus.

2018 Family Services Contest Winners

Baking Contest - Banana Bread

- 1st – Genevieve Twiss – Hillsborough County Pomona
 2nd – Hannah West – Suncook Valley Pomona
 3rd – Donald Ross – East Rockingham Pomona

Needlework

Afghans

- 1st – Ann Leger – Riverside
 2nd – Katherine Umerhinde – Hampton Falls

- 3rd – Carol Hill – Rockingham

Doilies

- 1st – Katherine Umerhinde – Hampton Falls

- 2nd – Claire Gagnon – Hudson Embroidery

- 1st – Ann Leger – Riverside #137
 2nd – Annette Lemieux – Rochester

3 piece Baby Set

- 1st – Debbie Standley – Watatic
 2nd – Gloria Davis – Antrim
 3rd – Theresa Rousseau – Watatic

Plastic Canvas

- 1st – Rhoda Davis – Pembroke
 2nd – Norma Neary – Pembroke
 3rd – Marge Laflamme – Watatic

Adult Garment

- 1st – Sharon Stickney – Antrim
 2nd – Ann Leger – Riverside
 3rd – Mary Condon – Rochester

Latch Hook

- 1st – Ann Leger- Riverside
 2nd – Linda Nienhouse – Centennial
 3rd – Claire Gagnon – Hudson

Quilted Wall Hanging

- 1st – Irene Gillis – Watatic
 2nd – Deb Standley – Watatic
 3rd – Marie Mayranan – Rochester

Stuffed Toy

- 1st – Cam Twiss – Watatic
 2nd – Marie Mayranan – Rochester
 3rd – Marie Mayranan – Rochester

Baby Afghan

- 1st – Mary Condon – Rochester
 2nd – Joan DeButts – Crown Point
 3rd – Claire Gagnon – Hudson

State level Contests

Quilts

- 1st – Jane Trombi – Walpole
 2nd – Cam Twiss – Watatic

Other

- 1st – Linda Nienhouse – Centennial

Northeastern Needlework Winners

The first place winners from the New Hampshire needlework categories made the trip to Eastern States for the Northeastern Needlework Contest judging. Some of these entries also won at Eastern States.

Afghans

- 1st – Ann Leger – Riverside

Embroidery

- 1st – Ann Leger – Riverside

Adult Garment

- 1st – Sharon Stickney – Antrim

Latch Hook

- 2nd – Ann Leger – Riverside

Stuffed Toy

- 1st – Cam Twiss – Watatic

Ann Leger won Best of Show for all entries at Eastern States for her Embroidery piece!

State Grange Officers

In a break from the usual tradition, most of the State Grange officers were elected to a third term on October 27, 2018. Only the Graces will not look exactly the same. When Lois Enman expressed the desire not to serve a third term as Flora, Mary West was elected to that office and Crystal Seward was elected to the office of Pomona. Your State Officers for the next two years are as follows:

Master – Christopher Heath
Overseer – Robert Trombi
Lecturer – Jane Trombi
Steward – Arthur Merrill
Assistant Steward – Adam Paquin-Varnum

Lady Assistant – Kathy Yardley

Chaplain – Matthew Clark

Treasurer – Daniel Bascom

Secretary – Gerald Leclerc

Gatekeeper – Norman Brandt

Ceres – Kerriann Heath

Pomona – Crystal Seward

Flora – Mary West

Executive Committee –

Robert Haefner, Wilber Heath, Mark

Collins, Tricia Taylor, Beth Merrill

Musician – Lester Gibbs

Historian – Richard Patten

Seek advice but use your own common sense. Yiddish Proverb

Grange Bulletin Board

Community Service Contest Winners 2018

The winning notebooks were;

1st - Joe English of New Boston

2nd - WicWas Lake of Meredith

3rd - Watatic of New Ipswich

4th - Hudson

5th (no money prize) Antrim

Honorable Mention, Concord

A Letter

I had the honor to visit one of our members to present her with her Golden Sheaf certificate. This is what I had written on a special card from our Grange.

“We are honored to present to our Sister Dariel Peterson on this day, September 28, 2018, this Golden Sheaf Certificate #14457 issued at Washington, D. C. June 12, 2018. The members of Antrim Grange #98 send our best wishes to our Sister Dariel.” Sister Dariel joined Antrim Grange on September 18, 1962.

We had a wonderful visit, chatting about meetings and such. At the close of our visit we held hands while saying the prayer we say at the end of our Grange meeting. After the Amen, I said “So be it.” Dariel looked at me, and with a very strong voice she said, “So be it.”

So there you have it. Keeping in touch is so important. Yes, it takes planning, but the time spent is precious and memorable. I always think this, “A good Steward helps and serves.”

Fraternally,

Dawne Hugron

Chaplain, Antrim Grange



Thank You

I would like to thank my husband Sonny for his creativity in woodworking and other miscellaneous projects to help Gloria Davis and me with our fair exhibits this year.
 Dawne Hugron

State Grange Directors

The State Grange Officers may look very similar to last year, but there are several new faces among the Directors. Here is this year’s list:

Agriculture – Norman Brandt

Legislative – Robert Haefner

Grange Services – Linda Phelps

Youth – Rachel Scanzani

Junior – Joann Brandt

Fundraising – Kimber Bascom

Family & Community – Kathy Yardley and Joyce Martin

Membership – James Tetreault and Gloria Davis

GSG Editor – Hannah West

Web Master – Matt Collins

General Deputy – Andrew Savage

Card of Thanks

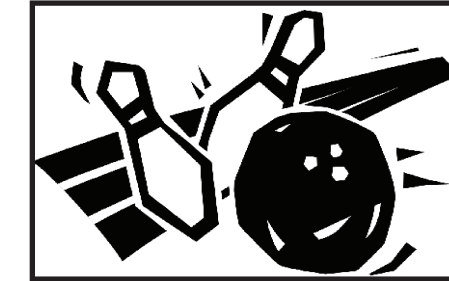
I want to thank the members of the NH State Grange for the "Thinking of You" card sent to me after this year’s State Grange session. I am doing really well for my age and I thought of everyone of you throughout the weekend and was wishing we could have joined you. Congratulations on a good session, and I wish all of you a good year ahead.
 Brother Carl Adams

Thank You

As Immediate Past State Director for Community Service I would like to thank everyone for all their support and their support of the Grange programs. I would like to thank Granges for their suggestions for police officer, firefighter, educator, first responder, citizen, and public service. The Grange also honored individuals from the NH State Police and NH Fish and Game at the State Grange Banquet this year. I hope the new directors continue this program. I wish them well and am more than willing to help at any time.

Dick Patten

If you have, give; if you need, seek. Malawian proverb



State Grange Bowling

Sunday, March 17, 2019

12 noon

Lakeside Lanes

2171 Candia Road

Manchester, NH 03109

Cost = \$14.00

\$10.00 for Juniors

(3 strings & shoes)

Make checks to:

NH State Grange Lecturer

Registrations due to the State Lecturer by March 10th.

Support the ELF!

Please send your Educational Loan Fund donations to:

Patrice Lawlor

PO Box 386

Pelham NH 03076



Calendar of Events

(A Work in Progress)

Dec. 8 - Deputy School 9 a.m.

Concord Fire Academy

Jan. 3 - Kitchen Cleaning

State Grange Building, Hooksett

Feb. 1 & 2 - Farm & Forest Expo

Manchester Downtown Hotel

(formerly the Radisson Hotel)

Feb. 7 - Kitchen Cleaning

State Grange Building, Hooksett

Feb. 9 - Youth & Junior Day

State Grange Building, Hooksett

March 7 - Kitchen Cleaning (if needed)

State Grange Building, Hooksett

March 17 - Bowling 12 noon

Lakeside Lanes, Manchester

Aug. 29 - Sept. 2 - Lancaster Fair

Aug. 30 - Sept. 2 - Hopkinton Fair

Sept. 13-19 - Eastern States Expo (Big E)

West Springfield, Massachusetts

Sept. 26-29 - Deerfield Fair

Nov. 5-9 - National Grange Convention

Minneapolis, MN

Thank You

I wish to thank Worthy Master Chris Heath for choosing me to help with voting at our State Grange Convention. Yes, you might say I was quite surprised. It gave me the opportunity to become acquainted with Sister Marion Woodworth and Brother Adam Terrell.

Dawne Hugron, Antrim Grange



At the Installation of Officers at State Grange in Keene each newly installed officer installed the next officer in line. Here Pomona Crystal Seward installs Mary West as Flora. Mary’s husband Kevin Belval snaps Mary’s sash while Arthur Merrill holds baby Alexander and Marshall Adam Paquin-Varnum looks on.



**State Grange Historian
Richard Patten**

The New Hampshire State Grange concluded its 145th annual session at the Best Western Motel in Keene. The State Grange elected officers for the 2018-2020 term. State Master Chris Heath was elected to a third term, which hadn't been done since former Past State Master Charles Eastman. The remaining officers were reelected to a two year term with the exception of Pomona, now Crystal Seward, and Mary West as State Flora.

Carolee Barrett of Golden Rod Grange gave me the **Union Leader** Grange Diamond Jubilee Edition dated October 20, 1941. At that time it was reported that the New Hampshire State Grange had 362 units which included 281 Subordinate Units, 20 Pomona Units, and 61 Juvenile Units.

It mentioned in this article various accomplishments of the New Hampshire State Grange History: Advocated the establishment of a State Experiment Station in 1883; In 1885, advocated the removal of the state Agricultural College from Dartmouth. In this same year, the election of United States Senators by popular vote was advocated and the State Master in his annual address made a plea for the development of what we now call the recreation business. In 1886, state aid for rural schools. In 1889 secured an appropriation of \$25,000 school equalization fund. In 1892 recommended that the policy of working out taxes on the highway be discontinued.

I found an article in this newspaper which honored Concord as the Best Organized Grange Community in the State. It stated that "Concord can claim to be best organized Grange locality in the state having five Granges with a membership of 773. Four of these Granges have women Masters and all are affiliated with Merrimack County Pomona. Each is a splendid Grange and all work harmoniously together."

Although it is no longer active, Mountain Grange was one of the first

Granges organized. They were located in East Concord, but no information is available. Capital Grange was the first Grange organized in 1886 and in 1941 was the second largest Grange in the State. There were many notables in this Grange, those being Governor John Winant, Senator Styles Bridges, former Senator George Moses, Governor Meldrim Thomson, Governor Walter Peterson, Governor Hugh Gallen, US Representative Cleveland, and many others. They met in Pilgrim Hall, corner of Main and Warren Streets, first and third Thursdays of each month.

Halloween Grange was formed in 1911 in Penacook, then moved to Concord Manor. The article stated, "They are very busy trying to remodel their hall. They have 119 members and meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month." They were the only Grange in Concord to have a Juvenile Grange organized by State Juvenile Deputy Marjorie Emery of Boscawen.

The next Grange to be organized in Concord was Pineconia of Concord Plains. Pineconia was noted for their hospitality and meals, along with splendid community service. "They have a membership of 153 with Mrs. Elizabeth Wentworth as one of the only women Masters in the state. Pineconia has 35 members in the service due to the war, but the members are determined to carry on." Today, Pineconia has been renamed Concord Grange. They are proud that current Governor Chris Sununu, State Rep Janet Walz, State Rep. Richard Patten, State Rep. Howard Pearl, and State Rep. Steve Shurtleff are members.

Millville Grange was the next Grange to be organized and they were located in South Concord. They held meetings in the Community Meeting House at St. Paul's School. "They meet on the second and fourth Thursdays and recently took in new members and they are now at 50 members."

Riverhill Grange is the newest and youngest Grange in Concord, meeting in Penacook. "They are meeting in an old one room School House that has been transformed into an enjoyable Grange Hall. They meet on the first and third Fridays."

This newspaper also mentioned Manchester, which had 1,000 members, as the third largest community in the state with four Granges. "The oldest one is Amoskeag Grange #3 meeting in the old Mirror Hall, at Hanover Street. This Grange moved to a new home being the Odd Fellows Hall, Hanover Street. General Stark Grange was the second Manchester Grange organized on the West Side of Manchester. This Grange holds its meetings in South Manchester at the Odd Fellows Hall. The next Grange organized in Manchester was Derryfield of East Manchester meeting in the Red Men's Hall. In later years they moved to the Odd Fellows Hall to hold their meetings. The youngest Grange organized in Manchester is Batchelder Grange in South Manchester meeting in the old Union Chapel Hall. They moved to the Odd Fellows Hall, Hanover Street to hold meetings."

I guess I had better close my column for this time. I have read only one fourth of this newspaper. Thank you, Carolee, She found it in her attic with some Grange material. It is loaded with interesting information.

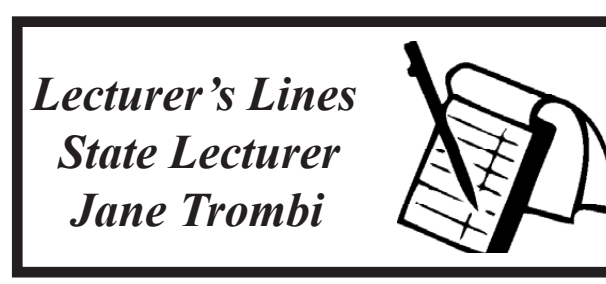
Quilts of Valor

At the National Grange session quilts were presented to twenty Grange Members, including Robert Trombi, Wilber Heath, and Lester Gibbs from New Hampshire.

The National Grange has become a recognized partner in the mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation as an official Under Our Wings program. This program allows Grange members to create quilts and present them to veterans. All the quilts presented at the National Convention were made by Grangers across the country. We are fortunate to have so many veterans in our organization and we are proud to recognize them.



Robert Trombi, Wilber Heath, Lester Gibbs



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

Welcome to a new Grange year! I am looking forward to another term as your state lecturer and thank the delegates for their confidence in me to fulfill the duties of this office. I hope all Lecturers have had a chance to look over the program for this year and have shared the contest information with your members.

If you have not heard of this year's contests, visit our website: www.nh-grange.org to find the full program. With winter upon us, it's a great time to work on some of your contest entries. Make a card, form a book club, work on your art. There are contests for everyone, so take some time to find your creative side.

At State Session in October, I presented our 2018 Honor Lecturer's Award to Judy Bailey of Rochester Grange. Congratulations for a job well done.

National Grange has a photography showcase and contest. Each state is allowed to send one photo. Those at our state session had a chance to vote on their favorite photo to send. Congratulations to Christine Savage of Wingold Grange who had the most votes. Her photo went on to the National Grange Convention in Stowe Vermont in November.

There is also a Showcase at National Convention for handcrafted items. Our state was asked to send ten items. The Family Services department and the Lecturer's department each chose five items to put on display. The following items were chosen from the Lecturer's department: Valentine Card by Beth Merrill of Antrim Grange; Valentine Card by Junior member Juliette Langley of Blazing Star Grange; Ink and Pencil art by Betsey Congdon of Walpole Grange; Coloring page by Marion Woodworth of Rochester Grange; and Painting by Jessica Beck of Pine Grove Grange.

As we look forward to spring, the first big event for the Lecturer's department is the Bowling Tournament. All the information is in this issue. Hope you can join us.

State Lecturer's Contest Winners

In the Create-a-Card contest there were three classes: Congratulations, Friendship and Valentine's Day, with three categories in each class: Recycled, Computer Generated, and Hand Stamped or Decorated. The winners are as follows:

- Class A: Congratulations**
- Computer Generated**
- 1. **Claire Gagnon - Hudson**
- Hand Stamped /Decorated**
- 1. **Beth Merrill - Antrim**
- Class B: Friendship**
- Recycled**
- 1. **Camilie Twiss - Watatic**
- Computer Generated**
- 1. **Claire Gagnon - Hudson**
- Hand Stamped/Decorated**
- 1. **Beth Merrill - Antrim**
- Class C: Valentine's Day**
- Recycled**
- 1. **Genevieve Twiss - Watatic**
- Computer Generated**
- 1. **Claire Gagnon - Hudson**
- Hand Stamped/Decorated**
- 1. **Beth Merrill - Antrim**
- Juniors 5-9**
- Valentine's Day**
- Hand stamped/decorated**
- 1. **Juliette Langley - Blazing Star**
- 2. **Lily Ricker - Blazing Star**
- Juniors 10-14**
- Valentine's Day**
- Recycled**
- 1. **Ava Twiss - Watatic**
- Hand stamped/decorated**
- 1. **Blaze Ricker - Blazing Star**

The photography contest had four categories: Reflections, A Snowy Day, Architecture, and Four Seasons. The winners are as follows:

- Reflections**
- 1. **Bonnie Lampman - Rockingham**
- 2. **Sandra Dennis - Rockingham**
- 3. **Carol Hill - Rockingham**
- A Snowy Day**
- 1. **Lois Enman - Rochester**
- 2. **Rachel Watson - Walpole**
- 3. **Carol Hill - Rockingham**
- Architecture**
- 1. **Christine Savage - Wingold**
- 2. **Lois Enman - Rochester**
- 3. **Bonnie Lampman - Rockingham**

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Four Seasons

- 1. **Zachary Trombi - Walpole**
- 2. **Elizabeth Congdon - Walpole**

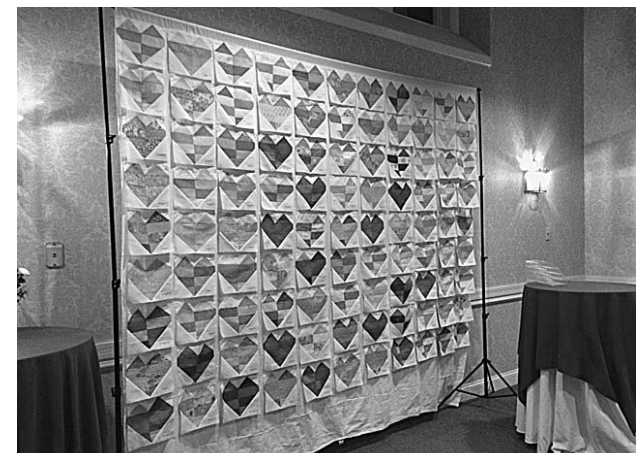
Creative Writing

Poetry

- 1. **Wayne Condon - Rochester**
 - 2. **Marion Woodworth - Rochester**
 - 3. **Camilie Twiss - Watatic**
- Read The Book**
- 1. **Camilie Twiss - Watatic**
 - 2. **Martha Fowler - Wingold**
- Tell The Story**
- 1. **Camilie Twiss - Watatic**

The Art contest had 5 categories: Oils and Acrylics; Watercolors; Charcoal, pastels, pencils; Mixed Media, Coloring pages and 3-D Sculptures. The winners this year are:

- Oils and Acrylics**
- 1. **Jessica Beck - Pine Grove**
- Watercolors**
- 1. **Elizabeth Congdon - Walpole**
- Charcoal, Pastels and Pencils**
- 1. **Elizabeth Congdon - Walpole**
- Juniors age 10-14**
- 1. **Ava Twiss - Watatic**
- Mixed Media**
- 1. **Elizabeth Congdon - Walpole**
- 2. **Jessica Beck - Pine Grove**
- Juniors age 10-14**
- 1. **Genevieve Twiss - Watatic**
- Coloring Pages**
- 1. **Camilie Twiss - Watatic**
- 2. **Marion Woodworth - Rochester**
- 3. **Jessica Beck - Pine Grove**
- Juniors age 5-9**
- 1. **Mallory Enman - Rochester**
- 2. **Alayna Twiss - Watatic**
- Juniors age 10-14**
- 1. **Ava Twiss - Watatic**
- 2. **Genevieve Twiss - Watatic**
- 3. **Cole Enman - Rochester**
- 3. **Lily Lynch - Watatic**



This is one of three walls of quilt squares from the National Lecturer's Quilt contest displayed in Stowe, Vermont.

Antrim Grange

Antrim Grange is happy to announce that we have received some significant donations from individuals and local businesses lately. Jane McLean, a past Antrim resident and granddaughter of past Antrim Grange members the Butterfields, had asked people to donate and said that she would match up to \$5000 if donations reached that before December 31st. She has acknowledged that we have exceeded that amount and her donation will be made in the future.

After a meeting with Richard Verney of Monadnock Paper Mill, he has generously donated \$12,500 to the NH Grange Foundation in the name of the Antrim Grange Hall Restoration Fund. It came in the form of two donations in the amount of \$6500 each from Monadnock Paper Mill and the Gilbert Verney Foundation respectively. He has also pledged the same amounts for next fall, making it a total donation of \$25,000. This will help us replace our leaking roof and continue on our foundation work.

Thank you to Jane and Richard for helping us get rolling again. We are humbled and grateful for the people and businesses of our community that have graciously given us the opportunity to restore that beautiful building on the hill in old Antrim center.

We held a 50/50 raffle in October. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets to support our cause! The winner was Justin Wright of Antrim. We are hoping to hold another 50/50 raffle in the spring.

Antrim Grange members have been busy. Many of us attended the annual NH State Grange Conference held in Keene. Sharon Stickney won a blue ribbon for the beautiful jacket that she sewed. It was sent on to National Grange to be displayed in November in Stowe, Vermont. Beth Merrill received 1st place in card making. No surprise there because her cards were perfect! They also are headed to Stowe, Vermont.

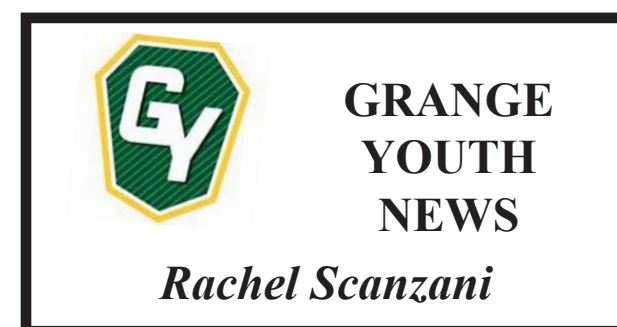
We are currently getting our annual submission for Festival of Trees ready. We are looking forward to the gnome theme this year.

Antrim Grange is hosting the community supper on December 20th at the

Presbyterian church. Please join us for a Christmas in July meal!

If you are reading this and are curious about Antrim Grange, the Restoration project, membership, or anything else you may want to know, please contact Renee mercier via email at renee_mercier@yahoo.com or feel free to call at 603-547-5144. Also, 'like' Antrim Grange on Facebook. We are currently working on getting our website up and running again so we will be posting upcoming public events there too.

Antrim Grange is currently meeting at the Town Hall on first and third Wednesdays at 7p.m. Anyone is welcome to attend anytime. We always have an open door policy. Hope everyone has a blessed and safe holiday season with a prosperous and healthy new year.



The NH State Grange Youth Department is ready to hit the ground running! Are you ready to join us? If you didn't get a copy of the 2019 Youth Program, please email Rachel Scanzani (rachel.scanzani@gmail.com) to get yourself a copy.

February Youth Rally will be held on February 9th at the State Grange building in Hooksett, NH. A light lunch will be available at noon time during registration with activities starting at 12:45. Bring a team in the afternoon and try to "Escape the Grange Hall" with our own custom Escape Room game. Winning teams will receive a prize during the meeting. The Grange Knowledge Test, and additional workshops will be available throughout the afternoon. Dinner will be served at 5:30 with the winter meeting of the Youth Association being held at 6:30pm. Be on the lookout for further information in early January.

We encourage all Granges to remember that Youth Department activities are for everyone where we can join together for a bit of fun, a few laughs, and lots of smiles.



Antrim Festival of Trees

Pictured here is the "Gnome Matter What" entry, submitted by Antrim Grange for the 9th Annual Antrim Festival of Trees. This is a free month-long event held annually at the James A. Tuttle Library on Main Street in Antrim, New Hampshire. Sponsored by the Antrim Historical Society and the Friends of the James A. Tuttle Library, the Festival is organized and produced by a committee of community volunteers to celebrate community. The 150+ trees, displays and vignettes are set against a backdrop of holiday quilts and handcrafts. Every nook and cranny of the historic three-story Tuttle Library is decorated with displays representing a myriad of traditions, themes, religions and artistic whimsy representing the interests of the greater Antrim community.

Antrim's Festival of Trees is unique in that the trees, wreaths and decorations are not for sale and the event is not a fundraiser. Rather, the elaborate display remains solely for the purpose of community enjoyment, free for all to participate in and enjoy. The original premise remains: "To put a little sparkle in our holidays while celebrating community".

The Festival will remain on display throughout the month of December and can be visited during regular Library hours: Mon. and Wed. 2-6, Tues. and Thurs. 2-8, Fri. 9-12 and Sat. 10-4.

Voting for Favorites happens through the first weeks of the Festival so visitors may contribute. Ribbon Winners will be announced at "The Festival Gala" on Dec. 15th which is also a "Meet the Artist Night" with tree and display designers in attendance and recognized for their participation.



We have some new crafts and I am excited to start off the new Grange year as our Junior Director again. Think about a Sand craft, rock coloring, and tie dye,

I am sharing some of my report for those who were not able to be with us at state session. This year we had eight Juniors that graduated, so we must keep up the good work of bringing in new Juniors. Juniors graduating are: Brianna Hickey, Devin Schwarz, Genevieve Twiss, Lisa Bailey, Adam Klapyk, Juliette Adams, Blaze MacMullen, and Natalie Brandt. I know many have joined their area Grange, and I hope to see them coming to Youth activities. This leaves us with 30 members until we grow for our Granges to grow.

My theme for 2019 is "Grow your Grange with the Plus 1 (+1)," the same as 2018. Our numbers must keep growing so we can assist our Subordinate Granges. These Junior members 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 of our order.

I have taken the decorated Christmas stockings for the Pease Greeters Christmas project to someone to deliver them to be packed in time for the soldiers to received them for Christmas. I want to thank all our Plus1 Granges, recognizing the following: Antrim, Blazing Star, Centennial, Chichester, Croydon, Golden Rod, Hudson, Rochester, Rockingham, Watatic, and Wingold.

I want to thank our Worthy State Master for all of his support with the Junior activities this year, along with all the parents and grandparents who bring children to the activities and adults that support us. I especially thank the Grangers who are working with all our Juniors in their Grange to grow new Youth and our future Grange leaders.

Save the date of the Farm and

Forest Expo that will be held February 1 and 2 at the Center of New Hampshire in Manchester. I hope you can come see all the booths with information for all.

This year we hope to have February Junior Day the same day as the Youth as we have done. Save February 9 to come to Hooksett with Youth and Juniors for a fun day.

Save March 17 for Junior Bowling with parents at the Lecturer's Bowling at Lakeside Lanes.

I wish all the best for the holidays and hope you will enjoy time with your families. See you in the coming year.

Cochecho Grange

The installation of officers of Cochecho Grange #81 took place on October 3, 2018 with the help of Eastern New Hampshire Pomona #2. The installing suite consisted of our State Master Christopher Heath, State Treasurer Daniel Bascom, Rochester Worthy Master Kim Bascom, and Past State Flora Lois L. Enman.

Orman Hall is now the Worthy Master of Cochecho Grange. With the help of Sandy Fogarty, Paul Lord, and many others, after struggling for many years, Cochecho Grange can proudly say we are back on our feet.



Chris Heath, Lois Enman, Orman Hall. Kim Bascom, Dan Bascom



Members of Cochecho Grange

Looking for Former Grangers for My Book

Richard Patten, State Historian

I was wondering if anyone knows where some of these formerly active Grange members are. Are they living in the state? Did they pass away, or are they out of state?

I did find John Critchitt who is in Florida. I also found Richard Seaver, former State Prince in 1969. Richard is in the clergy, an ordained minister in Minnesota. I am still trying to get in contact with him.

Does anyone know where Ernest Jones, Jr. is living? He was living in Boscawen, but I am not sure where he is now.

Pauline Simard, who was Master of Batchelder Grange in Manchester. I am not sure where she is. Batchelder Grange merged with Uncanoonuc Grange of Goffstown.

Another family that was active in Youth Nights was Eleanor Brown and her children, Peter Brown and his sister Laura Brown. Peter was an excellent singer and competed in several State Lecturer's Talent Contests. I remember going to a Youth Night, and they were all there along with Patty Dustin and a couple of others and they put dance music on and they would dance.

Michael Hayes, whose mother was Marjorie Hayes, past Junior Deputy, Youth Committee member. Michael would travel to many Granges with his mother. However, I have not seen him in years. He used to come to Concord, but I'm not sure what happened to him.

Another Grange member from the 60's and early 70's was James Hadley from the Greenfield area. He was always smiling, loved to dance. He was quiet, but you knew he was up to something.

Don Shattuck, Dee Dee Shattuck and Nancy Homoleski, children of Phil and Madeliene Shattuck. I wonder if they are still in the Brookline area.

I found that Bill Jeralds is living in the Pittsburg, NH, area. I guess that's enough for this time. take care and let me know if you know where they are.

Visit the State Grange website at www.nhgrange.org



Mohawk Grange Chicken Pie Supper
 (photos courtesy of Colebrook News and Sentinel)

The Annual Mohawk Grange Chicken Pie Supper welcomed over two hundred fifty guests at their hall on Saturday, October 6, in support of the Grange/s scholarship program.



Top Left: Dana Weir is served by Sonja Sheldon, Leta Brown and Jennifer Frizzell. Top Right: Sarah Mackin and two year old Rosemary are ready to enjoy their meal. Bottom Left: Some of the two hundred fifty guests patiently wait their turn. Bottom Center: Eldonna Brooks was kept busy plating up apple and pumpkin pie all evening. Bottom Right: Russell Hamilton, Sally Hodge and Paul Martin of the Two Sparrows Orchard stand ready to sell bags of apples to guests attending the supper.



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