



April is Grange Month

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PROCLAMATION

GRANGE MONTH 2024



WHEREAS, The Grange's mission is to strengthen individuals, families, and communities through grassroots action, service, education, advocacy, and agricultural awareness; and

WHEREAS, for 156 years The Grange has played an essential and lasting role in building rural and small-town America, and ensuring its resiliency through advocacy and direct service; and

WHEREAS, The Grange today is growing because it is an active, rooted, resilient, and united organization in thousands of communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, The Grange continues its unique role in connecting rural America to urban America through agricultural appreciation and education, and by advocating for strong, common-sense, best-for-everyone public policy; and

WHEREAS, The Grange emphasizes civic responsibility and the involvement of citizens in the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, The Grange offers opportunities for civil discussions among people of all viewpoints and opinions, serving as a safe space for exploring important social and legislative issues of the day; and

WHEREAS, even through a worldwide pandemic, The Grange continued to promote service to the local community and collaboration to improve the quality of life and economic well-being of its members and residents across America; and

WHEREAS, The Grange is proud to be "Grange Strong: Rooted, Resilient and United," and encourages Granges and community members to come together in celebrating hometown pride and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Grange members everywhere desire and deserve to celebrate and express their pride in the legacy of such a highly-respected organization; therefore be it

RESOLVED, I Christine E. Hump, President of the National Grange, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as Grange Month, and further, I encourage the participation of every Grange and Grange member in this celebration by planning and executing programs and activities that will highlight the Grange in every American community, that will guarantee the Grange is stronger tomorrow than it is today, and that ensures we always stand Grange Strong!

Christine E. Hump

PRESIDENT
National Grange



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2024 Convention Ag Tour

There are two stops on this year's convention Ag Tour; in the morning will be the Josi Farms, and the Tillamook County Creamery will be after lunch. Both are a short bus ride from the fairgrounds.

The Josi Farm is a family-owned farm with naturally grown produce, chicken eggs, and pasture raised Angus beef among other things. Owned by DJ and Jamie Josi who met in 4H; they have been married for ten years and are raising their three children on the farm.

They originally started with a dairy farm but found they couldn't make a go of it unless they had a huge number of cows. So instead, they're growing vegetables without chemicals year around: Artichokes, Basil, Beets, Broccoli, Brussel sprouts, Carrots, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Celery, Cucumbers, Dill, Eggplant, Fennel, Green Beans, Kale, Kohlrabi, Lettuce, Leeks, Melon, Onion, Peas, Peppers, Potatoes, Pumpkins, Radish, Rosemary, Spinach, Swiss Chard, Squash, Tomatoes, Zucchini, and free-range chicken eggs.

The farm's products are available at their farmstand off of Wilson River Loop in Tillamook. On Saturdays

during the summer months, the farmstand hosts a booth at the Tillamook Farmers Market. Josi Farm products are used in dishes at North Coast Trail Partners including the Schooner and the Salmonberry as well as other restaurants on the north coast and some in the Portland area.

After lunch the tour will move on to the Tillamook County Creamery.

In 1909 several small creameries join forces to ensure all cheese made in the Tillamook Valley will be the same high quality. Each creamery contributed \$10 to start the cooperative: the Tillamook County Creamery Association (TCCA).

In 1947 they started making ice cream as an experiment, selling the original ice cream brand, Tillamook Maid, around town. By the '50s, you could buy Tillamook Ice Cream all around town, up into Clatsop County, and south to Lincoln County. Later butter, sour cream and yogurt were added to the product mix.

Today ninety farms comprise the Tillamook County Creamery Association, a farmer-owned co-op. Many of these farm families have been farming in Tillamook County for multiple generations.

While at the Creamery you will participate in the self-guided tour in the recently (2018) built visitors center. In the Viewing Gallery, you can get a behind-the-scenes look at the cheese factory. The packaging crew will be working on Saturday which is always interesting to watch. And don't forget to stop by the sample counter and you don't want to miss out on getting an ice cream cone.

Please reserve to guarantee your seat on the bus and your sack lunch.

Resolutions Deadline

This year's deadline for submission of resolutions by Community/Subordinate Granges is **April 17, 2024**; 60 days before State Convention.

That means they must be at the office in Salem by then, not postmarked, so make sure they are mailed in plenty of time or email for speed as long as they are signed and the seal can be seen.

OSG AG Tour Saturday, June 15

Load bus at the Tillamook County Fairgrounds at 8:45 a.m.
Return by 2 p.m. Sack lunch will be provided.

The tour will visit the Josi Farm and the Tillamook County Creamery. You must reserve your spot by **June 1st**. Size of bus will be determined by number of registrations.

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The President's Column



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On March 16th the Oregon State Grange helped Junction City Grange #744 reorganize after a loss of several core officers. A re-organization meeting is a special meeting where new members are recruited so that a Grange can attain the minimum membership of thirteen (13) and so that the essential officers of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary can be elected and installed. These re-organization meetings are not common and serve as an emergency action to return a Grange to a status which allows normal function.

In this case the membership had fallen to about ten and several important offices were vacant. The Oregon State Grange promoted this meeting to the community as a chance to keep this important community organization available and functioning. About 30 community members attended, including several of the current Junction City Grange members and a few members of several other Lane County Granges.

State Deputy Carol Everman and myself described the purpose of the meeting, the current situation, and briefly described the history and culture of Grange and the goals of the Oregon State Grange

in holding this meeting. The primary goal being the re-establishment of enough legal memberships for this Grange and the election and installation of the core officer group. We also described the freedom that the Granges possess regarding their activities and the process Oregon State Grange follows if a Grange becomes inactive (dormant).

After a lively hour of questions and answers we accepted applications for membership in Junction City Grange #744 and had about ten new members sign up, including two families. Next nominations were taken for the four core officers, the members voted, and then the new President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary were installed.

Over the next year experienced Grangers from the Oregon State Grange and from Lane County Granges will attend every Junction City Grange Meeting to help them learn the culture and processes of Grange. Help and answers to questions are just a phone call or email away.

The moral of the story is that every Grange should continuously grow membership and help the members learn the skills of officers so that your Community Grange can more

easily fill vacant officers positions. I am reminded of the saying "A stitch in time, saves nine", which in this case means cultivation of membership can make re-organization unnecessary.

2024 Oregon State Grange Visitation Program

In the coming weeks the State Grange Officers, Committee Directors and District Chairs, County Deputies, and Pomona volunteers will begin visiting the Granges of the State. These helpful volunteers will arrive at your monthly meetings bearing good will and gifts.

This OSG visitor to your Grange will present a program answering several questions which we commonly get from Grangers, and a small indoor sign that simply answers the question "What Is A Grange?". This sign should be placed on a prominent wall in your hall so that every person that enters your hall will have a good chance to see it.

Grangers, generally speaking, are really poor at promoting their achievements and telling their story. The purpose of this sign is to attempt to provide the answer to the question that nearly everyone outside of Grange is yearning to ask. When they visit our halls they may be too shy to ask the question, but they are usually not too shy to read a sign on the wall. Let us not be too reluctant to tell our neighbors and people we meet about the good things that Grange can do in our communities.

Coming Attractions at the 2024 Oregon State Grange Convention

- Growing Membership Presentation- Jay Sexton
- Matching Grant Intro and Q&A - The Committee
- Oregon School Board Assoc. Speaker on Budget Process
- Generations Skills Program - June Colony
- Rock Painting Workshop - Linda Wetzell
- Spotlight Displays of Excellent Grange Accomplishments
- Committee Updates and Policy Deliberation
- Contests and Awards and Meals with Friends
- Displays and Ceremonies and Fund-Raising Auctions
- The Ag Tour and Honors for Veterans and Past Officers

We hope to see many of you at this year's Convention
 June 15-20 at the Tillamook fairgrounds.

Dorena #835 Becomes Row River Grange

It is official. Dorena Grange #835, Lane County, is now known as Row River Grange #835. Their replacement charter with their new name has arrived at the State Grange office, and once framed, will be presented to the Grange.



R: March 7th Willamette Grange #52, Benton County had a table at the Sustainability Fair sponsored by the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition and held at the Alumni center at Oregon State University. OSG First Lady Toni Hoyman was at the table and talked to interested people about the Grange.

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National Grange Theme Ties Us Together

By Philip J Vonada, National Grange Communications Director
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“Grange Strong: Rooted. Resilient. United.”

Grange Strong is “a powerful expression that embodies the strength, unity, pride, and resilience of the Grange,” said Hamp, “It reflects our collective power, shared values, and enduring spirit. This phrase signifies a commitment to supporting one another, facing challenges with resilience, and working together to achieve common goals.”

Throughout the next two years, Granges are encouraged to use the “Grange Strong” theme in their programming, displays, exhibits, and more. We encourage Grange members to use the hashtag #GrangeStrong in your posts, so we can connect with one another.

Here are some suggestions for using the theme:

Grange Strong

Highlight the strengths of your Grange and your Grange members. Encourage your members to take pride in the things they are good at or feel “strong” while doing.

A literal “strong” event. The Grange encourages health and wellness, perhaps partner with a local gym for an all-levels strength training night for your Grange and the community.

Rooted

Use “rooted” to share the Grange’s agricultural roots. How about a seed swap night? A connection to local farms and farmers? Supporting your local FFA or 4-H clubs? You can also use “rooted” to show how your Grange has deep “roots” in the community. Whether your Grange is 150 years old or newly chartered or reorganized, putting down roots for the benefit of your community is important. How has your Grange made a difference where you work?

National Lecturer’s Programming Updates

By Tom Gwin, National Grange Lecturer ~ Patrons Chain - Feb 9, 2024

As I begin my term as the National Grange Lecturer, I have reviewed all current contests and programs currently being offered by the department. The contests will remain as printed in the 2024 National Grange Program Guide with one addition.

Upon recommendation of the National Junior Grange Leadership Team, we will be adding a Junior Grange Division to the Virtual Photo Contest.



This division will be open to Junior Grangers, ages 5-13. We will use the



Resilient

Has your Grange, your community, or somebody within weathered a storm? Has your Grange stood by them? Come out stronger? Be proud of how you’ve come out stronger or with a more defined purpose!

With a 150+ year history, the Grange has seen and done a lot through history. Show our resilience by showcasing how we have adapted through our history, while working to make communities and the country better and stronger.

United

The Grange is a network of 1,400 Granges around the country. “United” with one another in creating shared programs and events, working together to show that there is no “i” in GRANGE. Come up with a project, fundraiser, or event that can use the talents of each of your Grange members – from the youngest to the oldest.

No matter what you come up with, “Grange Strong: Rooted. Resilient. United.” can be our National rallying point for the next two years, bringing together each of our members, building up the Grange, and highlighting the good that is being done around the country.

age as of January 1. There will be three classes for Junior Grangers:

- Pets
- Nature
- Scenic

Contest guidelines and the entry form were to be distributed at the National Grange Leaders Conference and then will be sent to State Lecturers and Junior Grange Directors.

The remaining contests: Quilt Block, Garden Design, Virtual Photo Contest, Weather Watcher Challenge, and Design-a-Program Contest will all remain as printed in the Program Guide. We will also be continuing our partnership with the Quilts of Valor Foundation.



The Lecturer’s Column

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My article in this issue highlights the OSG Talent Contest and this year’s changes. Please read through the following rules and note changes in the prize money and that the National Grange has suspended the participation in the Evening of Excellence. Also, I have included the list of contests sponsored by the National Lecturer. You can also find this information in the Lecturer’s section of the current OSG Awards, Contests and Scholarship Contest Booklet.

Talent Contest

Rules:

- Each contestant must be a Grange member, but the accompanist for a vocal entry does not have to be a member.
- Groups need not be members of the same Grange.
- Groups can include Junior Grangers or 1+ Junior members; however, at least half must be Subordinate/Community Grange members.
- Subordinate/Community Granges are **not** limited to one entry per category.
- Taped accompaniment for vocal entries must be instrumental only.
- Taped accompaniment is not allowed for instrumental acts.
- *Sign A Song* is permitted in the variety act category. However, *two weeks notification* must be given prior to the competition, so that a sign language judge can be at the performance.
- Judging will be held at the State Grange Convention in June. Contestants must make their

own arrangements for attending the State Grange Convention.

- **NOTE:** Contestants must sign in with the State Lecturer no later than noon on **Saturday June 15** and participate in a sound check at least two hours before the contest.
- Those who were named last year’s overall winner cannot compete in the following year’s competition.

The maximum time is **5 minutes**, which includes any time required to set up and take down props used in the act. The minimum time limit is **3 minutes**. Two points per minute or portion thereof will be deducted from total points for going over or under the time limit. (*10 points maximum deduction*).

- ❖ Each participant will receive \$25.
- ❖ Each participant who places will receive the following
 - 1st place: \$50 (*plus ribbons*)
 - 2nd place: \$40 (*plus ribbons*)
 - 3rd place: \$30 in each category (*plus ribbons*)
- ❖ In addition, the Overall winner will also receive \$100.

Categories:

- A. Vocal
- B. Instrumental
- C. Variety Acts

• *Above Categories are Sponsored by the OSG Lecturer’s Department Travel Fund*

NOTE: There will be no trip to National as the “Evening of Excellence” has been discontinued at National Grange.

Talent Judging Criteria:

Points

Overall Performance	30
Audience Response/Appeal	20
Originality	20
Stage Presence/Appearance	10
Personality	10
Time Deduction	10
Total Points Possible:	100

National Lecturer Contests

The National Lecturer offers several contests that are not offered in the current OSG Lecturer’s Contest Program. For information on the following National Lecturer’s sponsored contests, download the entire

National Lecturer Grange Program Guide from the National Grange website.

- Virtual Photo Contest
- Weather Watcher Challenge
- Design-a-Program Contest





The Chaplain's Corner

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Spring is on its way! Time for new beginnings. I've heard people say I'm too old to do that! Sorry I don't agree. C.S. Lewis said "You are never too old to set another goal or dream a new dream." You need to stay positive in your thinking and keep your eye on the goal.

In your Grange journey pick new goals for your Grange and your community. Never give up-stay

positive and good things can happen. It may take a while but anything is possible. Don't try to do everything by yourself-ask for help from others. Deuteronomy 31-6 tells us "Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them for it is the Lord your God who goes with you." Remember you are never alone.

God Bless!



Oregon's Little Brother Grange Big Island Grange #1

Kea 'au, Hawaii

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Last fall the Oregon State Grange was ask to serve as a big brother to Big Island Grange #1, the first Grange organized in the State of Hawaii. Big Island Grange was organized in February of 2023 and is located in Kea 'au, Hawaii on the Big Island.

Sam De La Paz, President of Big Island Grange said "We are honored to have the Oregon State Grange as our Big Brother Grange. We have been feeling the growing pains of being a fledgling Grange. Especially one without a hall. We are trying to stay cohesive here as the Big Island Grange #1."

Big Island currently meets on the 4th Sunday of the month at 4:30 PM at the Kea 'au Armory in Shipman Park, Kea 'au, Hawaii. If you are planning a trip to the Big Island and it fits your schedule, please contact Brother Sam and plan a visit. All the support Grangers on the mainland can give them will be appreciated and help them feel connected to the Grange family.

Grangers are encouraged to follow them on Facebook www.facebook.com/bigislandgrange, check out their website: www.bigislandgrange.com and can be contacted at: BigIslandGrange@gmail.com.

In Memoriam

John Affalter
Salmon River #516

Dennis Chapman
London #937

Margie Ebert
Deer Island #947

Jim Fredrickson
Salmon River #516

Romey Grant
Bridge #730

Theodora Kinnunen
Pacific #413

Steve "Eagle" Meyer
Illinois Valley #370

Terry Mize
Warner #117

Gary Monical
Sunny Valley #916

Conrod Pfeiffer
Long Tom #866

Alex Silantier
Hillsboro #73

Martha Sims
Morning Star #311

Patty Tonn
Azalea #786

Judy Wilkins
Lake Creek #697

Loren Wood
North Bayside #691



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.



Above: Busy at work in the kitchen were cooks, Diana and Donna.

Wolf Creek Grange Holds Valentine's Day Dinner

The North Powder community enjoyed Wolf Creek Grange #596, Union County's annual Valentine's Day Dinner on February 14. The Grange had two seatings for dinner, one at 4pm and a second at 6pm. While reservations were encouraged, walk-ins and to-go meals were available.

This is a yearly fundraiser that is so very special to the community. Hand-made corsages and boutonnieres were available for those in attendance and a violin player provided music that everyone loved.

The Grange hopes to have his talents again next year.



Above: members of the community enjoying dinner.



L: Dinner guests were provided with hand-made corsages and boutonnieres.



It is not too late to plan to attend the Western Regional Youth and Leadership Conference.

Registration is open through April 15. Register online at www.wa-grange.com/ or mail in the registration form found on page 6 of the March special election issue of the Bulletin.

Available hotels and information on conference tours and workshop can also be found in the March issue. A complete schedule can be found on page 8 of the February/March Bulletin.



It was a blustery day outside but shoppers had thoughts of spring inside.

Silverton's Seedy Saturday Best Ever

Despite some cold rain and gusting wind, Silverton Grange #748, Marion County's, Seedy Saturday on March 9th was the biggest and best yet! In the 11 am to 2 pm event an estimated 250 folks attended, jamming the parking lot, and generating over \$1300 in donations and a raffle including seed storage containers, Oregon Garden Memberships, a welding class, and a garden tool basket.

Thanks to the work of Michael Paruch and the organizing committee, highlights included a Master Gardeners table on seed planting and initial care, a welcome table on community gardens sponsored by Marion Polk Food Share, and vendors including Community Roots School, Ground Up Soil, Mobile biological soil testing, Facebook Silverton Garden Swap Group and YOGA.

A plethora of boxes of seeds were featured from MPFS Territorial Seed, Winona Grange (Ferry Morse packets from Bi-mart), and Adaptive Seed samples. Plant starts, both decorative and fruits and vegetables, were also available. Large crowds gathered picking out their seeds right at opening at 11 am and throughout the day.

Organizer Paruch noted "This garden seed swap event helps us live our Grange values and helps address challenges many rural fam-

ilies face to feed themselves and live healthy lives. Garden seeds, plants and educational help are just the tools to provide abundance and to build community and culture through food and gardening."

The Silverton Grange continues to be an inclusive community center promoting projects and services which engage and strengthen Silverton and our broader world. Granges are grassroots, non-partisan advocates for agriculture, rural issues, and American values. Community Granges across the state serve local needs by volunteering countless hours and making their hall a social center for community.

And Granges continue to be a warm place in a sometimes cold and stormy world!



Sandy High School FFA Ag Issues Team Visits OSG Headquarters

The Sandy High School FFA Chapter visited the Oregon State Grange office Tuesday afternoon March 12th and presented their Ag Issues skit on the topic "Canola Growing in Oregon" and how the limits placed on it so it does not contaminate other Brassica plant

family seed production in the Willamette Valley. It contained seven characters representing many different viewpoints on the issue.

Below: State Grange President, Jay Sexton, prepares questions for the team.



The Agricultural Report

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Up until a couple weeks ago, I thought my Lostine farm had somehow shifted into the Willamette valley. The ground was not frozen, the grass was growing, and the days were mild. Then it went below 10 degrees and now there is snow. I have been reflecting on the effect that climate change has on this high mountain valley.

Certainly, the milder winters will be easier on these old bones, but how about the lack of snow depth and the earlier snow melts on the top of the mountains? As a flood irrigator, my pastures will be drier in the fall, and management practices will be changing as a result. I already have noticed profound changes in the soil health since shifting to rotational grazing. And my flock seems healthier for it, less parasites and more nutritious feed.

Already the number of frost-free days has lengthened from June to September to a few more days at each end. But frost can still come at any time, and rain patterns will be more intense and unpredictable during the summer. For years I have saved seed, my own form of

Volunteers Needed for OSG Ag Fest

Oregon Ag Fest at the State Fairgrounds in Salem is on Saturday April 27th and Sunday April 28th this year. and the Oregon State Grange has a booth there where Grangers help children plant marigold and tomato seedlings into small peat pots that kids take home. It is a fun experience and helps connect children with the growing of plants, and the friendliness of Grangers.

Saturday April 27th Shifts
8:30 AM – 11:30 AM
11:30 AM – 2:30 PM
2:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Sunday April 28th Shifts
12:30 PM – 3:00 PM
10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
3:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Each shift needs about 10 – 12 volunteers. Email president@orgrange.org anytime, or phone 503-316-0106 Tues, Wed, or Thur. with your name, phone, address, and shift.

Volunteers have free admission and parking, and can wander Ag Fest before or after their shift. Over 100 booths celebrate all aspects of Agriculture and this very family friendly event attracts over 20,000 visitors.

creating a "land race" that can be more resilient to my mountain valley's fickle nature. Some varieties of northern flint corn can easily take a light frost without damage, and over the years at 3900 feet, my flint corn can now handle a light frost with ease.

I encourage all you gardeners to grow open pollinated crops in your gardens, be aware of the challenge of cross pollination, and save your seed for the following gardening season. We will need that seed to evolve with the climate's changes. Do your part, save and share your seeds with others in your vicinities! We all need nutritious food, and a good garden pays for itself in no time!

Midland Grange at Farm Expo

Every year in February about 800 fourth grade students from Klamath County and City schools tour the Farm Expo at the Fairgrounds. This is a three day event with Tuesday being for set up, Wednesday all day for presentations for students and then open to the public at night and Thursday for presentations and tear down.

There are 16 different stations set up for students to learn about farm animals, hay, grain, water and much more. The students rotate to all the different stations for a 5 to 6 minute talk then off to the next station.

Midland Grange has a booth at the Expo, we are the Supermarket where all the products come together. Lee Sukraw does a presentation on mint that is grown in the area. At the end the students are awarded a York Peppermint Patty. Lee has done this for many years. Armed with his pointer, props and pictures he puts on a very informative presentation.



Lee Sukraw talks mint at farm expo.

Community Service Involvement

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OSG Community Service/Involvement Director



During the 25 years I have been a member of the Grange, I've never compiled a Community Service-Involvement Annual Report myself. This year I am the Community Service Chair for my affiliate Grange. Now I can relate to my fellow Community Service Grange Chairs. I didn't realize how much time it takes to gather all the CS information from all the members. After I had done that, here comes the Community Service Book. Boy, that was a challenge. It took me three weekends to put together the book. Lots of texting and emailing, calling on the phone to get information and photos. Hats off to my fellow CS Chairs. My experience confirms to me the need to gather all this information as the events and activities occur on the Community Service Project report that was introduced last year.

Spring is here and it is the time for Spring cleaning and getting the garden ready for planting. In terms of Community Service, it is the time to plan activities that will help your neighbors. Some ideas

Morning Star Grange

Collects for Food Bank

On January 25th Larechia Mote, Community Service Chairman at Morning Star Grange #311, Linn County, met Jefferson Food Bank Supervisor Connie Lambert at the hall to collect the non-perishable foodstuffs the Grange had collected in the Grange food bank from July 1 through December 31, 2024. Her helpers John Barker and Trevor Alexander came along to do the heavy lifting. Which was a good thing as there was 506 pounds of foodstuff. Over the previous weekend Larechia and her daughter Chole Mote had sorted and the weighed the donated items.

The members of Morning Star Grange are now collecting non-perishable foodstuffs for the January 1 through June 30 time period collection. A recipient group will be chosen at the July 2024 regular Grange meeting.

**Remember
State Community
Service Reports must be
postmarked by April 15.**

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643 Union St NE
Salem OR 97301

are park clean up, sponsor a youth sports team, schedule a garage sale to support the local Veterans, or a blood drive. There are many more like these that can be great projects for your Grange. Remember to keep track of the project and take photos at the time. The Year Book is great for displaying at events and Open Houses. April is Grange Month and a good time to invite other Service Organizations for a Public Education Event at your Open House.

When you read this, I should have your CS reports and will be enjoying reading about all that you have done in 2023. I will also be looking forward to the annual convention in Tillamook and sharing the stories.

Remember to nominate a Community Service Volunteer of the Year, your local Law Enforcement Officer, Firefighter and/or Teacher for this Year's Awards. Also nominate a youth or young adult member for the Youth Community Service Award. You can find the forms on the Oregon State Grange website in the Community Service Section.

Metal Grange Town Marker Signs Available



There have been several inquiries recently about the Grange Town Marker Signs. Did we have them, could we get them, are they still available? The answers are no, maybe and yes.

The Oregon State Grange does not stock them. We can get them but the shipping charges to the office and then to the Granges is cost prohibitive.

The best option is to order them directly from Monroe Classic, Inc.'s Grange member store www.monroeclassic.com. It is item #9343 and cost \$40.00. Currently shipping and handling is \$22.50.

Contact Mike at:
sales@monroeclassic.com
1.800.868.2330

National Grange Benefits

For years the National Grange has had several programs of discounts and other benefits available to Grange members, but finding this information required signing into the National Grange website, and knowing the Annual Word for the Grange.

I recently asked National Grange if we could print these benefits in our Oregon State Grange Bulletin – and they said "Let's give it a try!" I encouraged this experiment as a great way to put the benefits of Grange membership into common usage for our members. More will appear in future issues of the Bulletin.

Here they are:

Lodging and Rental Cars

Choice Hotels – Member save 20% at over 4,000 Comfort Inns, Comfort Suites, Quality, Sleep Inns, Clarion, MainStay Suites, EconoLodge, and Rodeway Inn hotels worldwide. Receive Choice Privileges membership please call 1-800-258-2847 or visit www.choicehotels.com provide the National Grange ID code number 00211660

Avis Car Rental - Up to 25% off your rental when you use AWD# B291044, plus additional offers like dollars off, a complimentary upgrade, or a free weekend day. Visit avis.com/en/association/B291044 or call 1-800-331-1212 to make a reservation.

Budget Car Rental - save up to 25% off Budget base rates with offer code (BCD) R198144. Visit budget.com/en/association/R198144 or call 1-800-527-0700 to make a reservation.

Worldwide Hotel and Car Rental - discounts at <https://travel.localhospitality.com/grange/travel-grange.html>

Wyndham Hotels and Resorts - special discount ID number 1000007487 at time of booking to receive discount. Call our special member benefits hotline 1-877-670-7088 and reserve your room today. http://www.wyndhamhotelgroup.com/?corporate_id=1000007487

Harvest Hosts - Grange members can now enjoy 20% off their membership with Harvest Hosts, allowing members with RVs to stay one night free on the property of an agriculturally-oriented business. In addition to the ag-based destinations, individuals can add to their membership the "+ golf" option that includes more than 350 golf courses. Grange members with RVs are encouraged to check out Harvest Hosts at harvesthosts.com and use the code GRANGE at checkout.

MemberDeals - savings on theme parks, hotels, attractions, movie tickets, tours, shows & more. Dis-

ney World, Universal Orlando Resort, Sea World, Six Flags, Bush Gardens, Water Parks, Hotels, Shows & Events Shopping Deals <https://memberdeals.com/national-grange/?login=1>

Healthcare

LifeLine Screening - discount of \$135 for National Grange members, Call 1-866-204-9860 to sign up
Comfort Keepers - 5% discount for personal care and companionship services for National Grange members <http://www.comfortkeepers.com>

Start Hearing - discounts for hearing services, call (833) 926-2824 or visit www.starhearing.com/partners/grange

Hear in America - discounts on hearing services, call 1-855-614-5115 or visit www.hearinamerica.com

eHealth - free consultations in choosing Medicare plans, call (833) 922-0978 to access free quotes or to explore options with a licensed agent

Pharmacy

Rx Pharmacy Card - discounts for prescriptions for people and pets through CVS Caremark Card – at most pharmacies for most prescription drugs, go to <http://national-grange.rxsavingsplus.com>

US Pharmacy Card - significant discounts on name brand and generic drugs to use by all family members go to <http://www.uspharmacycard.com/>

Shopping and Services

Lands' End - Grangers can now shop at Lands' End, for quality branded and business apparel, hats, bags, promotional items and so much more backed by legendary customer service. Every item is designed to fit comfortably with the option of adding either the National Grange Logo or Grange Youth Logo embroidered on your purchase item. <https://business.landsend.com/store/grange/>

UPS - National Grange discounts on shipping services https://www.ups.com/mrd/promodiscount?loc=en_US&promoCd=CE41788X2. Call 1-800-MEMBERS (1-800-636-2377), M-F, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. EST.

Lenovo - National Grange discounts save up to 30% off the everyday public web price of Lenovo laptops, tablets, desktops, all-in-ones, workstations, servers, and accessories. This includes savings on a variety of products for the home and office, such as the award-winning ThinkPad laptops and innovative multi-mode YOGA tablets. Call 1-800-426-7235, extension 7219 (M-F 9am-9pm EST, Sat 9am-6pm EST) Visit: <https://www.lenovo.com/us/en/m1nationalgrange>

Oregon Granges Receive ACP Money

In February six Oregon Granges received financial awards for their work supporting the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). ACP is intended to help rural residents afford internet connections to their homes.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) awarded a grant to the National Grange to enable Community Granges to publicize the ACP. Written materials explaining the program were distributed; but also they budgeted incentives to reward

Granges that participated in the program. In Oregon six Granges received awards; Columbia #267 of Multnomah County, Forest Grove #282 of Washington County, Myrtle Creek #442 of Douglas County, Pleasant Grove #475 of Union County, Walthamville # 416 of Lane County, and Willamette #52 of Benton County.

State President Jay Sexton says "Congratulations and thank you for your efforts in this worthwhile cause – helping connect rural families to the world wide web."



Grant Money Still Available for Raising Awareness About ACP

The Affordable Connectivity Program outreach grant action is still taking place and Granges are encouraged to take part in order to raise awareness about the ACP and receive incentive funds for their work. These funds come from the Roots of Connectivity grant won by the Oregon Institute for a Better Way and the National Grange in 2023.

More than 80 Granges have qualified so far for incentive payments with more qualifying each week.

For Granges who have already signed up, it's time to report your work so you, too, can receive your incentive check.

Where can I find... ?

By Philip J Vonada, National Grange Communications Director

The National Grange Communications Director is a strange job – I'll be the first to admit it. (*Well, maybe the second or third, knowing some of the amazing people who have had this job before me!*) My job is to disseminate the message of the National Grange through print and social media, to interface with the press while working alongside National Grange leaders, and to help National, State, and Community Grange leaders to get their information out, too.

Lately, it seems more and more that a big part of my job is pointing people toward the resources that are available via our website or other locations... so this week, I'm going to provide several pages for you here. Some of them are in the password-protected Members area of our website.

Logos/Emblems – these are locat-

ed both on our website HERE and in this Google Drive folder. Most of the logos/emblems are downloadable as transparent .png files. Please make sure that the TM or ® is always visible when using our logos that have them.

If you have any issues or have not heard back from a Navigator, please email connect@acprc.org.

Are you signed up and you need more cards, signs, placemats or other items to promote ACP? Order free materials from the product order form here: <https://forms.office.com/r/eYxbhBSwfs>.

Meet the Grange Flyer – this flyer has a section that you can fill in with your Grange's information to help your community learn about the Grange.

Social Media Ideas Calendar – If you're looking to "spice up" your social media, newsletters/magazines, Lecturer programs, or need an article inspiration, this calendar is available here.

National Grange Contests and Departmental Information – including the Youth, Junior, Lecturer's, Communications, Membership/Leader-

ship, Legislative, Community Service, and Member Departments, can all be found on the National Grange website here, and more information about our programs can be found here.

Membership & Leadership Documents – This includes resources for organizing Granges, handbooks for officers and deputies, PowerPoint presentations on many aspects of the Grange (both for programs and connecting with your community), help guides, and success sheets can be found here.



Notes from The National Grange Communications Department

- Please subscribe to the National Grange's Good Day! magazine. Just \$16 a year gets you access to our print or digital subscription. Learn more about the magazine at <http://www.nationalgrange.org/goodday> or the digital issue at <http://www.issuu.com/grangegoodday>. By the time you read this the April issue will be in mailboxes across the country, and additional copies are available through the Grange Store.
- Subscribe to the Patrons Chain and View from the Hill at <http://www.nationalgrange.org/subscribe>. These newsletters are released every Friday, containing information about National Grange programs, events, and more.
- Submit an article about your Grange's events to Philip Vonada at pvnada@nationalgrange.org. Patrons Chain and Good Day! articles can be sent at any point, Next deadline is on June 30th.
- Are there topics you would like to see covered in a future Zoom from a National Grange staff member, department, or offi-

cer? Please let us know! We're always working to ensure our topics are in line with what our members want or need to hear from us.

- The National Grange Social Media Calendar is available. This is intended to be a guide for State and Community Granges of topics/events that may be used to enhance social media. By no means is it a suggestion to post ALL of these things, but if you're looking to get out of a rut or expand your social media reach. This could also be a great resource for Grange Lecturers/Program Directors who are looking for new programming ideas.
- Many National Grange events have been recorded and archived - if there's something you missed and would like to see, please visit the National Grange YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/nationalgrange>.
- Follow National Grange on Social Media! We're on Facebook, Instagram, X (Twitter), LinkedIn, and more!



(Note: The graphics for Years D & E have not yet been added)

How to Join the Grange – This section of the website includes information about how to join both the Community Grange and how to become an e-member.

Benefits – Did you know the National Grange offers many benefits for our members? Located on the website, learn how to take advantage of the full benefits of the National Grange!

And don't forget about the National Grange's Mission & Vision Statements and Declaration of Purposes – great ways to teach others about the central tenants of the Grange!

If you have issues accessing any part of these materials, or there's something else you're looking for – let me know!



Deaf Awareness and Family Health

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Blue Zones: Part 2 – Blue Zones Projects in Oregon

In our last issue we investigated Blue Zones, areas that the world's longest living residents call home. Many of the protective or health enhancing features or habits that help the centenarians live so long are factors that all the Blue Zones have in common, such as eating primarily plant-based foods, eating relatively few processed foods, regular consumption of foods high in antioxidants, living in geographical areas that encourage, even require daily physical activity, and having strong social networks.

From this early research and reporting came the Blue Zones **Projects**. The Blue Zones Projects are initiatives designed to help people live healthier, but rather than relying on individual behavior change, the Blue Zones Projects focuses on creating surroundings that default to healthy choices. In Oregon, OSU Extension Service and Cambia Health Solutions have sponsored Blue Zones Projects in four areas: Klamath Falls, the Dalles, Grants Pass and the Umpqua region, including Roseburg. These are now official Blue Zone Project Demonstration Communities.¹ The Blue Zones Projects bring all sectors of the community (residents, businesses and civic leaders) to the table and asks them to commit to actions that will provide people with the opportunity to live a healthier life. This commitment must be demonstrated with financial support, volunteerism, and program participation by all sectors.

In early 2014, leadership funding from Oregon-based Cambia Health Foundation helped launch Oregon's Healthiest State organization and brought the Blue Zones Projects to Oregon.² The Blue Zones Project model is a three-year, comprehensive plan that focuses on changing the natural environments, built environments, policies and social networks to improve the well-being of residents, lower health care costs and increase civic engagement. The Blue Zone Project team brings with them a vast amount of experience working with community leaders, businesses, schools, restaurants, grocery stores, faith communities, public jurisdictions, and other groups to make changes that optimize people's health.

At this time, all four Blue Zones Project areas have experienced measurable impacts, including decreased tobacco use, increased use of Farmer's Markets, reopening of previ-

ously closed grocery stores, and increased resident feelings of safety and security.¹ In addition to stores and restaurants featuring healthy foods and increasing access to Farmer's Markets, Blue Zone communities also host workshops and classes followed by *moias*, the Okinawa term for small social group. Participants in *moias* agree to meet for 30 minutes a week for 10 weeks. *Moias* might be centered on healthy meal potlucks or a physical activity like a walking group. Participation focuses on living with purpose.³

Lauren Kraemer, Assistant Professor of Practice with OSU Extension Services Family & Community Health Program, guided the process to bring the Blue Zones Projects to The Dalles. She is now busy working to expand this program to a larger regional program, The Healthy Gorge Initiative. She has this to say about Blue Zones Project, "I'm convinced that the holistic framework of health that Blue Zones uses is the best way to improve the health and well-being of a community." In my work with the SNAP-Ed Program, Food Hero, and Extension – much of our work encourages more physical activity and eating healthy foods. But without a sense of purpose or belonging and strong connections to family and friends, no amount of physical health can make us truly happy and well."

In fact, a sense of purpose is one of the nine Blue Zones life lessons. The 9 Life Lessons are the Blue Zones deconstructed, and by initiating these into our own lives, we can start down the path of a healthier life style.

Blue Zones Life Lesson #1: Move naturally. Blue Zones inhabitants aren't performing intense exercise routines as much as incorporating natural movement into their lives, such as gardening, chopping wood, and walking to the store.

Blue Zones Life Lesson #2: Have a purpose. One study found that having a purpose was associated with a lower risk of death from all causes.⁵ People with a clear sense of purpose tend to have better outlooks and bounce back better from life's adversities.

Blue Zones Life Lesson #3: Manage your stress! Chronic stress is extremely detrimental to our health. Develop habits that help eliminate stress like yoga, meditation, taking

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Brothers and Sisters of the Grange as the school year starts to come to a close, I hope if you have kids in school that they have been successful and happy.

I measure success by learning new things, one quote I have always liked is "you don't grow old, when you stop growing you are old." I

don't remember who said it but it comes from a book I used to have called Quips Quotes and Anecdotes.

I am working on a speaker for state convention that will explain the complex formula that goes into K-12 funding in the State of Oregon. I hope to see you at state convention.

Springwater Awards MacKinnon Grants

On February 12th members of Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County, attended the Colton School District board meeting where Jessie Jo Guttridge, scholarship chair, presented a check for \$250, one of two Don and Barbara MacKinnon Educational Impact Grants awarded this year. In fourth grade, Oregon students study Oregon history and this grant will help the class take a field trip to the Newell Pioneer Village at Champoeg.



naps, and spending time with loved ones.

Blue Zones Life Lesson #4: Stop eating when you are 80% full. Blue Zones residents don't overeat, and they usually eat their larger meal in the middle of the day with a light supper in the evening and very limited snacking.

Blue Zones Life Lesson #5: Eat a plant-based diet. Meat is usually limited to just a few times a week or in very small amounts, with most of the protein coming from beans and legumes.

Blue Zones Life Lesson #6: Drink your flavonoids. Except for the Seventh Day Adventists, most Blue Zone residents drink small amounts of alcohol on a regular basis.

Blue Zones Life Lesson #7: Have faith! Research shows that belonging to a faith-based community and attending regular services is associated with a longer lifespan.⁶

Blue Zones Life Lesson #8: Keep family close. One common feature of all Blue Zones is the strong connection with family and friends, including daily or weekly visits and multigenerational households.

Blue Zones Life Lesson #9: Find the right tribe! All Blue Zones residents have strong ties with their community. Behaviors have been shown to be socially contagious, so surround yourself with people who will support your goals and lifestyle.

The excitement from those implementing this work is palpable and I

look forward to learning more about the benefits of Blue Zone Projects this year at our state convention. Please visit our spotlight table and attend our morning session.

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It's "Trees, Cheese and Ocean Breeze" in District 3



Meet the District #3 Granges that are our hosts for the 2024 Oregon State Convention. This year the Granges in the host district were asked:

- Since COVID what has been your most successful project, activity or event? (*not fundraiser*)
- Since COVID what has been your most successful fundraiser?
- What is unique or different about your Grange. (*not the hall*)



Brownsmead #822
Clatsop County
Organized: 1934

Location: 42880 Fish Lane Rd
Astoria 97103



Netel #410
Clatsop County
Organized: March 1910

Location: 90525 Logan Rd
Astoria 97103
Meets: 3rd Tuesday 6:30 pm
Mailing address: 1179 Jerome Ave
Astoria 97103
Contact: David Ambrose
Web: netelgrange410.org

Most successful project, activity, or event: Annual maypole dance in May and wreath making in December.

Most successful fundraiser: Raised \$6,000 from Market and Craft Fairs to purchase new tables and chairs.

What makes your Grange unique: A focal point for community activities in the rural area surrounding the Lewis and Clark and Young Rivers.

2024 Oregon State Grange Convention Meal Tickets Order Form

Name: _____
 Grange Name & Number: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Address: _____

Kickoff Banquet and Sunday through Wednesday Luncheons:
 Tickets must be purchased by June 1 so preparers can purchase ingredients based on tickets sold. If you do not purchase your ticket by June 1, you will be out of luck unless someone has an extra. Note: Some meals include a dinner salad, not a trip to the salad bar.

Salad bar only:
 This option is for vegetarians and others on restricted diets. The salad bar will include lettuces, vegetables, beans, seeds, and cheese. Tickets can be purchased in advance or on site. This option is for those who don't want the entrée, didn't plan ahead, guests, and day-trippers.

Benefits Breakfast: Although free, preparers need a headcount.

Thursday's lunch:
 Regardless of closing time, District #3 plans to order pizza and serve salad bar leftovers. These tickets can be purchased in advance or on site.

Mail your completed order form and a check made out to District #3 by June 1. Send to Marilyn Reiher, 3800 Carman Drive #130C, Lake Oswego, OR 97035. Pick up your tickets when you register.

Day	Meal	Menu	Type	# of tickets	Price per ticket	Daily Total
Sat Jun 15	Kickoff Banquet	Tri-tip, baked potato, dinner salad, roll/butter, dessert	Adult 10 & under		\$20	
		Salad bar only*			\$10	
Sun Jun 16	Foundation Luncheon	Ham, au gratin potatoes, green beans, roll/butter, dessert	Adult 10 & under		\$15	
		Salad bar only*			\$8	
Mon Jun 17	Membership Luncheon	Lasagna, dinner salad, garlic, bread, dessert	Adult 10 & under		\$15	
		Salad bar only*			\$8	
Benefits Breakfast					Free	\$0.00
Tues Jun 18	GWA Luncheon	Clam Chowder, French bread, salad w/shrimp, dessert	Adult 10 & under		\$15	
		Salad bar only*			\$8	
Wed Jun 19	Youth Luncheon	Glazed meat balls, potato salad, coleslaw, roll/butter, dessert	Adult 10 & under		\$15	
		Salad bar only*			\$8	
Thurs Jun 20	District #3 Lunch*	Pizza & salad bar	Adult 10 & under		\$10	
					\$8	
					Grand Total	

*Tickets for Salad bar only and Thursday's lunch can be purchased on site.

All meals include beverages.

Orders must be received by June 1st.



Olney #793
Clatsop County
Organized: October 1931

Location: 89342 Highway 202
Astoria 97103
Meets: 2nd Tuesday 7 pm
Mailing address: 90029 Hwy 202
Astoria 97103



Contact: Bonnie Fisher
503-298-7831

Most successful project, activity, or event: Bingo nights, Coffee times, Olney Teenage Club Reunion

Most successful fundraiser: Annual Pit Beef BBQ Dinner, 3rd Sunday in September



Pacific #413
Clatsop County
Organized: April 1910

Location: 90475 Highway 101
Warrenton 97146
Meets: 2nd Wednesday 1 pm
Mailing address: 35955 Binder
Slough Lane, Astoria
97103
Contact: Cynthia Weber

Most successful fundraiser: Annual rummage sale and monthly flea markets.



Wickiup #722
Clatsop County
Organized: April 1929

Location: 92683 Svensen Market Rd
Astoria 97103
Meets: 1st Saturday 10 am
October-March
1st Thursday 6 pm
April-September
Mailing address: 40797 Savola Ln
Astoria 97103
Contact: President Shei Posey

Most successful project, activity, or event: Indoor walking Tuesday & Friday mornings.

Most successful fundraiser: Flea market every 3rd weekend except in December.

What makes your Grange unique: Northwest Seniors & Disabled sponsors senior lunches every Wednesday and Thursday and home deliveries every Wednesday; Hub for ALTHEA internet for local area.



Natal #302
Columbia County
Organized 1901

Location: 67542 Nehalem Hwy N
Vernonia 97064

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Beaver Homes #518
Columbia County
Organized: November 1914

Location: 31105 Beaver Homes Rd Rainer 97048
Meets: 1st Wednesday 7 pm
Mailing address: PO Box 909 Rainer 97048
Contact: Sue Sebring 503-556-0324 Marcia Roberts 360-431-1057

Most successful project, activity, or event: The Annual (now 11th) Rainier Re-Visited re-enactment of 1853 for the Junior and Senior High School History Club features Fort Vancouver soldiers, local Native Americans, fur trappers and farmers. The "Wedding of Charles Fox," the founder of Rainer, is most popular. Admission is a can for the local food bank.

Most successful fundraiser: Our annual Haunted House. Some monsters have participated for over 25 years.



Beaver Valley #306
Columbia County
Organized: 1901

Location: 75942 Larson Rd Rainer 97048
Meets: 3rd Thursday 7 pm
Mailing address: 74642 Larson Rd Rainer 97048
Contact: Carol Everman

Most successful project, activity, or event: Words for Thirds and support the local Trap Team

Most successful fundraiser: Twice yearly rummage sales

What makes your Grange unique: ther hall is surrounded by most of their charter members buried in the cemetery to the North, East and South of the building. A recent Grange project is to attach bronze markers on veterans' stones so the VFW and Boy Scouts can find them when placing flags for Memorial Day.



Deer Island #947
Columbia County
Organized: 1980

Location: PUD building, 64001 Columbia River Hwy Deer Island 97054
Meets: 2nd Saturday 10 am Potluck 11 am
Mailing address: 302 N Vernonia Rd St. Helens 97051
Contact: Mary Dunn

Most successful project, activity, or event: Booth at the Columbia County Fair and ran the Pomona Bingo Booth one day.

Most successful fundraiser: Cooked and served a spaghetti dinner for Columbia River PUD.



Fern Hill #592
Columbia County
Organized: 1922

Location: 72612 Fern Hill Rd Rainier 97048
Meets: 3rd Thursday 7 pm
Mailing address: 70620 Fern Hill Rd Rainier 97048
Contact: Bruce Wallace

Most successful project, activity, or event: Christmas pie social

Most successful fundraiser: Collecting refundable bottles and cans

What makes your Grange unique: Located in tall timber country that still has lots of logging.



Yankton #301
Columbia County
Organized 1901

Location: 33065 Pittsburg Rd St Helens 97051



Quincy #321
Columbia County
Organized: 1902

Location: 18314 Rutters Rd Clatskanie 97016
Meets: 1st Thursday 7 pm
Mailing address: 19317 Midway Corner Ln. Clatskanie 97016
Contact: Ellen Nieminen

Most successful project, activity, or event: Christmas dinner for friends and family

Most successful fundraiser: Chicken dinner



Vernonia #308
Columbia County
Organized: 1901

Location: 375 North Street Vernonia 97064
Meets: 1st Monday 7 pm
Mailing address: PO Box 102 Vernonia 97064
Contact: Carol McIntyre, Master cccmnd@yahoo.com

Most successful project, activity, or event: Painted outside of building; upgraded kitchen plumbing and added three-way sink and hand-washing station.

Most successful fundraiser: Christmas Bazaar and Art Show.

What makes your Grange unique: Monthly bluegrass jams; encouraging development of new community groups and bringing back art to the local community.



Fairview #273
Tillamook County
Re-Organized 2013

Location: 5520 E 3rd St Tillamook 97141



Warren #536
Columbia County
Organized: 1915

Location: Columbia County Fair Complex, 58892 Sauter Rd St. Helens 97051
Meets: 3rd Thursday 6:30 pm Potluck 6 pm
Mailing address: PO Box 1453 Scappoose 97056
Contact: Eva Frost 503-816-8904

Most successful project, activity, or event: Monthly breakfasts

Most successful fundraiser: Served dinners during fair

What makes your Grange unique: Since we are located on the fairgrounds, we have partnered with others for their events and activities.



Sandlake #546
Tillamook County
Organized: September 1936

Location: 21220 Sandlake Rd Cloverdale 97112
Meets: 2nd Tuesday 7 pm Snack 6:30 pm
Mailing address: 504 Evergreen Dr Tillamook 97141
Contact: Annette Salo or Cindy Green 503-812-1092

Most successful project, activity, or event: Annual garage sale

Most successful fundraiser: Quilt raffle

What makes your Grange unique: In 2023 we gained four new members, our largest increase since 2018.



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White Clover #784
Clatsop County
Organized: 1930

Location: 36585 Hwy 53
Nehalem 97131
Meets: 3rd Wednesday
4 pm October-March
7 pm April-September
Mailing address: PO Box 188
Nehalem 97131
Contact: Vivi Tallman, President
Website: whiteclovergrange.org

Most successful project, activity, or event: For our heritage apple project, we interviewed our elder Grange members, identified heritage orchards, and hosted a fall apple festival.

Most successful fundraiser: Annual pie auction (see page 20)

What makes your Grange unique: Everybody loves our Grange! We host events that appeal to a broad cross-section of our community.



Aloha #773
Washington County
Organized: 1931

Location: 3425 SW 185th
Aloha 97007
Meets: 2nd Thursday 6 pm
Mailing address: PO Box 6564
Aloha 97006
Contact: Debra Welch
Website: grange.org/alohaor773

Most successful project, activity, or event: Working with the Red Cross, sponsor bi-monthly blood drives, each bigger than the previous. Installing a chair lift.

Most successful fundraiser: Hall rentals make it possible to repay their State Grange loan ahead of schedule.

What makes your Grange unique: Adopt a family each Christmas, providing gifts, decorations, and clothing.



Tentative Convention Schedule 151st Annual Convention Tillamook County Fairgrounds @ Tillamook June 15th – 20th

The convention this year will be In-person and Zoom will also be available. Committee meetings about resolutions will be held prior to the convention via Zoom in the first couple of weeks in June.

<p>Saturday June 15th 8:00 Facility Set Up – Come Help! 8:45 Ag-Tour –from the Fairgrounds (See page 1) 2:00 Registration materials will be available 5:30 Kick-Off Banquet, Talent Contest & Honor Grange Awards</p> <p>Sunday June 16th 7:30 Morning Workshops 9:00 Opening in the 6th Degree, lowered to 4th @ 9:15 11:00 State President’s Annual Address 12:00 Foundation Luncheon, followed by annual meeting 2:15 Orientation for delegates 4:00 5th Degree – Exemplified by the District #3 7:30 6th Degree – Exemplified by the State Officers</p> <p>Monday June 17th 7:30 Morning Workshops 9:00 Memorial Program 10:30 Opening in 4th Degree 12:00 Membership Luncheon 1:30 Resolution Work 5:00 Dinner Break</p>	<p>Tuesday June 18th 6:30 Benefits Breakfast – @ fairgrounds - no charge 7:30 Morning Workshops 10:00 Opening in 4th Degree 10:30 Presentation by State Junior Grange 12:00 GWA Luncheon 1:30 Tribute to Grange Veterans 2:00 Resolution Work</p> <p>Wednesday June 19th 7:30 Morning Workshops 9:00 Opening in 4th Degree by State Youth Officers 9:30 Resolution Work 12:00 Youth Luncheon and Goodie Basket drawing 2:00 Recognition of Past State Officers 7:00 Silent and Oral Auctions</p> <p>Thursday June 20th 9:00 Opening in 4th Degree 10:30 Thank you to District #3 & Invitation from District #4 for 2025 1:30 Installation of Officers 2:30 Continuing Resolution Work Closing Convention</p>
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Forest Grove #282
Washington County
Organized: 1896

Location: 1917 B Street
Forest Grove 97116
Meets: 2nd Thursday 7 pm
Mailing address: 925 Gales Creek Rd
Forest Grove 97116
Contact: John Knox
503-357-6526

Most successful project, activity, or event: Words for Thirds for Forest Grove District and plaques for the FFA Speech Contest

Most successful fundraiser: Goat Bingo



Kinton #562
Washington County
Organized: April 1917

Location: 19015 SW Scholls Ferry Rd
Beaverton 97007
Meets: 2nd Tuesday 7 pm
Website: kintongrange.org

Most successful project, activity, or event: Host Citizen Participation Organization (CPO-10)

Most successful fundraiser: Holiday Faire and Perennial Plant Sale

What makes your Grange unique: Carl & Dorothy Allen Memorial Lift; sponsor Boy Scout Troop #874



Leedy #339
Washington County
Organized 1903

Location: 835 Saltzman Rd
Portland 97229

Leedy Grange sponsors Boy Scout Troop #5339, one of the first all-girl troops in Oregon. The troop earned a special patch issued by the Oregon Chapter of the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation for documenting what they learned when they visited Fort Clatsop. (See page 14)



Scholls #338
Washington County
Organized: April 1903

Location: 16917 SW Hillsboro Hwy
Scholls 97140
Meets: 1st Wednesday 7 pm
potluck 6 pm
Mailing address: 23295 SW Mountain Home Rd
Sherwood 97140
Contact: Kimla Koziuk

Most successful project, activity, or event: Completion of exterior siding, windows, and insulation. Hosted blood drives, exercise class, and bottle & can drop.

Most successful fundraiser: Rummage sale

What makes your Grange unique: Welcoming, community oriented.



Hillsboro #73
Washington County
Organized 1874

Location: 245 SE 3rd Ave
Hillsboro 97123

It's "Trees, Cheese and Ocean Breeze" in District 3



Tigard #148
Washington County
Organized: March 1874

Location: 13770 SW Pacific Hwy
Tigard 97223
Meets: 2nd Monday 6:30 pm
potluck 6 pm
Mailing address: PO Box 230252
Tigard 97281-0252
Contact: Bradley Mertz
360-869-9821
Website: tigardgrange.com

Most successful project, activity, or event: Tigard Grange Community Food Project

What makes your Grange unique: Located on Hwy 99.



McMinnville #31
Yamhill County
Organized: May 1873

Location: 1700 SW Old Sheridan Rd
McMinnville 97128
Meets: 2nd Tuesday 6:30 pm
potluck 5:30 pm
Mailing address: 1700 SW Old Sheridan Rd
McMinnville 97128
Contact: Wayne Clemmer
503-989-3837

Most successful project, activity, or event: Year around rentals

Most successful fundraiser: Garage sale

What makes your Grange unique: Have a strategic plan, business plan, and 5-, 10-, and 20-year plans.



Winona #271
Washington County
Organized: 1895

Location: 8340 SW Seneca
Tualatin 97062
Meets: 2nd Saturday 11 am
potluck 10 am
Mailing address: PO Box 3484,
Tualatin 97062
Contact: Marilyn Reiher
Website: winonagrang271.org

Most successful project, activity, or event: Annually distribute 100+ boxes of vegetable, herb, and flower seed packets to community gardens, foodbanks, groups that teach gardening, and other Granges.

Most successful fundraiser: Rent the hall weekly or monthly to ten groups.



Washington #313
Washington County
Organized: March 1902

Location: 16430 NW Pumpkin
Ridge Rd, North Plains
97133
Meets: 1st Saturday 11 am
Mailing address: 30550 NW Old
West Union Rd
North Plains 97133
Contact: Linda Dorland
503-647-2723

Most successful project, activity, or event: Partnered with Lucky-to-Serve, a local non-profit that collects and distributes toys and gifts to underprivileged children at Christmas.

Most successful fundraiser: Garage sale.



Fernwood #770
Yamhill County
Re-Organized 2019

Location: 216 N Springbrook Rd
Newberg 97132



Oregon State Grange Foundation Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Oregon State Grange Foundation will be held on Sunday June 16th, 2024 at 12 noon at the Tillamook County Fairgrounds in Tillamook, Oregon.

The annual meeting will include reports on the operation of the foundation for 2023, announcement of scholarship winners and the election of the Region 3 Trustee. All fourth-degree members in good standing of an Oregon Grange are invited to attend the meeting. You can attend the meeting even if you do not purchase a ticket for the luncheon.

Tickets for the luncheon need to be purchased in advance. See page 9 for the meal ticket order form.



\$30 for 30 Fund Donations

Name of donor _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Dedication of Donation if desired

In memory of _____
In honor of _____

Make checks payable to the Oregon State Grange Foundation

Mail to: Oregon State Grange Foundation
643 Union Street, NE
Salem OR 97301

Volunteers Needed!!!
Please sign up

2024 Ag Fest
April 23 & 24

See page 5 for signup details.



Benefits the Oregon State Grange Foundation

www.fredmeyer.com/
account/communityrewards/

Add/update the Community Organization on your account information page to Oregon State Grange Foundation - FM650



Corbett community members gathered at Columbia Grange to share preparation ideas for winter storm survival.

Columbia Grange #267 Helps Community Prepare for Winter Storms

Columbia Grange #267, Multnomah County, took a discussion on social media as an idea to offer an event to meet the needs of their community. The Grange presented "What About the Next Big Freeze?" a roundtable discussion to help members of their community find and share solutions to winter storm problems.

A large percentage of the 3,000 members of the Corbett community lost power and water for several days during this past January ice storm. Layers of thick ice covered the roads and caused trees to topple, inhibiting driving and even walking. A post on the local Facebook page asking "what would you do differently before the next big winter storm" had 120 replies!

A follow-up discussion to identify resources to help people better prepare for the next big storm took place at Columbia Grange on February 25th. Participants shared their most urgent struggles including how

to keep their homes warm, provide water for livestock, deal with loss of WI-FI and inability to charge devices, how to prevent or handle burst pipes and what to do with their water heaters when the power and water were both off. They decided "we need a comprehensive disaster plan in our unincorporated community."

Valuable resources and suggestions were shared and can be found on the Columbia Grange 267 website Resource page (columbiagrang267.org/resources-1) along with a checklist community members can save to add to their own personalized task lists.

In the end, the group agreed, living in a rural environment where service response times can be slow, requires advance preparation for weather events. Those who move to the area, next to the Columbia River weather corridor and don't thrive in such circumstances—don't tend to stay long!



GWA

Susan Noah
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OSG Grange Workers Activities Director

It has been an interesting start to 2024 for Mark and I. So far, we have replaced three appliances and one faucet, and are crossing our fingers that the other appliances in the house will not revolt as did the refrigerator, the hot water heater and the dryer! With all the changes we have taken a lot of time to clean out the attic and the garage and have come up with many treasures we forgot about and many other items that make us wonder what we were thinking when we so carefully stowed them away.

From my time as Lecturer, I have always saved clippings that might add to a Lecturers program and so when I found a full page from the *Wall Street Journal* (dated May 27, 1983) I wasn't surprised. This particular page was simply a reprint of other ads they had run for United Technologies. These ads generated half a million responses and in the words of the Journal, they were "plain type, simple words and enduring truths". Overall, 50 ads were run, and on this date they reprinted 12 of the best. Reading all of them was a pleasure, but the one that speaks to what I see as the work of the GWA, that being home and family, was the one entitled:

*education,
transportation
psychology,
romance,
cuisine,
designing,
literature,
medicine,
handicraft,
art,
horticulture,
economics,
government,
community relations,
pediatrics,
geriatrics,
entertainment,
maintenance,
purchasing,
direct mail,
law,
accounting,
religion,
energy,
and management.
Anyone who can
handle all those
has to be somebody
special.
They are.
They are homemakers.*

In all disclosure, when this was written the homemaker was referred to as "She", but I made the change to better reflect the world we live in today. As the Journal said, these were enduring truths that were true and accurate in 1983, just as they are today. Never look past the work that all of us do to make our houses a home for family and friends. It is important, enduring and gratifying.

The Most Creative Job in the World

*It involves
taste,
fashion,
decorating,
recreation,*



Lowell Grange's Küchen crew ready to serve breakfast.

Lowell Hosts Monthly Breakfast

On the first Sunday of every month Lowell Grange #745, Lane County, hosts a full sit-down breakfast. Starting at 8am and serving until 11am, serving on average 200 or more diners and makes a profit of about \$800 each time. Funds raised benefits the Lowell and surrounding areas in Lane County.

Oregon Junior Grangers



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OSG Junior Director



Volunteers Needed for Our Juniors at State Convention and Throughout the Year

Please plan to join the Juniors at the Oregon State Grange convention in Tillamook June 15-20. We need adult volunteers to be in the Junior Room at the OSG convention from Saturday through the close on Thursday. It is hugely helpful to know in advance that someone can cover a particular day or time, but a more urgent issue is that we simply cannot open the Junior room unless there are two adults present. For all the years I've been doing Juniors, Heather Elliott has been my right hand, but this year Heather won't be at the convention.

What can you expect from a day in the Junior Room? Mostly fun. We mix indoor and outdoor time. There are crafts to do and a big table of Legos. We have a daily Grange meeting and learn a bit of ritual and marching drill as well as the plan for the day. There's usually a field trip on Tuesday or Wednesday. Our leaders teach the crafts and organize the snacks. They keep track of whose turn it is for Minecraft practice and make sure Juniors are properly signed in and out every day. They escort Juniors who need to leave the Junior Room area. It can be as physically challenging as you want to make it. If you're comfortable running on the playground or sitting on the

floor, enjoy the freedom! If you're more the "keeping an eye on things" type, that works for us too.

It's great but not required that you've taken the Safe Gatherings background check and training for adult volunteers. OSG is happy to reimburse the cost of the course.

Beyond the immediate needs for the convention, we're recruiting across the state for members to meet and help plan and provide Junior activities. The National Grange President has instigated a Junior Team to replace the National Junior Director, with some changes in the program to be expected. One of the first is a new Junior Division in the Lecturer's virtual photography contest which came out too late for us to change this year's Oregon contests in the Contests, Awards, and Scholarships booklet. It's as easy as sending a photo with a text from your phone. The Oregon Junior photo contest has allowed electronic entries for a while now, and I'd love to see more Juniors try it. We'll try to coordinate the themes with National next year, but there's no reason not to enter both.

Can you help with the Juniors? Call or email the address at the top of the column. And thank you!

All-Girl Scout Troop Takes On Lewis and Clark Trail Challenge

Eight girls ages 11-15 from one of the first all-girl Scout troops in Oregon have earned a special patch issued by the Oregon Chapter, Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. They are members of Troop 5339 in Beaverton sponsored by Leedy Grange in Beaverton.



To be awarded the patch the scouts needed to meet several expectations, several of which could be accomplished at Fort Clatsop on a weekend adventure. Just as the Expedition did over 200 years ago, the scouts—mostly middle-schoolers-- were expected to document what they saw and learned. Some of their observations follow:

- "Fort Clatsop is an amazing place, particularly the Clatsop-made canoe...they actually scorched the bottom to make it stronger. Lewis & Clark tried to trade for one but nothing they could offer was worth it, so they stole one!
- "On our Fort to Sea hike we saw trees that had been gnawed on by beavers. I saw deer droppings at the beginning of the trail and the red cedar trees were pretty.
- "They stored their gunpowder in lead canisters which they would later melt down to make more bullets. The firearms they carried were single-shot muzzle loading black powder guns with a flintlock ignition. Lewis also carried an air gun which astonished multiple Indian tribes due to its

repeating shots.

- "The visit to the Salt Works in Seaside was really cool. Salt was used to cure meat. They would draw moisture out of their elk meat by putting salt inside it.
- "I learned the right way to pronounce Sacagawea's name and that the dog that traveled with them was named Seaman. William Clark named one of his children after Meriwether Lewis. The fort today is the third replica.

"Our scout troops have been wonderful to work with at Leedy. They are always willing to jump in and lend a hand with both service and building projects. We are happy to be working in partnership with them," said Cynthia Hively, Leedy Secretary.

The Boy Scouts of America first allowed girls to join traditional Scouting in 2019 and this was one of the first all-girl troops to be formed in the Cascade-Pacific Council serving NW Oregon and SW Washington.

2024 National Grange Virtual Photography Contest

Junior Division (age 5-14)

- Pets
- Nature
- Scenic
- Summer Fun

Open to Grange members and non-members!
Cash Prizes!

Entries Due September 1, 2024

Submit entries at grange.biz/grangephoto2024

GRANGE: Good for the whole family since 1888

Celebrating 150 years of Senior Grange

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo

Candidates' Forum

FOR

2024 Clackamas County Commissioner and Sheriff races

All candidates for these positions have been invited to attend

Sunday May 5

Abernethy Grange

15645 S Harley Ave ~ Oregon City, OR 97045

1 pm Nacho Bar, Cookies and Beverages
2 pm Candidate Statements/Questions

Sponsored by Clackamas County Pomona Grange #1

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Legislative Update

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The short session of the Oregon Legislature, which happens in even-numbered years, adjourned on March 7. As usual, a lot of bills were introduced and most, whether controversial or just plain bad ideas, never advanced past a first reading. Our legislature did get some work done this time though, and following is a quick review of some that have been the subject of Grange policy or of interest to the Grange. After passage by the House and Senate they are signed by the leaders of each chamber and sent to the governor for signature. They will take effect sooner if the governor signs them, a little later if she does not, but unless Governor Kotek actually vetoes a bill it will take effect with or without her signature. At this time, I'm not aware of anything that might be vetoed.

SB 1579, Children's Health and Safety Equity Act, funding for Child Advocacy Centers—we have a history of support for children's health and safety. CACs are nonprofits, currently there are 24 in Oregon with 4 more in development. CACs partner with child welfare, law enforcement, medical and mental health providers.

HB 4153, Task Force on AI—we considered a late resolution about this subject at our 2023 convention but the delegates felt more information was needed before we could pass a resolution.

HB 4024, limits political campaign contributions—Oregon was one of only 5 states with no limits, this bill remedies the situation by imposing reasonable limits which should help stem the influx of outside money into Oregon politics.

HB 4149, Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) Reform Bill—PBMs are middle-men, basically brokers who wheel and deal in the pharmaceutical industry, negotiating discounts from manufacturers and passing them on to the big retailers who then typically do not pass those savings on to us. They are not independent, in fact there has been consolidation in the drug industry resulting in some of the biggest pharmacy chains owning some of the biggest PBMs, demanding steep discounts from suppliers that independent pharmacies have no hope of matching, thus driving the small guys out of business and limiting our choices.

SB 5701, funding for a third Veterans Home to be located in Roseburg—an issue the Oregon State Grange has long supported. I think

we also rallied support for the second Veterans Home that was built in Lebanon some years ago.

SB 1564, requires LCDC to create model ordinances for smaller communities so they may comply with the 2019 law requiring them to allow for development of new economical housing. The 2019 law was essentially an unfunded mandate to smaller communities in Oregon that did not have the resources to comply. This bill requires the state, through LCDC, to create model ordinances to fit three sizes of smaller communities—under 2,500 population; between 2,500 and 24,999; and 25,000 and over.

HB 4002, HB 5204, reintroducing criminal charges for possession of small amounts of illegal drugs—Some will say this shows that Oregon's decriminalization 'experiment' was a failure, but the reality is that addiction treatment is hard, decriminalization made drugs easy, and addicts made the logical choice. Our inability to require those in need of treatment for addiction to accept it seems to be the real failure.

SB 1520, SB 1545 aiding wildfire victims by allowing adjustments to taxes on settlements and newly rebuilt replacement homesteads—these bills eased the tax bite for those who received insurance settlements after Oregon's wildfires, and adjusted the assessed value for those rebuilding a home where their older less valuable home was destroyed by the wildfires.

I probably missed some, if so check in with me or a member of the OSG Legislative committee or join our next Zoom session, usually the 4th Wednesday monthly. We're thinking about the State Grange session and Legislative is planning on having a conference or speaker, so be sure to look for us when the schedule comes out. I hope everyone is looking at Ag and Natural Resources sunset policies. By the time you read this you might only have one more Grange meeting to introduce a resolution.

Resolution Deadlines

This year's deadline for submission of resolutions by Subordinate/Community Granges is **April 17, 2024**; 60 days before State Convention.

Pomona Granges with a regular meeting after this deadline may file resolutions passed at that meeting, no later than **May 17th**, 30 days before State Convention.

Government Affairs

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Hello Grangers

Earlier this month, President Biden signed a stopgap funding bill that Congress passed with bipartisan support, which funds certain aspects of the federal government (including agriculture) into January 2024, and others into February 2024. The new law also extended The Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018, which expired on September 30, 2023, until September 30, 2024.

The 2024 Farm Bill is expected to address the growing need for sustainable agriculture practices to combat climate change and ensure food security. One key area of focus is regenerative agriculture, which aims to restore soil health, increase biodiversity, and reduce the use of synthetic inputs. By promoting regenerative practices, the Farm Bill can help farmers improve resilience to extreme weather events and enhance long-term productivity.

Another critical issue on the agenda is expanding rural internet access to bridge the digital divide in rural communities. Access to high-speed internet is essential for farmers to utilize precision agriculture technologies, access market information, and en-

gage in online commerce. By investing in rural broadband infrastructure, the Farm Bill can help rural communities thrive in the digital age.

Additionally, the regulation of CBD, a non-intoxicating compound derived from hemp, is a pressing matter that the 2024 Farm Bill is expected to address. Clear guidelines on the production and marketing of CBD products will provide certainty for farmers and businesses in the rapidly growing hemp industry.

Overall, the upcoming Farm Bill in 2024 presents a significant opportunity to advance sustainable agriculture, support rural communities, and drive innovation in the agricultural sector. With a focus on these critical areas, the bill has the potential to shape a brighter and more resilient future for American agriculture.

The 2024 Farm bill will be brought back up in September 2024 for a vote of Congress and hopefully sent to the president's desk for a signature. This bill is ongoing, and as soon as we learn any other information, I will gladly get it to you as soon as possible.

Happy trails

Return your Petitions by June 1

- Granges in Oregon are helping circulate an initiative petition statewide for IP-4 to put a ballot measure on the November 2024 ballot.
- Make sure the voice of your Grangers and community members is heard by returning your petitions.
- Return to: PO Box 218, West Linn OR 97068-0218



All Grangers are invited

OSG Legislative Forum Zoom Meeting

When: Wednesday, April 24 @ 7 pm PDT
Wednesday May 22 @ 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
marknoah00@gmail.com



Membership Matters

For Membership information contact:
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Veterans



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Oregon State Grange Veterans Directors

Fernwood Grange Installs Officers

On February 12, Samuel Keator, Forest Grove Grange, serving as Master of Washington-Yamhill Pomona #2 with the help of Jim Clute, Marshall, duly installed their 2024 officers.



Front row l-r: Steward, Tim Koch; Treasurer, Leanna McCollum; Vice President, Ron Kelley; President, Pamilla Frost; Ceres, Saira Tadlock; Lecturer, Ron W. Parrish; Exec Comm, Sonia French; Mark Raia; Stephen Brunner; and Gatekeeper, Wayne Frost with Samuel Keator, Master of Washington-Yamhill Pomona in the back.

Garfield Provides Quilts to Veterans

The Garfield Grange #317, Clackamas County, has made a commitment to support Clackamas County Veterans Village: a Transitional Shelter Community for Veterans, located in the Clackamas area. Working with their sister organization, Garfield Skip a Week Quilt Club, they provide a warm, handmade quilt to each veteran to use as a colorful addition to their personal sleeping pod. When the residents

transition out of "The Village" into more permanent housing, of course they take their beautiful quilt with them.

In March the Grange delivered more than a dozen quilts to the new enrollees, and, throughout the year, Garfield Grange will continue to provide support for "The Village" by providing other supplies and clothing as needed.



These beautiful quilts are all rolled up and ready for delivery to the "The Village."

Tigard Grange Installs New Master

Samuel Keator, Washington-Yamhill Pomona #2 Master installed the newly elected Master Bradlee Mertz of Tigard Grange #148 on Monday, March 11. Also in attendance were State Deputy Carol Everman, State GWA Director Susan Noah and State Chaplain Paula Herrick.



L-r: Samuel Keator, Washington-Yamhill Pomona #2 Master congratulates Tigard Grange Master Bradlee Mertz as State Deputy Carol Everman, State GWA Director Susan Noah and State Chaplain Paula Herrick look on.



Volunteers Needed!!!
Please sign up



2024 Ag Fest
April 23 & 24

See page 5 for sign up details.

WALTEVILLE GRANGE
OPEN HOUSE & MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
APRIL 21ST 2 PM TO 4 PM



Stop by to see the hall, have refreshments, and meet your neighbors!
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The Walterville Grange Answers Local Needs to Help Keep our Community Strong

★ **Help us plan future efforts in our community** ★

Our membership is open to all. We welcome new members and value your input.

We will have information on:

- Disaster Preparedness/ Emergency Radios
- Discovery Center
- Mobile Plant Clinic
- EWEB Programs/Preparedness
- Others

Learn about Grange – celebrating 150 years of helping Oregon's Rural Communities

Sunday, April 21st, from 2 pm - 4 pm 39295 Camp Creek Rd

This is an Equal Opportunity Program. Discrimination is prohibited by Federal Law. Complaints of discrimination may be filed with the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

Grange Youth & Young Adults

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 OSG Youth/Young Adult Co-Directors




GROW Club

"Go Right On Working"

Teresa Cernac
 OSG GROW Club President
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As we head into spring and nicer weather, we are looking forward to the Oregon State Grange Convention. This year's convention is going to be at the Tillamook County Fair Grounds in Tillamook, Oregon June 15th-20th. We are keeping our officer practices at night; however, we will have morning check-ins to make sure all Youth and Young Adults are in the main session hall for opening. We would love to see lots of youth participating in all the things that convention has to offer.

With it being time for State Convention it is also time for the Goodie Baskets. You will soon be receiving a letter from us along with tickets to purchase. We also appreciate any donations towards the baskets. The money that comes from these baskets is what allows our Youth and Young Adults to do things like attend Western Regionals Leadership Conference and represent Oregon at the National Convention. Our District chairs always do a wonderful job of making the baskets fun and easy to transport. They will be on display at convention for you to ohh and ah over, with the drawing on Wednesday at the youth banquet.

Remember that there are many contests going on during State Convention and we would love to have a youth presence in them. Pick some-

thing that interests you and give it a try, there are lots of different categories. The youth also have our ritual contest open only to youth/young adult aged members (14-35). You select your favorite passage from the manual and recite it from memory before three judges. We also ask that you explain to us why you picked that passage and what it means to you. We hope to have lots of participation in the contests!

The youth are always looking for new or new to us ideas to try throughout the year. Maybe there is something you liked doing as a youth or something that you think today's youth might enjoy. If you have an idea of something we should do reach out to us either at state or at the youth email OSG.youth@gmail.com. We want the youth to get together throughout the year, not just at convention.

Thank you for all of the support that the youth get throughout the year. We appreciate it. Remember to ask the youth in your community for their help and let us know what is going on in your Grange and your community. If your youth are doing something, take a couple pictures and send them in to the bulletin with a short write up saying who is in the picture and what they are doing. We can't be at every event but we love to see our youth in action!

Over the last year and a half (or so) various members of the Oregon State Grange GROW Club have submitted their story for this column. I extend my sincere thanks to each and every one.

I would love to hear from others who have served as a representative of Oregon at National Grange; do you want to tell YOUR story? Do you want to see something specific highlighted here? Are you curious about the possible contributions this group could make – or have ideas what that might be?

This issue is the big lead-up to our state session in Tillamook, and District #3 hosting with 'Trees, Cheese and Ocean Breeze'. My hope is that we will have a large, enthusiastic and positive group of beautiful Grange family to share this part of our state with. Many of the authors of prior articles will be there, working their Grange fingers to the bone, so please come and be a part of this annual celebration of all the Grange can be. If you have never been to one of the annual sessions, make this year the first of many. Welcome and Go Right On Working!

DOES YOUR GRANGE NEED HELP?

Installation of Officers Degrees (1-4 and/or 5th)
 Draping the Charter Presenting the Flag

The Oregon GROW Club offers these and more.

Contact one of the GROW Club board members to get information.

- Teresa Cernac, President 971.291.7619
- John Fine, Dist. 1 - 541.673.0369
- Susan Noah, Dist. 2 - 541.953.6724
- Stacy Brown, Dist. 3 - 971.808.6431
- Vacant, Dist. 4
- Vickie High, Dist. 5 - 541.591.1019
- Gail Wilson, Dist. 6 - 541.310.9655
- Lexie Suing, At-large - 541.556.2674



GROW stands for Go Right On Working!!!

Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

April 1-30	Grange Month – “Grange Strong: Rooted. Resilient. United.”
April 15	Deadline to email Deaf Awareness Project Grant application to the State office - office@orgrange.org
	State Community Service Reports due. Send to the state Grange office, post marked by April 15.
April 17	Resolutions for this year's state convention from Subordinate/Community Granges <u>must arrive</u> in the State Grange office no later than April 17.
April 25-28	Western Regional Leadership Conference - Terrace Heights Grange hall, Yakima, Washington
April 27-28	Oregon Ag Fest - Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem – Volunteers needed
April 30	1 st Quarter Report due to the state Grange office
	Deadline for state Youth Officer applications
May 1	Oregon State Grange and Foundation Scholarship applications must be postmarked no later than May 1
May 5	Community/Subordinate Grange Certified Ballot for State Officers must arrive at state office by 5pm
May 15	Deadline for submitting Convention Committee preference
June 1	Deadline to order Convention meal tickets
	Deadline for Convention pre-registration

Spencer Creek Awards 4-H Participants

Over the past several years the Spencer Creek Grange #855, Lane County, has been able to develop an award program to support their local youth in the community that participate in both 4-H and FFA.

The award program reinforces the Grange's historic roots as a Grange in support of those dedicating themselves to agriculture and development of their skills. The awards are supported by direct proceeds from their regular Bingo events. Each awardee provides an applica-

tion and essay that speaks to their specific leadership development, project management, and general development in their clubs. They had a number of great applicants for this award cycle and selected three awardees from the pool, all from area 4-H clubs in Lane County. Awardees were Lyla Dowdy, Cassidy Rambousek, and Brogyn Rice.

The awardees were exemplary, and the Grange is so happy to be able to provide support to these outstanding individuals in their 4-H projects.



L-r; Spencer Creek member Dave Yordy, 4-Hers Brogyn Rice, Cassidy Rambousek, Lyla Dowdy and Grange Master Cookie Trupp.

OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - September 23, 2023

President Jay Sexton called the meeting to order at 9:15am. Members present included Vice President Steve Kroeker, Secretary Sarah Jenkins, Susan Noah, Celia Luttrell, and Vickie High.

Prior meeting minutes from August 6th were reviewed and approved.

Financial Reports

- Loan and membership reports were reviewed. A few Granges with late loan payments were discussed and the state office will be reaching out. We are seeing an increase of 32 members year to date, but some Granges have not completed their 2nd quarter reports.
- Annual Audit. Kelly Jones with Moss Adams accounting firm presented the results of their annual audit. They provided an unmodified opinion which means financial statements are presented fairly and in accordance with U.S. accounting principles. There were a few recommendations of different ways to manage accounting, but no significant issues noted.
 - Susan moved that we set a new accounting policy that if a current signer on the checking account has to create a check on their own, then that check and the associated bill need to be disclosed to the Executive Committee. Celia seconded and the motion passed.
- Investment accounts were reviewed with Scott from Barker Wealth. We have not had significant changes in our account value since our last meeting. We have a bullet share bond maturing soon that can go into another bond or a money market account.
 - Vickie moved that we transfer the funds from the maturing bond into a money market account. Steve seconded and the motion passed.
- Financial Statements & Custodial Funds were reviewed and discussed. No significant changes.

Old Business

- Capital Mall Memorial for disabled veterans is progressing slowly. We have partial approval from the Oregon State Parks and are awaiting final approval before we can set a timeline for creation of the stone and dedication.
- Umpqua Bank surplus chairs for the office. Sarah inquired earlier this week and will keep following up to get the donation.
- State Convention Engage-

ment team will meet this fall and continue to work on engaging activities.

New Business

- Matching Grant committee met last week to review the grant applications. Their recommendations were reviewed and discussed. There was a total of 15 applications.
 - Central Point Grange - \$5,000 denied request for incomplete application
 - Columbia Grange #867 - \$2,500 denied request for incomplete application
 - Irving Grange - \$5,000 approved
 - Lake Creek Grange - \$5,000 approved
 - Mary's River Grange - \$5,000 approved
 - Netel Grange - \$2,500 approved
 - North Bayside Grange - \$5,000 approved
 - Redmond Grange - \$5,000 denied request for reimbursement of completed project
 - Santiam Valley Grange - \$5,000 approved
 - Silverton Grange - \$5,000 denied request for incomplete application
 - Spencer Creek Grange - \$5,000 approved
 - Waltherville Grange - \$1,345 approved
 - Wickiup Grange - \$4,965 approved
 - Willamette Grange - \$2,500 approved
 - Williams Grange \$5,000 denied request for incomplete application
 - Steve made a motion that we approve Lake Creek for the full \$5,000 request to allow for the paint in addition to the gutter project. Celia seconded and the motion passed.
 - Sarah made a motion to accept the grant committee recommendations with the one change for Lake Creek for a total of \$41,055. Susan seconded and the motion passed.
- Grange Bulletin newspaper discussion. Editor Suzy Ramm provided a cost summary for total printing costs, page numbers, etc. We'll have a future discussion around adding in e-bulleting options, emails with clicking through rate tracking, social media articles, and more.

Lunch break from 12:30 -1:00pm

- Grange visitations in 2024. Jay showed a PowerPoint presentation that will be used for Grange visits in 2024 that answers the most common questions that local members typically have about the State Grange.
- October Special EC meeting for discussion on State Office employees, responsibilities, third office staff/intern.

Presidents Report

- State fair log cabin was fun with great community connections. Thank you to all members who volunteered their time, especially members from Benton County who contributed 38 shifts. Jay hosted 11, we'd like to get more next year.
- Window broken at OSG Office \$600 estimate, will be fixed next week.
- Upper Applegate dormant property – getting support from Jackson and Josephine Granges to clean the hall & property.
- Santa Clara Grange – Alice Nowicki, Ken Schwieger, and Dorris Darcy are making progress with reviving Grange membership.
- Rogue Grange dormant property in Ophir. Two damaged windows boarded up with aid of neighbor and former Grange members. Discussion regarding potential for reorganization.
- Russellville Grange - No recent communications.
- Rickreall Grange membership is promising, and the train club has moved on.
- Lexington dormant property. There are conversations with community members who may be interested in this property. Jay is in discussions with the title company and attorneys.
- Vale Grange dormant property – Open house held during a local festival. There is some interest in the property, but not much appetite found for

reorganizing the Grange.

- Vickie moved that we put the Vale Grange property up for sale. Steve seconded and the motion passed.
- Fairfield Grange in Marion County will be visited next month to discuss membership.
- Fairmount Grange working on rentals.
- Midland Grange is working through changes in the membership.
- 150th Celebration Banquet tomorrow
 - Sale of 150th Bottles, cloth bags, decals, remaining "candles"
 - Need some help with set up at 4 PM
- District 3 Hosting Committee is working on the 2024 session in Tillamook.
- Bulletin article explaining Nominations and Elections will be coming out this fall.
- Mark Noah is finalizing the State Session Proceedings for 2023.
- Randi Embree working on Bylaws formatting, updating, and proofing.
- Storage has been concentrated into one unit and second unit surrendered. Saves \$1300 per year.

Decisions made via email

- Approval of Lexington Grange property sold to a local church for \$75,000. Email vote was unanimous.
 - Susan moved to ratify our email vote. Steve seconded and the motion passed.

Next Meetings:

Sunday September 24th 150th Celebration Banquet 5pm Willamette Heritage Center
 Sunday November 5th 11am
 Sunday January 28th 10:30am

Meeting adjourned at 3:10pm.

Fraternally Submitted,
 Sarah Jenkins, Secretary

OSG Ex. Committee Meeting Minutes - November 5, 2023

President Jay Sexton called the meeting to order at 10:30am. Members present were Vice President Steve Kroeker, Secretary Sarah Jenkins, member Susan Noah, member Vicki High, and member Celia Fox.

Special meeting to discuss staffing. The goal for this session is to clarify roles of paid staff, create flexibility for the President outside of the office, manage an efficient office to support the organization, and maintain compliance with wage and hour laws.

We brainstormed ideas of how to change office duties and personnel to allow the President time out of the office.

Sarah and Jay will work on job descriptions for all paid employees and we will meet via zoom in December.

Meeting adjourned at 1pm.

Fraternally Submitted,
 Sarah Jenkins
 OSG Secretary

OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - December 5, 2023

President Jay Sexton called the meeting to order via Zoom web conference technology at 6pm. The members present were Steve Kroker, Sarah Jenkins, Celia Luttrell, Susan Noah, Vickie High.

Oregon Heritage Grant – We applied for and have been offered a \$20,000 grant to maintain the heritage and history of the Oregon State Grange. We pledged \$25,000 in money and labor, then \$20,000 from the State of Oregon Parks Department is added. The overall project is approximately \$45,000 and must be completed within 18 months. The OSG will spend about \$10,000 on a professional archivist who will assess our materials and provide recommendations for historical preservation. Other funds would be applied to electronic hardware and software for digitizing Grange historical documents.

- Vickie moved that we accept the Oregon Heritage Grant with Jay Sexton leading the project, with authorization for up to \$25,000 from the Leadership Membership Fund. Steve seconded and the motion passed.

Small Farms Conference – The last few years we’ve supported and attended the conference with a \$500 sponsorship, there is also a \$1,000 level with increased marketing exposure. There are approximately 1000 young farmers who attend the conference at Oregon State University in February.

- Steve moved that we use \$1,000 from the Leadership Membership Fund for the gold sponsorship with a staffed table at the Small Farms Conference.

Vickie seconded and the motion passed.

Oregon State Grange Serving Communities for 150 Years, written by Marilyn Reiher. There was a discussion around purchasing some books to provide to Granges as a gift during the 2024 visitations or offer for sale at the OSG office and annual convention. Another suggestion was to recommend that Granges donate to their local library, or the OSG donate directly to libraries. The purpose of the donation is to put copies of the books in the hands of people who want to learn more about the history of the Grange. We can send information out to Granges about ordering additional books, coordinating with local libraries to make in person presentations, host book clubs, and use this book as an opportunity to promote the Grange.

- Sarah moved that we purchase 250 copies of the *Oregon State Grange Serving Communities for 150 Years* book to donate to local libraries around the state of Oregon, from the Leadership Membership fund. Susan seconded and the motion passed.

Western Regional Conference was booked for April 25-28 in Yakima, WA. It is a conflict with Ag Fest and several large Pomona meetings around the state. Unfortunately, the date was selected without the input of the OSG. We will encourage participation with all that can attend, especially our youth members.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Fraternally Submitted,
Sarah Jenkins, OSG Secretary

UPCOMING POMONA GRANGE MEETINGS			
<i>Pomona Secretaries are to send in meeting information to the Bulletin Editor as soon as date, time, and location are determined and/or changed.</i>			
Pomona	Date	Time	Meeting Place
Baker #24	May 4	10:30 AM	New Bridge Grange
Benton #36	Apr 20	10:30 AM	Summit Grange
Clackamas #1	Apr 27	9:30 AM	Abernethy Grange
Columbia #18	May 4	10:00 AM	Vernonia Grange
Deschutes #25	May 11	11:30 AM	TBA
Douglas #13	Apr 21	6:00 PM	Lookingglass Grange
Josephine #20	Jun 29	10:00 AM	Fruitdale Grange
Lane #14	Apr 13	10:00 AM	Lorane Grange
Lincoln #10	May 18	10:30 AM	TBA
Linn #12	Apr 13	10:00 AM	Lacomb Grange
Polk #3	Apr 11	6:00 PM	Rickreall Grange
Tillamook #9			TBA
Wallowa #22			TBA
Washington-Yamhill #2	Apr 20	10:00 AM	Winona Grange



L-r: Lacomb Grange's bag ladies Pauline Kapp, Audery Wenzel and Maxine Smith packed up the bag from the raffle Basket. Robert Richardson of Morning Star Grange was in charge of ticket sale.



Grange Spirit Week Sunday April 14th Through Saturday April 20th

How does it work? It's incredibly easy to join! Each day has a different prompt or theme. All you have to do is post a picture of how you are celebrating Grange and sharing your #grangestory to your Face-

book, Twitter, Instagram, or other social media account.

Use the hashtag #grangemonth24 in your posts! And remember to send to the Bulletin.

Linn Pomona Holds Raffle

On Saturday February 3, Linn County Pomona Grange #12 held their Raffle Basket drawing. Tickets are sold throughout the year at different Community events around the county, including Santiam Grange Breakfasts, Morning Star Flea markets and Pomona meetings. Items for the baskets are donated

throughout the year for the raffle. By the end of the year there was enough items for several baskets so there are several winners.

Money raised from the raffle is used to cover the expenses of the Pomona Grange.

Date	Theme	Description
April 14	#GrangeStrong Day	
April 15	Rooted Day	Show off your Grange's roots in the Community
April 16	Resilient Day	Show how your Grange has helped overcome obstacles
April 17	United Day	Show how your Grange unites members & your communities
April 18	Grange Shirt Day	
April 19	Grange Project Day	
April 20	Grange Future Day	Share what you hope your Grange looks like in the future!

Share on Social Media with #grangemonth24 and #grangestrong

Pies, Pies and More Pies at Several Oregon Granges

White Clover Grange "Pie Day"

For 93 years, the Nehalem Valley has been home to White Clover Grange #784, Tillamook County. They are proud members of a tri-village area (Manzanita, Nehalem, and Wheeler) and are the caretakers of the grand 102-year-old (and counting) Grange Hall.

The stately building was erected in 1921 as the Mohler Schoolhouse, designed by noted architect A.E.Doyle. Doyle was famous for designing many historical buildings in Portland, Oregon, including the Multnomah County Library, and the Benson Hotel, as well as three ocean front homes in Manzanita. Doyle enjoyed his own seaside cottage, and hosted many dignitaries of the day at his ocean front retreat in the 1920's.

When the area schools were consolidated in 1930, the Mohler School District deeded their land and building for one dollar (\$1.00) to the White Clover Grange. Along with Grange meetings, the three close-knit communities found that the 50' x 25' main hall was the perfect venue to hold events such as weddings, receptions, family reunions, celebrations of life, square dances, concerts, pinochle games, potlucks and many other family and community oriented activities.

The main hall, with its old growth fir floor patina, charming beadboard paneling, and large light gathering windows that encompass one entire wall, was in great demand and that popularity continues to this day.

One of White Clover's favorite events is their annual Pie Day Auction and Feast. The entire community joins together to donate pies, sponsorships, and culinary expertise to support maintenance and upkeep projects for the Grange hall. Plus, holding this event in late January, close to National Pie Day, every year on January 23rd, is a great way to break up the winter monotony after the holidays.

Over 130 folks, both young and old-



The table of 35 "feast pies" was enjoyed by all at the end of the event. Photos provided by Trav Williams, Broken Banjo Photography.

er, attended this year's 14th annual Pie Day, paying the \$15 admission fee, and then ogling the 24 wonderful hand-baked pies waiting to be auctioned off, plus two other delicious pies were raffled. A gorgeous cheesecake-pie made by Grange member Evelyn Mast garnered top bid of \$300. Evelyn created this unique contribution using her home-grown marionberries for the sauce.

A unique feature of the event was the opportunity for audience members to bid on a "no-calorie pie" at the conclusion of the auction. This allows any audience member to make a contribution to the building fund without inhaling a single calorie! A \$500 bid for said "no-calorie pie", the highest, garnered the bidder the coveted auctioneer's "I Love Pie" apron. Numerous other "no-calorie" bids were generously offered up, bringing the total amount raised for the event to a little over \$11,000.

Immediately following the auction, a table of 35 "feast pies," sliced into serving sizes for all to enjoy.

Suffice it to say, Pie Day '24 was a rousing and successful fundraising extravaganza—thanks to the dedicated team of Grange members and volunteers alike.

Taken from an article written by Ken Erickson, White Clover Grange #784 for the National Grange Patron's Chain.



A gorgeous cheesecake-pie made by our Grange member Evelyn Mast garnered top bid of \$300 at White Clover Grange's Pie Day.



A full hall had a fun evening and enjoyed many pies.

Springwater's Scholarship Pie Auction

In the end it was the best night ever as Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County, held their Scholarship Pie Auction on Friday February 23rd. The evening started with a potluck dinner followed by pie viewing and then the auction.

Brother Ken Humberston, member of Beavercreek Grange #276 auctioned of the many pies to the more than 80 people in attendance.

Over \$5700, the best night ever, was earned with the top pie, a very large Marionberry, going for \$325 and many more for over \$100. All proceeds from the evening go to the scholarship fund for college students and grants for Colton and Estacada educators.

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Lesa Haggstrom, winning bidder of the most expensive pie at the Springwater Pie auction, shows of her haul for the evening.

Goshen Holds 6th Annual Pie Auction

The 2024 Goshen Pie Auction, its 6th annual, was not as well attended as previous years for several reasons. But the 25 people who did attend got their pick of 32 pies in the oral auction and another ten pies in the silent auction. Total proceeds for the evening were about \$650 in the oral and \$75 in the silent auction.

Goshen Grange #561, Lane County, started doing Pie Auctions in 2018 as a fundraiser. The first year was so successful and fun, the members decided to do it again. Consequently, the "Pie Auction" has continued every year since, except 2021 when the Covid Pandemic was happening.



R: Dorothy Key (97 years old) with her Peach Pie which sold for \$45.



l-r: Pie Social helpers Athena M. (Jr. member), Daniel and Gabby Bray served single slices of pie.

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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