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Support our Grange Fairs



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August is known for being the “dog days” of summer and many of our Granges are busy with their fairs. Most of the Granges hold their fairs in August with a collection of flowers, fruits, vegetables, crafts, photos and baked goods to be judged and receive ribbons. It’s a busy time for these Granges who work hard to put on these events.

This year we are honored to have Kathy Gibson, National Lady Assistant Steward, at our National Representative to State Session. Sister Gibson was elected Lady Assistant Steward at the last National Convention in Wichita, Kansas in November. Her husband, Glenn, the Master/President of the Massachusetts State Grange. I am looking forward to having Brother and Sister Gibson join us at our 138th Annual Convention.

As we are getting ready for the 138th Annual Convention, I have assigned the Granges to their Session Committees. The list of the committees is published in this issue so you will know which Committee you will be assigned to. These committees will be meeting by Zoom a week or two before State Session. This seems to have worked out very well last year and will save us time

on Thursday night.

The Big E (Eastern States Exposition in W. Springfield, MA) will be here before we know it. The Exposition will be from September 16 to October 2. The New England Grange Building Board of Directors voted to have the rooms upstairs manned on the day that your State is celebrated and Grange Sunday. Connecticut Day at the Big E will be Wednesday, September 21 and Grange Sunday is on September 25. I am looking for volunteers who could help staff the Connecticut room on those two days. The building is open from 10 A.M. to 9 P.M. (The State Rooms usually close at 5 P.M.). These rooms have been closed for the

last several years because the New England State Granges couldn’t get enough members to staff them and they were being vandalized. If you are available on either one of those two days, let me know and I can put you on the schedule.

Wallingford Grange No. 33 has voted to surrender their charter. The State Secretary and I met with Daniel Lauttenbach (Wallingford President) last month and picked up the charter and the Grange regalia. The State Grange will be putting this property on the market to be sold. This is always a sad time when a Grange has to turn in their charter. It is the one thing a State President hates to do.

In ending this month’s report, let’s get out and enjoy the country fairs and stay healthy.

Come to the Family Festival



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I would like to thank all of you that came out on July 17th to start the cleanup and pricing of the crafts at the New England Grange building. It was so nice to see everyone. We have a lot accomplished but will be needing a second day to start the

setup. Normally this is done when the Store items come in (jams, jellies, etc.). I believe it’s the last week in August but will definitely let you know because at of the time I am writing this article, it has not been set yet. I will get a note in the next Bits and Bites newsletter but when in doubt, you can always contact me via email or phone.

If you would like to work in the Grange building during the Fair, they could sure use your help. Tickets will be provided as well as a pass for parking. You can take a bus in right up to the entrance. It’s very easy from there to get to the building. We can use your assistance for a variety of tasks from keeping the tables straightened out to helping at the register by bagging or if you have experience with a cash register. If you prefer, we also need people to collect donations for the Quilt that is on display. The money will

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NEXT ISSUE . . . Articles Due August 15

Kathy & Glenn Gibson National Reps.

The Connecticut State Grange is pleased to welcome Kathy Gibson, Lady Assistant Steward of the National Grange and Glenn Gibson, President of the Massachusetts State Grange as National Representatives to the 138th Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange.

Kathy Gibson joined the Grange shortly after marrying her husband, Glenn, a third generation Grange member, in 1988. They became



Kathy Gibson

very involved with the state's "Youth Grange" or "MSGYLA" which means "MA State Grange Youth Leadership Association". They represented the State of Massachusetts at National Grange as Young Couple in 1992. They competed together in the State and Regional Sign-a-Song contests several times and twice at National Grange Session. Kathy held the position of State Deaf Activities Director for 10 years while, during most of that time, she was Junior Leader for Apple Valley Junior Grange #138 where she got to watch her children, Amanda and Glenn Jr., grow up in the Grange.

After "retiring" as Deaf Activities Dir. and Junior Leader, she was asked to serve as State Junior Director which she did so for another 10 years. She has held several offices at the Subordinate and Pomona levels and Lady Assistant Steward for the MA State Grange. She is currently Lecturer of Central Community Grange #22, Pomona for Worcester Central Pomona #7 and First Lady (and biggest supporter) to her husband who is the MA State Grange President.

Kathy is the bookkeeper and "office manager" for her husband's businesses, "Gibson Rentals" which rents apartments and commercial space, and "Gibson's Trucking" which offers landscaping as well as snow plowing/sanding services. She is also a tax preparer.

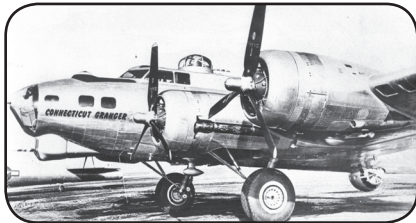
Kathy is active in her church as a Lector and is a member of the "Ladies Guild".

She has always had an interest in the Martial Arts and has competed on the local competition circuit, winning state and national titles in 2009.

In 2021, after being diagnosed with triple negative breast cancer, she has become an advocate for breast cancer awareness.

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- 1) **Call the Holiday Inn Norwich (not the Corporate Reservation line) at 860-889-5201.**
- 2) **GROUP NAME: Connecticut State Grange**
GROUP CODE: CSB
- 3) The rate they quote should be \$109 plus 15% tax.
- 4) Make your reservation before September 26, 2022. If there are rooms left after that date they will be at the standard "rack" rate, not our special group rate.
- 5) Call the State Secretary if you are charged a different rate or if you have any difficulties.

138TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE

Thursday, October 20, 2022

Ballroom, Holiday Inn, 10 Laura Blvd., Norwich, CT

- 7:00 P.M. Opening in form in the Fourth Degree
Introduction of National Representative
Kathy Gibson, L.A.S. of the National Grange;
Glenn Gibson, Pres. of the MA State Grange
Roll Call of Officers, Deputies, Committees
Lower Grange to Fourth Degree
Presentation of Fourth Degree Delegates
Roll Call of Granges
Report of Credential Committee
Session Committee Announcements
Introd. of Business to be referred without debate
- 8:00 Special Presentation by Jacqueline C. Ross,
Author, Speaker and Career Coach:
"Effective Tips for Those Who Hate Networking"
- 8:30 Address of State Master George Russell
Report of Overseer Noel Miller
Report of Secretary Todd A. Gelineau
Report of Treasurer Jody A. Cameron
Report of Executive Comm./Board of Directors
Report of Lecturer, Dave Roberts
- 9:00 Closing
- 9:15 Time or Committee Work (if needed)

Friday, October 21, 2022

- 9:00 A.M. Opening & Introductions
Roll Call of Officers
Minutes of Previous Day's Session
Introd. of Business to be referred without debate
- 9:15 Special Order of Business: Election of Officers
- 9:30 Report of Legislative Committee
Report of Agriculture Committee
Report of General Deputy
Reports of Pomona Deputies
- 10:45 BREAK
- 11:30 Report of Connecticut Granger
Report of Camp Berger
Report of Conn. State Grange Foundation
Business Session (Resolutions)
- 12:00 P.M. Luncheon (Nutmeg Ballroom)
Hosts: TBD
- Blessing by Chaplain
- Family Activities Awards & Report
- Membership Awards
- Public Relations Awards
- Agriculture Contest Awards
- 2:00 Recognition of Past Voting Delegates
- 2:15 Address of National Representative
- 2:45 Business Session
- 3:15 BREAK
- 3:30 Report of New England Grange Building
- 4:30 Closing
- 7:00 Celebration Banquet (Ballroom)
Professional Agriculture Awards
Scholarships
Lecturer's Program

Saturday, October 22, 2022

- 9:00 A.M. Opening & Introductions
Roll Call of Officers
Minutes of Previous Day's Sessions
Introd. of Business to be referred without debate.

Coach Jackie to speak Thursday Night



Networking is essential to growing your Grange and connecting with potential new members. Do you dread the notion of going to a networking event? Would you rather binge on a marathon of a TV series rather than go out networking? Bolster your attitude and perspective about networking by adjusting your "networking mindset."

Jacqueline "Coach Jackie" Ross is the author of *Manage Up! The Ultimate Guide to Managing Your Manager*. Coach Jackie is a certified career coach and professional speaker. Coach Jackie started her professional career 25+ years ago in the mental health field. She transitioned into human resources and now has her own private coaching practice. Coach Jackie provides coaching to professionals in career transition and helps organizational teams enhance their leadership capabilities. She is a dynamic and engaging presenter, who will draw her audience in, and leave them with practical tools and tips to strengthen their confidence and add to their career tool belt.

(Thursday, 8 P.M.)

- 9:15 Memorial Service
- 9:45 Business Session
- 10:45 BREAK
- 11:00 Budget Approval
- 12:00 P.M. Youth & Junior Recognition Luncheon
Hosts: TBD
- Blessing by Chaplain
- Junior Recognition
- Youth Recognition
- 1:30 Business Session
Consideration of Annual Budget
- 3:00 Sixth Degree Conferral, Ballroom
(Open to all Sixth Degree members, registration not required to attend)
Opening in form in the Sixth Degree
Escorting of National Representatives
Recognition of Honored Guests and
Past Voting Delegates to National Grange
Conferral of the 6th Degree in full form
Rose Drill
Recognition of Golden Sheaf Members
Community Service Report
Honor Grange Awards
Closing in form in the Fourth Degree
March to the Table- Officers & Court
- 4:30* Installation of Officers
(*May begin earlier depending on Degree timing)

Degree Candidates must be at the Holiday Inn by 2:30 with the Fourth and Fifth Degree Words and the Sixth Degree ticket stub to be admitted. Applications are \$10 and can be purchased from the State Secretary.

THIS SCHEDULE IS TENTATIVE



138th Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange

HOTEL RESERVATIONS DUE: SEPT. 26

SESSION REGISTRATIONS DUE: SEPT. 30

We encourage all members, delegate or not, to participate in State Session as we celebrate our accomplishments over the previous year and look towards another year of great Grange work. ALL MEMBERS are required to register to attend most sessions/activities (excluding Sixth Degree, Lecturer's Program on Friday evening and the Installation on Saturday afternoon). All other events require payment of a registration fee and/or purchase of a ticket. Delegates must purchase a ticket and attend the banquet to receive the punch on their Delegate Reimbursement Cards. Lunches are included in the registration fee and the Banquet is a separate ticketed event. Please contact the State Secretary with any question.

Registration Form

Grange Name _____ No. _____

DELEGATES:

Name _____ Junior _____ Adult _____ Banquet Choice # _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Name _____ Junior _____ Adult _____ Banquet Choice # _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

NON-DELEGATES:

Name _____ Junior _____ Adult _____ Banquet Choice # _____

Name _____ Junior _____ Adult _____ Banquet Choice # _____

FULL SESSION (Full Session Registration includes lunch on Friday & Saturday)

Adult Registration: \$30.00 # of Members _____ x \$30.00 _____

Junior Registration: \$20.00 # of Junior Members _____ x \$20.00 _____

CELEBRATION BANQUET (FRIDAY Evening at 7:00 P.M.) # of People _____ x 30.00 = _____

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

- ① Parmesan Dijon Crusted Chicken Breast
- ② Shrimp Scampi
- ③ Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus with Horseradish Aioli
- ④ Vegetable Lasagna

All entrees include a Tossed Salad, Warm Rolls & Butter, Vegetables, Cheesecake, Coffee, Tea, Soda, Water.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20 & FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21 (ONE DAY Registration includes lunch on Friday)

Adult Registration: \$15.00 # of Members _____ x \$15.00 _____

Junior Registration: \$10.00 # of Junior Members _____ x \$10.00 _____

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 (ONE DAY Registration includes lunch on Saturday)

Adult Registration: \$15.00 # of Members _____ x \$15.00 _____

Junior Registration: \$10.00 # of Junior Members _____ x \$10.00 _____

TOTAL: _____

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 26, 2022

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

Resolutions for the 138th Annual Session

The following are the resolutions received in time for the printing of this issue. The Committee assignments and any additional resolutions received after this issue will be printed in the September issue.

1) RE: OPTIONS FOR CONFERRAL OF 7TH DEGREE

WHEREAS the Seventh Degree signifies the completion of the journey down the pathway of life to receive the degree of Ceres, and

WHEREAS Sixth Degree members are eligible and may wish to be instructed in the Seventh Degree in order to be confirmed, and

WHEREAS The National Grange encourages membership participation and advancement and currently offers methods to attend, witness and receive the Seventh Degree, and

WHEREAS The National Grange makes efforts to be inclusive and promote diversity, and

WHEREAS Some Sixth Degree members cannot attend the National Grange Session to attend the live, in-person Seventh Degree ceremony due to special needs, challenges with traveling, financial constraints, or conflicts with scheduling due to responsibilities for work or family, and

WHEREAS The National Grange has a history of being proactive in meeting member needs and have provided alternative avenues for Degrees One through Four through the development of the Obligation and Welcoming Ceremonies, and

WHEREAS The National Grange has also modified procedures and formats, including the development of the Action Grange, the Alternative Manual and approved many considerations due to COVID restrictions and need for social distancing which led to increased use of technology through digital/electronic means of virtual communication, and

WHEREAS possibilities to further use of technology to create additional means of participating need to be explored in order to promote acquisition of the Seventh Degree with consideration to accessibility and any needed reasonable accommodations, and

WHEREAS some Sixth Degree members would not have access or ability for digital or virtual participation, leading to a need for procedures to enable their inclusion.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Grange establish means to develop, design and implement alternative options for the procedures in which Sixth Degree members would be eligible to obtain the Seventh Degree, including but not limited to electronic means.

SOURCE: Greenfield Hill Grange No. 133

2) RE: GRANGE ROOF REPAIRS

WHEREAS there are a lot of Grange Hall roofs in need of replacement, and

WHEREAS the State Grange keeps all but \$1,000 from the sale of the hall and the remainder is held in trust, and

WHEREAS the State Grange would get more money for

the sale of the hall if the roof was in good shape, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the State Grange pay 50% of the cost for the roof replacement and the Subordinate Grange pay the remaining 50%, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Executive Committee/ Board of Directors set up financing to fund the roof replacement by April 1, 2023 and a complete report on what actions that have been taken to solve the roof replacement on the Subordinate Granges presented at the 2023 State Session.

SOURCE: Hemlock Grange No. 182

3) RE: OBLIGATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE 6TH & 7TH DEGREES

WHEREAS the 6th and 7th Degrees are more a theatrical performance, and

WHEREAS the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th degrees give you important life lessons to be learned, and

WHEREAS putting on the 7th Degree for less than a hundred people is a waste of money.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 6th and 7th Degrees be set up for obligation only, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to National Grange for their approval.

SOURCE: Hemlock Grange No. 182

4) RE: SUGGESTING PEOPLE FOR ALL OFFICES

WHEREAS all Delegates should be able to suggest people for every office, and

WHEREAS this would allow anyone to be able to decline the office if they so choose, and

WHEREAS it would get the voting process done quicker, and

WHEREAS this would try to eliminate any politicking for offices.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange allow suggestions for every office including Subordinate and Pomona Granges.

SOURCE: Hemlock Grange No. 182

5) RE: ELEVATED SURFACES

WHEREAS the Graces are usually upon in age and are wearing long gowns, and

WHEREAS the potential for falling is greater coming off an elevated surface, and

WHEREAS the Grange would not want anyone to get injured.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange end the use of any elevated surfaces for all degrees done in the State of Connecticut.

SOURCE: Hemlock Grange No. 182

6) RE: GRACE PERIOD FOR QUARTERLY REPORTS TO STATE GRANGE

WHEREAS several years ago the delegates approved a \$25.00 fee to be assessed on all quarterly

reports received after the 30th day following the close of each quarter, and

WHEREAS this fee was intended to encourage Granges to file their reports on time, and

WHEREAS the 30 day grace period has become an extension of the deadline with a majority of the quarterly reports filed within that 30 day period and still a large number of Granges unfiled well after the expiration of the grace period.

WHEREAS the National Grange is enforcing its fines on State Granges that are late with their Quarterly Report filings, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the grace period

2022 Session Committee Assignments

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION & ENVIRONMENT

Chairperson: Noel Miller

Vice Chair: Roy Harrington

Coventry #75	Greenfield Hill #133
Granby #5	Senexet #40
Lyme #147	Whigville #48
Cawasa #34	Hemlock #182
Eastern CT Pomona #14	

GOOD OF ORDER/MEMBERSHIP/MASTER'S ADD.

Chairperson: Rob Buck

Vice Chair: Jaimie Cameron

Oxford #194	Beacon Valley #103
Ekonk Community #89	Pachaug #96
Groton Community #213	Killingly #112
Stafford #1	Redding #15
Ekonk Jr. #101	MT. Laurel Pomona #15

LEGISLATIVE/INSURANCE

Chairperson: Alma Graham

Vice Chair: Ruel Miller

Simsbury #197	Cheshire #23
Vernon #52	North Stonington #138
Harmony #92	Bridgewater #153
Wolcott #173	Higganum #124
Norfield #146	Preston City #110

CREDENTIALS/CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

Chairperson: Donald Lanoue

Vice Chair: Eloise Osuch

Glastonbury #26	Bethlehem #121
Cannon #152	Riverton #169
Stonington #168	Winchester #74
Hillstown #87	Hillstown Jr. #87
Nutmeg Pomona #16	

for the filing of quarterly reports be shortened from 30 to 14 days following the close of each quarter, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Pomona and Community Grange quarterly reports must be received on or before the 14th day of the grace period to avoid a \$50 late fee, regardless of the date they were mailed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the State President may enforce National Digest section 4.5.1 (c) regarding suspension of Grange charters when in arrears for dues, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED these changes go into effect beginning with the fourth quarter of 2022.

SOURCE: Connecticut State Grange Board of Directors

Grange Family Festival

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go to an organization that Vermont has picked out for this year's event. One last note, we would also like to open up the upstairs a couple of days if we can find a few people to man it. This year we would like to open it on Connecticut Day as well as Sunday, Grange Day. Please let Noel Miller know if you are willing to come on those 2 days.

And last but not least, we are excited to have Hillstown Grange hosting our CT Grange Family Festival. All winners will be posted in the October Newsletter. Don't forget that the Lecturer's Contests will also be held on Sunday, August 14th. Hope to see you all there to enjoy the Fabulous Hillstown Breakfast, The CFA's Auction and much more!

Family Activities Department:
NE Region Needlework Contest
Family Activities/CWA Contests
Baking • Crafts • Table Decoration
and more!

Lecturer's Department:
Photo Contests
Talent Run-Offs
"A Number" Skit Run-Offs

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

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

Sunday:
Pancake Breakfast
by Hillstown Grange
8:30 AM - 11:00 AM
Special Pancake: Pumpkin
Tea Cup Auction
Lecturer's Program to Follow

For More Information:
Dawn Percoski
Family Activities Chair
cwa@ctstategrange.org

Dave Roberts
State Grange Lecturer
lecturer@ctstategrange.org



Connecticut State Grange

Family Festival

Friday, August 12
Saturday, August 13
Sunday, August 14

Hillstown Grange Hall
617 Hills Street
East Hartford, CT

Resolutions needed for Session



Alma Graham
Legislative Director

Coventry Grange #75

Legislative@ctstategrange.org

As summer is winding down, we must start thinking of the upcoming State Grange Session. Have you started working on topics that you would like to submit as a resolution to the State Grange? Are you noticing problems with your area infrastructure? Maybe something with the funding of projects in your area. Do you have an idea that might draw attention to a safety issue you have noticed? Is there something in the Grange procedures that you feel need to be addressed. Now is the time to address these topics and submit a resolution to bring attention to the issue.

We ask that all resolutions be submitted by September 15th to the State Secretary to allow time for them to be incorporated into the session's booklet. Resolutions that are submitted by that date allow us to print them in the Granger for all to review prior to the session. This offers an opportunity for your Grange members to review and express their support or rejection of the topics to your delegates before the State Session.

If you have a resolution that you wish to submit after that date, submit it to the State Secretary anyway. It may not be printed in the session's booklet, but it still can be brought up before the delegates. This is not ideal, and I encourage you to submit them by September 15th. Please note that if the resolution addresses a change to the by-laws it MUST be submitted to the State Grange by the September 15th deadline.

We encourage that all resolutions be passed from the local Granges to the Pomona Granges for their action before submitting them

to the State Grange. All resolutions must be presented by a Grange, either Community or Pomona. They cannot be submitted by an indi-

vidual without being adopted by a Grange.

I look forward to seeing the resolution topics and some lively discussions of the resolutions at the State Session.



Eye on Communications

GLEANINGS FROM YOUR STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

Did You Know?

Did You Know ... The best way to get your Grange's message out may be to tell it like a story? On the surface, Public Relations is similar to a non-fiction book, or even your favorite documentary movies - truth told in a story-like context. Tell your Grange story with the same structure and elements of all the greatest stories, and the message will be heard!

Did You Know ... the best way to overcome writers block is to keep your press release short and to the point? Start with the facts, and follow the natural progression of the story - from most important at the start to least important at the close.

Did You Know ... there is a difference between Public Relations and Advertising? There is a popular saying that sums it up - "Advertising is what you pay for, publicity is what you pray for." An article published in Forbes Magazine has the perfect definition - "Advertising is paid media, public relations is earned media. This means you convince reporters or editors to write a positive story about you or your client, your candidate, brand or issue. It appears in the editorial section of the magazine, newspaper,

TV station or website, rather than the "paid media" section where advertising messages appear. So your story has more credibility because it was independently verified by a trusted third party, rather than purchased." (July 8, 2014 edition, "The Real Difference Between PR And Advertising" by Robert Wynne)

Did You Know ... that Public Relations has a "Gatekeeper" just like the Grange does? In the field of Public Relations, the Gatekeeper is the individual who controls the flow of information to the public, from the media's perspective. Basically - the person who chooses what articles are published or broadcast, using a set of criteria to do so.

Did You Know ... 70 percent of news in the media is generated by public relations? Granges need to take advantage of this statistic to promote their events and activities, share news, celebrate an anniversary or other notable event, build recognition, and even generate excitement about the organization.

Drop us a line. We're here to help! E-mail: publicrelations@ctstategrange.org or information@ctstategrange.org.

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SENEXET GRANGE #40

Corr: Diane Miller

Aug. 3: Awards Night

Aug. 6: Grange Fair

Aug. 24: Grange Picnic

We continue to hold regular meetings on the 4th Wed. at 6PM and work sessions on the 2nd Saturday at 1PM. We also hold open houses on Thursdays at 1-3 PM. We are working on making decorated key chains for sale at the Big E. We held our election of officers and Amy Mohahan was reelected Master. Marvin Wilbur will now serve as Chaplain and Lillian Hopkins will be Treasurer. We are having an Awards night program on August 3 for the recipients of the scholarships. We will be having our Grange Fair on Saturday August 6 along with the town locally Grown event. We will be having our King Arthur Flour contest on that day. On August 24 we will have the Welcoming Ceremony for a new member. We formed a 2 member committee to create an award for long-time members. Several groups have been meeting in our hall and some will continue during the summer months. We are grateful to have the community using our hall. There are many programs in the community for kids and we are happy to publicize them. Unfortunately, the very popular Celebrating Ag event will not be held this year. It was a popular event, and our Grange had a booth to promote ourselves. Hope to see visitors and members at our events and meetings.

Vernon Grange Craft Night



Members of Vernon Grange recently held a craft night to make items for the Grange Store at the New England Grange Building during the Big E.

VERNON GRANGE #52

Corr: Irene Percoski

Aug. 5: Summer Surprise, Picnic at Nancy's

Sept. 2 or 9: In the State Of...

A summer picnic is always a treat. Bring your favorite potluck food and join the fun at Nancy Strong's farm. Cherie had everyone guessing on a quiz of words that had the letters flag in them. Some I never heard before and some that have been out of use for several years.

Our Pledge of Allegiance was adopted in 1892 and is repeated at schools across the country every day. The words "Under God" were not added until much later and are still under controversy in many areas. Several more interesting flag facts were presented and we learned that there was no word for Patriot in ASL. In September we will go out of state for a variety program sure to snick your interest. Zoom is always available even when meetings are held in-person so there is no excuse not to attend. Contact Nancy to be put on our list of invitees. Get your writing skills ready for our annual Letters from Home project which will be due soon. Cherie has a large stack of postcards to hand out to anyone who wants them. If you have anything for our 4 Town Fair displays contact Nancy. We need some herbs and flowers and

handmade items beside the many vegetables and baked goods.

N. STON.COMM. GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

Aug. 12: Outdoor Sports

Aug. 26: Dance

At our June 10 meeting we elected the same slate of officers so Robert Miner will lead our Grange for another year. Jeff Barnes and Nancy Weissmuller presented our entry in the A-Number contest during the Lecturer's Hour.

Our picnic was held on June 24 with 13 in attendance. Mike and Carl manned the grill and all enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs and cheeseburgers cooked to perfection. A nice variety of salads, side dishes and desserts completed the meal. Sue had a scavenger hunt and word game for us and Mike brought a corn hole game. Everyone missed Fred's beans, but he promises to try to be there next year.

The program for the first meeting in August will be in the charge of the men while the ladies will bring the refreshments. At the second meeting the tables will be turned with the ladies handling the program and the men bringing the eats. And if all the little trees that shot up on our lawn during No Mow May keep growing so we never have to mow again, next time I'll tell you all about jolly July!



MOUNTAIN LAUREL POMONA #15

Corr: Todd Gelineau

Mountain Laurel Pomona will meet on August 27 at Taghannuck Grange Hall beginning at 4:00 P.M. The program for the afternoon is “Get Ready for Changes.”

We are planning to print a new Pomona Handbook for this year and need all Granges in the Pomona to get their information in to Todd Gelineau as soon as possible. Forms and instructions were sent out in June and the deadline was August 1 but there are still quite a few Granges who have yet to respond. Please don't be the one Grange that holds this up for everyone. We haven't printed a book since 2020 and that one would have been a whole lot better if COVID hadn't reared its ugly head shortly after the handbooks were distributed.

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd Gelineau

Aug. 9: Fair Set-Up

Aug. 13: Winchester Grange Fair & Community Tag Sale

Aug. 23: Awards Night - Open House, Picnic beginning at 6:00 P.M.

Our next meeting will be held on August 9 and immediately following a brief meeting, we will set up for our annual Grange Fair and Community Tag Sale. If you are interested in entering the various contests of the Fair, please contact Secretary Sue Addison for a premium flyer.

Like last year, we will again hold a Community Tag Sale and all spaces will be offered to members

and Winchester residents free of charge. It was VERY successful last year and we know those who participated enjoyed the event and the opportunity to get rid of their excess “stuff”! Join us on August 13 beginning at 9:00 A.M. and running until around 2:00 P.M. on the Green and in the Grange hall in Winchester Center.

RIVERTON GRANGE #169

Corr: Dave Roberts

Aug. 5: Meeting & Program: “Favorite Vacation Memories!” Ref.: Cindy & Mark Prelli

Aug. 7: Honoring Our Veteran of the Month (Barkhamsted Senior Center flagpole; 6:00 PM)

Aug. 9: Barkhamsted Senior Center – Dessert sponsored by Riverton Grange to promote Riverton Grange Fair 2022

Aug. 20: Riverton Grange Fair – 10 AM – 2 PM; Community Citizen Award Presentation – 12 noon

Our July 15th meeting was very productive and fun to boot. Prior to the meeting, Dawn and Rode Anstett provided fresh corn from a local farm for our social time from 6:45 – 7:30 PM. Gatekeeper Denny Jasmine was elected to a 3-year term on the Executive Committee starting in September for the position currently held by Phil Prelli. President Dave Roberts reported on his recent trip to Washington, D.C., to attend the Eastern Region Leadership Conference. Lorraine Paul, also known as Raine Sings, was selected as our Riverton Grange 2022 Talent Competition winner. We selected our Community Citizen of the Year Awardee and will present this recognition to the recipient at 12 noon at the Riverton Grange Hall on Saturday, August 20th, during the Riverton Grange Fair. As always, our fair is open to all, our hall is handicapped accessible, and there is no cost to attend. Speaking of our upcoming Riverton Grange Fair 2022, the programs are printed and ready for distribution, we will have a new educational program on

composting thanks to a grant from CT State Grange, we will hold a teacup auction, have refreshments, provide agricultural/baked/canned goods/photography items submitted by the public to view, and a chance to see each other in a casual setting. Following the July 15th normal meeting, Acting Family Activities Chair Judy Doyle held a fun competition titled: “How to make an award-winning dessert”! Attendees were divided into three teams and each team had five minutes to individually plan their own dessert, five minutes to make their own dessert from all the ingredients provided, and five minutes to sample each team member’s dessert and select one winner from each of the three teams to be judged by Chris Wright. Team #2, composed of Junior Natalee Roberts, Laura Marek, Sue Belle-Isle and Dave Roberts, were the Grand Prize winners of the evening. Yes, you will never hear the end of our outstanding win!!!! But a fun time was had by all and Judy Doyle received **HARDY CONGRATULATIONS** for an outstanding activity for our members to participate in and have fun at the same time.

Riverton Grange #169 hosted their 14th monthly Veterans Salute on July 3rd when the American flag was retired in honor of the June Veteran of the Month, U.S. Navy Cold War Veteran Danamarie Towers, and a new American flag was raised in honor of Vietnam War Veteran and Riverton American Legion Post #159 Chaplain David McGee. The retired flag was presented to Veteran Towers on behalf of the President of the United States and a grateful nation for her service. Dave Roberts presented a shadow box, carrying bag, and framed certificate signed by National Grange President Betsy Huber. This program has entered its second year and has secured the same sponsor as the first year and Royal Coachman Tavern expanded their financial commitment for Year #2 of this Grange initiative.

Having Fun in Your Grange



Dave Roberts
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Last month, I was able to attend the National Grange Eastern Regional Leadership Conference at our National Headquarters in Washington, D.C. The theme for this conference was “A Monumental Experience in the Nation’s Capital”. I decided to drive down to our Nation’s Capital and had a great time. Our hotel was located at Tyson’s Corner, an area which I didn’t even recognize since I had lived in the area in the late 1980s and 1990s. A whole new metro subway extension has been built out to the Tyson’s Corner area which took us easily and cheaply into the Capital City. Being my first regional conference, I didn’t know what to expect, but I must say I had a very productive time. It was great to chat with National Officers, National staff members, and Grangers up and down the eastern seaboard. We had very informative classes and I am inviting some of the presenters to virtually present to all of our Connecticut Lecturers on ideas that might work for your Community Granges. We played games together, I was asked to judge a speech contest, we worked on a community service project for foster children for the upcoming National Convention in Nevada, and I even was able to serve as a “hand model” to hold open some very historic Grange books to be photographed showcasing the history of individual Granges in each state. The number of young people attending was exhilarating and gave me hope for the future.

Our next Connecticut State Grange Lecturers Roundup #3 is scheduled to be held on Sunday,

August 21st, at 7:00 PM using Zoom virtual technology. Pennsylvania State Grange Lecturer Jenn Naus will be our keynote speaker. I met Jenn at the Eastern Regional Conference recently in Washington, D.C., where she gave an excellent presentation for lecturers. I asked Jenn if she would present her presentation virtually to all of us in Connecticut as I think you will find it useful, and she agreed!

And now for the fun. Our program for July at my community Grange was titled “How to make an award-winning dessert”! It was organized by a newer Grange member, Judy Doyle, who has agreed to serve as our Riverton Grange Acting Family Activities Chair. Judy prepared the rules, the ingredients, and set up a very fun program. She randomly divided attendees into three teams. Each team had 5 minutes to understand the rules, review provided cookbooks, select at least 3 ingredients, and then return to their team table. For the second 5 minutes, each team member had to prepare their own dessert. Desserts were going to be judged on appearance (25%), taste (25%), texture (25%), and originality (25%). So my team (#2) consisted of my daughter (Junior Grange Member) Natalee Roberts, Immediate Past President Sue Belle Isle, Pomona Laura Marek, and me. Once each team member created their own dessert, we had to judge each other’s dessert and select one dessert to represent the team. Well my team selected my dessert; one reason was because one member didn’t want to create a dessert, another reason was that I ate Laura Marek’s whole dessert, and my daughter was just having too much fun. So my team sent my dessert as the Team #2 entry. Our judge, Chris Wright, a non-Grange member had to then judge the 3

desserts not knowing which team created which dessert. When the results were announced, Team #2 was declared the “Riverton Grange 2022 Award Winning Dessert Champion”! We even beat out State President George Russell!

This activity proved to be so popular, we may reprise it at a future event. Many of our attendees loved the group competition, working with food, and just having fun. Now isn’t that what being a Grange member is all about?

As you read this column, many of our Connecticut State Grange Lecturer contests for 2022 should have occurred on Sunday, August 14, at Hillstown Grange. I will be sharing the winners in my next column, but I hope many Granges will participate.

The final two contests will be: “Complete Program” for your Grange with the 2022 subject being “The Grange of the Future”. Deadline for entries to me is October 1st.

State Grange Essay Contest will be held with the 2022 essay title being “My Grange Family”. Deadline for entries to me is October 1st.

The purpose of all these contests is first and foremost to HAVE FUN and secondly to encourage your Grange members to get involve in a friendly spirited manner. If you have any questions, or would like me to visit your Grange, please drop me a note at dave@daveroberts.org or call me at 858-775-9241.



RivertonGrangeDessertContest



NUTMEG POMONA #16

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

Our members are enjoying the summer months and trying to keep cool. We hope our members are working on their contest entries so that Nutmeg Pomona will be well represented at the State Session.

Our next meeting will be Sunday October 2nd at 2 o'clock at Beacon Valley Grange. The main agenda is "Election of Officers" More on this in the next Granger.

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr: A. Ruel Miller

Aug. 3: A Bug's Life

Aug. 27-28: Cheshire Grange Community Fair

We are in full swing getting ready for our fair. As I write this we are going back to our two day fair with the Sunday roast beef dinner. We hope to make the dinner in person in our dining room. Should Covid concerns escalate, we would go to take out for the dinner. Our fair premium books are now being distributed to get the word out. I will report on our July 20th annual picnic in my next article. At that time we will plan our programs and refreshment committees for the new Grange year.

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

The saying "the way to a man's heart is through his stomach" is really not just for men it applies for us women too. At our officer's planning meeting, we had a pizza

dinner before it. The best pizza I had in a long time.

During the meeting, when we were asking for volunteers to volunteer to put on programs and to provide refreshments we didn't have to ask twice.

Our program theme for the next year is "The Flower of the Month". Some of these will be easy but it is nice to have a challenge sometimes.

We discussed fund raising which is not easy to do. We need money to replace our roof which is past dues for repair. We will continue our tag sales and open mic which are held on the third Saturday of each month. We could use some volunteers to help with the tag sales and participants and audience for the open mic. Attendance at both has increased.

Our piano which has been a fixture for years was damaged and in looking for someone to remove it we got a quote of \$550.00. We thank Secretary Marilyn Ventura who volunteered her husband to remove it free. We also thank Ron Fischer who has been doing a lot of yard work. Our drive way now looks respectfully. It was a great meeting.

Our August meeting will be on the 12th and will be our picnic with a pot luck plus supper at 6 o'clock. Our September meeting is September 9th And the program is "Teddy Bears".

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

Corr: Jim & Lori Golias

Important SAVE the DATES!

Aug. 27: Greenfield Hill Grange Agricultural Fair

Sept. 10: LOBSTER BAKE

Sept. 24: Pumpkins, Mums, Bulbs and Bake Sale. All Local products (the bulbs are from Holland, though)

On May 12, 2022, Nancy Olson and Bill went to the VA Hospital in West Haven and dropped off books, puzzles, magazines, socks, toiletries, shavers and snacks.

They were of course most grateful to us for the contributions. The puzzles couldn't have come at a better time.

We are thankful for our VETS

and continue to collect snacks and necessities for these men and women at the West Haven VA Hospital.

A look back: We are grateful to see Covid numbers diminishing, and are even more grateful to be able to gather with our friends at the Grange again.

On May 7th, we held a Flea Market and Tag Sale. On May 14th, we had our Pollinator Pathway Luncheon (originally scheduled for 2020) It was a huge success. We will have to do another! On May 21st, we had a grounds clean-up. The Boy Scouts and their parents helped clean up the back of the property. Grange member Steve Golias, Nancy Olson Marjorie Tallman and Jim Golias and members of Troop 90 all helped spruce up the grounds. Thank you and God bless. In June we hosted a Chicken Marsala Dinner! Kudos to the chefs and volunteers.

As summer rolls on, we hope your harvest is plentiful and that you remain healthy and safe. HOPE TO SEE YOU AT OUR AGRICULTURAL FAIR ON AUGUST 27!

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LYME GRANGE #147

Corr: Lois Evankow

Sept. 1: Meeting

Oct. 6: Meeting

Nov. 3: Meeting

It's "full speed ahead" for our Lyme Grange Fair Association to get ready for our August Fair. Due to COVID-19, we did not hold it for the past two years. Nancy Beebe has been working hard on painting our hall. She has put in many, many long hours. The tremendous job is coming along slowly. Thank you Nancy. Some things have changed. You'll have to come and see what they are. Then again, many have stayed the same but with a new twist. We donated 50 baby hats to a hospital.

Hope the man upstairs sends us some nice weather. Everyone is

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looking forward to having our fair back again.

Corr: Maureen Sanborn

Aug. 12: Omitted

Aug. 26: Beaches and Salt Water

Sept. 9: Installation

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

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182



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Saturday August 20, 2022
10AM-2PM



Entry Drop-off
Friday 8/19 - 6PM until 8PM
Saturday 8/20 - 8AM until 10AM

2022 Community Service Award Presentation
12PM


Groton celebrates 4th



Groton Grange was in their local Fourth of July parade.

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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.





- 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1 tablespoon grated orange zest
- 2 teaspoons honey
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

INSTRUCTIONS:

Prepare couscous according to package directions. Fluff with a fork; cool. In a bowl, combine couscous and the next 9 ingredients. In a small bowl, whisk together vinaigrette ingredients until blended. Pour over salad; toss to coat. Garnish with additional chopped basil and reserved fennel fronds. Chill then serve.

SOURCE: <https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/cran-orange-couscous-salad/>

Cran-Orange Couscous Salad

Quick and easy recipes that don't heat up the kitchen are key during the summer months. Creative salads certainly fit the bill, and add a new twist to any potluck or picnic. Taste of Home has a Cran-Orange Couscous Salad filled with healthy grains and bright flavors.

YIELD: 12 servings

INGREDIENTS:

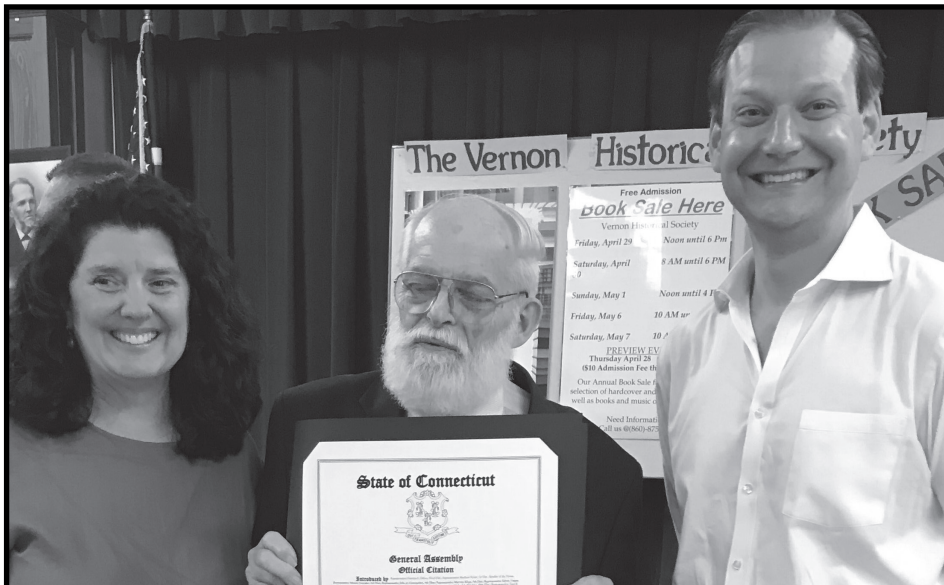
- 3 cups uncooked pearl (Israeli) couscous
- 2 cans (14 ounces each) garbanzo beans or chickpeas, rinsed and

- drained
- 2 large navel oranges, peeled and chopped
- 2 cups fresh baby spinach
- 1 cup crumbled goat cheese
- 1 small red onion, chopped
- 3/4 cup dried cranberries
- 1/2 cup fennel bulb, thinly sliced, fronds reserved
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans, toasted
- 8 fresh basil leaves, chopped, plus more for garnish

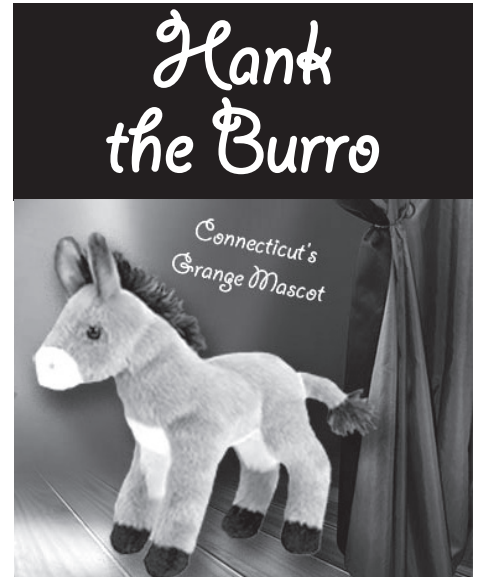
Vinaigrette:

- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup orange juice

Gordon Gibson Honored



On May 15th, CT Farmland Trust honored Gordon Gibson a 65 year member of Vernon Grange, former State Executive Comm. member, among other life long positions in the Grange. Gordon receives a proclamation from the General Assembly from (left) Elizabeth Moore, Exec. Dir. of CT Farmland Trust and Bryan Hurlbut, CT Commissioner of Agriculture. Many speeches were made honoring Gordon including CT Farmland Trust, Working Lands Alliance, Vernon Grange, and the Assoc. of Connecticut Fairs.



By Hank the Burro

Hello Grange Friends!

As we navigate through the hot and humid summer, don't forget that the Connecticut State Grange Family Fun Day and Contest Judging and The Big E are both happening soon. Show your Grange Spirit and support all of our contests. We are also looking for volunteers to lend a hand at the Big E. Email George at president@ctstategrange.org if you can help.

Let's keep in touch! Visit my Facebook page, and then click the "Like" button to follow my adventures across the state. <http://www.Facebook.com/CTGrangeHanktheBurro>

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WHEN

Saturday August 6th

WHERE

Woodstock CT

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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Hearty Breakfast at Senexet Grange *8-10 am*

Grange Fair Exhibit open for viewing *8 am to 2 pm*

Guided Walk at Palmer Arboretum at *10 am*

Farm Tours at Fairholm Farm at *10 am and 11 am*

Artisan & Vendor area at Chase Building Supply *10am-2pm*

Open Barn- Meet the Miniature & Morgan Horses at Cherry Ledge Farm *10am-2pm*
Working Steer Demonstration at Westview Farm *11am-1pm*

Pictures with a Baby Calf at Valleyside Farm and free Frozen Skyr Samples from *11am-1pm*

Grab Lunch at Butt's Roast Beef Sandwiches at Chase Building Supply- open *11 until sold out*

Free Smoothies & Basket Raffle at Woodstock Orhards *Noon to 2 pm*

Taylor Spring Farm Food Truck at Taylor Brooke *Noon-7pm*

Touch the Tractors at Buck's Soft Serve - full field of tractors on display *1 pm to 8 pm*

Chocolate Milk Chugging Contest at Farm to Table at *1 pm*

Live Music- Red Hot Rascals at Taylor Brooke *2-5 pm*



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Vendors

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Saturday

August 27, 2022

10am - 3pm

Grange Hall

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Fairfield, CT

But I'm Only Human



Charles W. Dimmick
State Chaplain

Cheshire Grange No. 23
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*“Almighty and most merciful
Father,
we have erred and strayed from
thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the
devices and desires of our own
hearts,
we have offended against thy
holy laws,
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...”*
Episcopal Book of Common Prayer

You have probably heard people say “Nobody is perfect”. The older I get the more aware I become of my own imperfections. As in the prayer quoted above, I have left undone the things I ought to have done and I have done those things which I ought not to have done. And all of us, if we look at ourselves honestly, will find similar faults. Saint Paul, in his letter to the Romans (7:19) laments that “For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice.”

What, if anything, can we do about this universal failing? It will continue to happen that we will fall short and do evil, no matter how hard we try to do good. The answer, given in both the Old Testament

and the New Testament, is, as often as we sin, we should repent, and seek God’s forgiveness. In the Book of Proverbs we read: “Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.” And we are told in the first Letter of James: “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” Nor is the statement that God forgives all sins confined to Christianity and Judaism. The Muslim Quran states: “O My servants who have transgressed against themselves [by sinning], do not despair of the mercy of Allah. Indeed, Allah forgives all sins. Indeed it is He who is the Forgiving, the Merciful”.

In summary: we all are guilty of multiple sins, but we can rely on God’s Mercy to forgive our sins,

both of commission and of omission, as long as we admit and confess them, and then take the further step of repenting of them, that is to say we are sorry for what we did, and will strive to turn away from such behavior.

In Memoriam

Pauline Hunt
Glastonbury Grange #26

Edith Hoffmann, G.S.
Cawasa Grange #34

Richard Healy
Whigville Grange #48

James Steiner
Winchester Grange #74

Celia Bennett
Ekonk Comm. Grange #89

Gloria Gagne
Riverton Grange #169

“Well done, good and faithful servants.”

Thank You from the Granger

Sincere thanks to all of the members from across the state and country who responded to our request for delivery dates of their issues of the July Connecticut Granger.

Each issue of the Granger is delivered to the Winsted, CT Post Office during the first week of the month. It started out well with pockets of Connecticut addresses receiving theirs within a few days to a week of its mailing. Unfortunately as the month wore on, more and more responses came in well into the third week after mailing. We will be providing a list of these responses to our liaison at the regional Post Office in Hartford. They are investigating the delivery issues. While it is uncertain what steps will be taken by the Post Office to improve delivery, you all have shown there is a real problem that needs to be addressed.

As always, please feel free to contact us if you do not receive your Granger at all and we will try to get a replacement out to you.