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150th Annual Convention of the Oregon State Grange Held June 17-21, 2023



The 150th Annual Convention of the Oregon State Grange was held June 17-21 in Rickreall. Attendance for the five days was 195, mostly in person but a few on Zoom. This was up by almost 30 members from the previous year.

One of the highlights of the

convention was the election and installation for the vacancies in Assistant Steward and Lady Assistant Steward offices. Elected AS was Jim J Dumolt of Clarkes Grange #261 in Clackamas County. Elected LAS was Stacy Clute of Forest Grove Grange #282 in

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Left: Oregon State Grange Sixth Deree officer team; Top row: Secretary Sarah Jenkins, President Jay Sexton, Treasurer Sonny Hays-Eberts, Ex. Committee Position 2 Celia Fox; Middle row: Assistant Steward John Fine, Vice President Steve Kroeker, Chaplain Paula Herrick, Steward Lexie Suing; Front row: Lady Assistant Steward Stacy Brown, Musician Linda Wetzell, Lecturer Cookie Trupp, Ex. Committee Position 1 Susan Noah, Ex. Committee Position 3 Dean High, Gatekeeper David McBride; Seated: Pomona Linda Helm, Flora Sandi Ludi, Ceres Jessie Jo Guttridge

State Board Member Passes On After Long Battle With Illness

Louise A. (Sukraw) Holst, a life-long member of Midland Grange #263, Klamath County passed on to the Great Grange above on the evening of July 8th, after a brave and lengthy battle with illness. At the time of her death, Louise was serving in Position 3 on the State Grange Executive Committee/Board of Directors.



Louise was the daughter of Ralph and Eleanor (Galletti) Sukraw both long time Grangers. She joined the Midland Grange in the first quarter of 1969. Sister Louise gave fifty-plus years of service to the Grange at all levels. She served in many positions in the Oregon State Grange including State Flora from 1990 to 1998 and Lady Assistant Steward from 2012-2018 with her partner Phil as Assistant Steward. In June 2018 she was elected to the State Grange Executive Committee/Board of Directors where she served until her death.

Louise was also a member of the Oregon State Grange Foundation board from 1995-2005 and held the offices of Treasurer, Vice President and President during her tenure. Her many years of service at all levels of Grange, from local to county to state have inspired many and she will be greatly missed.

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The Oregon State Grange Log Cabin at the state fairgrounds.

State Fair Log Cabin Volunteers Needed August 25 - September 4

Oregon State Grange Log Cabin at the State Fair Needs Volunteers! Many volunteers are needed for the State Fair Log Cabin. From Friday, August 25th until Monday September 4th we need three shifts per day with 3-5 people in each shift. Shifts are two to three hours and you get free admission and parking and can tour the fair before and/or after your volunteer shift at the log cabin. Bring a crew from your Grange – each day has a “captain” who will show you the ropes. Basic-

cally all you need to do is be friendly Grangers and help visitors get free cold water, look for a photo of their local Grange (we have photos of over a hundred halls displayed) and answer a question or two.

To volunteer call the State Grange office Tues– Thurs 8am – 4:30pm, or email president@orange.org When you call we can tell you what shifts are still available. Please come help represent the Grange in this 150th year!

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The President's Column

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Our 150th Annual Convention in Rickreall is behind us. Attendees had a full, fun, and informative time at the Polk County Fairgrounds. Our meals were prepared for us by District 2 Granges, and our attendance was slightly up, with an increase in first time attendees. We had seven successful Granges "Spotlight" some of their best projects with printed displays. We had sixteen presentations on a variety of subjects, the popular Ag Tour, door prizes, a rollicking Auction, contests and awards, and interesting and respectful policy discussions. The 5th and 6th degree ceremonies were performed and their noble lessons demonstrated. Outside the main convention floor the Grange Youth helped nearby Rickreall Grange spruce up their exterior, and later, Grangers young and old, enjoyed throwing axes at the mobile Oregon Axe Throw Booth. Our 150th Annual Convention was a success of which we can all be proud.

Just around the corner is the State Fair in Salem. The Oregon State Grange has our Log Cabin at the Fair, with smiling volunteers to promote Grange, by being friendly! We need plenty of volunteers, with each shift needing 4 - 5, and having three shifts per day for eleven days from August 25th through September 4th. Volunteers get free parking and fair admission and can wander this Great Fair before and after the volunteer fun! Our volunteers offer free water to visitors, help them find a photo of a Grange near them, and answer questions. Many people stop by and mention Grange memories, or ask "What is a Grange?" We strive to give a good impression of Grangers and explain what we do for our communities.

This Fall on Sunday, September 24th we will have a Banquet in Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Oregon State Grange at the Willa-

mette Heritage Center in Salem. The actual anniversary date is September 27th 1873 and signifies the signing of the Oregon State Grange Charter paper work by the newly elected officers of the Oregon State Grange to be sent to National Grange. The doors will open at 5PM, with dinner and speakers at 5:30 PM. Tickets will be available for \$10 each, using the order form on page ##. The order deadline is September 12th - Do not delay! Come share an evening of celebration for our extraordinary achievement.

After the State Convention I am now more aware of how the contributions of so many thoughtful community minded people contribute to the success of Grange. In every Community we have people who see the value in volunteering to make something greater than themselves. Our Granges survive and flourish with the efforts of the officers and the members who step up to help with Hall upkeep and repair, event planning and execution, and the day-to-day operation and organization. Thank you all so much! Together we must bring new members into our Halls and empower them to make the Grange their own, with their new ideas and our welcoming appreciation. We are all Grange members today because when we first stepped into the Hall someone made us feel that there was a place for us there. Let us all keep in mind that we need to be that welcoming face for the next new member.

Dues Raise Passed At 2023 Convention

A resolution adopted at this year's Annual Convention will raise the minimum annual dues Oregon Granges must charge from \$45 per person per year to \$50, this will take effect for the 2024 membership year starting January 1. The minimum dues for a Family membership will rise to \$100, and minimum Life

Memberships, which are set at a minimum of 10 times the individual annual dues, will rise from \$450 to \$500.

The dues raise resulted from two concerns. First, our investment earnings have been used, in part, to fund State Grange operations (26%) for many years, and in 2022 our investments lost value. Better earnings in prior years allowed us to absorb the 2022 loss, but several bad years in a row would force cuts. Relying on investment earnings to fund our operations puts us at risk. Second, all our costs have risen, from insurance to wages to office supplies and postage. Our two part time employees in the office have broad skills and deep knowledge of the processes and history of the Grange, and they deserve more than minimum wage.

The dues changes require a change to the By-Laws of the Individual Community Granges. This process requires a written notice be provided to every Grange member 30 days before the meeting at which the vote will be taken. This can be accomplished through email or US Mail, and can also be through a printed notice in the Oregon State Grange Bulletin. This last option will require getting the notice to the Bulletin before the **deadline of September 10th**, which will be published October 1st and delivered by about October 15. This would satisfy the 30-day notice for your mid to late November or December meeting. The following Bulletin will be too late for a bylaws change vote in 2023.

The bylaws change is simple. Just changing the cost for membership for:

- 1) annual individual membership
- 2) annual family membership
- 3) life membership

Many Granges have dues higher than the state minimum, which allows the amount above the minimum to be used by the Community Grange. This is a good time to discuss the dues your Grange charges, and set the amount which is right for your membership.

OSG Receives Surprise Gift!

At the Kick-Off Banquet of the 150th Annual Oregon State Grange Convention, the State Grange received a surprise gift. Louise Holst and Phil Van Buren presented the Oregon State Grange with a new set of State Officer Sashes! This very generous gift from these long time State Grange Officers, who have served in several roles, will keep our state officers looking sharp at state convention. Thank you so much Phil and Louise!!

L: Pil Van Buren talks about the sashes as Jay Sexton shows them off.



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President's Annual Address 150th Annual Convention

Jay Sexton, State President

Introduction

When I first went to the Oregon State Grange Annual Convention in 2010 in Roseburg, I had been a Granger for less than a year. It was all strange, but what I remember most was the respect and civility in debating the virtues of different resolutions. Over the years I have seen this demonstrated time and again, and it is certainly one of the reasons I kept returning. Grangers of every stripe could come together to respectfully decide policy issues.

Here we meet in Rickreall in the 150th Annual Session of the Oregon State Grange. Our first convention in 1873 was just a few miles to the east in Salem. Over these many years our communities have benefitted from the cooperation and community mindedness of Grangers across this state. I think today our fellow Oregonians are hungry for the face-to-face interactions that Granges provide. Our welcoming attitude and civility are rarer than they should be in our communities.

I look forward to this week together. The District Two Hosting Committee has been hard at work putting together a Convention full of value. I am proud to have this special anniversary here in my home district, and I am happy to welcome you here.

Agriculture

The Farm Bill is the focus of many agricultural conversations these days. Decision made in the Nations Capitol will have long lasting effects. Concerns over climate change, wildfires, and the spread of pests such as the Emerald Ash Borer and the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug have many people wondering how things will change.

In Oregon's capitol there are bills to broaden the products that Farmers may sell direct to consumers on their farms. Direct sales benefit both the farmer, who receives a much better price without the middle man's cut, and the customer who values the connection to the producer as well as the assurance that locally fresh products are wholesome. Direct sales are a great boost to farm income, supporting family farms. Many Granges host Farmers Markets which also bring producers and consumers together for mutual benefit. These desires were often voiced by the founders of our order.

Grange began in communities where nearly every family was a farm family, but today a small portion of Grangers are actually farmers, though all of us have an interest in agriculture, in the quality and safety of our food, and the stability

of our economies. Grangers should always support their local farms. The survival and flourishing of local agriculture is critical in a time of unknown changes.

Water

Basic to life and agriculture, water is always a concern. From the difficulties in the Klamath Basin of balancing the needs of everyone, to the recent concerns of high levels of nitrate pollution in the wells of Morrow County.

Water concerns us in the misery of drought and the danger of flooding. Our forests and fields are at risk in the dry times, and we often wish for dryer fields in spring.

We wish for water clean and pure in the right amount and at the right time, and we are often disappointed. Protecting our water sources, and promoting wise policies are in every Grangers interest.

Legislation

I have been interested in the possibilities of increasing the legislative influence of the Grangers of Oregon. Communication is the stumbling block. Our Bulletin comes out every other month. Our emails are often unopened, and we have only a few email connections with members. Our mailings go to the Grange secretaries and often take weeks to reach the ears of members in the correspondence report.

I am happy to see the interest in the monthly Zoom meeting of the Legislative Committee. This is an effective way to have timely information from our Legislative Director and our Lobbyist which could move our members to action in providing testimony, letters, or phone calls to our legislators

It is difficult to think of ways to improve our timely communication to members regarding legislation of interest to Grangers. Email addresses could be collected for those Grangers interested in getting weekly Legislative Updates, so perhaps we can promote this, and see if Grangers sign up.

Education

Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom has a natural affinity with Grange. We both desire universal understanding of Agriculture and the best way to promote this understanding is in the minds of school children. Oregon State Grange has our Ag Fest Booth right across the aisle from Ag In The Classroom, and we visit each other's activities.

Grangers can easily participate in

Ag In The Classroom activities in their local schools. Volunteers follow lesson plans produced by Ag In The Classroom, reading to the class and helping with demonstrations and projects. An investment of a few hours could stay with a school kid for the rest of his life.

COVID had a detrimental effect on the educational progress of all the children in school in those years. It took many months to devise alternative methods to teach, and there were mis-steps along the way. Now teachers are again able to teach in their classrooms and use the methods they were taught in their own training.

Broadband

National Grange has advocated for Rural Broadband for many years, and recently Oregon Granger Misty Burris from Dorena Grange helped the National Grange apply for a grant from the Federal Communications Commission to promote a program that offers rural broadband at reduced rates to participants. Later this week Richard Chamberlin, also from Dorena Grange, will briefly inform us about the opportunities for Granges to promote this program.

Rural broadband has the potential to improve education, economies, and connectivity in the many rural communities in which our Granges are most important. Reliable internet can connect people to educational institutions, medical practitioners, markets for specialty products, and wide-ranging interest groups that were not available in rural areas before these technological advances. Even farming has the potential to improve with sensors, weather prediction, and precision application of amendments.

Democracy

There is much room for improvement. We all yearn for elected rep-

resentatives that work together to solve the problems our society endures. Homelessness and the lack of affordable housing, Social Security languishing without repair, medical debt driving bankruptcy, let alone slow progress on disease treatments, mental decline, and mental illness. How do we choose a better course?

Throwing up our hands and believing in the impossibility of change is fertilizer for the status quo. We must remain engaged. We must care. We must elect representatives that wish to make things better, because if we do, they may change. We get the government we deserve. So, lets continue to pay attention and ask for better outcomes. We can create a better tomorrow.

Conclusion

I must admit that the President's Address is not my favorite part of the State Grange Convention. I much prefer the topics in the Good of The Order address. These are the issues that are dear to Oregon Grangers. It is the local Grange that has brought us all here today. We first learned of a community group that came together to build a better world, by starting in their own backyard. We liked the potlucks, and the personalities, and the stories of our little worlds.

Now, don't get me wrong, I do like the convention. I like meeting Grangers from all around the state. I like hearing about their challenges and successes. I hear them tell the stories I have told, and I recognize that we all travel the same paths.

Grange has a magic that holds us together. There is strength in knowing we are not the same, but that we can work together to accomplish things we all desire. We want to keep this magic in the world, and that is why we are here. We build our Granges to last, and we walk into the next 150 years together.



Youth Chaplain Matthew Dehne watches as State President Jay Sexton tries to hit the bull's eye during the ax throwing event at state convention.



The Chaplain's Corner

Paula Herrick
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Chaplain - Oregon State Grange

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your State Chaplain. This past year has seen many joys and sorrows. We know the Bible tell us "There's a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance. We never know what life will hand us each day each minute!

I hope as Chaplain I have been able to help during the hard times and the good times. I must say there are some situations I'm not at my best but I always care. I will be there to cry with you during the bad times or laugh with you during the good times! God Bless!

In Memoriam

James "Jim" Dale
Warner #117

Gina Kundert
Hope #269

Wayne Ditsworth
Aloha #773

Richard Lewis
Central #360

Alene Dougherty
Deer Island #947

Elaine Logan
Dixie Mountain #860

Beverly Hall
Winona #271

Robert Noah
North Bayside #691

Louise Holst
Midland #781

Don Norton
Hurricane Creek #608

Darlene Johnson
Hurricane Creek #608

Burnell Ramp
Crow #450

Dennis "DJ" Jones
Fernwood #770

Raymond Williams
Vernonia #305

Donna Karns
Wickiup #722

Lillian Winkleman
Bridge #730



*Seen through the eyes of Faith,
we remember our Brothers and Sisters
not as ones dead,
they have only gone on before us through
the gates of the Grange above,
where dwells the Great Master of us all.*

State Board Member Passes On After Long Battle With Illness

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Louise attended Western Beauty College after high school and started her career at Melissa's Beauty Salon. She went on to spend most of her working years as the owner of The Family Hairloom salon in Klamath Falls. In addition to Grange, she was a member of the Sons and Daughters of Italy and Order of Eagles.

Louise is survived by her brother Lee Sukraw; longtime partner Phil Van Buren, and many extended family members and close friends. She was preceded in death by her husband Mark Holst who she married on July 12, 1987 and who passed away in August of 1992; and parents Ralph and Eleanor Sukraw.

Services for Louise were held July 29th at New Horizon Christian Fellowship in Klamath Falls. A link to the video of the service is available on the Oregon State Grange Mem-

ber Forum on Facebook.

Louise was buried at Mt. Laki Cemetery where Oregon State Grange President Jay Sexton and Chaplain Paula Herrick performed the Grange burial Ceremony.

Condolences can be sent to:

Lee Sukraw
1881 Lower Klamath Lake Rd
Klamath Falls OR 97603

Phil Van Buren
780 Del Fatti Ln
Klamath Falls OR 97603

Contributions in memory of Louise, can be made to:

Oregon State Grange Foundation
643 Union St. NE
Salem OR 97301
or to
Bristol Hospice
2210 Shallock Ave
Klamath Falls OR 97601

Oregon State Grange Lecturer's Contest Winners

Photography

Scenic Landscape

Sponsor: Dean & Vicki High

1	Teresa Cernac	Warren	\$10.00
2	Steve Kroeker	Crow	\$8.00
3	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$6.00

Scenic Seascape

Sponsor: Dean & Vicki High

1	Steve Kroeker	Crow	\$10.00
2	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$8.00
3	Teresa Cernac	Warren	\$6.00

Closeups

Sponsor: Lynn & Harold Johnson

1	Jeanie Cunningham	Jasper	\$10.00
2	Teresa Cernac	Warren	\$8.00
3	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$6.00

Family

Sponsor: Cookie & Malcolm Trupp

1	Carol Fine	Riversdale	\$10.00
2	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$8.00
3	Heather Elliott	Ada	\$6.00

Pets and/or Farm Animals

Sponsor: Louise Holst & Phil Van Buren

1	Jeanie Cunningham	Jasper	\$10.00
2	Teresa Cernac	Warren	\$8.00
3	Brianna Ludi	Sunnyside	\$6.00

Wild Animals

Sponsor: Debby deBoer

1	Jeanie Cunningham	Jasper	\$10.00
2	Teresa Cernac	Warren	\$8.00
3	Linda Pugh	Ada	\$6.00

Oldies / Goodies

Sponsor: Waterville Grange

1	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$10.00
2	Teresa Cernac	Warren	\$8.00
3	Carol Fine	Riversdale	\$6.00

Grange Activities

Sponsor: Ada Grange

1	Teresa Cernac	Warren	\$10.00
2	Teresa Cernac	Warren	\$8.00
3	Loni Schofield	Ada	\$6.00

Grange Hall Buildings

Sponsor: Mark Noah

1	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$10.00
2	Loni Schofield	Ada	\$8.00

Sports

Sponsor: Lorane Grange

1	Loni Schofield	Ada	\$10.00
2	Heather Elliott	Ada	\$8.00
3	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$6.00

Potpourri

Sponsor: Joann & David McBride

1	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$10.00
2	Teresa Cernac	Warren	\$8.00
3	Teresa Cernac	Warren	\$6.00

Black and White

Sponsor: Sam Keator

1	Teresa Cernac	Warren	\$10.00
2	Teresa Cernac	Warren	\$8.00
3	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$6.00



L-r: Vernon Herrick, Oregon State Grange Chaplain Paula Herrick, State Grange President Jay Sexton and First Lady Toni Hoyman at the cemetery.

Oregon State Grange Lecturer's Contest Winners

Art

Acrylics

Sponsor: Irving Grange

1 Cricket Smith	Lacomb	\$15.00
2 Alicia Nilsen	Creswell	\$10.00

Water Colors

Sponsor: Irving Grange

1 Alicia Nilsen	Creswell	\$15.00
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Diamond Painting

Sponsor: Jasper Grange

1 Elsie Gabrisen	Jasper	\$15.00
2 F. Hiusman	Jasper	\$10.00
3 Nadine Reed	Jasper	\$7.00

Rock Painting

Sponsor: Sam Keator

Single Rock

1 Teresa Cooper	Marys River Grange	\$15.00
2 Linda Wetzell	Goshen	\$10.00
3 Cricket Smith	Lacomb	\$7.00

Group of Rocks

1 Linda Wetzell	Goshen	\$15.00
2 Alicia Nilsen	Creswell	\$10.00

Creative Writing

Poetry

Sponsor: Linda Helm & Wayne Cabler

1 Judy Hays-Eberts	Marys River Grange	\$15.00
2 Alicia Nilsen	Creswell	\$10.00
3 Cathy Assad	Redland	\$7.00

Tell the Story

Sponsor: Linda Helm & Wayne Cabler

1 Tina Reynolds	Santiam Valley	\$15.00
2 Jeanette Miller	Marys River Grange	\$10.00
3 Elvaree Fine	Hurricane Creek	\$7.00

Skit Writing - Any Topic

Sponsor: Sunnyside Grange

1 Alicia Nilsen	Creswell	\$5.00
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Public Relations

Flyer

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Sponsor: Springwater Grange

1 Sonny Hays - Eberts	Marys River Grange	\$5.00
2 Sonny Hays - Eberts	Marys River Grange	\$4.00
3 Toni Hoyman	Willamette	\$3.00

Pamphlet

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Sponsor: Debby deBoer

1 Toni Hoyman	Willamette	\$5.00
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Posters

Sponsor: Springwater Grange

Handmade

1 Vickie Thorp	Myrtle Creek	\$5.00
2 Linda Wetzell	Goshen	\$4.00
3 Linda Wetzell	Goshen	\$3.00

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1 Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$5.00
2 Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$4.00
3 Milwaukie Grange	Milwaukie Grange	\$3.00

Program

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Sponsor: Sunnyside Grange

1 Vickie Thorp	Myrtle Creek	\$5.00
2 Sheri Bray	Goshen	\$4.00

Talent

Sponsor: Lecturers Department

Vocal

1 Harry Stayner	Spencer Creek Grange	\$30.00
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OVERALL TALENT WINNER

2 Embeni Fa-Me-Lee-A	Goshen	\$20.00
3 Lexi Suing	Crow Grange	\$10.00

Variety

1 Stanley Garboden	Goshen Grange	\$30.00
2 Matthew Dehne	Walterville Grange	\$20.00

Instrumental

1 Jerry & Ann Zabriskie	North Bayside	\$30.00
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OVERALL RUNNER-UP WINNERS



The Lecturer's Column

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2023 Oregon State Grange Convention Lecturer's Report to the delegates.

Brothers and Sisters,

I greatly appreciate your enthusiasm and participation in our "Daily Contests". I view the role of Lecturer as promoting activities that encourage the mind and are also fun. Hoping to help foster an environment of positivity and refocus away from our worldly troubles.

I would like to thank those who sponsor the Lecturer's contests and those who participate. It is always the highlight of my year to witness the creativity that goes into each entry. This year the talent contest saw many new people participating. It is wonderful to see people challenge their comfort zone and share their talent with all of us. As always, I encourage you to enter in next

year's contests. Start thinking about it now!

Thank you to all who have commented on my Lecturer's column in our Oregon State Grange bulletin. I try to put forth information that the membership may find interesting and usable at their Grange meetings as part of their program. If you haven't taken the opportunity to follow it, I suggest you start with the next bulletin. You might find it rewarding and worthwhile. If you include topics such as Grange history, ritualism, scripts for hosting Open Houses, and overall thought-provoking tid-bits.

Thank you all for your continued support and a special thank you to my committee for all their hard work behind the scenes and during session. Looking forward to another successful year for the Lecturer's department.



Above L-r: Talent contestants Embeni Fa-Me-Lee-A from Goshen Grange, Stanley Garboden from Goshen Grange, Lexi Suing from Crow Grange, Matthew Dehne from Walterville Grange, Jerry and Ann Zabriskie from North Bayside Grange and Harry Stayner from Spencer Creek Grange awaiting the results.

R: Vocal division winner Harry Stayner of Spencer Creek Grange with State Lecturer Cookie Trupp was the overall winner and will represent Oregon at National Convention November. If Harry is unable to attend, Jerry and Ann Zabriskie will take his place as the runner-up.



L: 1st place Diamond Painting by Elsie Gabrisen of Jasper Grange





The Agricultural Report

June Colony
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Humility, thy name is "unexpected frost".

This year's State Grange Conference in Rickreall was so much fun, and once again, showed me that our brothers and sisters know how to argue a resolution position, and still respect the opposing argument's speaker. This is such a fundamental part of being a Granger, and thank God it still works!!!

Then, I came home, and while I was gone, the garden (at 3800' and bowing to the cold winds of the nearby mountains) experienced unseasonal frost for 3 nights.

Sigh.....

After shedding a few tears of mourning for the frosted leaves on the pumpkins, after wondering why

the network of friends I set towards guarding against a frost seemed to lose against the last frosty night.... I flashed upon the Patrons charge for PERSERVERANCE. Symbolized by the axe, it exhorts us to press ahead against all odds.

So, with Hope, Faith, Charity and Fidelity; I soaked more bean and corn seeds and planted them, I set out the reserved tomatoes and peppers, I filled now empty spots in the rows with cabbage plants and then I fertilized and hoed the frost-bitten others plants. A few days of thunderstorm rains and new leaves are growing again on the frosted, but still living stems.

Faith and hard work seemed to pay off. Once again, success is possible with the Granger way!!!!

Oregon State Grange Agriculture Contest Winners

Garden Design

Individual Adult

1	Suzy Ramm	Springwater Grange #263	\$25.00
2	Joyce Parker	Springwater Grange #263	\$15.00



Does Your Grange Want Copies of the Bulletin?

Now that Granges are opening back up, requests for copies of the paper are also increasing. We have come up with a couple options for Granges to get copies of the papers.

- **Option one** is 5-10 copies of every issue which will be mailed in the name of the Grange for the Grange to use at their monthly events, i.e., breakfasts, dinners, Bingo or the like. The Grange name will be added to the mailing list and the Bulletin will arrive like clockwork every two months. So far Hurricane Creek, Warren and Brownsmead Granges are taking advantage of this plan. It is significantly less expensive to have them mailed from the printer than from the office.
- **Option two** is copies for individual events like an open house or your county fair. Let the office know by the deadline for the issue you want and numbers needed and they will be added to the count being printed. Once they arrive back from the printer they can be picked up or shipped to you.

Please let the Bulletin Editor know if you want to take advantage of either of these options.



Above: Helping with the CuddleCot presentation were, from left, Maryssa Petersen, event coordinator with the Warner Grange, Jen Pierce with Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital, Don Kingsborough with Warner Grange, Kennedy Courtney with North Lincoln Hospital Foundation, Shannon Yager, event chair with the Warner Grange, and Cassandra Nair with Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital.

Warner Grange #117 Donates CuddleCot to Lincoln City Hospital

Despite advances in medical science, many new parents will experience a stillbirth or the death of a newborn. A cooling bassinet known as the CuddleCot gives families the gift of time with their precious baby, helping them form memories and say goodbye.

On Thursday, July 6, members of Warner Grange donated a CuddleCot cooling system to the Family Birthing Center at Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital in Lincoln City. The gift was gratefully accepted by the unit's nurse manager, Jen Pierce, BSN, RN. The monetary value of the gift is approximately \$3,500 but the impact on grieving families is priceless.

"I am in awe of this generous, compassionate donation," Pierce said. "As a nurse who has worked for nearly 30 years delivering babies, this is just so special and deeply meaningful."

Pierce shared that during her years working at a large metropolitan hospital in Arizona, she helped to deliver more than 13,000 babies. Sadly, with the nation's infant mor-

tality rate of 5.4 deaths per 1,000 births, she has been a witness to much heartache.

The CuddleCot gift was arranged by Don Kingsborough, Chairman of the Community Service Committee of the Clackamas Pomona Grange and a member of Warner Grange #117. Kingsborough has lived part-time in Lincoln City for many years and said he considers this to be his community, too. When he asked his fellow Grangers about donating a CuddleCot to the Lincoln City hospital, the response was entirely positive.

Warner Grange raised enough money with silent auctions and dinners to purchase and donate a dozen CuddleCots to hospitals throughout the state: Portland, Bend, Tillamook, Coquille, Astoria and now Lincoln City. This is the first donation made since the pandemic ended.

Manufactured in England, the CuddleCot uses a quiet cooling unit to preserve the baby at an ideal temperature without being too cold for the parents.



Patrick Dearth (l) and Patti Scott (r) of Creswell Grange #496, Lane County, delivered coffee and donuts to Creswell City Hall, Fire Dept., Sheriff's Dept. and Creswell Chamber of Commerce on July 7.

2023 Oregon State Grange Volunteer of the Year

This year the Community Service Committee was honored to recognize Pete Holmes of Goldson Grange #868, Lane County, with the Oregon State Grange Volunteer of the Year Award.

Pete Holmes is a quiet thoughtful man who has been of service to his community and to the country most of his life. Pete is a long-time Grange member (69 years) and a retired US Navy Veteran where he served for 20 years as an ET.

While working in the Noti, Oregon area after his navy retirement, he became a volunteer firefighter with the Lane Rural Fire Authority. He continues to volunteer with the Alderwood Fire Station on Hwy 36, but decided that when he turned 70, it was time to step down from firefighting, after 33 years. So, he joined the board of Lane Fire Authority and continues to serve in that capacity, for a combined total of 45 years of service with the Authority and still counting.

Pete also belongs to the American Legion Post 61 in Junction City, where he volunteers assisting veterans transitioning to civilian life, and helping with American Legion projects in the Junction City area.



Pete is also the Veterans Chair for the Goldson Grange. You can find Pete up at the Goldson Grange almost every day working on repairs, improvements, organizing, and helping keep the building operational. And in his spare time, Pete also volunteers for the Goldson Food Pantry once a week, a partner of Food for Lane County, where they help assist 40 to 50 families a month with their food needs.

Pete has been an outstanding citizen in the community most of his life. He is clearly an individual we can look up to and appreciate him for the kind person he is.

Lane Pomona Selects Volunteer of the Year

Priscilla Phillips from Goshen Grange #561 and Creswell Grange #495, received the Lane County Pomona Grange Volunteer of the Year Award for 2023.

R: Liz Dehn, Lane Pomona Community Service Chair; Priscilla Phillips, Lane Pomona Volunteer of the Year and Peggy Jillson, Lane Pomona President.



Marys River Makes Donation



On May 24, Nancy Wiedenmann, Treasurer of Marys River Grange #685, Benton County, presented a check for \$1,320 to Philomath Community Services from the proceeds of their plant sale held earlier this spring.

L-r: Nancy Wiedenmann, Treasurer of Marys River Grange #685 hands off a check to Shelly Krantz, office manager of Philomath Community Services.

Community Service Involvement

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Our motto: Making a Difference in the Community

We had a successful State Grange Convention.

This year 55 Granges submitted their Annual Community Service Report from 21 counties:

Baker (1)
Benton (2)
Clackamas (10)
Clatsop (1)
Columbia (1)
Curry (1)
Deschutes (1)
Douglas (4)
Jackson (3)
Josephine (1)
Klamath (1)
Lane (15)
Lincoln (1)
Linn (3)
Marion (2)
Multnomah (1)
Tillamook (1)
Union (2)
Wallowa (2)
Wasco (1)
Washington (1)

Thirteen Community Service books were submitted. This year we awarded first to sixth places. First place went to Marys River Grange. Their book will be forwarded on to the National Grange competition.

At this year's convention we also awarded the Oregon State Grange Volunteer of the Year. The 2023 recipient is Peter Holmes from Goldson Grange of Lane County.

As I read your Annual Reports, I am in awe of all the hard work a lot of our members do for their community. As an example: one Grange that has 28 members and only 16 members involved with their projects does the following:

1. They allow small non-profit groups with limited funds to use their hall for free or reduced rent in order to accomplish their projects.
2. Their Flower Fairies (Blooming Boutique) is made up of member and non-members who make blankets for homeless families, and foster children in Clackamas County.
3. American Red Cross has used their building as a blood donation site since 2020. Each time they use the hall both members and non-members volunteer to help set-up, sanitize and clean up.

Another small Grange does Community Outreach with Chili cookoffs, BBQs, Ice Cream Socials, making cookies for road crews as a thank you, providing water for 5K runs and awarding scholarships. Many of our Granges also award scholarships, do road clean up, collect canned food donations, donate school supplies, etc. These are just a few of the ways Community Service can be accomplished.

As the Director of the State Grange Community Service Department, I appreciate all the service that your Grange and all our fellow Grangers do to make our neighborhoods better. One of the many benefits of doing Community Service is it gets you out and involved in your neighborhood. This allows you to discover what is needed and how you can fill that need by living the Grange mission. You will meet new friends as well as gaining new members. We continue to support our **'Home Town Values** with our **Community Roots'**.

Oregon State Grange Community Service Yearbook

Placing	Grange Name/Number	Prize Money
1st	Marys River Grange #685	\$100.00
2nd	Little Deschutes Grange #939	\$75.00
3rd	Lorane Grange #54	\$50.00
4th	Hurricane Creek #608	\$25.00
5th - tie	Goshen Grange #561	\$25.00
5th - tie	Walterville Grange #416	\$25.00
6th - tie	Irving Grange #377	\$25.00
6th - tie	Redland Grange #796	\$25.00



Community Service Yearbooks on display at the OSG convention.

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Deaf Awareness and Family Health

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Hello Grangers!

I recently had the pleasure of attending our Oregon State Grange Convention and I learned so much! Although I was not able to attend the entire convention, I really enjoyed seeing everyone and learning more about how resolutions are passed. Thank you to those who helped me figure out how and when I could speak. It can be a complicated process for us newcomers.

This year, the DAFH committee used our time at the convention to check in with you regarding your feelings about the homeless situation in our state. We hosted a conversation space and we also posted questions on posters to the convention attendees that we could use as conversation starters.

We had numerous comments left both on the question posters, and that were driven by our conversation time. I've done my best to record those points and opinions here for you. It is our hope that this facilitates dialog between Granges and Grangers about what we can do to help end homelessness in Oregon.

Question #1: *If you were homeless, what do you think would be the hardest aspect?*

Poster Responses:

- The humiliation of living off the generosity of the government and others.
- As a woman, safety.
- Loneliness.
- For me, the stress of never having a for sure place to go.
- People viewing me as not human and the feeling of being disrespected.
- Finding a bathroom.
- Finding a shower.
- I would not be able to sleep. My body needs a soft place to rest.
- Embarrassment at the indignity.
- Tiredness from little sleep and carting stuff around.
- Never being sure when I was going to sleep.
- Getting a job.

Question #2: *What do you think we are doing about homelessness that is working?*

Poster Responses:

- Starting to see 'people'.
- Nothing.
- Consistent source of resources.
- Tiny house villages to stabilize lives and transition services.
- Dual-diagnosis and coun-

seling.

- Beginning to recognize mental health connection.
- Veteran's Village in Clackamas.
- Help families to help their homeless family members.
- Giving tax incentives for creating homes for the homeless.
- A land trust that purchases RV camps etc. as they come available.
- More housing people can afford - tiny or not, instantly available services for abuse treatment, and a better health care system.

Question #3: *What do you think we are doing that is NOT working?*

Poster Responses:

- Passing the buck.
- Moving people along without help.
- Enabling-government funding to homeless without work in return.
- Criminalizing the poor and hopeless people of the street.
- Lack of explaining the process they must follow to get help.
- Allowing mentally ill to avoid treatment.
- Not having affordable housing.
- Identifying those who need help from those who do not.
- Pricing people out of housing.
- The middle class is disappearing. It feels we are rich or impoverished.
- Allowing foreign entities to own property in the US.
- Not taxing corporations. Not taxing the wealthy.
- Stigmatizing the houseless.
- The mentally ill and disabled (most of the homeless) are incapable of working.

Question #4: *What do you think of the tiny house villages like Eugene is creating?*

Our in-person discussion centered around the theme that some form of house to keep people out of the elements was better than nothing at all. The overall tone seemed to be that if these tiny house villages were supervised it might eliminate or, at least cut down on some of the problems that arise from a homeless population interacting with the public. By having a place to leave their possessions, this would make it easier to get services and look for work.

Poster Responses:

- Bad idea, creates more

homeless.

- Not a long-term solution.
- A safe secure supervised space for getting stable.
- For singles or a couple, a great solution, especially if privately built and owned. (How many of our ancestors lived and thrived in small houses?)
- Great, a place to call home and potentially a community of stable housing.
- Not viable, long term in cold weather communities.
- Will work in smaller communities.
- Better than nothing. Talk to the folk already using them.
- Great idea. Pay the residents to build more.

Question #5: *What do you think of the homeless camps some counties are building to relocate the homeless in their communities out of the downtown areas?*

Our in-person discussion explored the idea of repurposing old shopping centers and drive-in theatres to create supervised spaces to get people out of the weather and into services that can help. We also talked about creating a land trust to purchase mobile home parks when they come on the market, so they can be kept as mobile home parks and not demolished to make room for more expensive housing tracts. We can look to the Deschutes Land Trust as an example. Unfortunately, there is fear that by creating and providing services it will draw homeless people from outside the area. Also, we need to research automatic enrollment to OHP. Is this being used to ship homeless people here?

Poster Responses:

- Moving the problem is not a solution.
- Better than sweeps and arrests, but not a long-term solution.
- Slum town/prisons.
- Better than nothing.
- Terrible idea, interferes with commercial agriculture practices.
- There is pushback from the homeless who need services offered in town and those who provide the services.

Question #6: *What do you think of re-establishing the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) to build houses?*

Our in-person discussion was very robust about this topic. Almost everyone knew someone or had a relative who worked in the CCC and most of the stories regarding those experiences were very positive, with most members in attendance indicating this could be a very productive step. Most everyone agreed that if we did this, we should focus on building houses rather than bridges and public buildings, and that we should engage with the construction trades and get them involved.

Poster Responses:

- Would love to see regular public service, like an alternative to military service.
- Cut off government funding and force the homeless to get a real job, if capable.
- The CCC was a 'real job.'
- My mother was a CCCer at Cascadia.
- We don't have an unemployment problem; we have an unemployable problem. CCC might help.
- Several people responded with just, "Yes!"
- People of our country enjoyed the public works of the CCC for almost 100 years. Best investment "we the people" ever made.
- OPB program for active military.

In our discussion we talked about how Myrtle Creek used to have a program through the high school that built two houses per year. This starts vocational training at high school to prepare them for some college programs.

In closing, I'd like to thank everyone for their contributions. This is a very critical and timely subject. We must find a way to end homelessness and just repeating, "get a job" hasn't really provided us with any answers. I think the answers that work for rural and small-town residents will probably come from rural and small-town residents because recycling solutions that work in urban areas hasn't really served us well.

Next time, we will talk in more detail about some of these ideas and what it would take to put them into action. If you have ideas or suggestions on how to help end homelessness in Oregon, please visit our page on the Oregon State Grange website and let us know what you think.

150th Annual Convention Panorama Photo

The Panorama Photo of the attendees at the 150th Oregon State Grange Convention on Monday June 19th, 2023 will be available later this year. When the final image is delivered, we will offer the digital file free to those who want it. We will also order high quality durable prints from a specialty photo printer for an estimated \$100 each, without frame. This estimate was for a 24" X 12" print. We will create a written list of the people in the photo, to the best of our combined abilities.

Now we are gauging interest in these prints. If you may be interested in ordering a print, please email Jay Sexton at president@orgrange.org. This is not a commitment, and as details solidify, we will publish an order form in the Bulletin.

Come Celebrate at the 150th Year of the Oregon State Grange Banquet

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Some of The Major Achievements of the Oregon State Grange

- Initiative and Referendum: Established the "Oregon System" that allows voters to propose legislation or repeal laws passed by the legislature. 1902
- Direct Election of U.S. Senators: Fought for voters, not the legislature, to choose Oregon's Senators; became the 17th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution. 1906
- Recall: Secured passage of a law that allows voters to remove an elected official from office. 1908
- Water rights: Got Water Code Law passed ensuring that surface water belongs to the people of Oregon. 1909
- Women's Suffrage: Took the lead in giving Oregon women the right to vote eight years before it was granted nationally. 1912
- Hydroelectric Power: Ensuring that Oregon could develop and distribute energy at low cost. 1932
- Sales tax: Led defeat of regressive tax nine times: 1933, 1934, 1936, 1944, 1947, 1969, 1985, 1986, 1993.
- Newborn Hearing Screening: Got the Governor to sign a law that makes testing mandatory. 2000
- Grange Cooperatives: Sold gasoline, supplies, and equipment at 35 local stores; insured members for fire, life, health, and auto; shared profits as dividends. 1885-2003
- 20,000 to 30,000 Grange Members: Influenced the legislature between 1931 and 2000 due to our membership size.



McMinnville Grange #31 Organized September 13, 1873 Oregon's Oldest Active Grange

With a hall nestled in a grove of Douglas fir, the McMinnville Grange is the oldest Grange in Oregon and one of the oldest Granges in the United States. The original 1873 building yielded to the ravages of time, so the current building was constructed in 1954, which marks it as a different style than most Grange halls in the area. On the edge of a growing city, McMinnville, Oregon, this Grange should be active for many years to come.

McMinnville Grange works to serve the needs of their members, the needs of the family, and the needs of their community. They strive to be a meeting place for net-

working, fellowship, and fun.

The Grange invites all to join them on Saturdays for the Farmers Market at the Grange. They are open from 10am to 2pm. After the Farmers Market there is a Square Dance on every third Saturday from 6pm to 9:30pm.

Other activities at the hall include: Sunday Church services and a dinner dance, Monday exercise classes, ballroom/western dance class, Tuesday exercise class and line dance classes, Wednesday Men's Bible study class, Thursday exercise class and motion mediation dance class, and Friday dinner dance.

Oregon Grange History Book Being Published This Fall

Oregon State Grange: Serving Communities for 150 Years is being published for the State Grange's 150th anniversary. Past President Susan Noah asked Marilyn Reiher to write this history. The first question Marilyn addresses was "Why has the Oregon State Grange survived 150 years?" when many other organizations have not.

Marilyn knows the Grange. She joined the North Bayside Juvenile Grange #99 at age five. She is a 65-year and life member of North Bayside #691 in Coos County and an affiliate member and current President of Winona #271 in Washington County. Her professional career included teaching, publishing, and writing training materials, technical manuals, and online help for software companies. When she retired in 2008, she moved back to Oregon and again became an active member.

Marilyn spent a year and a half reading the Proceedings of State Grange Sessions from 1873 to 2022. She made notes on the number of delegates, resolutions, and candidates as well when policy stands were first taken, and when Session traditions began. She compiled 227 pages of typed notes.

Before she started writing, Marilyn consulted Oregon Historic Newspapers for print media reports of Sessions. Back issues of the *Oregon State Grange Bulletin* provided background information.

The first half of the book is chronological. Each chapter focuses on two or three decades, recounting the ups and downs in membership, finances, influence, and activities. Marilyn especially enjoyed researching and writing profiles of the twenty-eight Brothers and two Sisters who have served as State Master/President.

Subsequent chapters cover topics like State Sessions, deputies, membership, Juveniles/Juniors, youth, Pomonas, *Grange Bulletin*, standing committees, and affiliate companies.

In her speech at the 150th Celebration Banquet at this year's State

Convention, Marilyn told the story of how the first State Master Daniel Clark and his wife traveled to the National Grange Session in Charleston, S.C. in 1875. But she didn't tell "the rest of the story." You'll have to read the book for that.

The State Grange has authorized Marilyn to publish this book. She is paying any upfront costs and will receive any royalties. She does not expect it to become a bestseller. Her objective is to make her research available to current members and descendants of former members.

As this Bulletin issue goes to press, Marilyn is finalizing the content, selecting photos, and checking facts. The book will be available in Kindle, paperback, and hardcover formats from Amazon.com. To be notified when the book can be ordered, email Marilyn at m_reiher@comcast.net.

These are the facts that Marilyn included in her convention speech:

- 962 Granges have been organized in Oregon. Some reorganized Granges were assigned a new number. For example, there have been five Dallas Granges.
- The highest number of delegates was 483 in 1934 at Roseburg. The most Pomona delegates was 60 in 1954 at Albany.
- In 1939 there were 377 active Granges. The highest number of members was 32,069 in 1948.
- The highest number of resolutions was 158 in 1960 at Roseburg; the fewest was 16 in 2013 at Canby.
- The most Sixth Degree candidates was 805 in 1951 at Russellville School. The last time the number of candidates exceeded 100 was 1996 at Independence.
- The first Juvenile Grange Session was in 1931 in Medford. Twenty-five attended the entire Session; 90 attended some portion.
- The first Youth State Officers were elected in 1963. They opened and closed in the Fourth Degree one afternoon.



The Education Committee

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The new k-12 (and some colleges) school year is just around the corner, and soon kids will be on buses, roads and running around school grounds. I hope we all drive carefully when in areas that will have increased pedestrian traffic.

After the state session I now have two district directors, district 2 director is my son Ethan Utt and District 3 director is Stacy Brown. If you are interested in serving on the state Education committee I still need members from districts 1, 4 and 5.

Clackamas Pomona Grange Awards Charlie Bowser Memorial Scholarship

This year at their July meeting Clackamas Pomona Grange #1 awarded three Charlie Bowser Memorial Scholarships totaling \$2000.

Receiving a \$1000 scholarship was Kylynn Cansler, granddaughter of Karen Cansler, Secretary at The Sandy Grange. Kylynn is a 2023 graduate of Sandy High School. She will be majoring in Business at George Fox University in Newberg. She has helped with Friday night Bingo at the Grange.

Receiving \$500 scholarships were Cortlan Souders and Pam Furlan. Cortlan is the son of Vernon and Kathleen Souders, members of Springwater Grange where Vernon is Gatekeeper and Kathleen is Musician. He graduated from Estacada High School in 2023 and plans to attend Mt. Hood Community College and major in Art then transfer to a university. Cortlan would like to become an illustrator for graphic novels and children's books. While not a Grange member, he has helped out with events and activities including the straw-

berry social, community fair and monthly breakfasts.

Pam Furlan is a lifelong member of Beavercreek Grange, and several generations of her family are Grange members. She graduated from Molalla High School in 1984. Three years ago, Pam and her husband Don moved back to her parents' farm to help them out. Pam is working on an Associate degree in Business. After graduation she plans to get a job working from home so she can continue to be there for her parents. At Beavercreek she is Treasurer and rental chairman. Pam is the LAS of Clackamas Pomona Grange and the chairman of the Pomona Cookie Booth at the Clackamas County fair.

The Charlie Bowser Memorial Scholarship is given each year in memory of Mr. Bowser who was very supportive of Grange youth and would help them out wherever needed. He and his wife Minnie were one of the early Youth Boosters recognized by the Clackamas County Grange Youth.



Kylynn Cansler



Cortlan Souders

Ada Grange Awards Scholarships

Ada Grange #570, Lane County, awarded three \$500 Harley Huff Scholarships to seniors at Siuslaw High School. Scholarship recipients were Hunter Petterson, Gillian Norton and Megan Davis. \$500 was also given to Gavyn James to continue his education. They were chosen due to their commitment to their community through community service activities and projects.

The scholarships are given to seniors from Siuslaw High School in Florence and Mapleton High School as well as home schooled students in those areas. In addition to the applicant's community service, financial need is considered.

The scholarship funds may be used at any trade, vocational, community college or university.

Spence Memorial Scholarship

The Spence Memorial Scholarship is given in memory of Past Oregon State Master Charles E. Spence by the Oregon State Grange Executive Committee and is given to a student who has been a Grange member in Oregon for at least two years.

This year's recipient of the \$1000 scholarship is Pam Furlan, a member of Beavercreek Grange #276, Clackamas County. She is from a multi-generation Grange family with both sides of her parents' families being Grangers. She joined the Junior Grange when she was 5 years old; moving up to Beavercreek Grange when she became old enough.

As a Youth and Young Adult, she was involved in drill teams, degree teams and other activities, and is a member of the GROW Club.



L-r: Pam Furlan of Beavercreek Grange recognized at this year's convention by State President Jay Sexton as the recipient of the Charles E. Spence Memorial Scholarship.

Oregon GWA Awards Scholarship

Oregon State Grange GWA Director Susan Noah announced that Draevum Buchanan, a member of Smith River Grange #585 in Douglas County is the 2023 recipient of the Oregon GWA scholarship during the GWA Luncheon during State convention in June. The GWA scholarship is given to an Oregon Granger.

Draevum Buchanan is a 2023 graduate of Troy Junior/Senior High School in Troy, Idaho. He along with his grandparents Rita and Steve Houston and his brothers are members of Smith River Grange #585. Draevum helps with projects around the Grange hall when he is visiting his grandparents during the summer. He assists in the kitchen for the monthly breakfasts, hauling and stacking firewood and general clean-up both inside and outside of the hall.

He plans to attend Lewis-Clark State College to work on his Bachelor's degree in Cyber Security Management. After graduating, Draevum plans to become an FBI special agent as part of the Cyber

Crimes division. His education will provide the foundation to serve this country and protect National Security. He is striving to be someone who stops scammers, hackers, terrorists and predators who exploit minors.

He is the middle child of five boys. One of his older brothers is graduate of the Washington State Police Academy and is now serving as a police officer. A second brother graduated from post high school education and is a Fire Fighter/EMT.



Draevum Buchanan



L-r: Scholarship Night at the Florence Convention Center: Linda Pugh, Ada Grange Scholarship Chair, Gavyn James, Megan Davis, Gillian Norton, Hunter Petterson and Megan Schofield, Ada Grange President.

Foundation Awards Scholarships

The Oregon State Grange Foundation announced the awarding of three scholarships at their annual meeting in June at the State Grange convention.

Two Muzzy Mandel scholarships of \$750 each were awarded to Kristie Milner of Lake County and Draevum Buchanan, a member of Smith River Grange #585 in Douglas County. The Mandel Scholarship is in memory of an active member of Sherwood Grange in Washington County. Any Oregon Grange member, child or grandchild of a member who is a high school senior or college student is eligible.

Kristie Milner is a 2023 graduate of North Lake High School. Her mother has been a member of Fort Rock Grange #758 in Lake County. During those years Kristie has helped with functions at the Grange including the Halloween Carnival and the Beef Dinner and Pie Auction.

She will be attending Lane Community College this fall and will be working towards an Associate degree in Human Services. After graduation she hopes to be assistant social worker working with sex traffic victims.

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with his grandparents Rita and Steve Houston and his brothers are members of Smith River Grange #585. Draevum helps with projects around the Grange hall during the summer when he is visiting his grandparents.

He plans to attend Lewis-Clark State College where he will be pursuing a degree in computing with a major in Cyber Security Management. After graduating, Draevum plans to become an FBI special agent as part of the Cyber Crimes division. He also received one of the Smith River Scholarships.

The Mary Ramm Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 was awarded to Pam Furlan, a member of Beavercreek Grange #276 in Clackamas County. The Ramm Scholarship is given to a female student who is returning/has returned to after a three or more-year break. Pam returned to school in the spring of 2023 after attending school in 1987.

As mentioned elsewhere, Pam is a member of a multi-Grange family. Three years ago, Pam and her husband Don moved back to her parents' farm to help them out. Earlier this year she made the decision to return to school and work on an Associate degree in Business. After graduation she plans to get a job working from home so she can continue to be there for her parents.

Deer Island Awards Scholarship

The Deer Island Grange is excited to announce the 2023 Don Coin Walrod Memorial Scholarship recipient is Heather Hayduk from St. Helens High School. This scholarship is for \$1000 and is awarded to a Columbia County High School senior majoring in agriculture, animal science, forestry, or education.

Heather will be attending Lewis Clark State College in the fall where she will major in Secondary Special Education.

Scholarship applications for 2024 will be available from Columbia County High School counselors by November 1st, 2023.



Above: The Foundation Donor Plaques now have a home at the State Grange headquarters for all to see between State Grange conventions.



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FOUNDATION BOARD

The Oregon State Grange Foundation Celebrates 30 Years

The Oregon State Grange Foundation held its Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 18 at the Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall, Oregon. The Treasurer David McBride reported on the finances of the Foundation and, overall, the Foundation has done well with the financial instability of the last couple of years.

The Foundation announced it was the recipient of a bequest from the estate of Robert C Smith of Woodburn Grange #79 in Marion County of slightly over \$25,000. The Foundation board was pleased that Brother Smith's son Michael Smith and granddaughter Tonyi Dysinger were able to attend the luncheon and meeting and be thanked in person for this gift.

Election of two Foundation Trustees was held and Sister Cookie Trupp of Spencer Creek Grange #855 in Lane County was elected to a five-year term representing the region 2 area and Sister Joyce Parker of Springwater Grange #263 in Clackamas County was re-elected to a five-year term representing region 4.

The winners of the 2023 scholarships were announced. The Mary Ramm Memorial Scholarship in the



30th Anniversary Cake made by board member Linda Helm.

amount of \$1,000 was awarded to Pam Furlan a member of Beavercreek Grange #276 in Clackamas County. Two Muzzy Mandel scholarships of \$750 each were awarded to Kristie Milner of Lake County and Draevum Buchanan, a member of Smith River Grange #585 in Douglas County.

Also announced was the recipient for the 2022 President's award for the largest gain in membership which went to Creswell Grange #496 with a net gain of 29 members.

The meeting ended with the awarding of the very popular Grangers Attending State Session (GASS) awards of \$25 each to thirteen Grangers in attendance at the meeting.



L-r: Oregon State Grange Foundation board with the 30th Anniversary cake; Linda Helm, David McBride, Joyce Parker, Bob Ludi, Dean High, Sam Keator and Joe Peters.



R: Creswell Grange #496 President Patrick Dearth receiving the President's Award from State President Jay Sexton for the largest number of new members (29) in 2022.

GIA Calls For Director Nominations

The position for Director in District 3 is up for election in March 2024. Grange Insurance Association is a mutual company having special regulations lawfully applicable to its organization, membership, policies or contracts of insurance.

By virtue of this policy, the policyholder is a member of the company and is entitled to vote, in person, by mail, or by electronic means approved by the Board of Directors. The annual meeting of the members of the company shall be held on the third Monday of March at 10:00 a.m. at the Home Office of the Grange Insurance Association.

The Directors are elected by the members at the member's annual meeting each year. Pursuant to the procedures set forth in Article II, Section 3, (a) of the GIA Bylaws, the Nominating Committee shall submit a slate of candidates for the open positions on the Board of Directors. Additional candidates may be nominated by petition pursuant to the procedures of Article II, Section 3 (e) of the Bylaws. Such petitions must be signed by at least twenty (20) percent of members who reside in the same district in which the candidate resides.

The qualifications for Director is prescribed in the GIA Bylaws Article II Section 3, (b) and the Nominating Committee Charter. Eligibility. In summary, to be eligible for nomination or election as a Director, the person:

- must be under the age of 72 as of the date of the election,
- cannot and has not within three years been an officer, director, manager, partner, master, overseer, member of an



executive committee, or holder of a similar position with any State or National Grange or affiliate. This also applies to a candidate's spouse.

- cannot be a director, officer, manager, agent, broker, or employee of an insurance company that directly competes with the company in the states where the Association currently provides coverage.

To be considered by the Nominating Committee, applications must be received by the Corporate Secretary no later than September 1, 2023. Applications may be requested by emailing corporatecompliance@grange.com. If no application is received, candidacy may also be achieved through the petition process.

Mail petitions for candidacy for Director to the Association's Home Office, attention of the Corporate Secretary, at P.O. Box 21089, Seattle, WA 98111-3089. All nominations must be received by the Corporate Secretary by December 1, 2023 for placement on the ballot.

District 3 consists of Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, and Wyoming.



Wilma Guttridge, surrounded by family, recognized for 80 years of Grange membership.

Guttridge Awarded Certificate for 80 Years of Grange Membership

In June, Wilma Guttridge of Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County, reached a milestone many of us will never achieve, 80 years as a Grange member. On Sunday July 23, her family and several members of Springwater Grange presented her with her 80-year certificate and a congratulations letter from National Grange President, Betsy Huber.

Since she joined the subordinate Grange in 1943, Wilma has held numerous offices in Springwater and Clackamas Pomona. She was Master of Springwater Grange in 1994, and spent many years as the membership chair of Springwater Grange. In 1948, Wilma was recognized as Oregon's Outstanding Young Granger, and is the oldest

living member of Oregon State Grange's GROW Club.

Wilma is a fourth-generation Granger, whose great grandfather and grandfather were charter members of Springwater Grange #263. The family was recognized as a sixth generation Grange Legacy Family in the inaugural class in November 2017. Today all five of Wilma's sons are members of Springwater Grange along with several daughters-in-law and grandchildren.



R; Springwater Secretary Joyce Parker and President John DeHaas present Wilma Guttridge with her 80-year certificate.

Does My Car Insurance Cover Rental Cars?

By Insurance Blog July 6, 2023

Because different policies can have different coverages, it can be tricky to answer broad questions about what your car insurance covers. While you'll always want to review your specific policy before making any decisions, we wanted to provide a general answer to the question: does my car insurance cover rental cars so that you can make a more informed decision when renting a car.

Does My Car Insurance Cover Rental Cars?

Generally, yes. If, for example, you have liability car insurance, personal injury protection insurance, and collision and comprehensive insurance, these coverages will likely still apply up to the policy limits when you're driving a rental car, assuming the rental car is of similar value to your own vehicle. However, if you have the minimum-required coverage for your state, your liability limit may be low, which means that without purchasing ex-

tra coverage, you could end up paying thousands out of pocket. Even with your personal car insurance policy, there may still be some gaps in coverage. Car rental companies often have a "loss of use" fee, which accounts for whatever income they lose while the rental car is being repaired. This will likely not be covered by your personal auto insurance policy. You should also note that your personal policy only covers rental cars for personal use. If, for example, you're renting a car to meet clients for your job, this will likely not be covered by your personal policy.

Other Car Rental Insurance Alternatives

In addition to your personal auto insurance policy, you may receive some coverage through your credit card, your Homeowners insurance policy, and/or your Umbrella insurance policy. Some credit cards offer primary or secondary rental car insurance, assuming you use

the card to book the rental. With primary coverage, your credit card pays out the claim first, without involving your personal insurance policy. With secondary coverage, your credit card will pay any additional amount not covered by your personal insurance policy, including things like loss of use and towing charges. Your Home, Condo, or Renters insurance likely covers personal items stolen from a rental car, and Umbrella insurance pays the excess amount up to your policy limits if the crash exceeds your liability limits on another policy.

Should I Get Rental Car Insurance?

As long as your car insurance policy and your credit card policy provide adequate coverage, you likely don't need to purchase rental car insurance when renting a car. That said, make sure to consider the different types of coverage you have, as well as your coverage limits when making this decision. If, for example,

you don't have collision and comprehensive insurance, it may make sense to purchase additional insurance when renting a car.

Need to discuss or update your Auto insurance coverage? Contact an independent agent today. In the meantime, check out the Grange Insurance Association blog, where we answer questions like can someone else drive my car and do you have to add a teenage driver to your insurance?

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Molalla Remembers Jason Carroll

At their June meeting Molalla Grange #310, Clackamas County, presented copies of Jason Carroll's Memorial Life Membership Certificate to his widow Hanh Carroll, sister Jessie Stober and brother George Carroll. The family had gone together to purchase the Memorial Life Membership. Brother Carroll passed away in 2019.



L-r: Molalla Grange Secretary Suzen Sether and President Don Sether, presented Jason Carroll's family Hanh Carroll, Jessie Stober and George Carroll with copies of his Life Membership Certificate.

Beavercreek Grange #276 Presents Membership Seals

In May and June Beavercreek Grange #276, Clackamas County had their Overseer, Bud Dumolt, visit several of their long-time members to present seals representing their many years of Grange membership. Receiving recognition were 55-year members Richard (Rick) Keller and a 70-year seal was presented to Art Keller.



Above: Richard (Rick) Keller accepts his 55-year seal from Bud Dumolt



Above: Art Keller receiving his 70-year Seal from Bud Dumolt.

R: Bob Cullison shows off his 55-year seal.



Membership Matters

For Membership information contact:
State President Jay Sexton
president@orgrange.org



State Membership Committee Announces Awards for 2022

The Membership Committee recognized Granges that had the highest percent membership gains in the 2022 calendar year during the Membership Luncheon at the State Grange Convention. Financial Awards went to the top four Granges and all other Granges with a 15% or more gain qualify for a drawing for an indoor/outdoor Grange flag.

Grange	Start#	End#	# gain	% of gain	Award
1. Illinois Valley# 370	12	36	24	200.00%	\$100.00
2. Buell #637	8	23	15	187.50%	\$75.00
3. Greenfield #579	8	17	9	112.50%	\$50.00
4. Camas Valley #521	18	35	17	94.44%	\$25.00
5. Creswell #496	33	62	29	87.88%	Pres. Award
6. Spray #940	14	21	7	50.00%	
7. Dorena #835	17	25	8	47.06%	
8. Eagle Point #664	13	19	6	46.15%	
9. Chetco #765	10	14	4	40.00%	
10. Rickreall #671	22	30	8	36.36%	
11. Irving #377	31	42	11	35.48%	
12. Azalea #786	26	35	9	34.62%	
13. Eagle Valley #656	44	57	13	29.55%	
14. Beaver Homes #518	24	31	7	29.17%	
15. Live Oak #655	39	50	11	28.21%	
16. Thurston #853	18	23	5	27.78%	
17. Goshen #561	24	30	6	25.00%	
18. Netel #410	21	26	5	23.81%	
19. Little Deschutes #939	39	48	9	23.08%	
20. Deer Creek #371	24	29	5	20.83%	
21. Willamette#52	50	58	8	16.00%	
22. Enterprise #489	19	22	3	15.79%	
23. McMinnville #31	70	81	11	15.71%	

Ada Grange Recognizes Members

Harold and Lynn Johnson of Ada Grange #570, Lane County, were presented with their 25-year membership certificates and pins at Ada's regular meeting on May 13.



Above: 25-year members, Harold and Lynn Johnson

Also recognized were the Schofield family; Paul, Loni, Megan and Brian Schofield were presented with their Life Member Certificates and permanent membership cards.



L-r: Life members, Megan, Paul, Brian and Loni Schofield.

Oregon State Grange Convention ~ A Big To-Do District 2



Court of Flora

Pomona Linda Helm

Attendant Joanne McBride, Attendant Roberta O'Dell

Flora Sandi Ludi

Attendant Breanna Hays-McKay, Attendant Grace (Hays) Merchant

Ceres Jessie Jo Guttridge

Attendant JC Junkman, Attendant Eva Frost

Rosebud Team Members

Back row: Jess Hanson, Willamette #52; Brianna Herrick, Walterville #416; Michelle Croy, Spencer Creek #855; Captain: Courtney Gordon, Spencer Creek #855

Front row: Susie Kroeker, Crow #450; Connie Suing, Crow #450; Suzanne Smith, Willamette #52; Tionni Waters, Willamette #52



OSG Secretary Sarah Jenkins and Treasurer Sonny Hays-Eberts celebrating during the Grand March of the 6th Degree.



Out-of-State Guests Celebrate Oregon's 150th Annual Convention



L: Philip Vonada, National Grange Communications Director; Amanda Brozana Rios, National Grange Membership/Leadership Director and Tom Gwin, President of the Washington State Grange were here for the opening of convention on Sunday morning.

Above: Joseph Stefenoni, President of the California State Grange and

R: Martha Stefenoni, Priestess Annalist of the Assembly of Demeter of National Grange arrived Monday morning.



Oregon State Grange Convention ~ A Big To-Do District 2



5th Degree Team

Back row: Ceres Roberta Molina, Rickreall #671; Pomona Connie Suing, Crow #450; Flora Tara VanNetta, Rickreall #671

Middle row: President Jesse O'Dell, Santiam Valley #828; Asst. Steward Steve Kroeker, Crow #450; Vice President Sonny Hays-Eberts, Marys River #685; Treasurer Liz Dehne, Walterville #416; Steward Lexi Suing, Crow #450

Front row: Chaplain Jency Rosasco, Oak Grove #198; Ex Comm. #3 Cookie Trupp, Spencer Creek #855; Lady Asst. Steward Susie Kroeker, Crow #450; Secretary Roberta O'Dell, Santiam Valley #828; Lecturer Linda Pugh, Ada #570; Ex Comm. #1 Lyle Utt, Fairmount #252; Ex Comm. #2 Jeff Dehne, Walterville #416; Gatekeeper Ray Massingham, Jasper #532

Memorial Drill Team

Back row: Chaplain, Paula Herrick; Secretary Sarah Jenkins; Josh Jenkins, Mohawk-Mckenzie Grange; Musician Linda Wetzell, Goshen Grange; Steve Kroeker, Crow Grange; Jeffry Dehne, Walterville Grange; Jesse O'Dell, Santiam Valley Grange; Lexi Suing, Crow Grange; Lyle Utt, Fairmount Grange

Front row: Flora, Sandi Ludi; Susan Noah, Mohawk-Mckenzie Grange; Jency Rosasco, Oak Grove Grange; Connie Suing, Crow Grange; Susie Kroeker, Crow Grange; Liz Dehne, Walterville Grange; Roberta O'Dell, Santiam Valley Grange; President Jay Sexton



Youth Officers

Back row: AS: Jessie Jo Guttridge, Springwater Grange; Steward: Lexie Suing, Crow Grange; President: Alex Coe, Phoenix Grange; Gatekeeper: Jade Naylor, Clarkes Grange; LAS: Breanna Hays-McKay, Abernethy Grange

Middle row: Ex Comm. #2: Ethan Utt, Fairmount Grange; Secretary: Jim J Dumolt, Clarkes Grange; Lecturer: Phil Vonada, Eagle Grange, Pennsylvania; Ex Comm. #1: JC Junkman, Clarkes Grange

Front row: Treasurer: Justin Clute, Forest Grove Grange; Chaplain: Matthew Dehne, Walterville Grange; Vice President: Grace (Hays) Merchant, Abernethy Grange; Ex Comm. #3: Alyssa Jenkins, Mohawk-McKenzie Grange

Sitting: Pomona: Amanda Puls, Myrtle Creek Grange; Flora: Stacy Brown, Forest Grove Grange; Ceres: Mayumi Jenkins, Mohawk-McKenzie Grange

Installation of Officers Assistant and Lady Assistant Stewards

L-r: Installing officer: Carol Everman; Emblem Bearer: Marilyn Reiher; Marshall: Teresa Cernac; Assistant Steward: Jim J Dumolt; Lady Assistant Steward: Stacy Brown; Regalia Bearer: Eva Frost



5TH Degree at Hurricane Creek

On Saturday, August 19th Wallowa Pomona Grange invites those who desire to partake in the exemplification of the 5th Degree by the Oregon GROW Club and friends, along with Wallowa Pomona.

When: Saturday, August 19th 4 pm
Where: Hurricane Creek Grange
82930 Airport Lane
Joseph, Oregon

A Tri-tip dinner will follow the conferral. There is no charge for dinner but RSVPs are requested to have a count for dinner. Contact Betty Whitehead: (541) 398-1266.

For additional information, contact David McBride: (530) 628-8707 They are hoping for Grangers from several nearby counties to attend.



Also, on Sunday, Aug. 20th, from noon to 3pm Hurricane Creek Grange is hosting its annual Community BBQ for everyone, also at no charge. And the GROW club is holding an ice cream social for dessert as Hurricane Creek Grange is continuing to celebrate its Centennial.

Clackamas County Pomona Plans For the Conferral of the 5th Degree

Clackamas County Pomona Grange #1 invites all Grangers to witness the exemplification of the Fifth Degree of the Order on Saturday September 23, 2023 at Maplewood Grange, 25480 S Hwy 99E, Aurora, Oregon.

Before the Fifth Degree, the youth will be holding a fund raiser dinner at \$10 per person. As of publication four Clackamas County Youth and Young Adults are eligible to compete at National Convention in November, so let's show them our support. Dinner will be followed by a dessert auction and the Lecturer's program.



While all members are encouraged to have witnessed the first Four Degrees, those wishing to attend only the Fifth-Degree conferral must have received the Welcoming Ceremony or Official Obligation before observing the Fifth Degree. Make sure you have the current password as you will be requested to give it.

Questions? Contact Pomona Master Joyce Parker, 503-502-6188, jerp0323@gmail.com. RSVP is not required for dinner, but if a large group is planning to attend notification is appreciated.

Schedule for the day

- 6:00 pm Youth will serve dinner \$10 per person
- 7:00 pm Lecturer Program
- 7:30 pm Conferral of the Fifth Degree (*Degree of Pomona*)

Who Can Receive the 5th Degree?

With the Grow Club exemplifying the 5th Degree in August at Hurricane Creek Grange and Clackamas Pomona Grange exemplifying the 5th Degree in September, the State Grange President wanted to clarify the 4th degree membership qualification.

Any member has 4th degree status once they have paid their fees and dues, been voted into a Grange, and have received any one of the following:

- 1) The Conferral of the Four Degrees
- 2) The Official Welcoming Ceremony
- 3) The Official Obligation Ceremony

Any of these three routes allows them to participate in the 5th degree ceremony and become a Pomona member.

The National Digest of Laws (2022) in Chapter 4 (*By-Laws of The National Grange of The Order of Patrons of Husbandry*) clearly states in Section 4.6.5 regarding Subordinate Grange - Individual Membership

(G) Full membership in the Subordinate Grange is attained with the approval of the application and the candidate's participation in the Official Welcoming Ceremony, the Official Obligation Ceremony, or the conferral of the Four Degrees upon the candidate.



100th Birthday Building Celebration

August 19, 2023
1PM to 5PM

- ◆ Food - Birthday cake of course!
- ◆ Music
- ◆ Historic and Restoration Displays
- ◆ Kids Activities



Come celebrate the 100th year of this Community Hall!

Willamette Grange #52 is located at 27555 Greenberry Rd, Corvallis

Hidden Treasure Words Contest

In the last issue of the OSG Bulletin the contest to find 3 hidden treasure words had 18 entries for a drawing for a \$25 prize. A random drawing from the entries selected Rachel Brake of Skyline Grange #894 in Multnomah County, and the prize is being mailed to her home. Thanks to everyone who searched for the treasure words! There is a different contest in this issue.

New Bulletin Readers Contest

This issue's contest is a little more like a reading comprehension test from grade school, but is intended to encourage more engagement with the interesting content in the OSG Bulletin. Like last issue's contest the prize is \$25 if less than 50 entries are received, \$50 if between 50 and 100 entries are received, and \$100 if over 500 entries are sent in. Email your answer to president@orgrange.org, or paper mail to the Oregon State Grange office before

August 30th, to be in the random drawing for the prize. Include your Name and Grange with your answer.

Answer these four questions from this Bulletin Issue:

- 1) What Grange had a "Summer Night" Event?
- 2) Who won the "Dried Food - Fruit" contest?
- 3) The Ag Tour at Convention visited what winery?
- 4) The presentation by Chuck Strand at the OSG Convention was about what topic?

Please do not share the answers, but feel free to tell Grangers about the Bulletin Contest. If this seems to achieve my objective of increasing the number of Grangers really reading the Bulletin, then I will continue to surprise you in future issues.

Please take out a sheet of paper and pencil. You have one month to complete the contest. Begin.

FALL FEST

September 15th & 16th
Friday 4-8
Saturday 9-7

Join us for games, activities,
entertainment, food and fun!

Goshen Grange
85628 Dillard Access Rd.
Eugene, OR 97405

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Above: State GWA Director Susan Noah presented the more than a dozen entries in the "Bailey's Good Dog Gift package" and the "Here Kitty Gift bag" to the staff at Greenhill Humane Society. Greenhill is a private non-profit and relies on donations for a majority of its budget and is the only animal shelter within the Eugene/Springfield area.

R: 161 pounds of pull tabs were delivered to the Ronald McDonald House in Springfield from the 2023 convention. Pictured is Ronald McDonald house staff member Tracy with Roberta O'Dell of Santiam Valley Grange. The pull tabs will be recycled and the money used to help support their programs.



Siletz Valley Raffles Patriotic Quilt

Siletz Valley Grange #558, Lincoln County, is raffling off a quilt donated



Skip-A-Week Plans Quilt Show

The Skip-A-Week Quilt Club of Garfield Grange #317, Clackamas County, is coming into town to hold their annual quilt show and fabric sale on September 15-16, 10am to 4pm at Grace Crossing Bible Church, 29101 S.E. Eagle Creek Road in Estacada Oregon 97023. Admission is free but donations are always accepted.

Claire Kellogg, a Garfield Grange member, will be the featured quilter at the show. There are always over 100 quilts on display at their shows. There will be another fabric sale in October.

ed by Grange member Betty Wilson. This lap quilt was made and quilted by Sister Wilson.

Grange members are selling 150 tickets at \$5 each. They can be purchased at the Siletz Valley Grange Farmers Market held on Tuesdays, from 10 am to 2 pm, or by contacting Michelle Schaffer at 541-270-2864.

The winning ticket will be drawn during the Siletz Community Garage Sale on September 9th. You need not be present to win.

The Skip-A-Week Quilt Club is 102 years old this year. They are the oldest continuously meeting hand quilting club in the U.S.A. The club donates a lot of hand tied comforters to charity organizations as well as donations to veterans.

New members are always welcome to come and visit us at Garfield Grange Hall 33460 S.E. Divers Rd, Estacada on Wednesdays. 10am to 3pm.



GWA

Susan Noah
susannoah6@gmail.com
 OSG Grange Workers Activities Director

State convention is over and it now feels like the start of the summer! For those who could not attend our annual convention you missed several informative days. From the presentation on mental health issues facing rural America and the farming community by Rural Minds CEO Chuck Strand to the great banquets and resolution work, we were kept on the go. The delegates and members debated issues and worked to keep the Grange relevant and important through the new policies we adopted or rejected.

The GWA department had over 130 entries in our various contests and we came home with donations for Greenhill Humane Society, Veterans, and the Ronald McDonald House. About a dozen entries in the Dog and Cat contests made for a nice donation to Greenhill and the pounds and pounds of pull tabs went to the Ronald McDonald House. Sister Gail Wilson asked that the pillowcases be donated to veterans this time as her connection to active troops has come to an end. There is also a box of preemie hats and afghans still to be donated.

This year the GWA conference was a presentation by the Polk County Extension discussing the many programs they offer. Following their conference, the Polk County Extension manager toured our entries and was extremely impressed with the beautiful and creative handiwork on display by our members.

Thanks to all our members and non-members who took the time to enter these contests. For the non-members I hope my fellow Grangers are encouraging them to join our Grange family!

Speaking of family, as we get ready for the fall and winter, plan a few events for your Grange family before summer comes to an end. August is a great time for a potluck turned into a picnic. Many Granges, my own included, have wonderful outdoor space to hold an evening picnic. If your Grange doesn't have an outdoor space that works, go for a field trip and meet at a

nearby park for a little Grange R & R. We all work hard for our Granges and our communities, refreshing ourselves is important to our overall health and keeping healthy is of the greatest importance to all of us.

As I close, I want to take the opportunity to thank my committee and others, especially those who attended our State Convention and helped with the contests and the luncheon. Committee members Vickie High (District #1) Teresa Cernac (District #3) and John DeHaas (District #4) all worked many hours setting up the display room and taking entries. They were also joined by Linda Pugh, who although she is not an official part of the committee, had more knowledge than the rest of us and helped with all aspects of the GWA program for the week. We all appreciated her guidance and help! Sen Speroff also spent time helping take entries and Jessie and Roberta O'Dell stepped in to take the pop tabs when Mark found he had a really, really full truck. After taking them home and weighing them, it turned out that our members have donated 161 lbs. of tabs which Jessie has since taken to the Ronald McDonald House in Springfield for donation. Again, my thanks to both Jessie and Roberta for their help!

Teresa Cernac was also responsible for the crocheted potholders at the luncheon. Teresa made 70 potholders which were interspersed with the traditional bags of sugar so that each person left the luncheon with a prize. I also want to mention my other two committee members who I know would have been there if they could, Rose Jacobs of District #2 and Tammie Phillips, member at large.

This was a learning year for me, but seeing all the work that our members put into their canning, baking, sewing and crafts I was left energized and excited for the next year. I hope that I can be as productive!

Have a wonderful summer and keep working to make life better for your members and your community through the GWA.



Oregon State Grange GWA Contest Winners

Canned/Preserved Foods

Jam-Any Fruit other than Berry

Sponsor: Phoenix Grange

1st Tara Naylor

Jam-Berry Only

Sponsor: Phoenix Grange

1st Dan Keeley Maplewood #662

2nd Loni Schofield Ada #570

3rd Suzy Ramm Springwater #263

Jam-Sugar-Free

Sponsor: Joyce Parker

1st Pamela Perrine

2nd Suzy Ramm Springwater #263

Jelly-Any Fruit Other than Berry

Sponsor: Connie Suing

1st Diane Sauer

2nd Amanda Pols Myrtle Creek #442

3rd Dan Keeley Maplewood #662

Jelly-Berry Only

Sponsor: Connie Suing

1st Suzy Ramm Springwater #263

2nd Linda Pugh Ada #570

Jelly-Sugar-Free

Sponsor: Joyce Parker

1st Suzy Ramm Springwater #263

Fruit Butter

Sponsor: No Sponsor

1st Dan Keeley Maplewood #662

Pickles-Dill (Cucumber Only)

Sponsor: Springwater Grange

1st Amanda Pols Myrtle Creek #442

2nd Pamela Perrine

Relish (Any mixture of vegetables)

Sponsor: Springwater Grange

1st Shirley Gilman Redland #796

Pickles- Misc. (any pickle other than cucumber)

Sponsor: Springwater Grange

1st Dan Keeley Maplewood #662

2nd Dee Griffin

Canned Meats or Fish

Sponsor: No Sponsor

1st Mike & Carol Stream Little Deschutes #939

2nd Diane Sauer

Canned Vegetables-Tomatoes

Sponsor: Margaret Clute

1st Dan Keeley Maplewood #662

Canned Vegetables-Other

Sponsor: Margaret Clute

1st Loni Schofield Ada #570

2nd Amanda Pols Myrtle Creek #442

Canned Fruit- Peaches

Sponsor: Little Deschutes Grange

1st Dan Keeley Maplewood #662

2nd Loni Schofield Ada #570

Canned Fruit- Pears

Sponsor: Little Deschutes Grange

1st Diane Sauer

Canned Fruit- Applesauce

Sponsor: Little Deschutes Grange

1st Diane Sauer

2nd Carol Stream Little Deschutes #939

Dried Foods-Fruit

Sponsor: Joyce Parker

1st Suzy Ramm Springwater #263

2nd Dee Griffin

3rd Dan Keeley Maplewood #662

Dried Foods-Vegetables

Sponsor: Joyce Parker

1st Dee Griffin

2nd Carol Stream Little Deschutes #939

3rd Suzy Ramm Springwater #263

Dried Foods-Herbs

Sponsor: Joyce Parker

1st Dee Griffin

2nd Suzy Ramm Springwater #263

Crafts

"What To Do With Worn Out Jeans"

Sponsor: Sunnyside Grange

1st Carol Stream

Little Deschutes #939

2nd Sandra Foley

Redland #796 \$15

Jewelry

Sponsor: Irving Grange

1st Alicia Nelsen

Goshen #561 \$25

2nd Emily Russell

Goshen #561 \$15

Gift in a Jar (Cookies)

Sponsor: Linda Pugh

1st Heather Elliott

Ada #570 \$10

Paper Craftsmanship : Cards

Sponsor: Clarkes Grange

1st Lynn Johnston

Ada #570 \$15

2nd Denise Leonard

\$10

3rd Judy Hays-Eberts

Marys River #685 \$5

Other Paper Crafts

Sponsor: Clarkes Grange

1st Alicia Nelsen

Goshen #561 \$15

Small Wooden Articles

Sponsor: Wayne Cabler

1st Howard Huey

Abernethy #346 \$25

2nd Tim Cernac

Warren #536 \$15

3rd Steve Kroecker

Crow #450 \$10

Woodcraft

Sponsor: No Sponsor

1st Tim Cernac

Warren #536 \$25

2nd Linell Pritchard

\$15

3rd Howard Huey

Abernethy #346 \$10

Metal Art

Sponsor: Phil Van Buren

1st Terry Elliott

Ada #570 \$50

2nd Mark Files

Marys River #685 \$30

3rd Alicia Nelsen

Goshen #561 \$20

Recycle

Sponsor: Hurricane Creek Grange

1st Terry Elliott

Ada #570 \$15

2nd Ann Zabriskie

North Bayside #691 \$10

3rd Tim Cernac

Warren #536 \$5

"Potluck" - Fabric

Sponsor: Joanne McBride

1st Janet Oleson

Abernethy #346 \$15

2nd June Colony

South Fork #605 \$10

3rd Lois Ensminger

Hurricane Creek #608 \$5

"Potluck" - Wood/Metal

Sponsor: Joanne McBride

1st Laurie Williams

\$15

Bailey's Good Dog Gift Package

Sponsor: Roxy, Susan & Mark Noah

1st Shirley Gilman

Redland #796 \$15

2nd Heather Elliott

Ada #570 \$10

3rd Jax Thorp

Myrtle Creek #442 1+ Junior \$5

Here Kitty Gift Bag

Sponsor: The Parrott Family

1st Shirley Gilman

Redland #796 \$15

2nd Schofield Family

Ada #570 \$10

3rd Linda Pugh

Ada #570 \$5



R: Shirley Gilman of Redland Grange #796 is a perennial winner in the Bailey's Good Dog Gift Package and Here Kitty Gift Bag contests. Some dogs and cats sure appreciate her efforts.

Oregon State Grange GWA Contest Winners

Baked Goods

Drop Cookies

Sponsor: Dorena Grange

1st	Heather Elliott	Ada #570	\$5
2nd	Linda Pugh	Ada #570	\$4
3rd	Kim Schettig	Beavercreek #276	\$3

Bar Cookies

Sponsor: Jasper Grange

1st	Linda Pugh	Ada #570	\$5
2nd	Kim Schettig	Beavercreek #276	\$4

Chocolate Chip Cookies

Sponsor: Beavercreek Grange

1st	Kim Schettig	Beavercreek #276	\$5
2nd	Linda Pugh	Ada #570	\$4
3rd	Dan Keeley	Maplewood #662	\$3

Peanut Butter Cookies

Sponsor: Jessie Jo Guttridge

1st	Linda Pugh	Ada #570	\$5
2nd	Kim Schettig	Beavercreek #276	\$4

Unbaked Cereal/Made in Pan Cookies

Sponsor: Woodburn Grange

1st	Norma Vanderhoof	Myrtle Creek #442	\$5
2nd	Kim Schettig	Beavercreek #276	\$4
3rd	Heather Elliott	Ada #570	\$3

Candy-Peanut Brittle

Sponsor: Bev Doescher

1st	Derrell Witty	Hurricane Creek # 608	\$5
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Muffins

Sponsor: Clarkes Grange

1st	Linda Pugh	Ada #570	\$10
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Gluten-Free Baked Item

Sponsor: Mary & Robert Parrott

1st	Dan Keeley	Maplewood #662	\$10
2nd	Heather Elliott	Ada #570	\$7
3rd	Linda Pugh	Ada #570	\$3

Fruit or Vegetable Bread

Sponsor: Margaret Clute

1st	Linda Pugh	Ada #570	\$10
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Textiles

Pillowcases For Our Troops

Sponsor: Gail Wilson

1st	Myrna Boyd		\$25
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Crocheted Doilies

Sponsor: Spencer Creek Grange

1st	Myrna Boyd		\$25
2nd	Anna Massingham	Jasper #532	\$15

Crocheted or Knitted Afghan

Sponsor: The Parrott Family

1st	Teresa Cernac	Warren #536	\$25
2nd	Ann Zabriskie	North Bayside #691	\$15
3rd	Nelda Jensen	Myrtle Creek #442	\$10

Miscellaneous Crocheted or Knitted Items

Sponsor: Cookie Trupp

1st	Bev Bush	Clarkes #261	\$25
2nd	Myrna Boyd		\$15
3rd	Lena Mae Puls-Shaw		\$10

Premie Afghan-Hat

Sponsor: Jan Oleson

1st	Lisa Anzaldre	Abernethy #346	\$25
2nd	Anna Massingham	Jasper #532	\$15



Above: Many Pillowcases For Our Troops were donated.

Table Runner - Fabric

Sponsor: Ada Grange

1st	Ann Zabriskie	North Bayside #691	\$25
2nd	Alicia Nelsen	Goshen #561	\$15
3rd	Danda Winfield		\$10

Table Runner-Knitted or Crocheted

Sponsor: Ada Grange

1st	Myrna Boyd		\$25
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Embroidery

Sponsor: Julie Schnetzky

1st	Vickie Thorp	Myrtle Creek #442	\$15
2nd	Marilyn McClellin	Little Deschutes #939	\$10
3rd	Pamela Perrine		\$5

Counted Cross Stitch

Sponsor: Parkdale Grange

1st	Susie Kroeker	Crow #450	\$15
2nd	Shirley Gilman	Redland #796	\$10

Plastic Canvas

Sponsor: Beavercreek Grange

1st	Roberta Leuer	Warren #536	\$15
2nd	Kim Schettig	Beavercreek #276	\$10
3rd	Emily Russell	Goshen #561	\$5

Dementia Fidget Sleeve

Sponsor: Tina Reynolds

1st	Lisa Paullin-Anzvalda	Abernethy #346	\$25
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Apron Member/ Non-Member

Sponsor: Beavercreek Grange

1st	Myrna Boyd		\$15
2nd	Nan Hage	Abernethy #346	\$10
3rd	Roberta Odell	Santiam Valley #828	\$5

Hot Pad or Mitt (Crocheted or Knitted)

Sponsor: Susan Noah

1st	Myrna Boyd		\$15
2nd	Elvaree Fine	Hurricane Creek # 608	\$10

Hot Pad or Mitt (Any Kind or Fabric)

Sponsor: Susan Noah

1st	Diane Sauer		\$15
2nd	Roberta Odell	Santiam Valley #828	\$10

Purses and Totes

Sponsor: Cookie Trupp

1st	Elvaree Fine	Hurricane Creek # 608	\$15
2nd	Carol Stream	Little Deschutes #939	\$10
3rd	Sandra Foley	Redland #796	\$5

Wall Hanging Quilt

Sponsor: Creswell Grange

1st	Frances Pringle	Redland #796	\$15
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Baby Quilt- Machine Quilted by One

Sponsor: Sauvies Island Grange

1st	Jeanie Alford	Hurricane Creek # 608	\$15
2nd	Roberta Odell	Santiam Valley #828	\$10

Baby Quilt- Tied by One

Sponsor: Sauvies Island Grange

1st	Diane Barrett		\$15
2nd	Berna Clossen		\$10

Embroidered Baby Quilt

Sponsor: Walterville Grange

1st	Roberta Odell	Santiam Valley #828	\$15
2nd	Lisa Anzualda	Abernethy #346	\$10

Quilts - Machine Quilted by One

Sponsor: Siletz Valley Grange

1st	Joanne McBride	Hurricane Creek # 608	\$15
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UPCOMING POMONA GRANGE MEETINGS

Pomona Secretaries are to send in meeting information to the Bulletin Editor as soon as date, time, and location are determined and/or changed.

Pomona	Date	Time	Meeting Place
Baker #24	Nov 4	10:30 AM	Pine Valley Grange
Benton #36	Oct 14	10:30 AM	Marys River Grange
Clackamas #1	Sep 23	6:00 PM	Maplewood Grange
Columbia #18	Nov 4	10:00 AM	Vernonia Grange
Deschutes #25	Nov 12	1:00 PM	TBA
Douglas #13	Oct 28	6:00 PM	Riversdale Grange
Josephine #20	Sept 30	10:00 AM	Fruitdale Grange
Lane #14	Oct 14	10:00 AM	London Grange
Lincoln #10	Aug 19	10:30 AM	TBA
Linn #12	Oct 14	10:00 AM	Lacomb Grange
Polk #3	Oct 8	11:00 AM	TBA
Tillamook #9			TBA
Umatilla-Morrow #26			TBA
Wallowa #22	Oct 25	5:30 PM	South Fork Grange
Washington-Yamhill #2	Oct 21	10:00 AM	Tigard Grange



With their 150th Grange Birthday cake on display Molalla Grange and the local VFW Auxiliary participated in the citywide Summer Nights event.

Molalla Grange Holds Fundraiser During City's Summer Nights

On June 23, the local VFW Post Auxiliary and Molalla Grange #310, Clackamas County, served rootbeer floats, hot dogs and home baked goodies, all available by donation, in front of the Grange hall on Grange Street.

This was part of the citywide Molalla Summer Nights event which ran from 5-8pm. Funds raised went to both group's scholarship funds. It was a beautiful evening for the event and many people stopped by.



The crew at Walterville Grange all ready to cook breakfast.

Mother's Day Breakfast Held

Sunday, May 14th Walterville Grange #416, Lane County, held a Mother's Day breakfast. Many showed how special their mom was with a great breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage along with some juice and coffee.

Just like all of Walterville's meals, donations were gratefully accepted. Attendees were also encouraged to bring any canned goods they would like to bring for the Upriver Food Bank.



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Above: Junior marching into the "Big" session hall on Tuesday morning.

Below: two new Juniors were given the Junior obligation. This demonstration helps Subordinate/Community Grange see how to take in their own Junior Grangers.



R: The Juniors got to try their hand with a kid version of the ax throwing provide by the State President Jay Sexton.

Below: Crafts are always part of Junior Grange activities. The Juniors made a lamp shade from craft sticks and then they learned how to wire lamp bases to the cord for plugging in the lamp.



Above: The Juniors visited the Polk County History Museum that was located on the fairgrounds. Of particular interest was the school room display.

OSG Junior Contest Winners

Junior Talent

Age 8-10			
1	Raelynn Thorp	Myrtle Creek #442	\$20.00

Minecraft

Age 5-7			
1	Wyatt Williams	Fairmount #252	\$10.00
Age 8-9			
1	Dean McKay	Abernethy #346	\$20.00
2	Jameson Wood	Hurricane Creek #608	\$15.00
3	Raelynn Thorp	Myrtle Creek #442	\$10.00
Age 10-11			
1 (tie)	Ana Williams	Fairmount #252	\$20.00
1 (tie)	Riona McClain	Irving #377	\$20.00

Art - Pen and Ink

Age 8-10			
1	Raylynn Thorp	Myrtle Creek #442	\$5.00

Cards for Veterans

Age 5-7			
1	Roan Thorp	Myrtle Creek #442	\$5.00
Age 8-10			
1	Raelynn Thorp	Myrtle Creek #442	\$5.00
Age 11-13			
1	Annabelle Allgood	Myrtle Creek #442	\$5.00



Above l-r: Age 8-9 Minecraft winners Raelynn Thorp, Dean McKay and Jameson Wood with Junior Director Peggy Jillson.

Right: Age 5-7 Minecraft winner Wyatt Williams with Junior Director Peggy Jillson.

Below: l-r: Age 10-11 Minecraft winners Ana Williams and Riona McClain with Junior Director Peggy Jillson.



R: Raelynn Thorp of Myrtle Creek with state Lecturer Cookie Trupp, participated in the Junior Talent contest.



Oregon Junior Grangers



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This issue's Junior column is by Heather Elliott, District 2 Junior Committee Chairman.

I attended State Session at the Polk County Fairgrounds last month. Throughout the week there was about nine Juniors in the Junior Room.

On Saturday, four Juniors went on the Ag Tour. They went to Airlie Winery and a farm stand. On Saturday night after the kickoff dinner, one Junior participated in the talent contest.

Throughout the week from Sunday to Wednesday the Juniors that were in attendance, opened and closed the Junior Grange in meeting form. Marching practice was big as we were going to march into the big session hall on Tuesday morning.

Some of the crafts that the Juniors did were a chair fidget, a lamp shade from craft sticks and then they learned how to the wire lamp bases to the cord for plugging in the lamp. Minecraft practice was also done so that by Wednesday morning everyone had the chance to learn the game for the contest.

On Tuesday nine Junior aged members marched into the hall with Director Peggy. This included two new Juniors

who were given the Junior obligation. After the Juniors marched out a coin drill was held which raised about \$212 for the Junior program. Thank you very much for your support.



In the afternoon the Juniors helped pass out red, white, and blue pinwheels to the veterans at convention. The Juniors also visited the Polk County History Museum that was located on the fairgrounds. In the evening while the adults were axe throwing the Juniors got to try their hand with a kid version provided by the State President Jay Sexton.

Wednesday morning brought the Minecraft contest and then prizes were awarded at lunch. The afternoon brought a trip to the Dallas Aquatic Center.



Above and r: Tuesday afternoon the Juniors passed out red, white and blue pinwheels to those veterans that were present at convention.



Red tennis shoes were the footwear of the day on Tuesday.



Government Affairs

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Dear Grangers,

Here is a look at the 2023 Oregon Legislative Session work that was completed this year. Below you will find **A Snapshot Of 2023 Legislative Session** and their successes.

This session was successfully delivered on the priorities that matter most to Oregonians. Important progress was made and addressed the state's most pressing issues, including homelessness and housing affordability, improved behavioral health and addiction services, stronger schools, public safety, support for small businesses and a fair, robust economy.

The work accomplished is going to help uplift Oregonians as we work to rebuild and continue to bring families the stability, safety and opportunity they deserve.

Affordable Housing & Homelessness

Housing Supply and Stability Budget (SB 5511, SB 5505, HB 3395): Nearly \$2 billion in investments, building on prior emergency investments. Funds construction of new affordable housing units.

Affordable Housing & Emergency Homelessness Response Package (HB 2001, HB 5019): \$200 million investment helps shelter Oregonians living on the street, prevent more homelessness, and ramp up affordable housing production across the state.

HB 2984: Allows local governments to convert commercial buildings to residential housing.

HB 3395: Streamlines affordable housing production and increases homeownership opportunities, especially for BIPOC communities.

SB 611: Rent stabilization for working families, keeping Oregonians housed.

HB 3215: Establishes the Disaster Housing Recovery Fund to provide assistance to rebuild housing destroyed by a disaster.

HB 2982: Allows Oregonians to recover 70% of value of lost property after a disaster. HB 3395: Reduces barriers to siting emergency shelters.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & FAIRNESS

Early Childhood Investment: A \$172 million investment that addresses the cost-of-living crisis, helps reduce child poverty and sup-

ports systemic investments in happy, healthy families. Another \$1.2 billion was invested in the Department of Early Learning and Child-care (DELCC) to give the newly independent agency a stable foundation for its vital work.

HB 3235: Oregon Kids' Credit - Helps struggling parents make ends meet and lifts families out of poverty with a child tax credit that will provide \$1,000 a month, per child.

SB 4: Oregon CHIPS Act - Invests \$260 million to secure Oregon as a global leader in the semiconductor industry, create good paying jobs, and boost our economy for generations to come.

HB 2009: Economic Incentives Modernization Package - Aligns Oregon's tax incentive structure with Oregon values and bolsters our economy by creating a Research and Development tax credit, extending the Enterprise Zone Program, and updating the Strategic Investment Program.

HB 3410: Rural Infrastructure and Economic Development Package - Revitalizes rural communities by investing \$32.2 million in building critical infrastructure, bolstering key rural industries and sectors, and addressing workforce housing shortage.

Addiction Treatment & Behavioral Health

Behavioral Health Care Delivery Investment (HB 2757, SB 5525, HB 5026, SB 5506) : Building off of the \$1 billion invested in 2021-2022, this \$153 million investment will help stabilize mobile crisis response funding and coordination between care centers and response systems so that Oregonians can receive the care they need.

HB 2757: Critical, stable funding for the 9-8-8 Suicide Prevention & Behavioral Health Crisis Line to help Oregonians in need.

HB 2395: Bipartisan Opioid Harm Reduction Package that will address the state's fentanyl crisis and save lives by increasing access to naloxone.

HB 2513: The Hope & Recovery Bill fixes Measure 110 implementation so that Oregonians struggling with addiction can receive the care they need and get on a path to recovery.

HB 2645: Holds bad actors accountable through penalties for possession of fentanyl.

Community Safety

Public Safety & Accountability Investment: A \$4 billion investment to fund law enforcement, hold bad actors accountable, and give communities the safety and security they need. It includes an unprecedented \$1.3 billion to fully fund the Oregon Department of Emergency Management.

SB 337: Addresses Oregon's public defense crisis by ensuring an accountable, transparent, and efficient system so that Oregonians are afforded their right to representation.

HB 2005: The Gun Violence Prevention Bill makes communities safer, helps law enforcement do their jobs, and respects responsible gun owners.

HB 3443: Further protects victims of bias crimes.

HB 2316: Keeps Oregon's roads safe by expanding our Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUII) laws.

Stronger Schools

Record K-12 Education Investment (HB 5015): Invests a historic \$10.2 billion in the State School Fund, supporting Oregon's K-12 students and educators.

HB 3198: Early Literacy Success Initiative - Invests \$144.3 million to support evidence-based, culturally responsive literacy strategies in and outside of the classroom, setting up Oregon students for future academic success.

SB 283: Addresses the shortage of educators in Oregon's K-12 schools by strengthening workforces.

HB 3005: Increases the availability of child care by creating a grant program to provide financial assistance to help build and open new child care facilities.

HB 3144: Invests \$2.1 million in the Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (NH/PI) Student Success Plan, providing targeted interventions to improve access to educational opportunities and support for NH/PI students.

HB 5025: Higher Ed Opportunity Package - Invests \$3.7 billion to ensure Oregonians seeking postsecondary education obtain high quality education. Includes \$1 billion for the Public University Support Fund, \$800 million for the Community College Support Fund, \$308.4 million to the Oregon Opportunity Grant, and \$24.2 million to the Tribal Student Grant program.

Reproductive Health

HB 2002: Reproductive Health & Access to Care Act restores the abortion rights Oregonians had under Roe v. Wade, expands insurance coverage for gender-affirming care,

and protects Oregon medical providers' ability to give the best, most appropriate care to their patients.

Access To Health Care

HB 2697: Ensures safe nursing staffing levels to support the well-being of our critical workers and provide quality care for all Oregonians.

HB 2725, SB 192: Creates regulation and transparency for pharmacy benefit managers, the middle person of the pharmaceutical industry, to decrease the cost of drugs for Oregonians and protect small pharmacies.

HB 2574: Improves access to life-saving HIV-preventive treatment, PEP.

SB 1089: Creates the Universal Health Plan Governance Board to develop a comprehensive, flexible system for providing every Oregonian with affordable health care.

Strengthening Democracy

HB 2004: Establishes a plan for implementing Ranked Choice Voting, which ensures voters have more of a say in who they want to represent them.

HB 2038: Closes a longstanding loophole that allowed some politicians to shield the sources of their income from public disclosure.

Climate & Environment

Climate Resilience Package Investment (HB 3409, HB 3630): Invests \$90 million in community-focused and forward-looking solutions to increase our energy efficiency, keep Oregonians safe from extreme weather, maximizing federal funding opportunities, and build a more resilient, sustainable, and equitable energy system.

Drought & Water Investment (HB 2010): Invests \$100 million in new and existing resources to ensure families, farms, and wildlife across Oregon have clean, safe water -- now and into the future.

Consumer Protections

SB 619: Oregon Consumer Privacy Act - Empowers Oregonians to protect their privacy online, especially children under 15.

HB 2759: Strengthens anti-robocall law to hold telemarketing companies liable for illegal robocalls.

Happy Trails



Legislative Policy Resolutions Adopted at the 2023 State Convention

AG #1: Increase Agricultural Items Allowed for Farm Direct Marketing

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange supports the passage of Farm Direct Marketing Legislation. And be it further

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange supports the increase from \$20,000 to \$50,000 per year a farm/producer can direct sell as part of the direct marketing rules.

CO #1: Oppose SB 775

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange opposes any bills which would result in moving any or all Soil and Water Conservation Districts to a completely at-large director election system.

EH #1: Licensed School Librarians

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange endorses efforts to guarantee that every public school district is staffed with the services of a licensed school librarian.

EH #3: Supporting Education

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange continues to recommend supporting education in the following ways:

1. Oregon Farm to School program
2. Scholarships
3. Oregon Ag in the Classroom
4. Vocation Agriculture and FFA
5. Words for Third – Dictionaries for Third Grade Students
6. Parental Education programs
7. Talented and Gifted (TAG) programs
8. Special Education
9. Funding of Head Start and preschool programs
10. Well organized community-based charter schools
11. Community Education programs
12. Volunteers in schools

EH #4: Nitrate Pollution in Drinking Water

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange demands that the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and Department of Agriculture receive adequate funding to support and expand voluntary efforts by agricultural industries and others to control nitrate pollution, and to enforce existing regulations on nitrate pollution when voluntary efforts fail. And be it further

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange supports expanded funding for testing well water to determine the extent of nitrate contamination, and funding to help homeowners in affected areas with improvements or filtration systems to remediate nitrate pollution.

EH #5: Medicare Coverage for Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange and the National Grange shall support, by lobbying efforts to pass legislation such as H. R. 2407 that would include multi-cancer screening in Medicare coverage.

LE #1: Clean Diesel Engine Tax

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange opposes taxing off-road equipment and fuel such as farming, ranching, and logging equipment to fund cleaner diesel engines in on-road applications.

LE #4: Support IP-4 Refer Tolling Oregon Roads to Voters

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange updates its policy in regard to tolling roads as follows:

That for any new toll proposed after January 1, 2018, the toll proposed by the public body is referred for approval or rejection to the electors of each county in this state that has a county border within a 15-mile radius of any section of highway proposed to be tolled: and

That for the purposes of this policy the following definitions are used:

- (a) "Highway" means every public way, road, street, thoroughfare, and place, including bridges, viaducts, and other structures within the boundaries of this state, open, used or intended for use of the general public for vehicles or vehicular traffic as a matter of right.
- (b) "Public body" means a public body as defined by the laws of this state.
- (c) "Section of highway proposed to be tolled" means the portion of the highway beginning at the highway exit before the first toll col-

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Legislative Update

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Just like July follows June, the question "What happens to the resolutions we adopt?" follows the Oregon State Grange convention. The answer is, it depends. Resolutions that simply stated a policy that, upon adoption, the OSG now supports will be included in our policy handbook. If any of these also apply to federal legislation or National Grange policy, they will be forwarded to the National Grange for consideration by their delegates in November. Sometimes this is a judgement call by the OSG President or Executive Committee. For instance, we adopted LE9 *Supreme Court Code of Conduct* and LE10 *Responsible Use of Facial Recognition Software Tools*, but the writer of those resolutions (OK, it was me) neglected to state in the Resolve that if adopted they should be sent to National Grange for consideration. They were marked 'National' in the program so the OSG office did interpret them correctly, but it is best to be specific about what you want to happen if your resolution is adopted.

Being specific can hurt your resolution too, if the action you are calling for appears to be beyond the reach of the Oregon State Grange. The OSG probably lacks the resources to immediately mount an initiative campaign by ourselves but we could join others in such an effort. In fact, our resolution on tolling, LE4 *Support IP-4 Refer Tolling Oregon Roads to Voters* does specify that we will partner with others to collect signatures.

The OSG Legislative Committee will study the 2023 adopted resolutions to determine if there are opportunities for us to submit letters of support (or in opposition) but there are always a few that address situations that are not currently under consideration by the legislature or any specific legislators. In these cases, it is most helpful if the writer of the original resolution can point us towards their local representative or senator who may share their viewpoint or at least would listen to the concerns of their constituent. Our Lobbyist John DeHaas knows a lot of people in Salem and may be able to help make a connection or at least identify someone we could contact. A letter from the Oregon State Grange in support of their constituent's idea might encourage a legislator to write legislation on the issue. You never know.

We've had some really good Legislative Zoom meetings recently and the last one generated some interesting thoughts on the quality of recent resolutions and how hard it

August 30th 7pm Legislative Zoom

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can be to make written words say what we think we mean. We decided to devote at least part of the August meeting to a resolution writing workshop. The August Zoom will be on the 5th Wednesday, Aug 30.

There is a rhythm to resolution writing throughout the year, namely long stretches of no activity with a sudden surge just before the April deadline. The start of the State Legislative session spurs us to think about current events, but there are a lot of long-range topics we could be writing about all year. A quick tour through the OSG legislative policy handbook (on the website, orgrange.org) or the National Grange Current Policies (typically buried in each year's Journal of Proceedings) will undoubtedly reveal some policies that need updating, or some critical gaps in policy. For instance, Oregon really doesn't have much in the way of water policy. Also, National Grange asked us to show support for Medicare coverage of multi-cancer early detection testing but we didn't have direction from our delegates in the form of existing policy until we adopted such a resolution in June. Another thought, National has no sunset rule for policies so there are some really old chestnuts buried in there that deserve to be edited out by resolution.

One final thought, if we are going to continue to conduct session committee meetings via Zoom prior to convention I hope we can promote the meeting schedule so that writers of resolutions, and Grangers in general, can more faithfully recreate the committee process we used to encounter at the session. These committees need more input, and writers of resolutions should do their best to follow their resolution through the process, and we all need to weigh in to make sure the resolutions coming out of committee are understandable, well-supported by argument, and ready for delegate consideration.

Legislative Policy Resolutions Adopted at the 2023 State Convention

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lection facility and ending at the highway exit after the last toll collection facility, as observed by the direction of vehicle travel on the highway.

- (a) "Toll" means any fee of charge for the use of a highway.
- (b) "Toll collection facility" means any physical location at which a toll is charged to vehicles for using the highway, including a toll booth, toll plaza or electronic toll collection system.
- (c) (A) "Vehicle" means any device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public highway. (B) "Vehicle" includes vehicles that are propelled or powered by any means.

And be it further

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange supports Petition IP-4 and will work with Vote Before Tolls to collect the signatures needed to place this petition on the ballot. And be it further

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange actively supports the passage of the measure that would come out of a successful signature drive on Petition IP-4.

LE #6: Regulating Sitting, Lying, Sleeping or Keeping Warm and Dry Outdoors on Public Property

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange will work to have the legislature revisit HB3115 as passed in 2021 to be more reasonable to communities under 25,000 population.

LE #7: Affordable Housing in Recreation Counties

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange supports strategies that would provide affordable housing in counties affected by inflated costs due to recreational or rental ownership.

LE #8: Supporting Formation of a State Bank of Oregon

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange supports HB2763 in the 2023 legislative session, or any other legislation which would establish a State Public Bank Task Force.

LE #9: Supreme Court Code of Conduct

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange supports the Supreme Court of the United States voluntarily adopting the Code of Conduct formulated in 1973 for judges and enforcing this code on and amongst themselves.

LE #10: Responsible Use of Facial Recognition Software Tools

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange supports laws that will require policing agencies to disclose at the time of arrest that facial recognition software was the basis for identification of the suspect. And be it further

Resolved: That third-party recognition contractors shall be liable for the cost of correcting mistaken identification plus penalties for damages.

LE #12: Oregon Moratorium on New Large Scale Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs)

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange supports a moratorium on the construction of new Large Scale Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations until criteria are established regarding allowable proximity to schools, towns, and waterways, and mandating adequate management of traffic, waste, dust, and other factors.

TR #1: Opposition to I-205 Tolling

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange has a long-standing policy of "rigorously opposing the conversion of any existing road to a toll road" and in this case strongly opposes tolling and congestion pricing on I-205. And be it further

Resolved: That copies of this resolution be sent by the Oregon State Grange President Jay Sexton and Lobbyist John DeHaas to the Oregon Department of Transportation, the Oregon Transportation Commission, the offices of the Speaker of the Oregon House of Representatives, the President of the Oregon Senate, and to the Clackamas and Washington County Commissioners.

VT #1: Encourage Mass Transit Systems to Offer Discounts to Veterans

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange encourages Oregon's Trimet and other mass transit systems confer Honored Citizen status to honorably discharged veterans.

Veterans



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Oregon State Grange Veterans Directors



2023 Oregon State Grange Convention Veteran's Report to the delegates.

The Oregon State Grange Veterans Committee spent some time with assembly and organization this past year. The committee is now complete with an excellent team of Grangers who have been developing some great plans to honor and support Veterans. As the district chairs were not all selected until after the annual roster was published, it is appropriate to ensure that they are recognized in this report. Representing District 1 is Phil Van Buren with Midland Grange. District 2 is chaired by Patrick Dearth of Creswell Grange. In District 3 Jim Clute has stepped forward from Forest Grove Grange. George and Patricia Carroll of Molalla Grange are co-chairs of District 4. Roger Wilson is representing District 5 from White Eagle Grange. Co-directors are David and Joanne McBride with Hurricane Creek Grange.

The Veterans Committee has been meeting virtually via Zoom on a monthly basis. Planned activities include a workshop and displays at this year's Oregon State Grange

Convention, a display during the Oregon State Fair in the Log Cabin, and an entry in the Albany Veterans Day Parade. A Quilts of Valor presentation at next year's State Convention is also in the early stages of planning.

It is very gratifying that individual Granges throughout Oregon are conducting various events to honor Veterans. The Oregon State Grange Veterans Committee would like to begin recognizing and promoting these activities so that these programs could encourage additional support for veterans and their families.



POW/MIA Missing Man table was part of the Veterans committee display.



Veterans being recognized on Tuesday at the State Grange convention.



All Grangers are invited

OSG Legislative Forum Zoom Meeting

When: Wednesday, August 30 @ 7 pm PDT
Wednesday, September 27 @ 7 pm PDT
Where: Zoom

The OSG Legislative Committee will lead a discussion on current legislative issues, ballot measures and Grange resolution developing..

Contact: Legislative Director Mark Noah for login information
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OSG Youth/Young Adults Contest Winners

Public Speaking

Prepared

- 1 Solana Sonnier The Sandy Grange #392, Clackamas County

Impromptu

- 1 Solana Sonnier The Sandy Grange #392, Clackamas County
2 Matthew Dehne Walterville Grange #416, Lane County
3 Alex Coe Phoenix Grange #779, Jackson County



Above: Solana Sonnier of The Sandy Grange #392 who place first in both Prepared and Impromptu Public Speaking.

R top: Matthew Dehne of Walterville Grange #416.

R bottom: Alex Coe of Phoenix Grange #779.



Grange Youth & Young Adults



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This issue we ask Jessie Jo Guttridge, a member of the 2022-2023 National Youth Officer Team (NYO) to write the column.

With the 150th session of the Oregon State Grange concluded; I remembered a conversation I had shortly after receiving my seventh degree in 2012. A non-granger, upon learning the reason for my recent trip, asked what I planned to do now that I had all seven degrees. I answered "Honestly, I'm just going to probably stay in my local Grange. Maybe the Pomona."

I didn't know how wrong I was.

It took several years, and the encouragement of several mentors to get me to attend my first state session as a youth officer in 2015, where I served as Youth Ceres. I had really no idea what I was getting myself into when I arrived, other than opening the State Grange one morning. But witnessing the work of the session, even from the sidelines, had me hooked. I started filling out my first national youth officer application in the back of the Pendleton Convention Center, and I haven't looked back since.

For other state youth officers who have felt that strong pull to be as involved in the Grange as you can, and looking for further opportunities to get involved, I cannot encourage you enough to apply for the National Youth Officer Council. There are a few requirements, however, that you'll need to meet for your application.

First off, you will need to attend the regionals conference occurring

the same year as the National Session you are applying for. And while there, you will need to participate in the Impromptu Speaking Contest or the Grange Commercial Contest. However, if you are the Oregon State Prepared Public Speaking or Sign-A-Song winner, this meets the same requirements as long as you present at Regionals.

You must also have two letters of recommendation, one from a member of your local Grange, preferably the Master/President, and one from the State Grange level, either the State Youth Chairman or from the President of the Oregon State Grange. The earlier you contact people for these letters of recommendation, the better.

These are the major things you will need to do in advance, to be prepared to fill out your application. Changes were announced last year as well to how the National Youth Officers will continue to fill their rolls on a yearly basis instead of just at National Session, so I can't tell you how much the program will be changing this year, other than a lot more Zoom meetings. But I encourage you to apply nonetheless.

You never know how far you can go until you try.

Jessie Jo Guttridge
2022-23
Vice President/Overseer
National Youth Officer Team

Youth Goodie Baskets Drawing Held

The annual Goodie Basket drawing was held on Wednesday June 21 during the Youth Luncheon at convention. Thank you to each and every Grange that purchased and sold tickets. More than 4400 tickets were sold. The money raised from this fundraiser allows Oregon's Youth and Young Adults to travel to the Western Regional Leadership conference, to the National Grange Convention and to Granges in our own state as requested. Thank you doesn't come close to how much this

financial support is appreciated.

Now to the fun part. This year with the shrinkage in the number of districts there were five baskets available for the winners to select from. Congratulations to all the winners.



Above: Junior Granger Dean McKay draws on of the winning tickets as Youth Grace (Hays) Merchant and Jade Naylor look on.



Above: District #1 basket won by Leila Dumolt of Beavercreek Grange #276

R: District #2 basket won by Kathy Milleison of Boulevard Grange #389



R: District #4 Basket won by Cindy Hancock of Little Deschutes Grange #939



Above: District #3 basket won by Val Richmond of Boulevard Grange #389

R: District #5 Basket won by Linda Helm of Phoenix Grange #779





GROW Club

"Go Right On Working"



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Another State Grange convention in the books – Well done District #2!!! The GROW Club was able to collect approximately 40 members and friends to go out to Abby's Pizza in Dallas on Wednesday evening. A big shout-out to the crew at Abby's for handling the flood of customers when we 'dropped in'.

Our invitation was officially announced to those present, and a traveling band of 5th degree officers will be on-site for Hurricane Creek's conferral on Saturday, August 19th. If you are interested in a support role, or just want to attend, all are welcome. As luck would have it, David McBride also purchased an ice cream social in the oral auction, which he has asked to have served at Hurricane Creek's BBQ the following day. The hospitality of the Wallowa County Granges includes some in-home rooms available to GROW Club members traveling across state. Please check with David McBride for any housing still available for the weekend's events. A second ice cream social was 'won' by President Jay Sexton, which will be served at Willamette

#52 on a date to be determined.

We have an opening on the board for District #4, so any GROW Club Member in that district interested in filling that spot, please contact me. The duties of the board are minimal, but make decisions such as the magnetic GROW Club pins that we were hoping would be of interest to the members. Only a very small handful have responded, so this may be scrapped. If we cannot get at least 20 to order, the price will be much higher than we were quoted for an order of 50.

A very un-scientific survey of a handful of GROW Club members shows support and appreciation for the articles that have been written by various Outstanding Young Grangers, Couples, Ambassadors and other representatives from Oregon regarding their journey to the National Grange. On that bit of positive feedback, we will continue to post various stories in the upcoming editions.

As always, keep up the good work, and Go Right On Working!!!

By-laws and Good of the Order Resolutions Adopted at the 2023 State Convention

BL #2: Change State Session Date

Resolved: That Section 3, Meetings 1.3.1 of the By-Laws be changed to read: The Oregon State Grange shall hold regular State Sessions that commence not earlier than the 3rd full week of June and not later than the end of the month; provided that the State Grange Executive Committee is hereby authorized to change the meeting date if necessary.

BL #3 Revise OSG By-Laws on Preparation of Final Delegate Election Ballots

Resolved: That Section 10 – Final Delegate Elections of the Oregon State Grange By-Laws be revised as follows:

1.10.2 The election of officers shall be held the second day of the State Session at a time designation in the official program adopted by the delegates. The State Grange office shall prepare an Australian ballot with the names of candidates and a space for the delegates to vote for other members if they desire. Whenever an office has no candidate, nominations will be accepted from the floor. The State Grange office staff shall incorporate these names on the Australian ballot.

1.10.3 The State Grange office staff, or the chairman of the Sessions Election Committee, shall post one of the ballots in the session hall as soon as it is printed. Each ballot shall have a stub attached to be signed by the delegate at the time of voting. When the vote is cast, the stub shall be removed by the delegate overseen by the Election Committee and placed in a box separate from the ballots.

1.10.4 The State Office shall supply the Elections Committee with a list of all voting delegates of the State Session, said list to be arranged by county and numerical order of the Granges represented.

1.10.5 – 1.10.9 shall remain unchanged.

BL #4: Oregon State Grange Dues Increase

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange raise the minimum annual individual dues from \$45 to \$50, and minimum annual family dues from \$90 to \$100, by making the appropriate by-laws changes in Article 4 Section 10 of the Oregon State Grange By-Laws. And be it further

Resolved: That this increase be effective as of 1/1/24.

GO #2: Identify Insurance Opportunities for Subordinate/Community Granges

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange Executive Committee shall research opportunities to reduce insurance costs to Subordinate/Community Granges and report the findings prior to the Oregon State Grange Session in 2024.

GO #3: Oregon Resolutions Submitted to National Grange

Resolved: The Oregon State delegates to National Grange shall report the outcome of all Oregon State resolution submitted to National Grange to the Oregon Grange membership. The report will contain the title and resolves of adopted or opposed resolutions. And be it further

Resolved: All resolutions to National Grange from the Oregon State Grange be published in the Oregon State Grange Bulletin whether adopted or not or folded into another resolution and give the outcome of said resolutions in a standalone article. And be it further

Resolved: That the list be included in the next Session's delegates' packet.

Go #4: Candidates Names on Ballots

Resolved: That the letter the State President sends informing a member that they have been nominated asks them to type or print how they want their name to appear on the ballot. And be it further

Resolved: That the state office honor each candidate's preference.

GO #5: Disposition of Resolutions at National Grange

Resolved: That if a resolution from a State Grange is classified as 'covered by present policy' that the committee must clearly and specifically identify the language in the Present Policy that covers said resolution. And be it further

Resolved: That if a State Grange resolution is included in a National Grange committee's annual Policy Statement, the relevant sentences must be specifically noted and footnoted. And be it further

Resolved: Let it be forward to National Grange.

Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

August 24 – September 4	Oregon State Fair Grange Log Cabin Salem, Oregon
September 1	"Grange in Action" application Deadline National Quilt Block Contest Deadline National Grange Publicity Item Contest Deadline National Lecturer's Virtual Photo Contest Deadline National Grassroots Advocacy in Action Award Deadline
September 15	990n ePostcard deadline for most Granges
September 24	150 th Oregon State Grange Celebration Salem, Oregon
October 31	3 rd Quarter Reports Due
November 11	Veterans Day
November 14-18	National Grange Convention Niagara Falls, New York
December 1	Subordinate/Community and Pomona Grange officers' information due to the state Grange office
June 15-20, 2024	Oregon State Grange Convention District 3 - Tillamook County Fairgrounds



OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - March 25, 2023

President Jay Sexton called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Other members present at the state office included Vice President Steve Kroeker and Executive Committee Member Susan Noah. Joining via zoom video conference were Secretary Sarah Jenkins and Executive Committee Members Louise Holst and Celia Fox.

Prior meeting minutes from January 22nd were reviewed and approved as written.

Financial Reports

- Loan and membership reports were reviewed. Jay is working with Rockwall and Fort Union Granges on bringing in membership. Net gain for 2022 is currently sitting at 60 members, but some Granges have not submitted 4th quarter reports which were due in January. Follow up letters were sent in February and still no response from 21.
- Financial statements and custodial fund reports were reviewed for end of year 2022. The books for 2022 will be finalized in April. Life Membership is showing a loss of principle of \$27,000 due to investment losses.
- Scott with Barker Wealth Investments provided our quarterly update on the Oregon State Grange investment portfolio. We are a little high on the equity side compared to our investment policy and Scott recommended we move funds to rebalance to remain within policy. As of 3/23/23 our earnings are 1.61% YTD and 4.8% since inception in 2017. Scott provided a detailed review of each fund in which we are invested, which the Executive Committee does annually. The Vanguard Energy fund has underperformed in its peer group for the last two years and he recommended it be sold. Money Market funds and Certificates of Deposits are paying high returns right now and we can consider those as investment options that would help us rebalance our portfolio.
- Sarah moved that we sell the Vanguard Energy fund of approximately \$38,000 and move funds into the fixed income section, transfer \$150,000 from the checking account to an 18-month CD, and have Scott rebalance the equities and fixed income to meet within our investment policy guidelines. Susan seconded and the motion passed.
- in late June 2023. Fun facts learned through this process is that ODFW requires it to be completed outside of breeding season and squirrels are considered wildlife, not pests.
- Estimate for conversion of HVAC system to heat pumps is in process.
- Repaving and striping of OSG parking surface has been scheduled for April 10th and will take a few weeks to be complete. The EV charger will go in after the parking project.
- The new janitorial service has been working well.
- State Convention engagement team report was provided by Sarah. The team of five has been discussing various elements of our annual convention and provided several recommendations to increase attendance and engagement. A survey will be going out to members, and a "first time" box will be added to the pre-registration form. Through increased communications the committee believes that participation will grow.

President's Update

- Jay visited several Granges in the last quarter to promote membership and community activities. He represented the Grange at the GIA annual meeting and a Retired Oregon Educators Association event. There was some paint vandalism at the State Grange office, but it was a fairly easy clean up. Discussions with the Oregon State Parks department are continuing regarding the disabled veteran monument.

Lunch break 1240-1:10pm

New Business

- March matching grant project. 18 Granges submitted applications for a total of \$75,714 by the deadline and one came in after the deadline. Several applications were incomplete or confusing which led to more denials. The committee met to review applications in mid-March and made the following recommendations:
- Abernethy Grange \$5,000 recommended approval.
- Azalea Grange \$5,000 recommend denial.
- Central Point Grange \$5,000 recommend denial.
- Columbia Grange \$1,363 recommend approval.
- Eagle Valley Grange \$5,000 recommend denial.
- Fairmount Grange \$3,500 recommend approval.
- Irving Grange \$5,000 recommend denial.
- Lake Creek Grange \$5,000 recommend denial.
- Lookingglass Grange \$5,000 recommend approval.
- North Bayside Grange \$5,000 recommend denial.
- Pacific Grange \$5,000 recommend denial.
- Sauvies Island Grange \$3,226 recommend approval.
- Scotts Mills Grange \$5,000 recommend denial.
- Union Hill Grange \$5,000 recommend denial.
- Upper Rogue Grange \$4596 recommend approve \$3315.
- Waltherville Grange \$5,000 recommend denial.
- Willamette Grange \$1,800 recommend approval.
- Williams Grange \$1,229 recommend approval.
- Sarah moved that we accept the grant committee recommendations to approve \$25,933 in grants for Granges that submitted complete applications by the deadline. Louise seconded and the motion passed.
- 150th Grange Celebration activities are being planned and the committee continues to meet. Marilyn Reiher is putting together a book regarding Oregon Grange History. The committee is planning a celebration dinner for Monday night at state session. The 150th celebration fund lost approximately \$900.
- Life membership discussion regarding the fund losses ensued.
- Susan moved that we lend \$27,175.30 from the

- emergency fund to the life membership fund to offset the investment loss for 2022, with the plan to repay the loan over the next 5 years to the emergency fund from the life membership fund earnings. Sarah seconded and the motion passed.
- Lobbying discussion, have not seen reports from the lobbyist to members or to the President. Jay will follow up with John DeHaas to verify if he is continuing his work as the lobbyist.

Decisions made via email were reviewed.

- February 1st Squirrel Exclusion Contract with Good Earth Pest Control @ \$3046 from Building Fund Work to be done in Late June, after breeding season, per ODFW regulations for game animals. February 1st EC approval for Silverton to file permits for Lot Line Adjustment including transfer of property, and Well Sharing Agreement with neighbor, assisted by OSG Attorney Kate Gowell.
- February 26th Repaving contract for parking lot with North Santiam Paving @ \$19,250 from Building Fund.
- Susan moved to ratify the decisions made by the Executive Committee via email since our last meeting. Steve seconded and the motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

Next Meetings:

June 3rd, 2023 9am
July 9th Sunday 10am
September 30th Saturday 9am

Sarah Jenkins, Secretary

150th Annual Convention *continue from page 1*

Washington County. They share a long time Grange family and were Junior Grangers before becoming Subordinate members.

Another highlight of the convention was the continuing of the 150th Birthday celebration of the Oregon State Grange with a program on Monday evening. Announced was the 150th Celebration banquet on September 24, just 3 days before the actual birthday of the Oregon State Grange, September 27th.

On Sunday afternoon 22 Grangers partook of the Fifth Degree conferred by District 2 members. Then Sunday evening 26 Grangers observed the exemplification of the Sixth Degree by the Oregon State Grange officers in brand new sashes gifted to the Oregon State Grange

by Sister Louise Holst and Brother Phil Van Buren, long time officers of the State Grange.

More coverage of the State Grange convention can be found throughout the paper. A two-page color spread in the middle of the paper showcases many of the officer and ritual teams.

More coverage and pictures will appear in the October/November Bulletin.

Next year's convention will be the same time June 15-23 and will be hosted by District 3 (Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill counties) at the Tillamook County fairgrounds in Tillamook. Information on hotels, etc. will be in the February/March 2024 Bulletin.

Old Business

- Squirrel proofing will be done

Creswell Fourth of July Parade



Creswell Grange beautifully decorated for Fourth of July.

Below: Snowcones were popular on this warm day.



It was a great 4th of July event as Creswell Grange #496, Crow Grange #450 and Goshen Grange #561, all of Lane County, came together to put on a great July 4th event at the annual City of Creswell Independence Day Parade which passes in front of the Creswell Grange hall.

There was music, hotdogs, snowcones and ice cream as well as balloon animals and face painting. It was a beautiful day and everyone enjoyed themselves.



New Creswell member Dakota Harris entertained the crowd.

Sunnyside Celebrates the Fourth

Sunnyside Grange #842, Clackamas County, was represented with three vehicles in the Happy Valley parade, part of the 4th of July Family Festival. Ten Grange members plus three nonmembers assisted in decorating the three vehicles and all had a great time, almost as much fun as the little kids diving for the candy tossed out. The parade started at noon and the temperature reached 95 degrees later in the day.

This was the first time the Grange has been in the parade. It was a short route (but it moved slowly, so it was long enough). The Grange received cheers in several locations along the parade route. Two new members, Carol Bernhard and Kirsten Klug, and their families were instrumental in making the floats a success.

It was tons of fun and the Grange can't wait for next year. It will be a bigger and better celebration for the Grange and Happy Valley. And in three years it will be a 250th birthday celebration for the country.



Sunnyside Grange President, Sandi Ludi passing out stickers and candy during the parade.



Long May She Wave – Willamette Grange Gets New Flag and Pole



Just in time for Flag Day, the American Flag flew again over the hall of Willamette Grange #52, Benton County. The hall has gone decades without a flagpole. The century-old building has been lacking a flagpole since the 1950s or '60s.

Raising a new aluminum flag pole is another step toward restoring the Colonial Revival-style building, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 2009.

Willamette Grange President Jay Sexton and Secretary Toni Hoyman raise the American Flag for the first time on the brand-new flag pole at the Willamette Community and Grange Hall on June 14, 2023.

Flag Day on June 14 was selected as the perfect day to raise the new pole and flag. Pacific Power helped with personnel and a lift. Abiqu Creek Construction and Grange volunteers worked together to put the pole in place.



Your Name: _____ Moving? Let Us Know.

Old Address: _____ New Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Grange Name/Number: _____

Please provide name of any Subordinate/Community Grange office/Committee Chairman positions currently held.

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