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An Invitation to the National Grange Session by Chris Heath, State Master

National Session will be held in Stowe, Vermont, at the Stoweflake Mountain Resort. Session will run from Monday, November 12th, through Saturday, November 17th. This is a lovely facility that I had the pleasure of touring in April of this year. The resort has many amenities including a spa and heated outdoor swimming pool.

Wednesday is typically the first day for the Youth and non-delegates, but this doesn't mean that you can't come earlier. There are many activities occurring throughout the session, including tours, luncheons and dinners. If you have never attended a National Session, I suggest that you come and see what it is all about. It will be another five years before session is back in our region.

If you are looking to volunteer to help host, please reach out to Kerriann and let her know. She is the state coordinator for New Hampshire and she will be doing all the scheduling.

You might also consider signing up with Kathy Yardley to help out with the Grange Showcase. This is where the displays are typically set up. Kathy has volunteered to head up this area of session and will need some hard workers to help set up and tear down this display area. Feel free to reach out to her if you have time to help.



Phil Prelli, National Overseer

We will have the pleasure of having the National Grange Overseer as the representative from National Grange for our annual State Session. Phil Prelli and his wife Maureen, from Connecticut, whom many of us already know, will be our guests for session. They both have been Grange members for over 45 years. They have been married for 40 years and have twin daughters, Jennifer Hester and Marie Keefe, and 5 grandchildren Gavin, Anna and Reid Hester and Molly and Addison Keefe.

Phil is a past member of the National Grange Executive Committee and a past Treasurer of the National Grange. In the past he has served as Master of the Connecticut State Grange as well as Gatekeeper, Asst. Steward, Steward, Overseer and Deputy of the CT State Grange on his way "up through the chairs." He currently serves on the CT State Grange Executive Committee. In addition to his Grange membership he is a member of St. Andrew's Lodge of the Masonic Order.

Phil Prelli was appointed Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of Connecticut on May 20, 2005, a position he held until January 5, 2011. Prior to that, he served as a State Representative from

the 63rd District, in Connecticut. While a State Representative, he served as an Assistant House Minority Leader serving as Chairman of the House Republican Bill Screening Committee and a member of the General Assembly's Banks, Environment, Commerce, Finance Revenue and Bonding, Government Administration and Election (where he served as a Ranking Member) and Legislative Management committees.

Prior to being appointed Commissioner of Agriculture, Phil was an insurance agent and a partner in Tangarone and Prelli insurance in Winsted and, prior to forming that company, was the owner of the Prelli Insurance Agency.

Born Nov. 16, 1948, in Winsted, Phil received his Associate of Science Degree from Northwestern Connecticut Community College and his Bachelor of Arts Degree with a major in mathematics and minor in economics from Central Connecticut State University in New Britain.

From 1970 to 1976, Phil was a member of the 729th Railroad Transportation Battalion Army Reserve where he reached the rank of Specialist 5. He has served on the Winchester Board of Education and is an Honorary Member and Past Captain of the Winsted Volunteer Fire Department, Co. No. 3.

Phil will be here to help answer your many questions about the status of the National Grange building, the prospects of a National Grange membership director, status of the lawsuit against the Guild in California, as well as any Grange related questions you might have. Be sure to gather your questions now so when you see him during session, you can be prepared with your questions.



Visit the State Grange website at www.nhgrange.org



*From my pad
to your pad*

**Christopher Heath
NH State Grange Master**

As I sit here on my pad writing this final article for you I reflect on the past four years as your State Master. Reviewing the goals that I had set the first year I realize that I tried really hard to achieve those goals. I am thankful for all those Granges who heard the call and stepped up to the plate to face the challenges.

I introduced a program to try and get the members out to visit each other and create those bonds of fellowship that we should have as brothers and sisters of this great organization. I encouraged Granges to get back to the ritual and learn the lessons that we are tasked to learn in our degree work. I wanted each and every Grange to work on membership.

Some Granges heard the challenge and worked on a gain in membership. Other Granges, unfortunately, were not so successful. It is never too late to work on membership.

Granges are still struggling to find reasonable liability insurance and other insurance needs for their buildings. Long gone are the days of National Grange Mutual providing insurance for the Granges in New Hampshire. If we could have kept our membership numbers relatively large, we would still have the bond that we once had with them. I have tried to find alternatives, but my attempts have been futile as most insurance companies have many requirements, especially for Granges that own halls, that are sometimes hard to meet because Granges are not money makers and can't meet the minimum requirements to purchase the insurance being offered. I wish that I had a magic wand that I could wave to make things better, but I lack the tools to get that job completed. All in all It has been a good four years and I look forward to what the future has to bring.

On September 16th, starting at 2 p.m. at the State Grange building in Hooksett, we will be holding the Town Hall meeting concerning the future of Pomona Granges in our state. This is an opportunity

for Pomona members to get together and ask questions and express their views on what the Pomona Granges should do going forward into the future. If you are a Pomona member and you care about the future of your Grange, I strongly encourage you to attend. The Pomona deputies have been receiving feedback from their visits about how the Pomonas feel about their Granges and what they think that the State Master should do concerning the future of this division of the Grange.

We now have a new webmaster who has taken over the job of finishing and maintaining our Grange website. I want to thank Sarah Leclerc for the good job she did revamping the site and bringing us into the next century. She spent many hours working on it, and she is to be commended. Going forward, any Grange information that you would like to have posted to the website should be sent to webmaster@nhgrange.org. Please make sure that forms, articles, and other information are either sent in word format or pdf. This will help get the information onto the site quicker as they will not have to convert it into a suitable format. I am hoping that by the time State Grange session arrives, the site will be updated with all the important information that we all go there to find.

State Session is right around the corner, and I hope to see all of you there. This year it is being held at the Best Western in Keene. I know that the pricing for the accommodations is different for each night and this has a lot of people confused. The hotel has a different price for each night of the session due to the fact that it is leaf peeper season still and they charge those prices for the weekends. This is going to become more and more of a problem going forward. Hotels are

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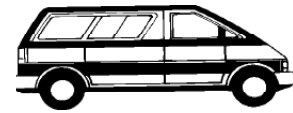
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getting top dollar for their rooms and surprisingly people are paying these prices. The State Grange delegation needs to seriously consider an alternative to how we hold our State session. We have been skirting around the issue for years but now is the time to do something about it.

I know that we all like the convenience of one stop shopping when it comes to session. Having everything in one place is nice, but it is time for us to seriously look into other ways to accomplish our session without it being a burden on our wallets. In the past we have held a session where we met in one place and stayed in another. This seemed to work pretty well for the majority of the members at the time. It might be the direction we need to go in the very near future.

I hope that many of you will plan to attend our State session this year. If you can only make it for one day, please plan to attend on Saturday. This is the day that the delegates will be voting on the resolutions that have been submitted. If you haven't submitted your resolutions yet, please do so as soon as possible. Remember that any resolutions that pertain to changing the bylaws, either state or national, needed to be submitted by September 1st. If you have resolutions that do not address the bylaws, they can be submitted to the State Grange right up to State session conferral. Saturday night we will be again doing the Sixth degree. I am hoping that if you have people that wish to take the degree, you will encourage them to come. If they are unable to make it, they will have the opportunity to take the sixth degree on Saturday of National Session.

In closing I want to thank all of you Grangers for supporting me for the past four years. The lessons that I have learned will stay with me forever. The relationships I have built and developed over these four years will last a lifetime. It has been a great learning experience for me. I have grown so much as an individual and a leader in this organization. The opportunities and experiences that I have encountered along the way have been great, and I never would have had the chance if it wasn't for all of you. I will still be a member of the Grange when this is all over, and I will still do my part to support and build our great organization.



**Family & Community
Department
Deb Patten**

Hope everyone has been having a great summer. We are off and running to our fall projects and culmination of our Grange work for the year! Before you know it State Grange will be here and we will be starting another Grange year. Here are a few reminders as we head toward State Grange in Keene on October 25, 2018

Nighty Night Hugs

I hope you have all been working on this project. There is such a great need. It was the plan to have all of you please work on these sacks which have a blanket, a book and a stuffed toy for a child in a sack which can be handmade this year.

This year we are asking Granges to please continue to make the fleece no sew blankets which typically take about 1 ½ yards of fleece for a child size blanket or make crocheted afghans to fit a child (not baby) or purchase the fleece blankets. If you prefer to purchase new fleece throws for children that is OK, too. We ask that a NEW stuffed toy be put in the sack together with a children's book (no religious books please). Please make the sack out of a pillow case or sew a sack to put these in with a drawstring running through it.

Please deliver these to the committee representative for your Pomona as outlined below. She will deliver the sacks to the shelter in her area. If you prefer to distribute to your local shelter or group home that is OK too. The need is there – as long as we continue this project. You do not need to bring these to State Grange. Please go ahead and distribute yourselves or give them to your committee person outlined below.

Very Important: Please keep track of how many are turned in to the committee so we will have an accurate count of how many children's hearts we are warming by these sacks which are typically all they have to call their own

when they arrive at the shelter.

Mountain of Mittens

We are continuing this project. This is a very well received project. So many children going to our public schools need mittens, hats and gloves. They go to school with none. The school nurses/principal's offices are very happy to get these to distribute to children in need throughout our State. We divide them up so the entire State gets a few pair for each general area throughout the State. Please keep knitting hats and mittens and either hold them and bring them to State Grange in October 2018 or you can call me at 603 228-1803 and we can arrange for me to get them and hold them for you. I recently learned that school buses could use a supply of these as they are the first to have children hop on the bus with no hat and/or mittens.

Needlework Contests

Judging took place on August 11. The winning entries from each category will be sent to Eastern States for the New England judging. All items will be displayed at State Grange and can be signed out for return to their owners on Saturday of State Grange in October.

Baking Contest

Remember that the winning entry of banana bread from each Pomona should bake again and bring their winning entry to State Grange at the Best Western Hotel in Keene on Friday, October 26 by 12:00 noon. Please bring the entries to me when you arrive with them.

Report Form

All reports are due to me and Dick no later than September 15.

Fudge & Trail Mix for State Grange

Once again I am asking for fudge, trail mix (aka Party Mix), cookies, brownies etc. to sell at State Grange. This is an easy fundraiser for our committee and most all attendees of the convention look forward to purchasing a snack. Hotel employees and guests often times stop by. So I am asking all Granges to send goodies along with someone from your Grange to help support this effort.

**Start by doing what is necessary,
then what is possible, and suddenly
you are doing the impossible.
~St. Francis of Assisi**

Family Services Committee

Please see list below for the committee representative in your area. Always feel free to reach out to me directly as well.

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Deb Patten with the help of Fran Everard– Eastern NH Pomona



Junior Grangers and their friends decorate Christmas Stockings at Junior Fun Day on June 16. The finished stockings will be donated to the Pease Greeters to be given to troops at holiday time.



We hope Granges are gearing up and participating in their local fairs, festivals and other community based events. These events are great ways for the Grange to find potential members. Tell people who stop by your table or booth the things that you do in the community. Tell them that you are always looking for new ideas and worthy causes to support.

Your Grange members should also reach out to their neighbors and other people that they know from other activities that they are involved with in town. Tell these people about what your Grange does at the meetings, for your programs, and other important things that you do. Do your best to explain to them what the benefits are to being a member. Most importantly, ask them to join the Grange.

The membership department has membership materials your Grange can use to help explain the Grange and tell what benefits are available from the National Grange. The National Grange has many other resources that your Grange take advantage of for promoting membership, membership recruitment training and other helpful materials essential in growing and maintaining membership.

Now is the time to increase our membership. We need more members to build our Granges. If we could have a net gain in membership in each and every Grange, that would be 54 new members, if we didn't lose any more this year. If we could do that for the next three years that would be over 150 new members.

Just think, if every member in your Grange brought in one new member, that would double your membership. Imagine the things that your Grange could do with a second set of hands. These are all good things that will come from new members. You will get new ideas and a renewed sense of purpose. It will rejuvenate your Grange and your members.

Please do your best to help spread the good Grange word. Get out there and recruit new members!



Another State Grange Session is on the horizon. Children of all ages will be in school when this issue arrives in your mailbox. I realize most students may have a backpack when we meet in October.

This year our Make A Difference Day project will be to bring items to State Session to fill a backpack(s). Please bring pens, pencils, rulers, lined paper, folders, erasers, glue sticks, sticky notes pads, dictionary, and food snack items such as raisins, small canned fruit, and whatever else you think students can use. I feel there must be students who are homeless or living in a group home that getting a backpack might give them a big reason to smile and feel that they were not forgotten. I would like to focus on towns who are having a tough time such as those who lost businesses or factories.

The backpacks can be for girls or boys or generic. You might include a card writing a happy note to bring a smile and wishing them good luck in school. Thank you for your support in this project.

Please bring gift cards for the Santa Remembers Teens at Christmas. This project has been successful as we have worked with Operation Santa Claus and Friends of Forgotten Children. Christmas is not far away when you watch television and they are already advertising or showing Christmas shows. Thank you for your support and remember you are making a difference in a teenager's Christmas.

Don't forget our precious senior citizens especially those who are living alone or in a senior retirement home. Greeting cards especially with Halloween, Veterans' Day, and Thanksgiving on the horizon. People love to receive a greeting card which means they are not forgotten.

I am still looking for suggestions for police officer, firefighter, citizen, educator, public service, and Grange member of the year. The deadline has passed but I will accept them. If your town doesn't

wish to participate, ask a neighboring community. I was at a function recently and I said to someone, "How come you don't send one of your officers for this award?" He said, nobody asked me or approached me and there is a Grange in this town.

I would like to thank each Grange, whether it is Junior, Subordinate or Pomona for supporting the Community Service Department. I hope each Grange is going to submit a notebook. I already have one book in, and it is very nice.

I have enjoyed being your Director and a big thank you to Alice Tuck because she was Family And Community Service. She asked Past State Master Jim Tetreault at the time if she asked me to handle Community Service. I was so happy, because as you know Community Service is my life. Bringing a smile to someone's day makes me happy.

I would like to thank my committee for all the work they have done. It is not easy with distance between Granges, some that are not meeting, and trying to fit in a busy schedule you have with your family and job.

I was so sad to learn of the passing of Brian Phelps, who had been a member of the committee. He passed away this spring. I felt so bad as Brian was a great guy and despite his health concerns, he gave it all. I wish the new Director all the best in the world. Community Service is a busy committee and should not be combined with Family Activities.



Luau Night at Londonderry Grange in August.



Hello to all. I can not believe I am writing a GSG article for September and thinking about Fall when it is 90 + outside!!

Our committee held its annual meeting in July to review and award two scholarships. Thomas Perry has returned for his third year to become a dentist. He will attend Quinnipiac University in Hamden, CT.

Jordan Durand will start her first year at Plymouth State University in Plymouth, NH. She plans to obtain her degree in elementary education. Jordan was our state talent winner as a soloist in 2013 when National Grange was in Manchester, NH.

These scholarships are made possible through the donations that we receive from Subordinates, Pomonas, and individuals. Please support this program in your Granges. The application process is open to all Grangers who are enrolled in an accredited education program and who have belonged to Grange for at least one year. Age is not a factor if you are continuing your education many years out of high school. We also offer a loan program to students while in school. Loans need to be repaid, so funds will be available for future applicants.

National Grange offers many different benefit programs to you as a subordinate member. Check them out at www.nationalgrange.org as they change to help with different needs. A reminder: the password needed to open is our annual word. Do you remember it?

I hope you have your calendar marked for State Grange Session to be held in Keene, NH October 25-28, 2018. Come to help support State Grange and bring home important information about our committees and their work for the coming year. Remember we will be having resolutions and elections of officers and the fifth and sixth degrees. Hope to see you there.



Summer is sizzling on. For me it's been a difficult summer full of lots of let downs.

To start off with I did not receive any filled out suggestions for Ag Awards by July. Richard Patten has been nice enough to find a suggestion for an award and my committee will start working on what we would like to do.

For those that have not heard yet we have a new Assistant State Veterinarian, Dr. Nate Harvey. If the name sounds familiar to anyone, the Harveys are a long time Grange family from Epping, New Hampshire's Rockingham Grange. Dr. Harvey is Dan and Louise Harvey's grandson.

Unfortunately, due to town things where I live, I have gotten the chance to chat with Dr. Harvey and find him very personable. After much help from the Farm Bureau and old friends it seems like things are coming out all right. One thing that I have learned this year is that even though the State of New Hampshire does not do testing on waterfowl and they are not required to be tested for exhibit at the fairs, to breed and sell them and to sell live geese and ducks you have to pay to get them tested. For my twenty-nine geese and two ducks it was a little over \$300, but, if all the testing goes well, I am the only person in NH that has had their geese tested and therefore the only person that can currently legally sell geese and baby geese.

A little on the bright side, my neighbor and I have made a couple batches of Bread and Butter pickles and the cukes are still coming. He was all excited when he was telling me about how he harvested his potatoes that he's been growing in five-gallon buckets and out of five buckets he was able to feed about twenty people with potato salad plus had some potatoes left over for other good eats.

Last year was the first year he had done potatoes, and he had told me his

plan to dig a trench, plant and dig them up. Knowing he was turning 79 and having health issues, last year I gave him a bunch of five-gallon buckets with the bottom cut off and said, "Instead, take your soil put in about 2" put in your cut and cured eyes and then add a few inches of soil on top. Every week add another gallon of soil until the bucket is a little over 1/2 full". At the end of last year we dumped the buckets into his garden cart attached to the lawn mower and picked out the potatoes. It was at that point he told me he was glad I talked him out of digging them and putting them in the ground because in the summer heat he really can't breathe to be harvesting them as he was planning.

I keep telling him just because you have difficulties doesn't mean you have to stop doing things you enjoy. It means you have to outsmart your body to continue doing it.

Hope to see you all at State Session and remember without Agriculture we will not be around long.

Chichester Grange #132

Chichester Grange meets only once a month in July and August. We try to make these dates a time to move outside the hall and enjoy something a little different.

On July 18 members and friends gathered at Dominick's Restaurant on Route 28 for the annual Eat-Out. The Grange had recognized Dominick's as the Business of the Year at the Awards Night in May, so it seemed only right to hold the Eat-Out there. As usual, the date was the same as the set-up date for the Stratham Fair. However, the exhibit went up and won a blue ribbon, and no one was too late for dinner.

The meeting on August 1 was planned as an "Outing." Luckily we had decided to stay close to home, because it rained harder that day than any other day all summer.. We gathered under the pavilion at Carpenter Park and ate ice cream from Frekey's Dairy Freeze. The children had to climb on the picnic tables instead of the playground equipment. The weather was warm, so we could socialize and conduct a little necessary business before heading home to dry out.

State Lecturer's Art Contest
Entries are due to the State Lecturer
by 3 p.m. on Thursday of State
Convention, October 25, 2018.

Categories: A. Oils & Acrylics B. Watercolors C. Charcoal, Pastels, Markers and Pencil

D. Mixed Media (this category is endless!) For example, a work on canvas that combines paint, ink, and collage materials. It doesn't have to be on canvas. It could be on any background material.

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

F. NEW CATEGORY: 3-Dimensional Sculptures such as, but not limited to: wood carving, paper mache, plaster, metal

- Rules:
1. All entries must be the original work of the member
 2. All entries must be completed between October 1, 2017 and October 1, 2018.
 3. Entries are judged according to the medium used.
 4. Pastels, Charcoal and pencil entries must be treated for permanency to stop smudging.
 5. Nude entries will not be accepted or displayed.
 6. Size must not exceed 24 x 36 including the frame. 3-D objects must not be more than 24 x 36 x 24.
 7. All entries must be framed (NO GLASS) or have a firm backing so they can be properly displayed
 8. Non-breakable covering is acceptable. Glass-covered entries will not be judged. Do NOT send any glass with entries.
 9. Only one entry per category per person.
 10. There are three divisions within each category:
Division I - Subordinate Grange members
Division II - Junior Grange members age 5-9
Division II - Junior Grange age 10-14
 12. Awards: Small cash prizes will be given for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category.
 13. Labeling: Each entry should be properly labeled with Name, Grange, Division and Category. You can use the labels provided in this Lecturer's packet.

Northeast Region
Community Service Project
at the
National Grange Convention

We are Collecting
Personal Care Items
That Will Be Distributed Amongst
The 7 Northeast Connection States
for Veterans in Need
Items for both Male & Female
Veterans of All Ages
Travel-sized his/hers products preferred:

Shaving cream	Razors
Denture tablets	Shampoo
Personal Items	Bar soap
Mouthwash	Brushes
Body wash	Combs
Toothbrushes	Kleenex
Tooth paste	wet wipes
Deodorant	Lotion

Concord Grange #322
to Host Christmas Events

Concord Grange #322 will have the 67th annual Concord Christmas Parade on Saturday, November 17, at 9:30 a.m. Write your letters to Santa and head for Loudon Road on Concord Heights to kick off the Christmas season.

Concord Grange #322 will be organizing the 33th annual Concord Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration on Friday, November 23, starting at 3:30 p.m. at the Concord City Plaza and on the lawn of the State House plaza. Planned events include Santa Claus, music, horse drawn wagon rides, and a petting zoo. Fireworks will cap off the evening. The Christmas Tree Lighting is always a highlight of Thanksgiving weekend in Concord.




In Memoriam

Ina Hilliard	Chichester
Radford Messenger	Crown Point
Richard Leclerc	Harmony
Ken Nunan	Meriden
Sandra Goff	Pembroke
Oscar Plourde	Pembroke
Martha Pratt	Rochester
Phoebe Willey	Tuftonborough
Barbara Beatrice	Tuftonborough
Dorothy Campbell	Walpole

Grange Bulletin Board

Help Us Jumpstart the
Homeless Center of Strafford County
Eighth Annual Pre-Season
Food & Goods Drive
Saturday September 15th.
8:30 to Noontime
Location: Rochester Grange Hall
21 Charles St., Rochester, NH
Non-perishables, coffee, bottled wa-
ter, kitchen supplies, office supplies,
TP & paper products,
laundry supplies, trash bags(lg),
personal hygiene products,
children & infant items,
linens-twin & full, new pillows.
Gift cards for food, pharmacy & gas,
not larger then \$25 as they are used
by individuals at the center.
For more information – contact Lois
Enman @ 332-4033

What Is the Future of
Pomona Granges in NH?
Town Hall Meeting
September 16, 2018
2 p. m.
State Grange Building
10 River Road
Hooksett
Come and bring
your ideas and opinions.



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One of the greatest discoveries
a man makes, one of his great
surprises, is to find he can do
what he was afraid he couldn't do.
Henry Ford



Rhoda Davis and Alexander Belval
Pomona Service Project

On June 23, members of Hillsborough County and Suncook Valley Pomona Granges gathered at the State Grange Building in Hooksett for a landscaping intervention. Working quickly before the raindrops started falling, they pulled weeds, untangled bittersweet, thinned previous plantings and planted marigolds for a pop of drought-resistant color.

That short list of activities does not do justice to the hard work put in. Young (seven months) and old (more than seven months) got equally dirty – well, almost equally. An extra big thank you goes to Hillsborough County for organizing the event and for bringing the bulk of the muscle and equipment. Suncook Valley Pomona provided a bit of labor and the money for the marigolds.

The Town of Hooksett has water restrictions that make unsupervised maintenance challenging. However, if you're in the area, please feel free to swing by and pull a weed. After all, it's important to stay in touch with our agricultural roots!



Calendar of Events 2018
 Aug. 30-Sept. 3 - Lancaster Fair
 Aug. 31-Sept. 3 - Hopkinton Fair
 Sept. 1 - Grange Awards nominations due to Richard Patten
 Sept. 8 & 9 - Hillsborough County 4-H Fair, New Boston
 Sept. 13-16 - Rochester Fair
 Sept. 13-16 - Seacoast Country Fair
 Sept. 14-30 - Eastern States (Big E) W. Springfield, MA
 Sept. 27 - Blueberry Pie Day, Big E
 Sept. 27-30 - Deerfield Fair
 Oct. 1 - Card, Photo, and Creative Writing Contest entries due to State Lecturer, Jane Trombi
 Oct. 6-8 - Sandwich Fair
 Oct. 15 - Quarterly Report due to State Grange Secretary
 Oct. 25 - Art Contest entries due to State Lecturer 3 p.m.
 Oct. 25-28 - NH State Grange Annual Session, Keene
 Oct. 31 - Quilt Block Contest entries due to National Lecturer
 Nov. 13-17 - National Grange Convention, Stowe, VT



Watatic Grange

Two Junior Grange girls and one subordinate member made several clothing protectors (bandanna bibs) that will be given to Cedarcrest Nursing Facility for medically fragile children in Keene. Pictured l. to r. are Genevieve Twiss and Junior members Ava and Alayna Twiss. Alayna was celebrating her 10th birthday and learned how to use a sewing machine.

Deadline
The next issue of the Granite State Granger will be mailed in December, 2018. Please send items for the paper to Hannah West on or before November 8, 2018. Report on events of September and October. Look ahead to events of January, February, and March.

Dictionary Project
 It is time for that annual question, "How much are the dictionaries this year?" The answer is: \$3.00 a book from the warehouse, which means \$72.00 for a case of 24. Yes, that is an increase of fifty cents per book. The prices have held steady for several years now, and a raise in price is to be expected. It is still very good value for the money, when one considers the price of books in a bookstore. There are somewhat less expensive options on The Dictionary Project website www.dictionaryproject.org, but A Students Dictionary with the gazeteer in the back provides so much to enhance student learning that it is worth the price.

If your Grange orders books through Suncook Valley Pomona Grange, you have been paying an extra ten cents per book to cover the costs of labels and the shipping of partial cases of books. To soften the blow of the price increase, this year Suncook Valley Pomona will absorb the cost of the labels, but you will be asked to pay the cost of shipping the partial cases. Whenever possible Suncook Valley Pomona will try to deliver the extra books by other means, but sometimes the mail is the only reasonable way to move a few books from here to there.

Please consider finding sponsors to pay for all or some of the dictionaries your Grange orders. Sponsors can be recognized on the dictionary labels. More than one sponsor can be recognized on a single label, or a Grange can have several different labels according to the amount of the donation a sponsor has provided.

If your Grange can no longer provide dictionaries to a school or town, please make an effort to find another sponsor. Nationwide, there are thousands of groups and individuals who provide dictionaries to students in their area. The Dictionary Project is not specific to the Grange, and there is no shame in finding another organization to co-sponsor or even take over the project. The shame comes when a school has to be dropped from the Dictionary Project list and students no longer receive dictionaries because a Grange has dropped the project.

Support the Granite State Granger with your donation.

**State Grange Historian
Richard Patten**



I have been busy working on my Grange History Book. I have finished the first portion, which is dedicated to the Juvenile/Junior Grange's 90 Anniversary. I have been thinking on a title. As I continue to write and research different parts of my Grange life, how about "Dick Patten's Grange Memoirs - 52 years and growing?" I will work some more on it.

In the meantime, I have located Bill Jeralds, who is living in Pittsburg, NH. John Critchett is living in Florida and celebrated his birthday recently. He is 62 years old and I turned 66. Where did time go? I had a great time talking to James Hadley, who is living in North Carolina. I am still looking for information about where Peter Brown is living along with his mother and sisters. Peter was a good singer and competed in a few Grange Talent Shows. I believe he and his family belonged to Greenfield Grange.

Clark and Clyde Roberts were brothers and sang at many Grange meetings. I think they belonged to Claremont or Sugar River Grange. This is a section of my book talking about Grange members I met while I was State Prince and wondered what happened to them.

Rolf Staples and I have been writing back and forth. Rolf served on the State Youth Committee and State Membership Committee. Rolf belonged to Dover Grange and then Hiram R. Roberts, I believe. I am still working on the information he gave me.

I remember Mike Chartier, Terry Lafoe, and his sister, Bonnie whom I think belonged to Sugar River Grange. Beverly Perry Rice and Reggie Rice live in Canterbury. Reggie belonged to Sugar River Grange, and Beverly belonged to Bow Grange. Ernie Jones, Jr. I have not seen in a long time. It is unknown where he is living or if his Grange membership has lapsed.

John Saturley, Jr. and his family are living in the Pittsfield/Barnstead area as far as I know. John and I traveled to

many meetings when I was State Prince, and then he went to UNH. He was working at A & B Lumber in Pembroke for a long time, then got done. I think he was driving school bus in Deerfield.

I received a request to ask the Governor about a proclamation for Harmony Grange, which is celebrating its 125th anniversary in October. I have not been to Hooksett for any books, but I do need to go down there and get some. If someone is going down and wouldn't mind bringing me back some, I would be happy to be going through them and keeping the good material.

I was looking through the 1972 Roster to see who is still alive in the pink sash family. In the State officers: Past State Secretary, Wayne Ingalls; Carl S. Adams, past State Executive Committee. In the Deputy Force: Pomona Deputy, Richard Currier; Subordinate Deputy, Winston Merrill. Other listings were: Junior Superintendent, Rhoda Daves; State Youth Committee, Youth Director, Joann Anderson Brandt; Youth members, Kenneth Moore, Claremont, Roseanna Kusnierz, Rochester; Mrs. Elaine Nichols, Berlin; Patrice Lawlor, Pelham; Michael Plaisted, Alstead; William Jeralds, Pittsburg; Mrs. Patricia Staples, Allenstown; Prince, Dick Patten, Concord; Princess, Gloria Heath, Manchester; Princess, Diane Hewes;

Young Couple, Benjamin Creighton; Agriculture, Committee member, Robert Kimball, Hopkinton; Safety & Ecology, Carl Adams, member; Membership, committee member, Judy Downing, Woodstock; Ruth Pelton, Hampton Falls, Barbara Robinson, Fryeburg, Maine; Patricia Valliere, Berlin.

In 1974, Junior Deputy, Virginia Clark; Youth Committee, Kenneth Moore Director, John Adams, Mrs. Linda Kimball; Dianne Lessard Hoyt; Princess, Roselyn Heath, Hudson; Prince, Mike Chartier, Claremont; Agriculture, Robert Kimball, Hopkinton; Safety & Ecology, Carl Adams, West Lebanon; Membership, Rolf Staples, Dover; Patricia Valliere, Berlin; Ruth Pelton, Hampton Falls. If anyone knows of a current address, please let me know so we might contact them. Some of these I do know where they are such as Carl Adams, Robert Kim-

ball, Ruth Pelton, and Roselyn Heath.

State Session is always or used to be a great time to see old friends or make new friends. I can remember those early years when I first started going to the State Grange. The first rows of Grange members sitting behind the Overseer will always stay in my memories: Antoinette Martel, Maurice Provencher, Thelma Brusseau, Awilda Hardy, Edwin Hardy, Annie Vincent, and Aurelia Pratt would be sitting there. In the next row you would find Dorothy Pray, Greta Scamman, Ella Call, Ken Berry, Carolyn Berry Ross, Donald Ross, Hazel Floyd, Florence Sullivan, Marion Webster, Edith Sewall, and others. In another row you would find Marion T. Jones, Dorothy Hewes Haskins, Marjorie Emery, Mildred Kimball, Mayford Emery, Elizabeth Bailey, Alta Hammett, Violet Boyd, Barbara Frangione, Marilyn Tyrell, Elizabeth Cournoyer, Louise Barney, Raymond Barney, Geneva Randlett, Herbert West, John West, and Ivy Bennett. Then there were George Standley Sr., Emilie Standley, Camalie Standley Twiss, Leonard Twiss, Mildred Hall, Scott Eastman, and George Standley, Jr. Jeanne Higgins, Laura Eld, Betty Ford, and Dennis Blain were another group you would see.

I guess to round out my memories are Marion Houilhan, George Currier, Richard Currier, Elizabeth Cotsibas, Catherine Currier, Helen Hill, and more. State Grange always brings memories some good, some not so good, but it is a time when we come together to celebrate another great year and start thinking of the new year ahead. Enjoy the autumn with all its beautiful colors and get ready for the winter.

Rockingham Grange #183

Rockingham Grange in Epping had a very successful Penny Sale on Saturday, August 4th. Festivities were held indoors due to the torrential rains expected. Despite a date change from our annual June date, we were very pleased with our efforts. The drenching humidity and rain did not dampen any spirits and a good time was had by all! A heartfelt thank you is extended to all who solicited donations, donated items or set up. We raised almost \$700 towards the Dictionary Project!



Junior Grange Joann Brandt, Director

Summer is coming to an end and I hope you and your family have found some fun things to do and see. Norman just pointed out the monarch butterfly had laid eggs on the milkweed and there is now a caterpillar eating leaves and growing. Soon we will see the chrysalis and then we'll see the butterfly break out of the cocoon.

Have you heard of the "Plus 1" program for the juniors? This can help your Grange grow. If there are children age 5-13 in your family of Grangers, why not have them join and be a junior in your Grange? They can fill an office when someone is missing or you don't have someone in an office. Be sure to choose age appropriate positions they can fill. They can count as a member if you are short at a meeting. They can't vote but they count.

We have many leaving the junior program and joining Subordinate Granges. Hopefully, you will lead them into our Youth program. We all need members! Keep your Granges growing. With children joining your Grange they have the responsibility to pay dues. (\$1) per year to your Subordinate Grange and the secretary must report them on the quarterly report to our State Secretary and pay \$.25 per quarter for each junior member. Be sure to review junior contests they can do at your meetings too.

School has begun and we shift to the routine and completing school paperwork. This is also a time of gathering crafts the children made for the Junior Grange contests and have them ready to bring to State Grange or send with someone attending on Friday, October 26 in Keene.

The winning 1st and 2nd Planter crafts will soon be heading to Springfield, Mass, to be judged against the other states. If you get to the Big E check out the New England Grange Building and find the Junior crafts on display.

Tell me if you have any crafts your children like to do and give me directions on how to make them and it may be one of next year's contests.

I was unable to be at Family Camp weekend, but Gloria Davis was there to assist and Chris Heath was bringing his mini golf set for children to have fun. I heard we had 7 children there and thanks to Lois Enman for leading a craft on making boxes from used cards. Wish I could have been there but it was a very wet weekend for all.



Junior Grange Fun Day

On June 16, the State Junior Department held very successful a Junior Fun Day. It was well attended, and there were plenty of activities for all. Even the weather was cooperative. Juniors and their friends and families met at the Chichester Grange Hall and worked on crafts, mainly decorating planters. Morning activities included a field trip to Live and Let Live Farm, an animal rescue, rehabilitation, and sanctuary facility in Chichester that focuses on horses.

After the tour, everyone returned to the Chichester Grange Hall for a lunch of Sloppy Joes prepared by Gloria Davis and served in taco shells. Lunch was followed by more crafts, including decorating Christmas stockings for the Peace Greeters. The finished planters were packed up for judging and the winners in each age category would go on for regional judging at the Big E and display in the New England Grange Building.

Then it was time to clean up the Grange Hall before the final event of the day, a trip to Chuckster's for Mini-Golf. The group gradually dispersed from Chuckster's, after completing as much of the course as the children of various ages could handle.



Working on planter crafts at Junior Fun Day.

Food for Thought

Sometimes it is good to look at what we stand for. Here is the Mission Statement of the National Grange.

The Mission of the Grange from the National Grange website

The Grange provides opportunities for individuals and families to develop to their highest potential in order to build stronger communities and states, as well as a stronger nation.

The Grange will accomplish this mission through:

Fellowship

We give our members the opportunity to meet with and get to know their neighbors in a safe, family-friendly atmosphere.

We provide a place where children, youth, and adults can grow, develop their talents and social skills, and learn leadership techniques.

Service

We provide our members with the opportunity to discover and solve community needs.

We give assistance to individuals in crisis.

We provide a great place for community networking.

Legislation

We have a grassroots approach to local, state and federal legislative change.

We give our members a voice in state and federal government forums.

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

Lecturer's Lines
State Lecturer
Jane Trombi



It's that time again! I am hoping that all Lecturers, Pomona and Subordinate, will turn in the End of Year Report and the Honor Lecturer's report if it applies. Those forms are in the packet that your delegate received at State Grange last year. If you need a copy, please contact me.

Contest entries are due October 1st. I hope many of you have been working on your projects. Please note that Art entries are due on Thursday, October 25th, by 3pm at the Best Western in Keene. To encourage participation I am including all the information on the contests in this issue of the GSG. For the Art Contest, please see page 6.

Create a Card Contest

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

Categories:

I. Recycled (use only recycled materials, such as old cards, ribbons, buttons, magazines, etc.)

II. Computer Generated (Any card using a computer in any way.)

III. Hand Stamped and/or Decorated (with materials available from craft stores, such as rubber stamps, stickers, decorative paper, etc.)

Classes are as follows:

Class A: Congratulations Class B: Friendship Class C: Valentine's Day

Division:

Subordinate member

Junior member age 5-9

Junior member age 10-14

Non-member sponsored by a Grange, which must appear on the label

1. One entry per person/per class/per category.

2. Labeling: Each entry should be properly labeled with the maker's Name, Grange Category, and Class. You can use the labels provided in your Lecturer's program materials.

3. Judging: Entries due to the State Lecturer by October 1, 2018.

Entries will be judged on:

1. Creativity
2. Composition
3. Eye Appeal

A small cash prize will be awarded in each category.

Creative Writing Contest

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

Categories:

I. Poetry – Haiku (An unrhymed Japanese verse) It has 17 syllables in all. 5 on the first line, 7 on the second line and 5 on the third line. They are not rhyming.

Maple (Title)

**Beautiful fall leaves Line 1 (5 syllables)
 Crunching as I walk around**

Line 2 (7 syllables)

**Love Maple Syrup Line 3 (5 syllables)
 There is only one subject category: Trees**

II. Tell the Story – “Why I joined the Grange”. (500 word limit)

III. Read the Book and answer the following question, “Why Did I Enjoy This Book?” You must read a book; any book, and then answer the question. In 500 words or less, tell why you were impressed or entertained by this book. Try not to give the entire story away.

General Rules:

1. Only one division - Subordinate Members. One entry per person/per category.

2. Length: 500 words. All words in the writings will be counted except as noted in rule three. (Except Haiku)

3. The title(s), even when they are part of the opening sentences of the entry, and author's identification information are NOT counted.

4. Author's identification to be placed on the back of the writing(s), including name, address, Grange name and number, and category entered (I, II, III). You may use the entry forms given to your Lecturer.

5. All writings are to be sent to the State Lecturer for judging on or before October 1, 2018.

6. Entries must be typed, double-spaced, on 8 1/2" x 11" unlined paper, no designs on the paper, and no backing. Haiku's may be typed on a half sheet of paper. May be placed in a plastic sleeve for protection (optional).

Awards: Small cash prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category.

Whatever words we utter should be chosen with care for people will hear them and be influenced by them for good or ill. Buddha, c. 5th century BCE

Photography Contest

Note: We are asking that photographs have a foam board or other rigid backing. They may be matted but not framed.

Categories:

- A. Reflections
- B. Snowy Day
- C. Architecture

D. “Four Seasons” (take a picture in the same spot during each of the four seasons. If you don't get them all taken this Grange year, you can hold them over for next year. This 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, 2017 and October 1, 2018.

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) is requested for all photographs. No frames,

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 to your Lecturer.

13. Judging: Entries are due to the State Lecturer by October 1, 2018.

Criteria for judging photographs:

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

[Art Contest information on Page 6]

There are forty kinds of lunacy, but only one kind of common sense. Bantu Proverb



Mohawk Grange #217

On Monday June 18, 2018, Mohawk Grange of Colebrook presented the Grange Community Citizen Award to the Colebrook Garden Club. It is doubly unfortunate that no one from the club could attend and also that the club is dissolving. This club was formed originally in the 1920s or 1930s and participation has ebbed and flowed over the years as membership grows and decreases. This manifestation of the club was formed on April 16, 1990 to make the town more appealing for visitors and residents.

Ellen Moore was the first President of the club but there has been a long list of volunteers and leaders throughout the years. They have taken care of planting flowers at the Memorial Lot, the turn around by Howards, the turn around by Northern Outlet, and the rest area. At the rest area the State bought the plants for them but everywhere else the Garden Club bought them. They would raise funds through annual plant sales and garden tours along with floats in the 4th of July parade. Over the years they have taken care of the front of the First Colebrook Bank, which paid them a bit to take care of in front of the bank. When the Vietnam Traveling Wall came to Colebrook in 2003 they decorated the ends with plants.

In recent years they worked with the Colebrook Downtown Development Association and planted the whiskey barrels along main street along with the hanging plants. At Christmas time they got poinsettias for UCVH, ISPA, Home Health, Monadnock Village, Colby Commons, Coos County Nursing Home, Vershire, and Mental Health. They also purchased a grow lab for the elementary school to get the younger children interested in plants in 1995. In May of 2001 they went to Lancaster to help residents form their own garden club.

This group had their monthly meetings and at one of those meeting Claire Owen brought in some checks from the Colebrook Garden Club in the 1930s. Membership and participation is the lifeblood of any club and this club has had membership wane. Now is the time for people to get interested in becoming members and keeping up the traditions these people have started and maintained. Let's not let this club fall by the wayside and maybe the town should provide some funds to help them keep this town looking as nice as it has been.



Londonderry Grange # 44

Londonderry Grange had a craft fair on the 19th of May. (See birdhouse picture). Member Gladys Woodin is once again in the news. She was recently given the Boston Cane Award!

On June 9 we held our annual ice cream social meeting at Mack's Apples in Londonderry (the oldest apple farming community in the country!) We tackled the task of choosing a roofing contractor and how to pay for this. We also discussed a new community service/fundraising initiative: having grocery size tote bags-made by a Londonderry company, from fabric made from recycled plastic in the U.S.A. We are pursuing local businesses to make donations for the first run of bags to be made. They will be offered to have their name on the bag in exchange for a donation...Gold, Silver, Bronze level donors. We plan to raise enough seed money for this effort to have the bags ready for our Nutfield District Tri-centennial anniversary celebration in 2019. Several Londonderry members spent Saturday morning, June 23, at the State Grange Building cleaning up the flower beds there.

At the August meeting our Lecturer Emily Perry came through once again with an "over the top" effort with a fun Luau themed party. We played bingo and had a Hula Hoop Contest com-



plete with grass skirts and coconut bras! It was a 3-way tie between participants: Youth member Zach Herrera and his dad Tony Herrera and of course our inimitable Gladys Wooden. We had frisbees and mini volley balls simultaneously flying in the Hall under our newest upgrade. Master Bill Perry installed Day Light bulbs from Home Depot in our ceiling pendants. What a huge difference!!

We always have a big presence at our Old Home Days on Saturday August 18th. We provide the electricity for the road race clock which is set-up for the runners and their supporters. The race ends right out in front of the Grange. We have a water station set up there as well. We offer an unlimited supply of fresh cold drinking water all day, free to all. We will have paper cups available (not bottles) as part of our homage to the environment.

This year we had a booth on the Common. We had some Friends of the Grange donate all the fruit to create 8" fruit kebobs to offer complimentary to the public. This was very well received and drew people to our booth, so we could ask for a goodwill donation to purchase a bundle of shingles (\$30). The donors were recommended to "sign a shingle" with a paint pen. This was very successful. Some people just chose to give a donation to our collection jar for our Raise the Roof initiative to have the building roof replaced.



**144th Annual Convention
The New Hampshire State Grange
of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry
Best Western Hotel
Keene, NH
October 25 ~ 28 2018**

Special & Invited Guests
Phillip Prelli, National Grange Overseer
and Maureen Prelli
Thursday, October 25, 2018
Registration opens at 6:00 p.m.
(\$10.00 Registration Fee each Delegate)
(\$5.00 Registration Fee other attendees)
Opening Session ~ 7:00 p.m.
Procession of State Officers
Opening in the Sixth Degree
Calling the Roll of Officers
Grange lowered to the Fourth Degree
Calling the Roll of Granges
Introduction of Special Guests
Conferral of the Fifth Degree
Closing the Grange

**Question and Answer Session
with National Representative**

Friday, October 26, 2018
Morning Session ~ 8:30 a.m.
Opening in the Fourth Degree
Calling the Roll of Officers
Calling the Roll of Granges
Reading the Minutes from Thursday
Announcement of Session Committees
Reading NEW Resolutions & 2018
Convention Rules
Reports:
Family WeekendRobert Trombi
Session Coordinator....Gerald J. Leclerc
Fundraising.....Kimber Bascom
Trustees of Trust Funds....Diane Collins
Eastern States Trustees...Robert Trombi
Webmaster.....Matt Collins

**Grange Memorial Service ~ 11:00 a.m.
Chaplain, Matthew Clark
(Gates and Registration will be closed)
Afternoon Session ~ 1:30 p.m.
State Master's Address
Christopher E. Heath**

Reports:
Treasurer.....Daniel P. Bascom
Secretary.....Gerald J. Leclerc
Executive Committee...Robert Trombi
General Deputy.....Andrew Savage
Lecturer.....Jane Trombi
Historian.....Richard Patten
LegislativeRobert Haefner
AgricultureNorman Brandt

**The New Hampshire Grange
Foundation ~ 3:00 p.m.
Annual Meeting by Foundation
Directors and Officers**

Note: All Delegates please be present.

**Evening Session ~ 6:00 p.m.
State Grange Banquet**

Program
Recognition Awards
50/50 Raffle Winner
Conclusion of Silent Auction
Start of new 1/20 Club

**Saturday October 27, 2018
Morning Session ~ 8:30 a.m.**

Opening in the Fourth Degree
Calling the Roll of State Officers
Calling the Roll of Granges
Reading the Minutes from Friday's Session
Informational reading of Convention Rules
Reports:
Youth Director..... Sarah Leclerc
Junior Director..... Joann Brandt
Granite State Granger..... Hannah West
State Grange Building..... Anne Boisvert
Grange Services.....Lois Enman

9:30 a.m. Election of State Officers
Reports continued
Membership.....Chris Heath
Family Committee.....Debra Patten
Community Service.....Richard Patten
Grange Service AwardsRichard Patten
**Afternoon Session ~ 1:30 p.m.
Budget 1:30 p.m.**

Reports:
Resolutions Committee.....Tara Sad
Master's Address Committee
Credentials Committees.....Emilie Leclerc
Unfinished Business

3:30 p.m. Closing the Grange

Fifth Degree Obligation ~ 7:10 p.m.

Evening Session~ 7:30 p.m.
Conferral of the Sixth Degree
Introduction of Guests
Introduction ~ Assembly of Demeter Members
Parade of Deputies
Closing in the Fourth Degree
**(State Officers receiving line following
the closing)**

Sunday, October 28, 2018
9:00 - Worship Service - State Chaplain
10:00 - Installation of New State Officers
Announcement of New Directors

**A Hearty Grange Welcome to
New Members**

Chester Lapointe	Arlington
Lucas Windsor	Blazing Star
Richard Lapointe	Cocheco
Phyllis Lapointe	Cocheco
Susan Diluzio	River Hill
Mary Ann Murray	Tuftonborough

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