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Getting on the path to “normal”



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As we enter the month of June, the Governor Ned Lamont has opened up restrictions to get us back to somewhat normal. He announced at the end of May he plans to follow the new updated guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) on wearing masks indoor and outdoors in most places. These guidelines still call for wearing masks in crowded indoor settings like buses, planes, hospitals, nursing homes and homeless shelters.

Schools will be required to wear masks when inside any school building for the rest of this current year.

Unvaccinated people are required to wear a mask indoors for the foreseeable future. When it comes to our Connecticut Community Grangers, I will leave it up to whatever the Grange President decides. Some Granges may feel more comfortable still wearing masks. I hope all of our Granges are meeting and planning their events for the remainder of the year.

We had a good response to the questionnaires that were sent out in March. We have 35 Granges in the State and I received 28 surveys. We will be holding a Pink Sash and Subordinate Presidents Zoom

meeting on Sunday, June 6 at 7:30 P.M. We will be going over the surveys to see what it costs to run a Grange for a year. I have also asked Brother Phil Prelli, Vice President of the National Grange to discuss the report of the Diversity Task Force, a committee established by the National Master to study our ritual, rules, and customs to make sure we

Influential Connecticut Grangers...

Anna Roosevelt Cowles & Theodate Pope Riddell

by Todd A. Gelineau, Editor

In the annals of Granges in Connecticut, the former Farmington Grange No. 49 stands out with its unique collection of members with business leaders, politicians, and socialites among them. Anna Roosevelt Cowles and Theodate Pope Riddle offer remarkable stories of perseverance, determination, and accomplishment.

Born in 1855, Anna Roosevelt Cowles was the eldest sister of Theodore Roosevelt. Anna spent many of her years as a younger adult caring for the children of family members. When Teddy's first wife, Alice Hathaway Lee, passed away it was Anna who stepped in to raise his children while he tended to his ranch in Dakota Territory. She also supervised the construction and furnishing of Teddy's Sagamore Hill estate on Long Island.

are not unintentionally showing any signs of prejudice or discrimination in the Grange. Brother Prelli is the chairperson of the committee. This should be a good meeting and I hope you are able to attend.

As I end my report, let's hope that we will get back to normal as soon as possible and keep up the good work we all do as Grangers.



National Park Service

Anna Roosevelt Cowles

In 1893 Anna was again called upon to help her family when her cousin James' wife Helen Astor

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passed away. To support him, she moved to London to help care for his two teen-aged children. It was during this time Anna met Rear Admiral William Cowles marrying in 1895 and settling in his family home in Farmington, Connecticut.

It was there where she joined the Grange, an organization her husband's family supported almost from its founding in 1886 and its first reorganization in 1908. Anna wrote

to Teddy in 1908 (then President) about the political situation in Connecticut. Her handwriting is extremely difficult to read but she comments on the reaction of Judge Marcus H. Holcomb, who is satisfied with the results of the state constitutional convention. She tells her brother that she has joined the Grange, and that he would have been amused to see the reaction of the members of her household. While we don't know for certain what she meant by this, we can reasonably assume that her family members were amused that the socialite sister of the sitting President of the United States had joined a farming related organization (to which many of them belonged).

It was in August of 1908, National Master N.J. Bachelder, attended "Great Field Meetings" of Granges in Ohio, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Connecticut. The first Connecticut meeting was hosted by Housatonic Grange in Kent. An account of the last of these Field meetings was printed in a National Grange publication at the time and written by N.J. Bachelder.

"The fifth meeting was at Farmington, Conn., one of the finest old country towns in New England. This was under the auspices of Central County Pomona Grange and as guests of Farmington Grange, which has added about 100 to its membership during the year. Mrs. Cowles, sister of President Roosevelt, is an enthusiastic member of this Grange, as well as other people of great prominence and ability. An elegant banquet was served under the magnificent trees upon the estate of the famous [Miss] Porter[s] School for which long tables had been arranged. The forenoon session was devoted to conferring the Fifth Degree upon a large class. At the afternoon session, presided over by Pomona Master Herbert Blake, the exercises were conducted by the Lecturer, L. Florence Cowles, a



Hill-Stead Museum

Theodate Pope Riddle

relative of the distinguished sister of President Roosevelt. In addition to a fine literary and musical program, addresses were made by Mayor Wardsworth, of the city; Past State Master J. H. Hale and B.C. Patterson; National Chaplain O.S. Wood (from CT's Newington Grange), and others. It was a great meeting, and filled with enthusiasm from start to finish. Miss Pope, whose farm manager [Allen B. Cook] is Master of Farmington Grange, and who is one of the foremost philanthropists and workers for the people of Connecticut, was an interested attendant at the meeting."

For those not familiar, Miss Porter's School is a very well-respected and elite private women's school located in the center of Farmington. Graduates of the school have included Princess Anastasia of Greece & Denmark, Barbara Hutton, Gloria Vanderbilt, Gene Tierney, Dina Merrill, Letitia Baldrige, Laura Rockefeller Chasin, Dorothy Bush Koch, and Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis, among many other women from affluent and influential families. Among them was Theodate Pope Riddle. She was born in 1867 and after graduating from Miss Porter's she hired faculty members to tutor her privately

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in architecture becoming the first woman to be a licensed architect in both New York and Connecticut. Among her most notable projects was Avon Old Farms School in Avon, CT (she was architect and founder of this boy's school), Westover School in Middlebury, CT and a commission to reconstruct, restore and design a new adjacent building for the Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace in New York City, a project that continues to receive recognition to this day. She was also a good friend of Anna Roosevelt Cowles.

On May 1, 1915, Theodate set sail on the British ocean liner RMS Lusitania. She was joined by her maid Miss Emily Robinson and Professor Edwin W. Friend, also from Farmington. The ship was torpedoed by a German U-boat on May 7 off the southern coast of Ireland. Theodate and Professor Friend decided to jump into the ocean after seeing so many fellow passengers fall from the lifeboats as they were being lowered. She later described a man "insane with fright" made "a sudden jump and landed clean on my shoulders, believing I could support him." She soon lost consciousness and was pulled out of the water by sailors on a trawler while floating on an oar and was placed among the dead. Survivor Belle Naish, believed she saw signs of life in Theodate and the crew worked to revive her for the next two hours. Her maid and the professor perished in the disaster, their bodies were never to be found. In gratitude to the passenger who saved her life, Theodate established a lifetime pension for Belle Naish.

Theodate also designed, in collaboration with McKim, Mead & White, the Hill Stead estate in Farmington for her father, which later became the Hill-Stead Museum.

In 1916, the Ecclesiastical Society of Farmington received title from the town for the Old Chapel, which had been the home of Farmington Grange since its reorganization. Theodate offered to purchase the

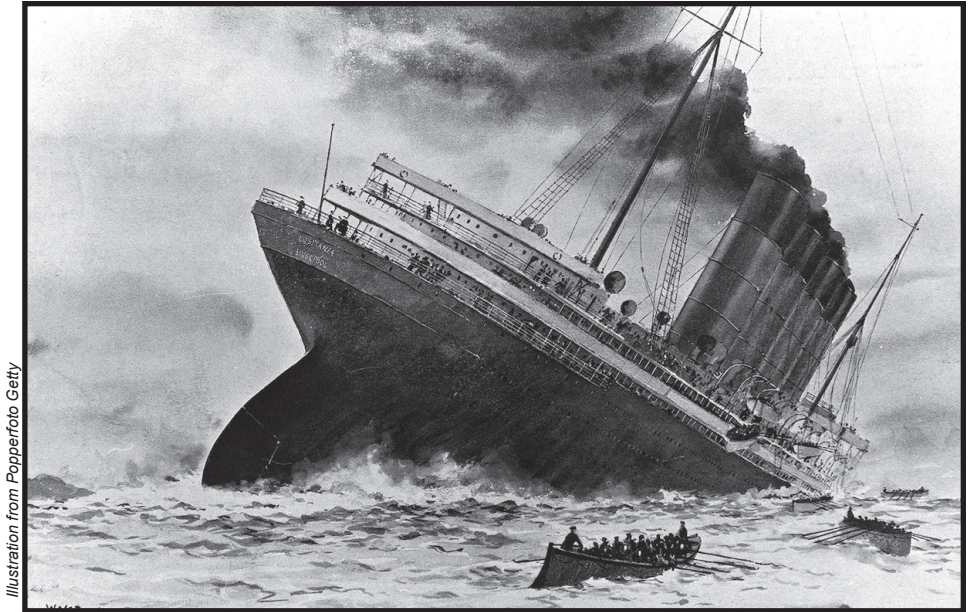


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The sinking of the ocean liner RMS Lusitania on May 7, 1915.

building and relocate it as long as the Grange agreed to contribute money to the project and meet in the renovated hall for a nominal rental fee. In the 1918 Connecticut State Grange Directory, Farmington Grange reports meeting in their new Grange Hall made possible by the generosity of their member, Theodate Pope Riddle.

Connecticut State Grange Public Relations Co-Director Terri Fassio has undertaken the enormous task

of compiling the history of the State Grange to the present day expanding upon the books published in 1900 and 1953. The stories of Anna Roosevelt Cowles and Theodate Pope Riddle are just two of many members and Granges who have contributed so much to the Grange and to their communities. We hope to share more stories with you in the pages of the Granger while the new history book is compiled.

Celebration of Life



The Celebration of Life for Past State Master Russell M. Gray will be held on the family farm, 712 Ekonk Hill Road in Sterling, CT on Sunday, June 13th, beginning promptly at 11:00 a.m. Because of parking, seating and refreshments, please notify Deborah L. Sharpe, if you plan to attend:

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or text message 860-933-1862

Thank you.

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Eye on Communications

GLEANINGS FROM YOUR STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

Essentials for a Flourishing Grange

By Terri Fassio, CT State Public Relations Co-Director

It's a fact that we may not want to face - some Granges are more popular and successful than others. These flourishing Granges are a centerpiece of their community, host numerous events, activities and projects, have new members wanting to join, and get lots of solid news coverage from the local media. But what makes one Grange soar and a second Grange just exist?

We find that three essential ingredients are needed for a Grange to thrive -

- 1.) Dedicated People / Enthusiasm
- 2.) Time and Investment
- 3.) Solid Communications

Dedicated People / Enthusiasm: "You've got to have passion, and believe in what you're doing." Those members who dedicate efforts towards making their Grange thrive instead of survive easily reap the rewards, such as becoming a trusted leader or mentor to other members, meeting goals and project objectives, growing their Grange membership numbers, and even gaining financial rewards for the organization. This translates to being creative, taking risks and being willing and able to challenge others. Grange members are characterized by diverse backgrounds and experiences. Many have been or are members of other organizations as well as their Grange. When an individual member is successful, their enthusiasm for the organization soars, thus lighting the pathway for others to take a similar route. Combined personal successes equal a Grange that is strong.

Time and Investment: To make real and positive changes in a Grange takes commitment from

its membership. Granges rely on volunteers and the time that each person can commit to the organization. It is important to find a good mix that fits your Grange - so that members do not become run down or burnt out. In many cases, this means more than just proclaiming support - it often means support through volunteerism and an investment of time. Delegating responsibilities is important, as is ensuring that every member is involved who wishes to contribute.

Solid Communications: Granges must continually work to commu-

nicate with the general public in a manner that brings them positive press, community involvement, and support for new programs as well as their overall mission, goals and objectives. But internal Grange communications are just as important as external communications. When looking for a way to promote your Grange - start with your own membership, then maximize the communications methods that are easily available to all Granges. Hang posters, utilize Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.), have a Grange website, mail postcards and letters, and even pick up the telephone.

Need help getting the word out about your Grange and its activities? Send a note to information@ctstategrange.org or publicrelations@ctstategrange.org. We're here to help!

Luna is ready to visit you!

Faith, Barbara, Shelley, Karen, and their mascot "Luna" would like to set a date to attend one of your meetings to discuss new members and member retention. A letter was sent out to every Grange membership chairperson or designee and we look forward to getting on your meeting schedules. We have new tools and ideas to bring with us and a notebook and pencil to record your feedback.

Please contact us with your meeting information. We will need at least 15 to 30 minutes of your meeting time. You may reach out to any member of the Membership Committee below to schedule a date with us.

Faith Quinlan, Director: Membership@CTStateGrange.org or by telephone: 518-698-2785.

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Karen Macdonald: genokaren@aol.com

Shelley Cameron: Membership_Shelley@CTStateGrange.org

We are your team for all things membership. We look forward to hearing from you.



Hank visits with Luna, the new Membership Committee mascot.

Resolutions are needed for State Session



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Has your Grange started working on your resolutions for this upcoming session? Covid restrictions are being reversed and life is starting to get back to our normal. It is looking like we will be able to have an in-person State Grange session this October. Last year we had very few resolutions but we still had lively discussions on some of them.

This past year your Grange had to adapt to some new ways to conduct your meetings and activities. Is there something that you discovered that you would like to continue doing. Things such as collecting the annual word, format of the meetings or other adjustments we made in the conduct of the meetings. Maybe this is the time to write a resolution to recommend making some of these adjustments permanent, especially if they require by-law changes. We use resolutions to communicate concerns about local, state and national issues. We also can use resolutions to suggest refinements to processes and programs in the Grange.

The response to Covid changed the priorities of many during this last year. People worked from home and it brought to the forefront the importance of our 'first responders' from medical to grocery store clerks. Resolutions can be used to thank those who stepped up for our safety. The National Grange has pins that they sell to recognize and thank these hardworking groups. Write a local resolution thanking someone and present them with the pin.

Resolutions you plan on sending to State Grange for further action should be submitted to your Pomona first if possible. The Pomona will review and take action on the resolution then send the adopted ones on to State Grange. Remember resolutions must be presented by a Grange, an individual cannot submit a resolution directly to State Grange.

If you need any help with

your resolutions, you can contact any member of the Legislative Committee.

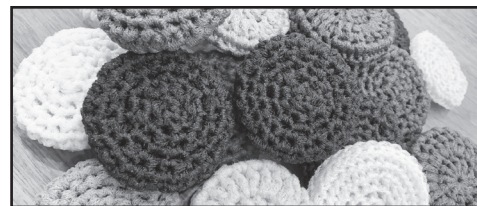
There is also information on how to write a resolution on the Grange Website, [ctstategrange.org](http://www.ctstategrange.org). Look under Grange Information – State Grange Information – How to Write a Resolution. (<http://www.ctstategrange.org/HowtoWriteResolution.asp>)

Start one of our projects



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Wow, where exactly did the month of May go? I've been hard at work getting my gardens in order and I also did some baking. The cookie recipe for this year's baking contest is really yummy and my batch made 30 cookies. I hope you will all try it out.

As we are working on our needlework projects, don't forget to put something aside for the New England Grange Building. At this point, I have not heard if they are going to hold the fair, and if they do, at what capacity. But we should be prepared on the chance that they do open. We want to be able to send up our hand made items as many shoppers will be starved for our store items for gifts.

We have quite the following and people tell us they come to the fair just for our building. The usual scrubbies and kitchen towels are always a hot item. I also included the catnip fish pattern for you (in the CFW chairman's packets) which had been a hot item that was missing from the selection at the NEGB for a few years. If kept in the baggies, they should keep for quite some time even if this year is a no go. They also will need volunteers to run the registers, straighten out tables, and keep the building looking nice and clean if they decide to open up our building.

We may decide to social distance and only allow a certain number of people in. It's hard to say what would be allowed. Volunteers are also needed prior to the opening to get all of the items labeled. Every item gets a label and price. That happens in the beginning of September. So, until I have more information regarding the Big E this year, I just wanted to have you keep it in mind while making those items you are always so generous with.

Make someone's day, if you are vaccinated, you can go and have a visit with someone on their porch and sit 6 feet apart. You will feel good just seeing someone and being outdoors is always refreshing. As always, stay positive, WE are in the home stretch of this pandemic and soon we will be able to see old friends in person again!



SENEXET GRANGE #40

Corr: Diane Miller

June 16: National Safety Month Program

We continue to hold regular meetings and last month had a program on distracted driving. All members added incidents that they saw, We had a very informative program on composting for the public on a Sunday in April with a great group of interested people. This included pallet boxes for composing as well built by the Boy Scouts. We have had a regular day and evening sessions on knitting, crocheting as well as quilting. These are also for the public. Many were excited to be able to meet in person in a safe environment. We further discussed other programs for the public included are recycling feed and seed bags into useful shopping bags. We would like to have an event this summer or fall to promote the local farms. Also in discussion is basket making sessions for the community. We were grateful to the local Boy Scout troop who spent an afternoon clearing brush and leaves from our yard. The Boy Scouts are meeting in our hall. We plan to have our Grange Fair on Sept. 18.

Our furnace room has been updated and lighted emergency exit lights have been installed over our doors. So much is happening in our hall that is making us popular with the local recreation committee. Our facebook page keeps all informed about our events and programs. We had a very successful chicken pot

pie take out dinner. More take out dinners are planned.

VERNON GRANGE #52

Corr: Irene Percoski

June 4: Getting to know our neighbors

July 2 or 9: Going to Sea

Our May meeting had a visit from all four members of the State Membership Committee who conducted the Program. A good discussion was held on not only how to increase membership but how to revitalize the interest of existing members. Why do some join and some are not interested at all? They suggested a virtual road trip or a town wide scavenger hunt. No clear concise answers were forthcoming but it certainly provided us with things to think about. Ray Harrington, State Asst. Steward and his wife BJ were there to remind all about the planned book re/ Grange history being worked on by Terry Fazzio.

Our Lecturer has suggested several projects for Community service and asked all to please give her some feedback. There are too many to list here but PLEASE contact Cherie and give her your opinions. Also donations of toothpaste, toilet paper, small cleaning supplies, socks

and t-shirts, or grocery gift cards would be greatly appreciated for a local veteran's group.

We continue to meet via ZOOM and have a very good turn-out. Our next meeting will be on June 4, 2021 and we do love visitors.

NORTH STONINGTON COMMUNITY GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy Weissmuller

On April 9th members brought in "something old" to share. Among the many interesting things shared we learned about the "Traveling Gavel" that resides in a glass case in our hall. We got to see the watch of a railroad man and milk bottles from long ago, dairies in town, saw an antique wrench from a fire truck and listened to Abbott & Costello do the "Who's on First" skit. It was lots of fun.

On the 23rd Cheree Anne Miner and Roland "Arlie" Chapman joined the Golden Sheaf family and were presented with their pins.

We will elect officers on June 11 and on the 25th we will hold our annual picnic. Please bring a dish to share. And if the deer will just leave my hosta alone, next time I'll tell you about merry May.

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MOUNTAIN LAUREL POMONA #15

Corr: Todd Gelineau

June 5: (Saturday), Meeting- Location TBD

Mark your calendars for June 5 when Mountain Laurel Pomona is scheduled to hold its next meeting. Please contact Secretary Carol Jean Swanson at cjswanson59@gmail.com for the location or Zoom information.

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd Gelineau

June 22: Meeting on Zoom.

The next meeting of Winchester Grange #74 will be held on Zoom on Tuesday, June 22 at 7:00 P.M. We expect to have discussion on whether or not there will be a Grange Fair this year. Unfortunately, our annual Strawberry Festival had to be canceled for a second year due to concerns related to the virus. Hopefully we'll be back in business serving the areas best Strawberry Shortcakes in 2022 (as strange as that year seems to say!). Contact Todd at secretary@ctstategrange.org if you are in need of the Zoom log in information for our meeting. We would love to see our members and any guests who would like to attend our meetings. See you there!

TAGHHANNUCK GRANGE #100

Corr: Barbara Prindle

Our May 13th meeting was our first in-person at our Grange Hall meeting in over a year. It was great to see people we had only seen on

Zoom. It went very well with our Secretary Debbie Hanlon attending by speaker on the telephone. Roy and Betty Jane Harrington visited us and picked up some books we had about the Grange that were from Grange members who had joined us from other Granges. We thank them for filling two of the offices. There was a great discussion which resulted in two of our members volunteering to write up facts and stories of Webutuck Grange for the State Grange book that Terri Fassio is working on.

We now meet the second Thursday of the month at 8:00 PM which is late for some members. There was a long discussion about meeting earlier in the evening. The outcome was to have refreshments and a social half

hour at 7:00 PM and then start the meeting at 7:30.

We gave a \$250.00 donation to Ella's Pantry which is the Town of Sharon 's food pantry.

The Master showed everyone the Owl membership mascot named Luna and explained how we would use pictures of the owl in different setting to promote our Grange. You can go to our Facebook page and see Luna at our first in-person meeting.

We will have our Plant Sale at the Grange Hall on June 5th.

Our regular meeting June 10th is our Memorial Program and will again be at our Grange Hall at 8:00 PM. We will vote that night on changing the By-Laws to a 7:30 meeting starting in July.



Connecticut State Grange Membership Committee Mascot Luna visits the first in-person meeting of Taghannuck Grange No. 100 in Sharon.

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NUTMEG POMONA #16

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

As of this writing, we are planning an in-house meeting on June 13. Time will be 2 o'clock at Cheshire Grange Hall. It will be great to see everyone in person.

Special Order of Business: Election of Steward, Treasurer and Pomona.

Masters are reminded they need a report of the activities of their Granges. It's good to hear these reports as they might give other Granges ideas of what they can do.

Reminder to Secretaries: Dues are now payable. Thank you to the Granges that have already paid theirs.

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr: A. Ruel Miller

June 2: Election of Officers and Chaplain's Memorial Service (No Potluck Supper)

On May 5th we had our meeting in person at our hall and it went very well. We had 16 Cheshire members and Janet Haller from Wallingford via zoom. It was good to see everyone in person. We voted to consider a modified fair in August. Plans will be getting under way. Jane Miller presented her CWA program on Sun Flowers which is the State CWA theme this year. We will continue to meet the first Wednesday of the month, monitoring the Covid protocols in the coming months. It is our hope to start back with two monthly meetings in September.

We hope with the warm weather months ahead, that we can all get outside and move around with hopes of returning to some sort of normal in the not too distant future. Fingers crossed.

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

We finally made it! Last night, May 14th, we finally had a very productive meeting, our first since the pandemic started. We had 10 in attendance. This is not bad since we lost 5 members- 4 of them officers since COVID started.

We welcomed Robert Sendewicz, Past Voting Delegate to National Grange. Bob will become a member of Beacon Valley Grange when he gets his demit. He also will become a member of the Executive Committee. Judi Reynolds was elected Chaplain.

We voted to have a Rummage and Tag Sale on Saturday, June 19th. Set-up will be June 12th. We could use volunteers and salable items. This will be held in the lower hall. Upstairs we will have an open mic.

We have been trying to welcome formally the members of Prospect Grange who merged with us. This we will do at our September meeting since our meeting room is usually very warm in the summer months. We do meet during these months but in the dining hall.

Our sincere sympathies to Tracey Marsala on the passing of her father.

From this Master to all our members, "Thank you for your patience." We knew we would get back together someday but didn't know when.

It is with sincere sadness that we report the passing to the Great Grange Above our Worthy Secretary Cindy Legg. Cindy was a faithful member who rarely missed a meeting or activity until she was medically unable and always volunteered when needed. Her passing leaves a tremendous void at our Grange. She was also Flora of Nutmeg Pomona.

Cindy was called to lay down her

implements on earth we say "Well done, good and faithful servant."

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

Corr: Jim & Lori Golias

As the State has relaxed covid restrictions a bit, the Greenfield Hill Grange has resumed holding our Monday meetings.

On Good Friday, we held a reservation only, eat in/take out Fish Fry and it was a great success. The feedback, the fish and the fries were phenomenal! THANKS to all the volunteers who made this event a success!

On April 10, Boy Scout Troop 90 cleaned up the Grange grounds and basement. We treated them and their parents to a luncheon. Thank you for all your hard work!

On May 1, we hosted a Spring Flea Market and Tag Sale. The weather was nice and it was refreshing to be able to welcome guests back to the Grange.

Karen Macdonald and Geno Piacentini donated proceeds from their WWII vintage model airplane table, held at the Greenfield Hill Grange flea market, to the West Haven VA therapeutic recreation department fund.

Nancy Olson, CWA chair, and the Greenfield Hill Grange collected and donated puzzles, activity books and individual snacks to the Veterans at the West Haven VA - as part of our community service project.

Roy and Betty Jane Harrington visited from Hemlock Grange. Thanks for making the hour trek to visit, shop, and say hello.

We will host a Chicken Parmesan dinner on May 22.

Our backyard screen will be lit up soon as Drive-In Movie Nights return, just in time for Summer vacation.

Save the date: Our Agricultural Fair will be held on August 28, 2021.

For other future events check our Facebook page:

<https://m.facebook.com/Greenfield>.

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Stay safe and well and hope to see you at the Grange!

LYME GRANGE #147

Corr: Lois Evankow

July 1: Meeting

Aug. 5: Meeting

Sept. 2: Meeting

We held an in-person meeting in May. Oh! How wonderful to see everyone after all these months of isolation. The plant sale was discussed and the future of our Hamburg Fair was also discussed. We will not be having a fair this year because who knows what the rules will be come August. Whether it's full capacity or less which would bankrupt us.

Almost everyone has had all their shots. It's encouraging to know and we can relax a bit.

Still everyone... be careful, get your shots and wear your masks.

CANNON GRANGE #152

Corr: Michele Clark

During the month of May Cannon Grange Member Doug Shepherd jumped in to volunteer to redo our original hardwood floors in the Cannon Grange Hall. We held our first Craft Fair on June 6th with over 15 local vendors. More to follow in the next Granger.

At our Craft Fair we unveiled "The Grange Exchange" Little Library. Our focus for The Grange Exchange is not just books, but books on gardening, backyard farming, and the home - arts as well as a place to exchange plants, seeds and more. Grange Member Dearta Fusaro collaborated with members of the Wilton Garden Club to determine which plants would be best for the rooftop planter on our little library. Check out the pictures on our facebook page: www.facebook.com/CannonGrange to see how it turned out! The Grange Exchange is registered with the littlefreelibrary.org and we ask you to follow us on instagram at instagram.com/

thegrangexchange.

Our Fair Committee continues to be hard at work as we plan for our August 29th agricultural fair. For the Dave Barrett Perpetual Trophy Baking Contest the committee decided to ask our bakers to make their most delicious Carrot Cake for 2021! Please mark your calendars for August 29 and we hope to see you at our Fair.

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

Corr: Maureen Sanborn

June 11: Memorial

June 25: Omitted, unless regular meeting is cancelled.

July 9: Picnic

July 23: Omitted, unless regular meeting is cancelled.

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Tips for buying firewood



Irene Percoski, Agriculture Committee

Just as the winter wood-burning season is coming to a close, the search for wood for next year is underway. To be sure that your delivery is the right kind of wood. You should buy locally harvested firewood at or near your destination. Buy certified heat-treated firewood ahead of time if available or gather firewood on site when permitted. Here are some of the things to watch for. 1. The emerald ash borer, this killer of ash trees is found in forests and city trees across much of the eastern and central states. The insect is extremely good at hitching rides in infested firewood. Don't let this bug have a ride to a new home or new state. 2. Gypsy Moths devastate oak and other trees. Females lay tan patches of eggs on firewood, campers, vehicles, patio furniture, anything lying around outside in the yard. When items are transported from one place to another, these moth eggs get a free ride. 3. Asian Long horned Beetles tunnel through and destroys over 20 species of trees, especially maple trees. The larvae bore into trunks and branches making this an easy pest to transport in firewood. 4. Spotted Lanternflies suck the sap from dozens of trees and will feed on black oak, white oak, sycamore and loves especially the tree of heaven. Like the gypsy moth this pest lays clusters of eggs on any dry surface, from masonry to landscaping stones or firewood. 5. Walnut Twig Beetle and a fungus it carries causes thousand cankers disease in black walnut trees. The bug is very tiny and thousands of them could be hiding in a single piece of firewood. 6. Oak Wilt is a deadly disease of oak trees. This disease is a fungus spread between trees by small beetles and this deadly fungus could be brought to your neighborhood or favorite camping spot through infected firewood.

Through good forestry stewardship we all can work to protect our forests and neighborhood trees from pests. So buy it where you burn it.

Town votes down Grange proposal

By Sandra Diamond Fox, *The Greater New Milford Spectrum*, 5/20/21

BRIDGEWATER — The fate of the Bridgewater Grange Hall is sealed — the town will retain ownership of the property.

On Thursday night, by a hand counted paper vote of 155 to 89, enough residents have shown they don't want the Bridgewater Preservation Association to take ownership of the 11 Main St. S. Grange Hall, a historic landmark.

The vote pertains to the ongoing dispute between the town and a group called The Bridgewater Pres. Assoc. over whether the grange hall should be renovated or torn down.

About 250 people came out to the two-hour annual town meeting at Sarah Sanford Road East, where the vote took place.

Several people spoke at the meeting, including First Selectman Curtis Read and Lisa Burns, secretary of the BPA.

"The building is in really tough shape," Read said, prior to the vote. "Let's take it down. The building isn't useful to the town." Read instead spoke of his idea to build a community center with a lot more space than the Grange has, he said.

"There'd be room to have a meeting where you'd have 200 or 225 people. We can envision as selectmen a place where you can have a reception, a dance, a lecture, or an art show," he said. "This would become a building that we could use 12 months out of the year. It would be nice to have a building like that."



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

The Grange Exchange

A Little Free Library by the community for the community

of **Books**
Seeds
Plans

Opening Ceremony on 6. 6. 2021 @1PM
25 Cannon Rd, Wilton, CT

Simsbury Grange No. 197 proudly announces...
MEADOWWOOD HAS BEEN PROTECTED
Thanks to everyone who supported this preservation effort!



By Hank the Burro

Hello Grange friends!

Granges are starting to meet in person again and hold events too! This is great news. I can't wait to get out and see everyone (socially distance of course). The Membership Committee has a new Mascot named Luna. I can't wait to meet and have a photo taken with my new feathered friend!

Please visit my Facebook page, and then click the "Like" button to follow all of my adventures. <http://www.Facebook.com/CTGrangeHanktheBurro> - and don't forget to let George know when your Grange is meeting - in person or on Zoom - and we might just stop by and see you!

Cannon floors restored



The floors at Cannon Grange No. 159 have been sanded and refinished, bringing them back to their original beauty.

JOIN US FOR

JUNIOR JIBBER-JABBER


All are welcomed to join us as we focus on different topics related to Junior Grange Activities and provide resources for our leaders

WHEN: 3rd Sundays of Odd Number Months
9 p.m. Eastern (6 p.m. Pacific)

WHERE: ZOOM!
Meeting ID: 833 7712 0738
Passcode: 969128

BEGINNING IN MARCH 2021!

FIND MORE INFO ON JUNIOR GRANGE CONTESTS AND PROGRAMS
WWW.NATIONALJUNIORGRANGE.ORG



Everybody's Going this Year!
Greenfield Hill Grange # 133

Agricultural Fair

Special Events:
Judged Exhibits:
Vegetables-
Flowers-Fruits-
Baked Goods-
Photography
Arts - Crafts
Games - Raffle
Vendors
Food & Refreshments
Lectures on:
Raising Chickens
Antique Farm Tools

Saturday
August 28, 2021
10am - 3pm

Grange Hall
1373 Hillside Road
Fairfield, CT



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 solve 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.

From Kay Ruff -- "This month's picture - back row, left to right: Joe Bell, Mary Pearl and Charlotte Hutchins. The gentleman standing in the front and the woman seated I do not know."

From Ruel Miller -- "The people in the back in the photo are Joe Bell, Mary Pearl, and Charlotte Hutchins. Joe Bell was Past Master, and Charlotte Hutchins was the CT State Grange Youth Director when Jane and I were the Young Couple of the Year. We don't know the other two people."

From Joanne Cipriano -- "This month's photo: back row - Joseph Bell, Past State Master, woman in the middle Mary Pearl, woman on the right Charlotte Hutchins. I don't know the couple in the front."

From Janet Haller -- On the April photo, she believes that it is from New London County Pomona in the 1990s. On the right is Gene Bromley, wearing the Master's sash, in the center is Ed Babbitt, who is the Secretary. The man with the white hair in the center is Eugene Speck with the Executive Committee sash. On the left in the back is Richard Chapman (Membership Director).

On the May photo, on the left is Joe Bell, center is Mary Pearl, and right is Charlotte Hutchins. No idea who the couple in the center is. But she believes that they were receiving an award of some sort.

From Mark Prelli -- "The people in the back row are Joe Bell, Mary Pearl, and the woman who was Youth Director, but I can't remember her name. I don't know the other two people."

From Sue Gray -- "Back row, 1 to r: Joe Bell, Mary Pearl and Charlotte Hutchins."



BRIDGEWATER GRANGE

BAKE SALE

Saturday, May 22, 2021 - 8:30-12

Sold Out!

HI!

I'M YOUR LOCAL OPOSSUM!

I'M NATURE'S PEST CONTROL & CLEAN-UP CREW

- I'm naturally immune to rabies
- Just one of me eats up to 5,000 ticks per year
- I can't catch or carry Lyme Disease
- I also eat insects, spiders, small rodents, and dead stuff!

IF YOU SEE ME, KINDLY IGNORE ME. I MEAN YOU NO HARM

CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE

Virtual Social Hour

We All Scream For Ice Cream

Thursday, June 24th
7:00 PM

Join us for a fun and casual social gathering. Stop by and say Hello!

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

CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE

Virtual Social Hour

Put On Your Barbecue Best

Thursday, July 22nd
7:00 PM

Grab a burger or hot dog and join us for a fun and casual social gathering. Stop by and say Hello!



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

Greenfield Hill Grange hosts Flea Mkt./Tag Sale




CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE

Virtual
Social Hour





Thursday, August 26th
7:00 PM



Join us for a summertime fun and casual social gathering. Stop by and say Hello!

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



The Dog Days of Summer ...



CT State Grange History Book Project: We Need Your Help!

We are in the process of compiling the histories of each of the Community Granges that have existed in Connecticut - but we need your help. There are a number of Granges that we are seeking historical data for. If you have any information you can pass on such as written histories from Anniversaries, news clippings, old photos and memories of these Granges, please let us know. Following is a list of Granges we need help with:

Lanesville #3 (New Milford)
Hawleyville #4 (Newtown)
Hartland #9
Colebrook #16
Berlin #24
Burritt #39 (New Britain)
Konomoc #41 (Waterford)
Mattabessett #42 (Middletown)
Newington #44

Poquonock #53 (Windsor)
West Hartford #58
Saybrook #59
Crystal Lake #60 (Eastford)
Killingworth #66
Cromwell #67
Natchaug #68 (Chaplin)
Shetucket #69 (Scotland)
Indian River #73 (Milford)

Andover #76
Clinton #77
Totoket #83 (North Branford)
Wangumbaug #85 (Coventry)
Percival #95 (Kensington)
Hebron #111
Morris #119
Good Will #127 (Glastonbury)
Goshen #143

Rippowam #145 (Stamford)
Chester #158
Aspetuck Valley #160 (New Milford)
Bozrah #161
Salem #166
Mystic #171
Pomperaug #185 (Southbury)
Pokono #191 (Brookfield)
Pettipaug #203 (Essex)

If you can help us, or know someone who can lend a hand, please send a note to Terri at information@ctstategrange.org or Roy at aststeward@ctstategrange.org. Thank you!!

Zucchini, Squash, and Corn Casserole



Warm weather has finally arrived, and Granges are now starting to meet in person again. Picnics and potlucks will be coming soon! This recipe from MyRecipes.com for Zucchini, Squash, and Corn Casserole takes summertime staples and combines them into a delicious, golden, sunny casserole.

YIELD: Makes 8 to 10 servings

INGREDIENTS:

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| 1-1/2 pounds yellow squash,
cut into 1/4-inch-thick slices | 1/2 cup sour cream |
| 1-1/2 pounds zucchini, cut into
1/4-inch-thick slices | 1/2 cup mayonnaise |
| 1/4 cup butter, divided | 2 large eggs, lightly beaten |
| 2 cups diced sweet onion | 2 teaspoons freshly ground black pepper |
| 2 garlic cloves, minced | 1 teaspoon table salt |
| 3 cups fresh corn kernels | 1-1/2 cups soft, fresh breadcrumbs, divided |
| 1-1/2 cups (6 oz.) freshly shredded white Cheddar cheese | 1 cup freshly grated Asiago cheese, divided |

INSTRUCTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350°. Bring squash, zucchini and water to cover to a boil in a Dutch oven over medium-high heat, and boil 5 minutes or until crisp-tender. Drain; gently press between paper towels.

Melt 2 Tbsp. butter in a skillet over medium-high heat; add onion, and sauté 10 minutes or until tender. Add garlic, and sauté 2 minutes.

Stir together squash, onion mixture, corn, next 6 ingredients, and 1/2 cup each breadcrumbs and Asiago cheese just until blended. Spoon mixture into a lightly greased 13- x 9-inch baking dish.

Melt remaining 2 Tbsp. butter. Stir in remaining 1 cup breadcrumbs and 1/2 cup Asiago cheese. Sprinkle over casserole.

Bake at 350° for 45 to 50 minutes or until golden brown and set. Let stand 15 minutes before serving.

SOURCE: <https://www.myrecipes.com/recipe/zucchini-squash-corn-casserole>

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Good Intentions



Charles W. Dimmick
State Chaplain

Cheshire Grange No. 23
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For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.

Romans 7:18-19

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

---- Book of Common Prayer

Let's face it, every one of us falls short in doing what we ought to do and not doing what we ought not to do. There is an old proverb which states, "the road to hell is paved with good intentions", which bears some resemblance to a statement in the Book of Ecclesiastes: "'The way of sinners is made plain with stones, but at the end thereof is the pit of hell.'"

One of the reasons as to why we tend to go wrong is because we have a habit of always looking for the easy way out of a problem. H.L. Mencken once said, "For every complex problem there is an answer that is clear, simple, and wrong." One of the ways that I, myself, often



go wrong is trying to solve someone else's apparent problem when what they really want is someone to listen to them and give them a sympathetic ear. But time and again I fail to see this. I keep trying to insert my own advice as to what I would do, rather than listening and trying to understand from their own perspective. I should keep my mouth shut and only act if requested to do so.

Then there are the times when action on our part would be obviously beneficial, yet we fail to act, "Someone else will take care of it", or "I'll get around to it later", or that really selfish "It's not my job". I have been guilty of all three. Yet we know that it is our duty to care for each other and for the world that God has given us to live in. Time and again we have fallen down on our duty.

How can we overcome our failings in these matters? Obviously not by our own efforts, for they have not been enough. Our only hope is to ask for God's help.

In Memoriam

Ernest O'Leary G.S.
Senexet #40

Dorothy Mrowka, G.S.
Colchester Grange #78

Cindy Legg
Beacon Valley Grange #103

"Well done, good and faithful servants."



The Connecticut State Grange mourns the passing of immediate past Family Activities Director Cindy Legg in early May. Cindy was a member of Beacon Valley Grange #103 and will be greatly missed. Our sympathies go out to all of her friends and family.