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From the Master's Desk



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The Heirloom Program quote for July is from the Second Degree where Ceres says “Changes and transformations are constantly passing before us,” to which I would add “The changing seasons of the year bring you to a new experience in your Grange journey” said by the Steward in the same degree.

These are good maxims but they bring me back to my birding trip to Monhegan Island, Maine a few weeks ago in late May. The coastal winds aid the birds in their movement. The purpose of the trip was to observe birds in their annual south to north migration, a natural process like the changes and transformations referred to in the degree which also applies to our lives. The whole trip was a new experience for me. I was part of a group of twelve plus our two tour guides, only two of the 14 whom I knew previously.

This brings me to the Speak Like a Champ idea for the month from our National Grange President Hamp which relates to making good first impressions on new people. I must say we were a friendly group and all got along because of our shared interest in nature. We were all close for shared meals, and numerous bird walks, and nice shared conversations about our lives. The thing that

impressed me most about the trip to and from the island, and five days spent on Monhegan was the trust and openness among people. Nothing was kept under lock and key on the ferry or while staying on the island. Hotel rooms were left unlocked and this is how it's done on the island. Trust among people—imagine...How life should be. This is how the Grange can and should be.

Of national interest, a new Farm Bill has passed the House Agricultural Committee but will not reach the House floor for a full vote until September. No action

is scheduled yet with the Senate Agricultural Committee. The Farm Bill is of utmost importance as it affects Commodity and dairy prices, conservation programs, nutrition programs, credit and loan programs, rural development provisions, and a miscellaneous category.

The FDA has issued new rule to prevent agricultural water from contaminating produce with pathogens. The Department of Health and Human Services is ordering production of bird flu vaccines even though the threat is low. National Grange encourages the FDA and CDC to make COVID vaccines available by early September. They also support

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State Session planning in full swing

Todd A. Gelineau, State Secretary

With July 4th behind us, the rest of the summer will speed by. This means the 140th Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange is coming up fast.

In this issue, I have included all of the information you need to make your room reservations and to secure your convention registrations for this year.

The deadline for reserving rooms is a bit earlier this year. Please make sure you have made your reservations with the Holiday Inn by **September 16, 2024**. Try not to put it off and make your reservations as early as possible to ensure room availability. We have a block of rooms reserved but there is no guarantee that block can be increased due to the popularity of



this hotel in its proximity to the casinos. Be sure to mention you are reserving under the Connecticut State Grange block when you reserve

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S.2085 to direct Medicare to cover early cancer screening to lower the rural vs. urban disparities in this area. Lobbying for coverage of obesity medications and removing restrictions on diabetic blood sugar monitoring devices is also high on the agenda.

National Granges still supports coverage of the Affordable Connectivity Program even though this is not deemed urgent by the

federal government. Immigration has jumped to the top of the list of voter concerns. We all have feeling on this even though we know the two major parties look at it quite differently.

There is a Grange Satisfaction Survey put out by National Grange which I would encourage you all to look up and complete.

The Big E will be coming up and we would like volunteers to staff the Connecticut Room. June 30 is the clean-up and pricing of goods day to be held in the Grange Building. Keep up production of sales items for the fair. We appreciate all the

hard work of our craft people!

Maggie and I just returned from a roast beef dinner at Bridgewater Grange #153 and were well fed and entertained by an open mic program there. Last night, we were feted and fed at the 135th Anniversary of Beacon Valley Grange #103 and had an enjoyable time seeing the awards presentation and participating in the fun program. Hank had a ball.

I am once again looking over the Sixth Degree ritual. Amazing how quickly it comes back to me, and I do enjoy this part of our organization so much. Get out, visit and socialize, and listen for the meaning in the ritual of the Grange and how it applies to your life.

State Session planning in full swing

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your room. Rates remain the same at \$109.00 plus tax for Thursday evening and \$129.00 plus tax for Friday and Saturday evening. Please keep in mind this year is a full election year. The Installation of Officers will be held on Saturday afternoon after the closing of the business session. If you need to change for the Installation, you may want the additional room night.

Registration and banquet prices will remain the same this year. This year we are featuring brand new menus for all meal functions.

The Banquet selections are listed on the form included in this issue. The luncheons are not listed on the form as all members and guests registered for the session automatically receive the luncheon for that day.

Friday's luncheon will feature: Classic Deli Lunch of Caesar salad, soup dujour, meats, cheeses and fixings for sandwiches, red bliss potato salad, pasta salad, assorted chips and condiments and freshly baked cookies and brownies.

Saturday's luncheon will feature: Hot Lunch Buffet of Caesar salad, minestrone soup, chicken marsala, meat lasagna, penne pasta with marinara, Chef's choice of vegetable, Tiramisu and Cannoli for dessert.

Continental Breakfast will continue to be served on Friday and Saturday morning with the same offerings.

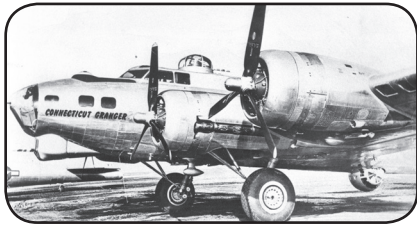
We hope you will make every effort to take part in the 140th Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange. All Granges should be represented with delegates. Credentials and session information will be sent out to Granges in the coming weeks.

In an effort to make the Session enjoyable for all, please let me know if you have suggestions for improving the Convention. While we may not be able to act on every suggestion, your input will be appreciated. Feel free to email me at: Secretary@CTStateGrange.org.

State Session is not just for Delegates. All members are encouraged to attend all or part of the Session, even if it's just for the opening session on Thursday evening.

Granges should be working on resolutions. Please keep in mind the deadline for submitting Resolutions is September 15. This is also the deadline for submitting resolutions that propose changes to the State Grange By-Laws. Resolutions must be adopted by a Grange to be considered at State Session.

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Convention Registration

Thursday, October 17 - Saturday, October 19

HOTEL RESERVATIONS DUE: SEPT. 16

SESSION REGISTRATIONS DUE: SEPT. 30

ALL MEMBERS are required to register to attend most sessions/activities (excluding Sixth Degree and Lecturer's Program on Friday evening). All other events require payment of a registration fee and/or purchase of a ticket. Lunches are included in the registration fee and the Banquet is a separate ticketed event.

Grange Name _____ No. _____

DELEGATES (Complete this section only if you were selected your Grange's Delegates to Session)

Delegate Name _____
 Sessions: ___ Full (\$50) ___ Thurs./Fri. (\$25) ___ Saturday (\$25) \$ _____
 Attending lunch on Friday? ___ Yes ___ No Banquet Choice # _____ (\$35) \$ _____
 Email: _____

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NON-DELEGATES

Name _____
 Sessions: ___ Full (\$50) ___ Thurs./Fri. (\$25) ___ Saturday (\$25) \$ _____
 Attending lunch on Friday? ___ Yes ___ No Banquet Choice # _____ (\$35) \$ _____

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 Attending lunch on Friday? ___ Yes ___ No Banquet Choice # _____ (\$35) \$ _____

JUNIOR MEMBERS (This section is for Junior Grange and Plus 1 members)

Junior Granger Name _____
 Sessions: ___ Full (\$20) ___ Thurs./Fri. (\$10) ___ Saturday (\$10) \$ _____
 Attending lunch on Friday? ___ Yes ___ No Banquet Choice # _____ (\$35) \$ _____

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 Sessions: ___ Full (\$20) ___ Thurs./Fri. (\$10) ___ Saturday (\$10) \$ _____
 Attending lunch on Friday? ___ Yes ___ No Banquet Choice # _____ (\$35) \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ _____

CELEBRATION BANQUET (FRIDAY Evening at 7:00 P.M.)

Meal Choices (indicate the number of each person's choice above):

- 1) 12 oz. Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus
- 2) Chicken Piccata with Lemon Caper Sauce
- 3) Grilled Salmon with Bourbon Glaze
- 4) Eggplant Parmesan

Entrees include a Herb Roasted Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Garden Salad, White Chocolate Raspberry Cheesecake.

Please make checks payable to the Connecticut State Grange

Mail to: Connecticut State Grange, 100 Newfield Road, P.O. Box 3, Winchester Center, CT 06094

Questions: Please call the State Secretary at (860) 307-1522 or email: Secretary@CTStateGrange.org

HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS DUE NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

To reserve hotel rooms, call the Holiday Inn at 860-889-5201 and ask for the CT State Grange block.



Time to be working on your PR Contest Entries: Celebrate A Holiday

By Terri Fassio
Public Relations Co-Director

Whether you're celebrating Easter, Christmas, Flag Day or even Chocolate Chip Cookie Lover's Day, holidays can be fun to explore. They are also the perfect base for your themed Grange events and programs. Whether your Grange has in-person, virtual, or hybrid celebrations, it means thinking outside of the box to show the impact of your Grange when utilizing holiday themes.

This is a great opportunity to

highlight your Grange's holiday achievements, raise awareness of your Grange's mission, thank your members and community, and reveal exciting updates about your future holiday plans.

Submit a detailed written plan on how your Grange celebrated with a Holiday theme, and promoted your Grange through an event, program or more. Then write a synopsis of your Grange's celebration (must be held within the last year). The holiday celebrated is the choice of the Grange. There are no Holiday

restrictions.

There will be three categories:

- Grange Holiday Events
- Grange Holiday Programs
- Other Grange Holiday Celebrations

Submissions should be detailed and not just an abbreviated list, and there is no length restriction. Photos, clippings, and social media and website screenshots are encouraged. Submissions must include the category, Grange name and number, number of years hosting this celebration (i.e. first year or 50 years), and the name, phone number and email of person submitting the entry.

Email your Grange's submission to publicrelations@ctstateGrange.org. You can also USPS mail the submission to Robert Charbonneau, 102 Spring Street, Meriden, CT 06451. Deadline is October 1st.

1ST ANNUAL NORTHEAST CHAPLAINS WORSHIP SERVICE
Saturday, July 27, 2024 1:30pm
 Vermont Grange Center
 308 West Street
 Brookfield, VT

Join us for lunch at 12noon, followed by worship service at 1:30pm.

RSVP for Saturday lunch by JULY 8th to Ruth Hovey-Sicely VT State Grange. ruthsicely@aol.com

Stay the weekend at the center!

- Camper hookups & cabins available
- Meals available courtesy of VT State Grange

For reservations, contact Ruth Hovey-Sicely @ 802-223-7961 by JULY 8th

How to book your room at the

- 1) Call the Holiday Inn Norwich at 860-889-5201. You may be forwarded to the corporate reservation line.
- 2) Tell them you are reserving a room in the Connecticut State Grange room block in October.
- 3) Rates for our room block are as follows:
 Thurs., 10/17 \$109 +tax/fees
 Fri., 10/18 & Sat., 10/19. \$129 +tax/fees
- 4) **Make your reservation before September 16, 2024.** If there are rooms left after that date they will be at the standard "rack" rate, not our special group rate. Due to concerts and events at Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun Casinos, rooms may be in short demand, PLEASE RESERVE your room(s) as soon as possible, well in advance of the deadline.
- 5) Call the State Secretary if you are charged a different rate or if you have any difficulties.

Legislatively Speaking



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As of this writing, it's June-teenth Day. On this day the Union troops made it to Galveston, Texas to report that General Robert E. Lee surrendered Confederate troops at Appomattox, Virginia. The Civil War was over, and all slaves were free, as to the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863, or the 13th Amendment.

Last month we talked about slow mail service. In the past few days Marcia and I went to Maine for a family gathering, and a chance to look at property upstate. While on our way we see the amount of road repairs in the four states that we went through, many paving projects, bridge repairs, road widening, and drainage work. We visited Houlton, Maine on Father's Day, Freeport on the way home. LL Bean is doing major repairs to roofs and siding, yet still many people abound. The economy looks like it's doing better. Gas prices were averaging \$3.35/gallon. A lobster dinner was \$38.00 at our favorite, Harraseeket Lobster Company, speed limits 55-75 mph. No moose sightings, but deer, coyote. With the dollar being strong, markets are steady. Maybe it's time for the Federal Reserve to test inflation with a 1/4% cut to the interest rate. Let's free some money to show inflation is under control.

The Supreme Court overruled an Executive Order by former President Trump, to ban bump stocks from semi-automatic rifles. This was ordered after the Jason Aldean Concert where 57 concert-go-

ers were killed and 167 wounded. A bump stock is an add-on to the stock which takes the recoil of the rifle and activates the trigger into a rhythm like a gun. Justice Thomas wrote that it is difficult to master the technique to mimic the machine gun so he favored the overturning of the Executive Order. Shame on the Supreme Court, they have no care for the safety of the American citizen. A bump stock can help a rifle to shoot 30 rounds in less than 2 seconds. Handguns are being outfitted with a \$5.00 device that allows a handgun to fire 40 rounds in 1.6 seconds. These dangerous things are already out there. Where is the common sense? My father told us kids, "if you want to shoot a gun, join the Military, they will train you right." This proves that the Supreme Court needs term limits.

Everyone is talking about the

polls. Biden is down, Trump is up. Haven't we learned our lessons from the past? "Figures can't lie, but liars can figure." How many times have you hung up on a survey caller, a political pollster, a party survey? Numbers are always fluid, they are different by the questions asked, so every poll may have different questions to meet the goal they are striving for. Nothing is black and white anymore, we are in the gray. Same with news and information, fake news and internet views are as fake as fake can be. Do your own research. The 2024 elections are in November. This will be the most important election of our lives. Get out the vote and check your voting status. There will be people looking to ban you from voting.

The land we looked up in Maine was more work than I could take. If it was available ten years ago, maybe. Big E is less than 100 days away!

Family Festival - August 2-4

Mark your Calendars! "CT Grange Family Festival" will be held at Granby Grange this year. It will be on the first weekend in August. (2nd - 4th). Friday we will be at the Hall to collect all your needlework entries between 3 and 6pm. We will also take any items you made for the New England Grange Building so you don't have to make a separate trip for that. Bring your photos as Dave will be having the Lecturer's Contest as well.

Saturday morning, we will be there at 8 am for those who cannot make Friday's hours. Please bring us your entries before 10:30am promptly as we need to catalog them before the Judging starts. If you cannot make either day, anyone who has entries can always make arrangements with any Family Activities committee member prior to those dates. Sunday we will finish off by displaying all the entries and the winners. Granby Grange will be hosting a pancake breakfast so that we can support them in all their hard work getting their building ready for public events. Please come out and support them! We will have our teacup auction / raffle to finish off our event.



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Sesame Pasta Chicken Salad

Prep. Time: 20 mins.
Cook Time: 10 mins.
Total Time: 30 mins.
Servings: 10

Ingredients:

- ¼ Cup sesame seeds
- 1 (16 oz.) package bow tie pasta
- ½ Cup vegetable oil
- 1/3 Cup light soy sauce
- 1/3 Cup rice vinegar
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 3 tablespoons white sugar
- ½ teaspoon ground ginger
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 3 Cups shredded, cooked chicken breast meat
- 1/3 Cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 1/3 Cup chopped green onion

Directions:

Step 1: Heat a skillet over medium-high heat. Add sesame seeds, and cook stirring frequently until



lightly toasted. Remove from heat, and set aside.

Step 2: Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add pasta, and cook for 8 to 10 minutes, or until al dente. Drain pasta, and rinse under cold water until cool. Transfer to large bowl.

Step 3: In a jar with a tight-fitting lid, combine vegetable oil, soy sauce, vinegar, sesame oil, sugar,

sesame seeds, ginger and pepper. Shake well.

Step 4: Pour sesame dressing over pasta, and toss to coat evenly. Gently mix in chicken, cilantro, and green onions.

Nutrition Facts: 349 Calories per serving; 15g Fat; 38g. Carbs; 16g Protein.

Recipe from allrecipes.com



On June 22, Rob, Maggie and I went to Beacon Valley #103 on Friday the 14th for their Awards Night & 135th Anniversary. They gave the Community Citizen Award to Animals for Life and Mayor Hess was there. Joanne put Todd to work presenting awards and gave Rob the night off, but man did those folks feed us well as always. As you can see I had the front row seat on the altar for the presentations. We played a fun game that Joanne came up with and we divided into 2 teams. Mayor Hess was on our team. Joanne throws a great party!

Naugatuck Mayor Hess presents the Grange Community Citizen Award to Animals for Life at the Beacon Valley Grange 135th Anniversary Night in June.



CANNON GRANGE AGRICULTURAL FAIR
SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 ~ 10:00-4:00

- ENTER IN A CONTEST
WIN A BLUE RIBBON
- SHOP WITH LOCAL
VENDORS
- VISIT & LEARN FROM
LOCAL NON-PROFITS
- DINE WITH ONE OF
THE FOOD VENDORS

SAVE THE DATE

\$2 Admission Fee pp



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SPEAK LIKE A "CHAMP"

Speak like a "CHAMP" will be a monthly word or phrase designed to get everyone speaking the same language to build a positive message as we Grange.

"FIRST IMPRESSION"

A *first impression* refers to the initial judgment or evaluation that someone forms about another person, a situation, or an object upon their first encounter. This immediate assessment is often based on observable attributes such as appearance, demeanor, behavior, or initial interactions. First impressions are notable for their speed and significance. While they may not always accurately reflect a person's true character or capabilities, they can create a lasting impact and influence subsequent interactions. As the saying goes, "You never get a second chance to make a first impression."

Bridgewater Roast Beef

....AND COMING SAT. SEPT. 28 4PM - 7PM
 OUR ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

THINK YOUR CHILI IS 'THE BEST'?
 A FUN 'COMPETITION'

LIVE MUSIC DOOR PRIZES

CHILI
 COOK-OFF
 Sept 28th

We provide plates, forks, cornbread, soda, water, seltzer, chips and a great time. Meet your neighbors. Everyone's Welcome

TO REGISTER YOUR CHILI
 EMAIL- OXFORDCTGRANGE@GMAIL.COM



Thanks to everyone who helped make the Bridgewater Grange Roast Beef Dinner such a great success! We had a wonderful evening, fully sold out with 50 pounds of roast beef served. We had great community support and amazingly talented performers for the open mic.



Second Degree; Vice President



GRANGERS ARE LIKENED TO SHEPHERDS. OUR FLOCK IS OUR GRANGE AND OUR NEIGHBORS. WE ARE TAUGHT TO KEEP 'THOSE WITHIN THE FOLD, AND TO RECLAIM THE WANDERING... BE PATIENT WITH THE WAYWARD, CAREFULLY INSTRUCT THE ERRING, DILIGENTLY SEEK AND BRING BACK THE STRAYING AND THOSE THAT ARE CAST OUT.'



SAVE THE DATE FOR
 WOODSTOCK'S
LOCALLY GROWN DAY
 SATURDAY- AUGUST 3, 2024

Plan to spend your day in Woodstock!
 A day of Home Grown and Hand Made!

Local Food | Hay Ride | Free Activities
 Grange Fair | Local Specials | Lots of Fun

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!



GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26

Corr: Kathryn Ruff

Glastonbury Grange will meet July 11th at 7:30 p.m. “Sparklers & Fireworks” Ref. Marycharles Howe and Andy and Beverly Bell

August 1st- Summer Picnic Short Business meeting 6:00 p.m. followed by the picnic.

Glastonbury members are all looking forward to the nice summer weather. Our July meeting will be on the 2nd Thursday of the month due to the 4th of July.

August is our annual picnic. Following the short business meeting we will all enjoy a hot dog and/or hamburger cooked by our “Chef Tom”. All attending will provide a salad or casserole. I am not sure about a dessert.

Wishing all a very “Happy, Healthy and SAFE” Summer.

SENEXET GRANGE #40

Corr: Diane Miller

July 24: Ice Cream Sundae Social- June is National Ice Cream Month

We continue to work on getting our hall and records in order. Meetings are held monthly as well as cleaning on some Sundays. We had a pot luck dinner prior to our last meeting and was enjoyed by all. Always love to eat together and share recipes. We will

be having our awards night on Wed. August 7 at 7PM to honor those who are receiving membership awards for their length of service as well as those students who will receive the scholarships. We are working on the upcoming events in town and those in our hall. We made a donation to the Vermont Grange that lost their hall in a fire. Our upstairs hall continues to be rented to various groups. We planned a Neighbors Night and it is always wonderful to see other members. Baking contest as well. Some renovations need to be completed prior to the fall and we have had interest from others to help with these projects. Looking forward to seeing members and guests.

KILLINGLY GRANGE #112

Corr: Penny Harris

What a night last night Pat hosted her famous roast pork dinner, it was a complete a sellout. Along with the pork dinner we served cake and ice cream for dessert and we also sold homemade strawberry rhubarb pies. We have a busy summer planned; in July we are going to have a chicken barbeque. Also, in July we will have our annual picnic for our members and their guests. On August 10 we are going to be serving clam cakes and clam chowder (all 3 kinds) We are fortunate to have Leon who is a expert in deep frying and also makes delicious chowder. We are looking forward to having our annual Grange fair on August 16,17.

Moving on to fall; we will be having a Lasagna dinner September 21 -we will be serving it to go at a drive thru or if you prefer you can eat in. October 19 we will have a homemade turkey dinner with all the fixings. Then on November 16 Leon will once again be serving his

clam cakes and chowder. We will be baking a various of homemade pies to sell at all our upcoming events.

At this time, we are sponsoring a sewing class for beginners and we hope to connect with UConn Agriculture center and arrange to have a speaker on gardening and canning various vegetables and fruits.

Everyone at the Killingly Grange would like to wish our great country a Happy Birthday! Have fun with friends and family and enjoy the fireworks.

NORTH STONINGTON COMM. GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

July 5: War of 1812

July 12: omitted for the Fair

July 28: Meeting omitted

May has been a busy month! We welcomed State Lecturer Dave Roberts to our May 10 meeting. Dave presented seals and certificates to longtime members and helped us honor our 2024 Community Citizen, Charles M. Smith III. Town officials and many of Charlie’s friends and family were on hand to enjoy Sue’s program, which included the presentation of many honors for Charlie and the humorous skit “This Is Your Life, Charlie Smith”. At our second meeting in May we remembered members lost during this past year and honored our armed services.

On May 25 we hosted the North Stonington Education Fund’s annual 5 K race on our grounds. This is a major fundraiser for the Foundation that contributes so much to our local schools. We man the food booth and cook the hundreds of hamburgs and hot dogs provided for the runners.

On May 27 we put our float together for the annual Memorial Day Parade. Many thanks to Gloria and Richard White for the loan of their hay wagon and truck for the

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event and to Jeff Barnes for doing the driving. The North Stonington Agricultural Fair Queen and Junior Princess rode on the float this year.

And speaking of the Fair (July 11-14): with all the usual food, entertainment, pulls, animals and arts and crafts we will have a circus performance each day. Don't miss it! And if things will just calm down a bit next time we will tell you all about jolly June.

VERNON GRANGE #52

Corr: Irene Percoski

July 5: Birds and Bees, Pollinators Please – Ref. Irene & Charlene

Aug. 9: Game ON! – Potluck Picnic (Hotdogs provided)

Sept. 6: Resolution Writing and Reviewing. (Bring pencil and paper)

It was one of those times that Zoom was a way for people to show up and be counted. It was a date for other activities. This is the season of Book sales, Yard sales, Plant sales and Graduations and Weddings too. Our Grange time is getting squeezed. Thus, Zoom is the answer. There were 5 members and a guest present and 4 on zoom. Our guest was Deputy Ted Beebe from Coventry Grange. Discussion was on Farm Crop Insurance and the impact it will have on both farmers and consumers. Followed by election of officers. Congratulations to all. Among the officers-elect are: Master- Nancy Strong; Overseer- Irene Percoski; and Sec.-Carol Nelson.

Cherie did a grand short program on a Cup of Joe. This term came about when Secretary of the navy Josephus Daniels, banned alcohol on all navy ships in 1914. Since Coffee was the next strongest drink, The sailors named it a cup of Josephus which was shortened to cup a joe. We then collected \$ to send some coffee to our deployed military. A motion was made to postpone our August

Northeast Lecturer's Conference

The first Northeast Lecturer's Conference in five years was held at the Holiday Inn Norwich (CT) in late June. CT Lecturer Dave Roberts and his committee put together an excellent conference with great participation.



Walter and Nettie Hartley of Rhode Island (right) take a pic with Dave Roberts.



WINDOW TO THE PAST

Photographs are a treasured part of Grange history. Many of them, unfortunately, do not come neatly labeled on the back with names, dates, people or places. These photographs have a history to tell... but about whom or what? Please help us uncover the mystery of faces and places as we look through the Window to the Past. You can contact us by calling (860) 626-5074 or on the web by emailing: submissions@ctstateGrange.org.



We did not receive any answers to the June Window Picture. Let us know even if you have a guess.



MOUNTAIN LAUREL POMONA #15

Corr: Todd A. Gelineau

Mountain Laurel Pomona is taking a break for the summer and will resume our meeting schedule on August 24 for a regular meeting at Bethlehem Grange (Memorial Hall in Bethlehem) beginning at 2:00 PM. Until then, enjoy the summer.

GRANBY GRANGE #5

Corr: Dave Roberts

Granby Grange met on Sunday, June 9th, at 2:00 PM with Master Phillip Marshall thanking all those in attendance and noting how nice the outside of our Grange hall looks with the new landscaping and mulch.

Thanks to Cliff Burrell, our National Grange-award-winning Granby Grange Community Garden has been tilled for a second year and garden plots are now available. The space will be used to grow flowers and vegetables for the Grange Fair, but there is space available to members. Please reach out to Carol Innes (annabellethec clown@gmail.com) or Judy Doyle (msjudysemporium@yahoo.com) for more information.

We elected officers for the 2024-25 Grange year and we congratulate everyone. Of note, our new Master is Judy Doyle. Our new Secretary is Dave Roberts and Overseer is Carol Innes.

Looking forward, please save the following dates to support Granby Grange:

Granby Grange members meeting, Sunday, July 14, at 2 pm

Granby Grange members meeting, Sunday, August 11, at 2 pm

Ice Cream Social, Sunday, August

11, 3:30 pm, immediately after our members' meeting

2024 Granby Grange Agricultural Fair and Granby Open Farm Day, Saturday, September 14

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd A. Gelineau

July 9: Our Independence, Ref. by Sara Bement

July 23: Are We Too Hot/Country Store; Ref. Rae Fassio

Aug. 6: Fair Set-Up

Aug. 10: Grange Fair & Community Tag Sale

Aug. 27: Awards Night, Picnic (Supplied by the Grange)

Congratulations to our newly elected Master Patrick O'Brien. He is the first "new" Master in a while as we have re-tread Masters for a long spell now. We thank Craig Leifert for his latest tenure in the Master's chair and know he will enjoy his new seat on the Executive Committee.

Two major projects are in the works at the Grange. First, our AED (defibrillator) project is in the works with the Treasurer working on paperwork for a grant to fund the equipment. With any luck, we will have a new defibrillator available in our hall before long.

The second project is a new one. We recently had a carpenter take a look at the oval window in the pediment above the front door and columns of the Grange Hall. Unfortunately, the frame of the window and the window

itself are way beyond repair. We are leaning towards removing the window and residing that portion of the front as the cost to replace this window would exceed \$6,000. In its place, we are contemplating having a large Grange emblem created and placed in the former location of the window, complimenting the name of the Grange lettering below it. The window is largely ornamental, providing a small amount of light to the attic. We'll update you on our progress with these projects in upcoming issues.

Soon it will be time for the 2024 Winchester Grange Fair and Community Tag Sale on August 10. Consider entering the contests of Baking, Flowers, Fruits and Vegetables. Bring friends and family to enjoy the drawings, exhibits, book sale, food and the Community Tag Sale out on the Green. Spaces in the tag sale are free to anyone interested, so come on up on Aug. 10 and set up at table, if you are interested. We would love to have you there!

TAGHHANNUCK GRANGE #100

Corr: Barbara Prindle

July 11: Puzzles by Allie Hanlon Ref: Debra Tylor

Aug. 3: Grange Dance 7-9PM by Dance Committee Ref: All

Aug. 8: Travels by John Brett Ref: Janet Nickson

Aug. 17: Potluck Lunch at our Grange Hall – Noon-rain or shine.

Join us for a Potluck

Taghhannuck Grange is so happy to share with you that we have finished the restoration of our Grange Hall. We are having a potluck on Saturday, Aug. 17. This is so everyone can come and see what your generous donations have allowed us to accomplish.



Taghhannuck Grange

7 Dunbar Road, Sharon, CT 06069

Saturday, Aug. 17, 12 Noon - Rain or Shine

Bring a dish and your own drinks.

Please RSVP by Aug. 1 (so we can make sure we have seating). Debbie Hanlon 845-418-9755 or email, dhanlon370@gmail.com. We hope

Sept. 12: Baseball by Dennis Jasmine
Ref: Dennis Jasmine

NOTE: Refreshments & Social time at 7PM with meeting at 7:30PM unless otherwise noted.

At our June meeting we draped the Charter for our 6th degree member of long standing, Harvey Hayden V.M.D. at our June meeting. He will be missed by not only our Grangers but by the whole Northwest Corner of CT. A Resolution of Respect was sent to Kathy, his wife.

Our Plant & Rummage Sale was a huge success. We came very close to our record sales of last year. All the plants that were left at the end were given to Produce to the People to help spread fresh food to Food Pantries.

We will have a Potluck Lunch at our Grange Hall on Saturday, August 17th and noon. We hope you will come and see how your generous donations have helped make our Hall something to be proud of. Please bring a dish to share and your own drinks. RSVP to Debbie Hanlon at (845) 418-9755 or dhanlon370@gmail.com to ensure enough seating.

RIVERTON GRANGE #169

Corr: Dave Roberts

July 13: Honoring Our Veteran

of the Month (Riverton Vol. Fire Department flagpole; 6:00 PM)

July 13 -14: Historic Riverton Presents: Christmas in July event (10:00 AM – 6:00 PM). Join the fun 2-day event featuring wagon rides around the village, Santa & Mrs. Claus, free concert at the Riverton Fairgrounds, shaved ice, woodcarving demonstrations, author showcase, ornament making, goat petting, walking tours, food, a craft vendor market/teacup auction at our Grange Hall, and more.

July 19: Meeting & Program: Family Activities chaired by Judy Doyle; Ref.: Dawn & Rode Anstett

July 19 – 21: North East Region Youth Conference, New York, see sister Dawn Anstett for details.

Riverton Grange met on June 7th for our regular monthly meeting; both virtually and in person. Refreshments were provided by the Roberts-Oliver family and celebrated National Donut Day. Members received an update on Christmas in July (co-sponsored by Riverton Grange), established a Study Committee to review renovating our kitchen and hall electrical service, and submitted the final paperwork for completion of our \$10,000 grant-funded restrooms

renovation chaired by Judy Doyle and Chris Wright. The Lecturer's Program was led by Sister Raine Pedersen and titled "Here Comes Summer!" The Grange also decided to host a craft vendor's market during Riverton Fair weekend, working with Bill Missionellie. Our ever-popular Country Store raised \$70 for our operating fund.

Riverton Presents: Christmas in July is a new 2-day event for our community modeled after the very successful Christmas in Riverton which has been held for decades on the first weekend of each December. For this new event, co-

chaired by Riverton Grange, a large craft vendors market and teacup auction will be hosted in the Grange Hall under the leadership of Raine Pedersen and Jackie Martin. Other activities include a free concert under the stars on the Riverton Fairgrounds bandstand featuring Beale Street East band, wagon rides around the village, demonstrations, free popcorn, peppermint ice cream cones, balloons and face painting for the kids, photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus, a 30+ authors showcase, a historical walking tour of the village and a walking tour of the new David Leff historic trail at the end of School Street. The event is free and family-friendly.

SIMSBURY GRANGE #197

Corr: Marguerite Smith

We held the first Grange fair of the season on Saturday, June 8th from 10:00-3:00pm. Our Grange members ALWAYS pull together to plan, organize, set up, host, hand out prize ribbons and cash awards, and clean up after the fair. Whatever is needed, someone is there to take it on with no complaints. Everyone pitches in. We had the BEST weather and all that attended enjoyed themselves. Highlights of this year's fair were our contests, demonstrations by a local line dancing group, school aged ballet, jazz and tap dancers, an Irish step dancing group, a fencing demonstration from our very own Simsbury high school, a Master Gardener table, our public library table to promote summer reading, local garden groups, local farm store displays, a sustainability table, children's activities, baked goods, crockpot food options, and Out the Boxx live band.

We held a Grange meeting on Thursday, June 13th to go over what went well this year and brainstormed ways to increase the number of contest entries for next year's fair on Saturday, June 14th. We also discussed possible resolutions to forward at the state meeting in the fall. We would love to learn what you do at your fair so we may be calling!





NUTMEG POMONA #16

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

At our June meeting, we had Election of Officers with few changes. Donald Lanoue remains Master, Robert Charbonneau, Lecturer and Joanne Cipriano Secretary.

Changes Steward John Taylor, Assistant Steward Joe Bernhardt and Executive Committee Ruel Miller and Stephanie Thompson.

Our next meeting will be in September at Beacon Valley Grange.

If you haven't sent your information for the 2024-25 handbooks to the Secretary, please do it right away. Deadline August 1st.

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr: Ruel Miller

July 3: Meeting Omitted

July 17: Annual Picnic and Planning Meeting 6:30pm at the Millers

Our election of officers was held with the basic core of officers remaining in place. Our treasure is not able to continue due to a heavy work schedule. This is going to be a big hole to fill. Our Family Activities Committee presented a very informative program on May 15th. As I write this, we are all looking forward to our Dean Martin/Frank Sinatra impersonators show on June 5th in our hall. We are hoping for a big crowd.

Plans continue for our Cheshire Grange Community Fair the last full weekend in August. The premium book is ready to go to the printer and then distributed throughout the area. Lastly, we have draped



Wallingford Grange members celebrate following their election of officers.

our Charter in loving memory of Richard Comstock who passed away in March and for Douglas Bradley who passed in early May.

WALLINGFORD GRANGE #33

Corr: Stephen Fengler

Wallingford Grange will be having several more events coming up this summer. In July, we will be having our next Meatball Luncheon Fundraiser on Saturday, July 13th between 12pm-2pm. In conjunction with that, we will have a youth event starting at 10am where youth can learn how to make their own fresh butter. In August, we will be having a Community Event involving Tye Dye Shirt Making for anyone 12 years of age and older between 5:30-7:30pm on Tuesday, August 6. We will also be having a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on Saturday, August 10, between 8:30am-11am. In conjunction with it, there will be a free "Make a Fresh Fruit Tart" event for youth to participate in. To wrap up the astronomical summer, in September, we will be having our annual Grange Fair at the Grange hall on Saturday, September 14, between 12pm-5pm. One can exhibit in a number of categories including

vegetables, baking, needlework, canning, and photography to name a few. More information about specific exhibit categories can be found on our website. Also, we are seeking craft vendors for the fair. Interested parties should reach out to Kathy Bergonzi at fair@wallingfordGrange.org.

We recently had our June Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on June 8 which was a great success with approximately 40 people coming out for pancakes at this event. A photo of our fantastic pancake breakfast team is seen below.

In addition, the Grange collected and donated 1,384 lbs. of clothing items, 840 lbs. of household items, and 243 lbs. of books in our Saver's Clothing Drive this past spring! Thanks goes out to both everyone who came out in support and to all who volunteered at these fundraisers!

We're now hosting a food collection box to benefit the local food pantry Master's Manna. In our first week, 64 pounds of non-perishables were collected! Thank you to the community for donating to this! We will be continuing to use the collection box in the future as



On June 5th, Cheshire Grange welcomed musical impersonators Jack Lynn (Dean Martin) and Steve Koslowski (Frank Sinatra) for a two hour show featuring their special talents. The great crowd had a wonderful time. A teacup auction followed the entertainment.

a permanent fixture to continue to donate food to Master's Manna.

Our "Maker Monday" gatherings are continuing to go well! The group has finished making the second comforting "Quilt of Valor" that will be given to a veteran in the area, and we are continuing to work on more quilts to give to more veterans in the area. Anyone can join us for open sew/craft at the Grange with experience in sewing or not every first and third Monday of a month at 6:30pm at the Wallingford Grange hall.

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

For one week prior to the celebration of our 135th anniversary, the weather predictions were torrential rain and hail. Unfortunately this was not the case, when I left to go to Grange there no rain, nor was it raining on my way home. Some people who had planned to come err on the side of caution and stayed home and we can't blame them.

We do thank those who came especially Todd Gelineau, Connecticut State Grange Secretary, who presented the membership certificates and our "Community

Citizen Award". Great Job. This year's award was presented to "Animals for Life". Thanks also to Robert Charbonneau, State Public Relations Committee who was our Musician and State Master Robert Buck and First Lady Maggie.

We had a beautiful strawberry country store thanks to everyone who brought items and the drawing of our semi-annual raffle. The raffle was profitable and will help us pay off another payment of our loan. Our next raffle will be Saturday December 23rd.

The officers have been very generous with donations and selling the tickets, we could use some raffle items from our stay-at-home members.

As Master, I would like to thank

Jean Meehan for the beautiful strawberry favors she made. She has talent.

Our next meeting will be July 12th and will be Officer's Planning meeting.

Our tag sales continue the third Saturday of each month (9 to 3) and Open Mic the same day (2 to 5). We can always use tag sale items.

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

Corr: Maureen Sanborn

Aug. 9: Welcome back to Grange

Aug. 23: Omitted, unless regular meeting is canceled.

Sept. 13: Omitted

Sept. 27: Installation of Officers

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE



Round Table Discussion for Pomona Granges



Join us as we discuss all aspects of Pomona Granges



**TWO SUNDAY SESSIONS at 7:00 PM:
July 14, 2024 & December 8, 2024**

Send an e-mail to information@ctstategrange.org for the Zoom Meeting Access Information

CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE



Family Festival

Friday, August 2
Saturday, August 3
Sunday, August 4

Granby Grange Hall
212 North Granby Rd., (Route 189)
Granby, CT

Family Activities Department:
NE Region Needlework Contest
Family Activities Contests
Baking • Crafts • Junior Contests
Tea Cup Contest
Decorate a Birdhouse Contest
"Let's Make a Snowman"
and more!

Lecturer's Department:
Photo Contests
Lecturer's Program

★★★★★

Friday:
Entry Drop Off
3:00 - 6:00 PM


Saturday:
Entry Drop Off before 10:30 AM
Judging Begins 11:00 AM

Sunday:
• Entries on Display •
• Pancake Breakfast •
hosted by Granby Grange
8:30 AM - 11:00 AM
• Tea Cup Auction •

For More Information:
Dawn Percoski, Family Activities Chair • familyactivities@ctstategrange.org
Dave Roberts, State Grange Lecturer • lecturer@ctstategrange.org



CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE



11TH


LECTURERS'

★ ROUND-UP ★

SATURDAY
AUGUST 10, 2024
★ 7:00 PM ★

Let's gather again VIRTUALLY on ZOOM
to discuss the latest news, programs
and contests from the Lecturer's Department.

For More Information and ZOOM Credentials:
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(860) 469-5067




The best part of being a Redding Grange member is bumping into your Grange friends wherever you go! Almost a dozen Grangers popped up at the Open Farmhouse plant sale on June 1st right here in Redding supporting Grangers Lincoln Hill and Cody Jacobs at Open Farmhouse. We care about keeping local farms active in the community ... and having a great time.



Whigville Grange (Burlington) established a Pollinator Pathway on their property providing a pesticide free environment for native pollinators.



Getting Lost



Charles W. Dimmick
State Chaplain

Cheshire Grange No. 23
chaplain@ctstateGrange.org

*And when you turn to the right
or when you turn to the left, your
ears shall hear a word behind you,
saying, "This is the way; walk in it."
Isaiah 30:21*

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path. Psalm
119:105*

*You will seek me and find me
when you seek me with all your
heart. Jeremiah 29:13*

I'm pretty good at navigating by the sun without using a GPS, but when it is raining this method does not work for me. It is then that I may need to pull over and look at a map and even sometimes pull out my compass. Without these aids I might be truly lost. In a way, the same is true as I travel down the pathways of life. In making decisions, the pathway is usually clear, based on previous experiences and general guidelines. But sometimes I lose the path and become perplexed as to where I should go next.

What to do? The same as when I become physically lost. Pull out the map and the compass, or in this case the guidebook. Whether Christian, Jewish, or Muslim,



your religion provides you with a guidebook, although some of us may have forgotten where they placed it last. And along with that guidebook there should also be memories of how to use it from instruction given to you when you were younger. Do not forget also those words of wisdom imparted by your elders. The older you get the more you may realize that the advice given you by your parents and teachers contains much wisdom that you did not appreciate at the time.

For every book of scripture there are numerous works of commentary to help you understand the meaning of the words written therein. In fact, the total commentary is probably 100 times as voluminous as the original scriptural passages. Used carefully, these also may prove of immense value in finding the way

one should go.

And finally, if all else fails, try praying to God for guidance, perhaps using a prayer similar to the following:

Prayer for Direction: Lord, please guide my steps, shine your light upon my path, and show me the way I should go. Fill my heart with your peace as I make decisions and lead me in the right direction. Amen.

Don't forget...

1ST ANNUAL NE CHAPLAINS WORSHIP SERVICE

Saturday, July 27, 1:30 PM
Grange Center, Brookfield, VT

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