



# The Granite State Granger

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## Pomona Grange Decision

by Chris Heath, State Master

At State Session the delegate body acted upon the recommendation of the Pomona Study Committee concerning the restructuring of Pomona districts. This recommendation was to close the existing eight Pomonas as of December 31st, 2020. The Pomonas would distribute the monies in their treasury to the Granges within their jurisdiction.

Then between January 1st, 2021, and June 30th, 2021, three new Pomona Granges would be formed. The three new districts would be as follows; A line starting at the Massachusetts border in Nashua, at Route 3, going north to Concord, then continuing north on Rt. 93 to Tilton would divide the southern part of the state into two sections. Another line from the Vermont border at Lebanon going east through Tilton, to the Maine border would divide the state into three parts.

This recommendation was made into a motion and was passed. I along with the Executive Committee will provide some guidelines for the Pomonas going forward to prepare for this change. It is also my hope that the State Master, General Deputy, and Pomona Deputy will facilitate the organizational meetings for these new Pomonas.

### Calendar of Events

(A Work in Progress)

- Dec. 14 - Deputy/Leadership School  
Concord Fire Academy 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Jan. 24-26 - Craft Weekend  
State Grange Building, Hooksett
- Feb. 6-8 - Legislative Fly-In
- Feb. 8 - Junior Fun Day  
State Grange Building, Hooksett
- Feb. 10 - Deadline for GSG articles
- Feb. 14-15 - Farm & Forest Expo  
Manchester
- March 15 - State Grange Bowling  
Lakeside Lanes, Manchester
- April 4 - Grange Day  
State Grange Building, Hooksett



Front: Beth Merrill, Rene Mercier-Gerritsen, Gloria Davis. Back: Arthur Merrill, Armond Gerritsen, Adam-Paquin Varnum, Robert Paquin Varnum.

## Antrim Grange

Antrim Grange has been very busy and continues to be. Our Sponsor a Highway cleanup was postponed but eventually completed.

Many of us attended the NH State Grange Session in Lebanon in October. We look forward to next year's session.

We are currently making ornaments and decorations for the tree that we are submitting in this year's Festival of Trees. We love doing this every year and enjoy how it brings our members together with their contributions toward the decorating.

On December 19th we will be serving our annual Community Supper at the Presbyterian Church in Antrim. Please come and enjoy good food and great company.

We are currently making up our programs for the next year. We will be having our Meet the Candidates Night, Community Awards Night, and other public events. Look for postings of our future events on our Facebook page, the people of Antrim and Bennington Facebook page, the NH State Grange Facebook page or the website for the NH State Grange at [www.nhgrange.org](http://www.nhgrange.org).

### Deadline

The next issue of the Granite State Granger will be mailed in March, 2020. Please send items for the paper to Hannah West on or before February 10, 2020. Report on events of December and January. Look ahead to events of April, May, and June.

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

## State Grange Bowling

Sunday, March 15, 2020

12 noon

Lakeside Lanes

2171 Candia Road

Manchester, NH 03109

Cost = \$14.00 (3 strings & shoes)

\$10.00 for Juniors

Make checks to: NH State Grange Lecturer

Registrations due to the State Lecturer by March 10th. Your lecturer will receive a form when the time gets closer.



*From my pad  
to your pad*  
**Christopher Heath**  
**NH State Grange Master**

Brothers and Sisters,

I am full of the Grange spirit right now after spending a week with Grange family at National Session. I finally had my chance to visit the Oliver Hudson Kelly farmstead in Elk River, Minnesota. It is an educational facility that teaches its visitors about Oliver Hudson Kelly, his family and the way they would have lived in the middle 1800's. This is an actual working farm that resides on the property with animals and crop production. We enjoyed making sorghum liquid from the sorghum plant. Sorghum is, once processed, used similarly to the way you use molasses. The difference is that the Sorghum is sweeter. Also at the facility is the new visitors center. It houses an education kitchen, classrooms and a gift store. If you ever get a chance to go to the area I suggest taking a detour to Elk River.

While at National Session I enjoyed seeing our outstanding young adults, Mary West and Adam Terrell, performing in the Evening of Excellence. They both did a wonderful job. Adam was also competing in the Sing-a-song contest representing the Northeast Region. He performed "The Call" in Native American Sign Language. He did so well that he won first place. Congratulations to Adam for a job well done. We also learned earlier that day that Suncook Valley Pomona was the top distributor of Dictionaries in the Nation, having helped distribute over thirty-one thousand since the project was started. These are all great achievements, and we should all be proud. Let's catch some of that Grange spirit that is around us.

Also at National Session election of officers was held. Most of the officers remain the same, but we did have two new people elected to new positions. First is the Lady Assistant Steward, who is now Karen Overstreet from the great state of Texas. I had the pleasure of serving as her mentor for her first year. I am so proud

of what she is accomplishing in her state and in the Grange. She loves the snow, and I bet if we could promise her snow in October, she would be our representative at one of our sessions. The second is the Treasurer Sister Sherry Harriman from our neighbors in Maine. Many of you might know her personally as she has been a familiar face in the Northeast for a long time. I am so happy to call these friends, Grange family.

What an exciting time to be Grangers. I was informed, while at National Session that the Granges in NH, combined, have achieved a net gain in membership for the quarter ending September 30th, 2019. That is one quarter with a net gain. Just imagine if we could do that every quarter. Well we can! It takes each of us to talk to our friends, neighbors and community at large. We can do this if we all help each other. We all need to do our part towards membership. Let us never forget what we can accomplish if we all work together as a team.

The next Grange Revival was announced at National Session this year. The plan is for Grangers from across the nation to converge on Sturgis, South Dakota, the week of July 20th through the 25th in 2021. The event will be held at Days End Campground. There are a few national attractions near Sturgis that you could take the opportunity to see while in the area. These are Mount Rushmore, Devil's tower and Deadwood. There was a delegation from New Hampshire at this past years event and all reports were positive. Let's try to do that again at this next Grange Revival. Please note that Golden sheaf members get a discount if they attend.

It was also announced at National Session that the 154th annual session of

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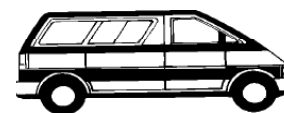
the National Grange will be held in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. This is close for the Grangers in our region and would be a good opportunity for new members to attend the National Grange session. It is also a chance for those who haven't received the Seventh Degree to get it. It is unlike any other degree and it is the highest in our organization. I have had the opportunity to be a part of this degree for the past three years. Next year will be my last as I would like for another person to have the opportunity to participate.

At State Session I appointed a committee to start preparations for our Sesquicentennial celebration in 2023 when the State Grange celebrates its 150 years of existence. The chair will be Gloria Davis with Sherrill Bokousky and Crystal Seward as her committee. If you have any suggestions, please be sure to send them to the team. The "Freedom Gavel" will be making its rounds again through the state as a precursor to the celebration. I am going to include an instruction guide box to provide you with tasks to perform while the gavel is visiting you. Don't worry, all supplies will be included in the box.

In closing, I want to wish all of you a safe, happy holiday season. As we travel to be with family, let us share all the good things that we have accomplished this past year. Let us tell our family and friends how much we care about them and give them an extra hug while we can. Hugs are amazing things and serve many purposes. Hugs can release stress, can make you happy and release endorphins that help the body. I look forward to this Grange year and I am sure that we will continue to grow our organization all over New Hampshire!



**Cochecho Grange wishes our fellow Grangers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**



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

Wow, how fast another Grange year has flown by! A big, hearty THANK YOU goes out to all of you for participating in the Family & Community Services program in 2019. We were delighted with the number of entries submitted for the needlework, woodworking and other crafts. Congratulations to all of the winners. There were some lovely entries.

Remember, it's not too early to start working on next year's entries! Check with the Family & Community chairperson in your Grange for a list of the classes and rules so that you don't inadvertently get your entry disqualified because it doesn't fit the class or meet the rule requirements. There is still plenty of room for entries in the woodworking class as well. Look for a list of all of this year's winners in the Marv 2020 GSG.

The brownie baking contest judged at the state level was won by Edith Jennings of Joe English Grange #53. We have printed her recipe for you to try. Congratulations, Edith - well done! Also, a big thank-you goes out to Bellows House Bakery in North Walpole, NH, for generously sponsoring our contest.

We sent a very large tote and a good sized box of items for the Grange Store at the Big E this year. Pembroke Grange #111 was the busiest Grange again this year. They sent an unbelievable amount of items! Watatic Grange #36 and Baker's River Grange #290 also contributed a number of items, as did Beth Merrill, who delivered more items to the store each time she went down to the fair.

Thank you to everyone who sent mittens, hats and scarves to state session for the Mountain of Mittens. We will be dividing them up at Leaders School and distributing them around the state.

We received a total of 17 completed Subordinate report forms and 4 Pomona forms. We also received seven very nice reports in booklet form. Thank you to all the chairmen who took the time

to show us how they participated in the Family & Community Service Program this year. We are definitely awed and inspired by all that you have done.

The total number of community service hours given by Grangers that were reported to us is..... anyone have a guess?.... 10,650! So we know there were probably at least that many more hours that we don't have a record of. Give yourselves a round of applause, you deserve it!

Here are the results of the report form judging:

**Subordinate Granges**

- 1st Place - Wicwas Lake Grange #292,**  
Jeanne Lowrey, chairman 335pts,  
and 3,785 community service hours
- 2nd Place - Pembroke Grange #111,**  
Patricia Fowler, chairman 335 pts,  
1,167 community service hours
- 3rd Place - Rockingham Grange #183,**  
Carol Hill, chairman 310 pts

**Pomona Granges**

- 1st Place - Hillsborough County Pomona #1,**  
Dawne Hugron, chairman 140pts
- 2nd Place - Suncook Valley Pomona #12,**  
Shelley Huntoon, chairman 125 pts
- 3rd Place - Eastern NH Pomona #2,**  
Fran Everard, chairman 100 pts

**The booklet reports results are:**

- 1st Place - Watatic Grange #36,**  
Camille Twiss, chairman
- 2nd Place - Joe English Grange #53,**  
Arlene Dodge, chairman
- 3rd Place - Concord Grange #322,**  
Shelley Huntoon, chairman
- 4th Place - Hudson Grange #11,**  
Claire Gagnon, chairman

We've kept most of the program the same for next year with a few small changes. As directors we are planning a much more in depth meeting with our committee at Leaders School in December, because we have lots of ideas for the coming year, including new small project ideas for Granges to do on their own as well as larger state projects which we can do together as a group. We look forward to sharing those with you in January.



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**Patrice Lawlor**  
**PO Box 386**  
**Pelham NH 03076**

**FUDGE BROWNIES**

- 1 cup unsalted butter**
- 1 Tbsp. vanilla extract**
- 2 ¼ cups sugar**
- 4 large eggs**
- 1 ¼ cups baking cocoa**
- 1 ½ cups flour**
- ½ tsp. salt**
- 2 cups chocolate chips**
- 1 tsp. baking powder**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease a 9"x13" pan. In a medium sized bowl, melt butter in microwave. Add sugar, stir to combine. Return to microwave briefly until it's hot but not bubbling, it will be shiny when you stir it. Transfer to mixing bowl, stir in cocoa, salt, baking powder and vanilla. Add the eggs, beat until smooth. Add flour and chips, mix until combined. Spoon into pan and bake 30 minutes or until a cake tester inserted into the center comes out dry. Let pan cool for 5 minutes, then loosen the edges with a table knife. Cool completely before cutting and serving. Yield: 2 dozen brownies.



**Agriculture  
Department**  
**Norman Brandt, Director**

Here we are after State Session. I missed seeing you all there and was surprised by some of the reports I have heard. Really, a Squirrel was what made people decide to vote down a stance on protection for domestic animals' owners?

In case anyone ever wondered, in NH Squirrels are considered a fur bearing animal and have an actual hunting season; and Fish and Game will and does go after people for poaching out of season. That means legally that just like if you hit a deer, bear or moose you are supposed to contact Fish and Game when you hit a squirrel. Nobody does as it doesn't do damage to their car, but, yes, if you stopped and picked up the squirrel to take it home to eat and somebody reports you and your car they will open an investigation on you and you can be charged. I understand it is all moot now, but I find it interesting that it would become a hic-up. I hope you are all enjoying your Christmas and will be in contact at some time.

Support the Granite State Granger  
with your donation.



**Membership**  
**Jim Tetreault**  
**& Gloria Davis**

We are off to a new Grange year and how exciting! Has your Grange made a membership plan for the coming year?

What does that Membership plan look like? Should it be something like setting a goal of how many people you are going to ask to join your Grange this year? So, how many people are you planning to ask to join your Grange this year?

Is your Grange looking at itself now?

- Does your meeting time still meet the needs of your members?
- Does your meeting day still meet the need of your members?
- Do your dues still meet the needs of your Grange?
- Do you need new leadership to lead your Grange forward?
- Are your programs interesting to your member?
- When was the last time you reached out to your inactive members?

Membership grows when we define ourselves in the community. What is your is your Grange known for in your community? Is it time to look at your projects? Are they still relevant?

Gloria and myself hope you all have a Happy Holiday Season. We look forward to a successful upcoming Grange year.



**GRANGE**  
**YOUTH**  
**NEWS**

**Rachel Scanzani**

With the Grange year getting started, the Youth Department is gearing up for another busy year. Be on the look-out in early January for detailed information about our Youth Rally which is being planned for a Saturday in February at the State Grange Building in Hooksett. Please pass this information on to all of your members when it is available. As



**Tony and Kim Herrera display the Londonderry Grange Quilt.**  
**Londonderry Grange #44**

Londonderry Grange has recently completed a very successful quilt raffle. Background for this fundraiser was to raise funds for the general building fund. These funds will be used to add heat to the rear of the building to prevent the pipes from freezing. Normally the water is shut off and the restrooms and kitchen sink are winterized until the Spring. The building is still used as we charter Boy Scout Troop 521 weekly, and we also hold our monthly meetings there.

Kim Herrera donated all of the materials and made the quilt to be raffled. Jen Perry painted the label. We sold tickets from August and the drawing was held on October 14th. We sold 78 tickets and raised over \$1500! The winner was Veasna who works at Analog Devices, Inc. where the ticket was sold.

Working with a local plumber, Paul the Plumber, a split system will be installed at the rear of the building in time before the weather gets too cold.

you are planning your meetings for the coming year, please notify the Youth Department of any Youth Nights that you have planned.

While there are some National Grange contests that are only available for youth-aged members, there are many opportunities for those who are youth at heart. This coming year, we will be running the same state contests (t-shirt and paper craft) which are available to everyone. These entries are due at the annual state session next fall so there is plenty of time to get them ready. If your Grange did not receive a copy of the program or if you would like to get a look at it in more detail, please either contact Rachel Scanzani (rscanzani@nhgrange.org) or go to the State Grange website for the program or upcoming dates.

**Do not be wise in words — be wise in deeds.~Jewish Proverb**

**A Hearty Grange Welcome to Our New Grange Members**

<b>Aaron Tedford</b>	<b>Arlington</b>
<b>Dillion Tedford</b>	<b>Arlington</b>
<b>Sabrina Price</b>	<b>Arlington</b>
<b>Paul Phelan</b>	<b>Blazing Star</b>
<b>Tammy Dugrenier</b>	<b>Joe English</b>
<b>Tammy Robbins</b>	<b>Park</b>
<b>Katey Comstock</b>	<b>Park</b>
<b>Cody Comstock</b>	<b>Park</b>
<b>Shirley Carney</b>	<b>Stratford</b>
<b>Charles Losh</b>	<b>Stratford</b>
<b>Alice Berry</b>	<b>Wicwas Lake</b>
<b>Peggy Tetreault</b>	<b>Wicwas Lake</b>
<b>Tammy Stiles</b>	<b>Wicwas Lake</b>
<b>Delraine Keravich</b>	<b>Wicwas Lake</b>
<b>Caitlina Norwood</b>	<b>Wicwas Lake</b>
<b>Steven Kozlowski</b>	<b>Wicwas Lake</b>
<b>Mollie Durand</b>	<b>Wicwas Lake</b>
<b>Kathy Piper</b>	<b>Wicwas Lake</b>
<b>Frank Lafrance</b>	<b>Wicwas Lake</b>

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

Another year and another State Session have come to a close. It is always good to see old friends at our annual meeting. Deputy School is scheduled for mid-December. Although I will be there, the Legislative committee will not meet at the Fire Academy. I will be busy auditing books with the Executive Committee. The Legislative Committee consisting of Jozi Best, Tara Sad, and Jim Tetreault and I will meet at a restaurant in December to do some work.

The National Grange Legislative Fly-In is firmly scheduled now for Thursday February 6 until Sunday the 9th. With the date firm, we were able to quote several hotels. We chose the same hotel that we used the last time the Fly-In was in New Hampshire. Burton Eller has completed the contract for the hotel. Jim Tetreault is going to reserve vans for us to rent and we will have two drivers for those 15 passenger vans to move all of us around. We are making the remaining arrangements, such as arranging for attendees to work on the campaign of their choice, and arranging a visit to the Center of NH to see the national press and maybe run into some candidates. We are also working on a speaker, a Grange meal that the State Master is going to manage for us, a tour of the State House and, of course, a pizza party. While we work on all of that we are also marketing the Fly-In nationally. Burton has started the advertising and we are going to be pushing NH Grangers to participate. We already have commitments from some to come from Minnesota and Massachusetts.

I think we will not have a Grange Day at the State House this year since we are having the Fly-In in Concord just a few weeks earlier and that will include a State House tour. I really want to encourage anyone who was planning on Grange Day to attend the Fly-In instead. What a great chance for everyone to meet Grangers from across the Country, spend time with Grange youth, learn some things

you probably never knew about our Presidential Primary, and have more fun than you have had in years.

Jozi, Tara and I met during State Session and reviewed the State Grange Policy Manual. We have been adding policies to it for years and years, but never removing policies that are no longer valid. One of the things we are going to tackle this year is to review every policy and identify any that should be targeted for deletion and put those into a resolution for the Delegate body to vote on their removal. The delegates approve resolutions and should have a say in removing policies as well.

In October I was a Delegate to State Grange from Hudson Grange, In November I am a Delegate from Hillsborough County Farm Bureau to the NH Farm Bureau Annual meeting, also in Lebanon. I hope that the city of Lebanon does not expect me to register my car there. Now life gets busy again. In December Tara's and my job takes us to the National CSG (Council of State Governments) meeting and from January through May we will visit eleven state capitols and meet with their agriculture committees. The next column will focus on legislation and other issues.



**Junior Grange**  
**Joann Brandt, Director**  
**jbrandt@nhgrange.org**

Our State Junior Grange is still going strong. We have currently thirty members on the books, and we have two that will be graduating this year. This will leave us with 28 members. Do you have children or grandchildren that would benefit from Junior Grange? Our numbers must keep growing so we can assist our Subordinate Granges. These will be our future Subordinate, Pomona, and State officers if we work with them, and teach them more about the Grange. My theme for 2020 is "Juniors are our future leaders".

Our two graduating Juniors are from Watatic Grange and New Hampshire State Junior Grange: Lillian (Lily)

Lynch and Ava Twiss. They have joined Watatic Subordinate Grange and are active members. They were part of our Charter members when we opened the NH State Junior Grange. I wish them the best and congratulate them in continuing in the Grange.

One entry in the Big E Junior craft contest this year from New Hampshire was made by Rebecca Boisvert and received a first place in Springfield. Congratulations to Rebecca!

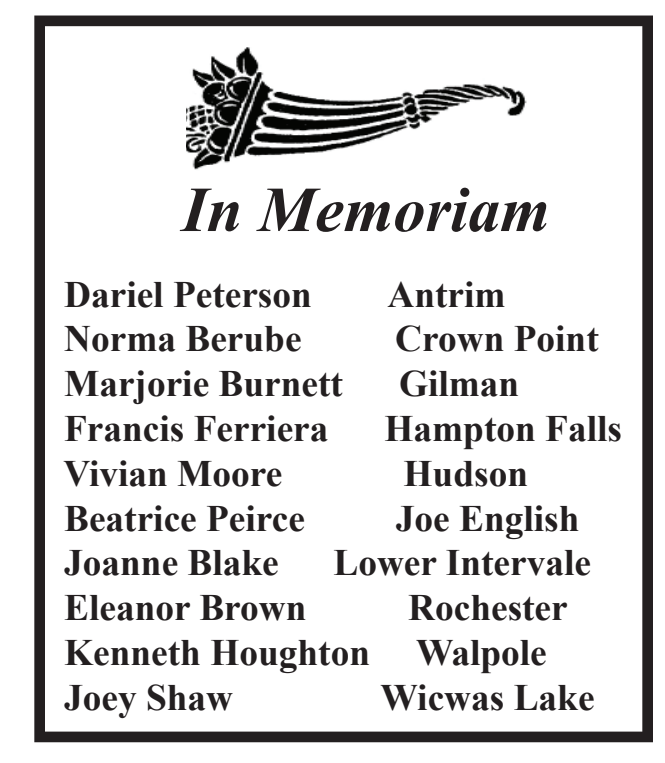
There were two decorated rock entries at State Grange and both Cole and Mallory Enman received a blue ribbon. Nice job!

We are planning on February 8, 2020, for our Fun Day at the Hooksett Grange Building. Please, parents, let me know if certain dates don't work for your children so we can all learn and grow with crafts and Grange work opening and closing. The program is not yet complete, but put this on your calendars to come and have a good time.

We will be planning on going bowling with parents and grandparents with the State Lecturer on March 15.

The dragonfly is a symbol of strength and change. Its agility and adaptability make all the difference in its survival. I hope you go the extra mile and bring in Junior Grangers. You can make a difference today, tomorrow and always.

Please let me know if you are planning something in your Grange and would like me to come to take part. If you have questions, I will be glad to help.



**In Memoriam**

<b>Dariel Peterson</b>	<b>Antrim</b>
<b>Norma Berube</b>	<b>Crown Point</b>
<b>Marjorie Burnett</b>	<b>Gilman</b>
<b>Francis Ferriera</b>	<b>Hampton Falls</b>
<b>Vivian Moore</b>	<b>Hudson</b>
<b>Beatrice Peirce</b>	<b>Joe English</b>
<b>Joanne Blake</b>	<b>Lower Intervale</b>
<b>Eleanor Brown</b>	<b>Rochester</b>
<b>Kenneth Houghton</b>	<b>Walpole</b>
<b>Joey Shaw</b>	<b>Wicwas Lake</b>

## State Grange Historian

Richard Patten



Another NH State Grange Session has come and gone. I was pleased to present Mrs. Patricia Adams with a bronze Grange marker for Past State Master Carl S. Adams' gravesite.

Since the Session, I received a call from Rhoda Hardy who belonged to Ezekiel Webster Grange. She brought to me a long, framed photograph of the 1929 State Grange Session. I am not sure where it was held as there is no writing, but what a crowd!

I also received photographs, newspaper clippings, and colored framed pictures of the State Officers following an Installation of Officers. Past Master B. Franklin Hayes was the Master with the slate of officers surrounding him. They included: State Overseer, Philip Shattuck; State Lecturer, Everett Poore; State Steward, Ervin Buttrick; State Assistant Steward, Philip Estes; State Lady Assistant Steward, Joanne Anderson Brandt; State Chaplain, Rev. Arlington Wry; State Treasurer, George Currier; State Secretary Wayne Ingalls; State Gatekeeper, William Gerald; State Ceres, Mrs. Virginia Hayes; State Pomona, Mrs. Ruth Gray; State Flora, Mrs. Marion Jones; State Executive Committee, John L. Saturley, E Norris Hall, Carl S Adams, Cora French, and Alton Carpenter (not pictured); and State Pianist, Mrs. Elizabeth Webster. As I look at this photograph I realize Joanne Brandt and Wayne Ingalls are the only ones left living.

In a newspaper clipping that was given to me I read that on August 29, 1941, Lebanon Grange met with Master Carl S. Adams presiding. A corn roast was decided to be held on Sunset Rock, Thursday evening, and on August 28 a bird program was featured with members talking about their favorite birds or interesting experiences with birds, and an Address on Birds by Edward Strong. It was announced the Lebanon Grange Auxiliary would meet on Monday, September 1st. I still have not found in the journals

what the Grange Auxiliary did for projects.

I was also given a portion of the Milford Cabinet and Wilton Journal for May 19, 1993. This newspaper featured Hillsborough County Pomona on their 110th anniversary. There were two full pages featuring photographs and memories by members along with history of the organization. One photo featured Pomona Master John Tessier leading the Pledge of Allegiance in the opening ceremony. Another photo showed all the people who attended this meeting. The Salem Singers and Dancers entertained on the program. There was another photograph featuring the full Pomona Court with Pomona Caroline Tessier, attendant Thelma Taylor, Flora Alice Briggs, attendant Ida Caldwell, Pomona Elizabeth Dustin with attendant Sherrill Bokousky, and Sidney Standish, attendant.

They had another photograph of Gerald Leclerc as Assistant Steward and Francine Leclerc as Lady Assistant Steward with Brookline Junior Grange Master Rachel Bailey presenting the colors. There is another photograph of Leonard Twiss, Patron for Brookline Junior Grange; Sandra Bokousky, and Melina Burton as Junior Grange Assistant Steward and Lady Assistant Steward. The article also featured photographs of Alice Briggs, Earl Fitch, and Carl Holland.

Also in this folder were several programs for the Pomona and Subordinate Granges detailing the required work for Grange District Prizes. I have 1914, 1921, 1923, 1924, 1926, and a program for the 26th annual session for the NH State Grange December 19, 1899 at Phenix Hall in Concord. The session ran from December 19 to December 21, 1899.

The final item I was found was a bill presented by the Grange to the New Hampshire House of Representatives and State Senate in 1899. The bill was called "Equalize The School, Privileges of the Cities, and Towns in the State." I will be talking about this one in the coming year.

I would like to thank Cam Twiss and Patricia Adams for giving me these items. They are so interesting and will give me a lot to talk about in future articles.

I am working on my History Book. Please send me items if I requested them from you. I am featuring a section on Grange families that I have met in my 53 years in the Grange.

## Aurora Grange

Aurora Grange #235 held its annual Grange/Historical Society Thanksgiving get-together on Wednesday, November 6, with twelve in attendance. The table was laden with lots of great food choices so no one went away hungry.

Following the meal, a member of the Historical Society provided a program which began with a reading of "In Flanders Fields" in honor of past Grange Master, Robert "Tubby" Gray. Tubby always recited that poem each year for the Veterans' Day program. The program also consisted of information on the Pittsburg hunting guides and past Guide Shows. Those in attendance shared memories of events at Guide Shows in Pittsburg.

Aurora Grange has scheduled its annual pie and donut sale for Saturday, November 23. Member Pamela Frizzell will make donuts on-site, which is always a popular event. Young nieces will be in attendance to help her sugar and package the donuts.

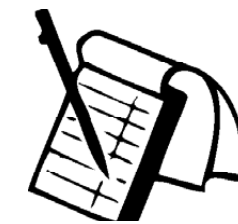


L to R: Genevieve Twiss, Isabella Blood, Alayna Twiss and Ava Twiss

Watatic Grange Youth member Isabella Blood collected food items such as protein bars, cocoa packets and raisins to be sent to US troops deployed overseas. She placed drop boxes at the Amherst Town Library and Souhegan High School. The photo shows Isabella and three Youth members who participated in the project.

Adult members this month collected non-perishable food items for Thanksgiving baskets at the Tolles Street Mission in Nashua in conjunction with the Associates of St. Marguerite D'Youville.

## Lecturer's Lines State Lecturer Jane Trombi



A new Grange year is upon us and I hope all the Lecturers are planning programs that will inspire and encourage members to participate. Each Grange should have received a packet (or will soon) with all the programs from the different state committees. With that is the Lecturer's program book that will give you some ideas as well as list all the contests for next year. The program will also be on the website.

I do want to make sure everyone has the categories for the Create a Card and Photo contests, so you can get started. This year's card choices are: Engagement, Thinking of You, and New Home. The Photo choices are: Give It Your Best Shot!, Sources of Water, Spring, and Events. I hope you have fun with those categories.

This year at State Grange I had the most entries in all the contests that I have had since I took this office. Thank you to all who entered to make a beautiful display for our session attendees.

Each state gets to send one photo to National Grange for the photo contest. We make our choice by those at state session casting a vote. This year I was pleased to send a photo taken by Christine Savage as our entry.

I was pleased to give my Honor Lecturer Award to Sherrill Bokousky of Watatic Grange. Thanks Sherry for all your hard work!

Save the dates now for our Grange Month Event on April 4th at the State Grange Building. I hope to see lots of entries in the Talent Contest this year. And as always, I appreciate donations to the Talent Fund.

Thank you, Everyone,  
for your  
words of encouragement,  
thoughts and cards  
during this difficult time.  
Gail Turcotte

## Winners of the Lecturer's Contests 2019

In the Create-a-Card contest there were four classes: Birthday, Easter, Sympathy, Veteran/Soldier, with three categories in each class; Recycled, Computer Generated, and Hand Stamped or Decorated. The winners are as follows:

### Class A: Birthday Recycled

1. Jeannie Horne Bakers River
2. Ava Twiss Watatic
3. Lois Enman Rochester

### Computer Generated

1. Sherrill Bokousky Watatic
2. Claire Lebel Wicwas Lake
3. Beth Merrill Antrim

### Hand Stamped and or Decorated

1. Beth Merrill Antrim
2. Sherrill Bokousky Watatic
3. Ida Hutchins Bakers River

### Class B: Easter Recycled

1. Ava Twiss Watatic
2. Sherrill Bokousky Watatic

### Computer Generated

1. Beth Merrill Antrim
2. Sherrill Bokousky Watatic

### Hand Stamped/Decorated

1. Beth Merrill Antrim
2. Ida Hutchins Bakers River
3. Kathy Yardley Walpole

### Class C: Sympathy Recycled

1. Sherrill Bokousky Watatic
2. Ava Twiss Watatic

### Computer Generated

1. Beth Merrill Antrim
2. Sherrill Bokousky Watatic

### Hand Stamped/Decorated

1. Beth Merrill Antrim
2. Crystal Seward Rockingham
3. Ava Twiss Watatic

### Class D: Veterans/ Soldier

1. Beth Merrill Antrim
2. Joyce Martin Claremont
3. Kathe Wolf Watatic

### Juniors 10-14

### Class A: Birthday

1. Alayna Twiss Watatic

### Class B: Easter

1. Alayna Twiss Watatic

### Class D: Veterans/Soldier

1. Alayna Twiss Watatic

In the photography contest we had four categories: Give it Your Best Shot, Pets, On the Farm, and Stonewalls. Give

### It Your Best Shot

1. Elizabeth Congdon Walpole
2. Helga Paquin Wicwas Lake
3. Claire Lebel Wicwas Lake

### Pets

1. Claire Lebel Wicwas Lake
2. Sarah LeClerc Hudson
3. Bonnie Lampman Rockingham

### On The Farm

1. Bonnie Lampman Rockingham
2. Elizabeth Congdon Walpole
3. Beth Merrill Antrim

### Stonewalls

1. Carol Hill Rockingham
2. Christine Savage Wingold
3. Helga Paquin Wicwas Lake

In the Creative Writing Contest, the winners are:

### Poetry

1. Genevieve Twiss Watatic
2. Wayne Condon Rochester
3. Sherrill Bokousky Watatic

### Book Report

1. Joyce Martin & Jane Trombi Claremont and Walpole
2. Cam Twiss & Sherrill Bokousky Watatic

In the Art contest we had 5 categories: Oils and Acrylics; Watercolors; Charcoal, pastels, pencils; Mixed Media, Coloring pages and 3-D Sculptures. Oils and Acrylics

1. Elizabeth Congdon Walpole
2. Kelly Bennet Wicwas Lake
3. Dora Farrar Stratford

Junior Age 10-14: Alayna Twiss Watatic

### Watercolors

1. Elizabeth Congdon Walpole

Junior Age 5-9: Mallory Enman Rochester

### Charcoal, Pastels, Pencil

1. Camilie Twiss Watatic
2. Elizabeth Congdon Walpole
3. Pam Kimball Meriden

### Mixed Media

1. Elizabeth Congdon Walpole
2. Beth Merrill Antrim
3. Marion Woodworth Rochester

### Coloring

1. Claire Lebel Wicwas Lake
2. Beth Merrill Antrim
3. Camilie Twiss Watatic

Junior Age 5-9: Mallory Enman Rochester  
Junior Age 10-14: Cole Enman Rochester

Alayna Twiss Watatic

### 3-D Sculptures

1. Sherrill Bokousky Hudson



## Grange Services

**Dick Patten, Director**

I would like to report that I have volunteered when State Master Chris Heath was asking at the recent State Grange Session to ask someone to be Director. He mentioned this a few times, so after getting a special button called the DO'ER, I told him if he didn't have anyone I would be willing to try it for this year.

To be honest, I was not sure as to what this committee did. I know it features the Educational Loan Fund with a letter sent to all Granges for donations to help with the scholarships that are awarded to students who are attending college or adults who are going back to college to get more education.

I also know the National Grange offers benefits and services to members in various categories. I have been reading and reading about what is available. I also found out that in order to get these discounts you need to have a special card with a code number. I will be sending to all Granges information in detail about this program.

I am pleased that Patrice Lawlor, Lois Enman, and Linda Phelps are staying on the committee. They will be working with the Educational Loan Fund. In addition, joining the committee so that every section of the state will be covered, I am pleased that Haven Haynes Jr, Doris Mitton, Esther Herrick, Ida Hutchins, Edward & Debra Standley, and Lester Gibbs will be available to talk with the members about programs offered by National Grange.

We will have a planning meeting at the annual Deputy School and Leadership Conference in mid-December. I am hoping to also find some items in New Hampshire that the members can take advantage of. Please have patience with us as we try to get this committee going. You may contact me at 496-2917 or email dickpatten7@gmail.com

The Grange Services Committee would like Granges to check on members living in a nursing home or retirement community who are not able to go out. See if the Grange can help them in some way. We have members who are in the Merrimack County Nursing Home and their families have no idea they are a Grange member until they get a dues notice or the GSG. They might decide that their family member or friend can't afford dues or might need something the Grange could

assist with. So please, Granges, check to see if some of your senior members are residing in a nursing home and could they be in need of something the Grange could assist with. I hate to see a person who has been in the Grange for many years lose their membership.

I would like to thank Linda Phelps who served last year as Director but needed to step down due to family and friends' obligations she felt had to come first. I am happy that she stayed on the committee.

Have a great Holiday Season and remember someone who is alone, in the military, or someone less fortunate. That's what Grange Services is all about.

### Crafting Weekend

Last year's craft weekends at the State Grange Building were a lot of fun, so we will do it again this year. You can come for all or part of the weekend. Bring an air mattress or cot or even your camper and spend the weekend! The Saturday workshops are open to everyone, and we will have some supplies for you to use. If you have something special you want to work on or with, please bring it.

**January 24-26, 2020**

**6 p.m. Friday to 3 p.m. Sunday**

**Workshop: Saturday 1-4 p.m.**

**National Grange Quilt Block and/or  
Quilts of Valor.**

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