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News About the Grange

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Oregon State Grange Elects New Leaders at 149th Convention

The 149th Annual Convention of the Oregon State Grange was held June 19-23 in Talent, Oregon. Attendance for the five days was 164 with 51 Subordinate/Community and ten Pomona Granges represented, mostly in person but a few on Zoom. This was up from the previous years but not yet at pre-Covid numbers.

A highlight of the convention was Thursday's installation of the state officers for the 2022-24 term. Installed as President was Jay Sexton, a member of Marys River Grange #685 in Philomath nad President of Willamette Grange #52, who will serve as the 30th President. Brother Jay had served the previous four years as Vice President. Because no nominees for the Vice President's position accepted the nomination and were not on the preferential ballot in April, the position was opened for nominations from the floor. After two ballots Brother Steve Kroeker, a member of Crow Grange #450 in Lane County was elected. He is returning to the OSG officer team after ten years, previously serving as Assistant Steward.

Other new officers include some of our younger members. The brother/sister team of Austin and Aurianna VanHouten, of Riversdale Grange #731 in Douglas County, are the new Assistant and Lady Assistant Steward and Jessie Jo Guttridge, a member of Springwater Grange #263 in Clackamas County, is the new Ceres. Returning to the OSG officer team is Sister Celia Fox of Boring-Damascus Grange #260 in Clackamas County, in Position #2 on the Executive Committee. She had previously served as Vice President and Secretary; both Executive



Jay Sexton, 30th President of the Oregon State Grange.

Committee positions as well as State Treasurer. The Gatekeeper position was another office left to the delegates to decide with Brother David McBride of Hurricane Creek Grange #608 in Wallowa County prevailing in the run-off. David had previously served as State Membership Director.

Returning state officers include Lecturer, Cookie Trupp; Steward, Phil Van Buren; Chaplain, Paula Herrick; Treasurer, Sonny Hays-Eberts; Secretary, Sarah Jenkins; Pomona, Linda Helm; Flora, Sandi Ludi and EC Position 3, Louise Holst. Susan Noah, who retired as State President takes over the EC Position 1.

Another highlight of the convention was the Kickoff of the 150th Birthday celebration of the Oregon State Grange with a program on Monday evening. Several events and activities will be held between now and the end of September 2023, the actual birthday of the Oregon State Grange.



The Oregon State Grange Log Cabin at the state fairgrounds.

State Fair Log Cabin Volunteers Needed August 26 - September 5

The Oregon State Grange has been greeting people at our Log Cabin at the State Fair for many years and we need many smiling volunteers to make a good impression.

The State Fair in Salem runs from August 26 - September 5, 2022. Each of these eleven days needs a Volunteer Host and 9 - 12 volunteers. Come with a group of friends from your Grange

There are three shifts each day: 10 AM - 1 PM, 1 PM - 4 PM, and 4 PM to 7 PM with 3 to 4 Grangers each

shift. It is easy and fun to greet people and share a bit of your Grange story.

Volunteers get free entry into the Fair and can wander the Fair before and after your shift. This service counts toward the Honor Grange Award for your Grange, too!

How Do I Volunteer, you ask? Just send an email to master@organge.org, president@organge.org or call the OSG Office.

See you at the Fair!



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

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

Left: Austin and Aurianna VanHouten, first sibling pair to be elected Assistant and Lady Assistant Steward of the Oregon State Grange.

Polk Counties) at the Polk County fairgrounds in Rickreall.

Information on hotels, etc. will be in the February/March 2023 Bulletin.

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The President's Column

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It's Enough to Make Your Head Spin

After three weeks as the new President of the Oregon State Grange I find myself thinking "What have I got myself into?" There is a steep learning curve as I learn from newly retired President Susan Noah all the details of properly recording the daily transactions of the State Grange with the help of Steve and Suzy of the office staff, including quarterly reports, loan payments, purchases, utilities, renting the back office of the headquarters building, questions from Granges around the state, and so much more.

So much email! Telephone calls. And paper crossing the desk. At the same time I look forward to planning the Log Cabin shifts at the State Fair, next year's Convention (our 150th) at Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall, and planning the popular visitations to the Granges across the State.

But – my real goal is to help the Granges of Oregon. There are a number of Granges who have low memberships, difficulty bringing in new interested community members, and issues with their buildings. I know all about these things. Deferred maintenance is as common as the rain. But the Oregon State Grange is able to help with the Matching Grant Program. The next deadline for applications, for up to \$5000, is September 1st and every Grange Secretary has been mailed the package of instructions, forms, and tips. Please submit applications to help Oregon State Grange help your Grange accomplish your goals.

On the membership front I have been involved with two Granges who have recently been on the brink of closing and are now both commonly winning membership awards from the State Grange. I hope that I can imagine ways to promote membership across the State, particular-

ly in those Granges that have fewer members.

My Grange History

I joined Marys River Grange #685 in Philomath in 2010, after they had voted to close, and after one relatively new member recruited 40 new members – all new to Grange – I was one of these. Over the years I held Lecturer, Steward, President/Master, and rental manager positions at this Grange.

I was asked by Susan Noah to be Agriculture Director for the Oregon State Grange, and after four years I was elected Overseer of the Oregon State Grange. About five years ago several Marys River Grangers joined nearby Willamette Grange #52 as affiliates. Together we helped this struggling Grange address serious building issues and begin to grow and become more active. These activities have become a focus of our lives, for my wife Toni Hoyman and I.

Personal History

My wife Toni and I have been married for 29 years and have four sons between 33 and 39 years old. This year two of our sons are marrying their fiancées, and we welcomed our 3rd grandchild. All are Grange members, though, as many young families, they are supportive but not active in their Granges. At Marys River Grange our five year old grandson, Taigue, enthusiastically looks forward to Junior activities with some of the eleven Junior members.

I grew up in Eden, in western New York State, and attended the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse, and moved to Oregon in 1980. I worked for OSU as a field research technician in Forest Ecology for 30 years and retired in 2012. Much of my work was investigating nutrient cycling and decomposition of wood in natural forests around the world.

So now you know a bit more about your new State President.

Lastly, I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to the Grange members of Oregon for offering me this chance to serve you in this office. I will strive to do well.

Keeping 501(c)(8) Tax Exempt Status

Last year State Grange officers, directors, and District Chairs visited Oregon's Granges. One of the messages delivered was the importance of meeting in the hall, demonstrating that the Grange building is more than a rental hall. The Internal Revenue Service classifies Grange as a Fraternal Beneficiary Society.

There are several characteristics which Granges need to satisfy to qualify for this designation. We must operate in a **lodge system** with a "parent" and "subordinate" lodges, and we must provide **benefit to members**, which in the past was access to insurance policies. These days our Granges provide benefit to their members by facilitating a variety of fund raisers and public projects to better our communities.

The IRS expects evidence demonstrating a common fraternal purpose in the use of "**rituals, ceremonial, and regalia**". The Oregon State Grange encourages community Granges to open and close their regular meetings using the traditional or alternative ceremony, and acquaint new members with the history and lessons of the Grange.

Regular documentation of our community service is an important protection of our Grange's tax-exempt status and "performance of civic, benevolent, or charitable functions may serve to establish a fraternal purpose."

Granges which stray too far from these criteria may lose their tax-exempt status.

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President's Annual Address 149th Annual Convention

Susan Noah, Retiring State President

Introduction

It is my privilege to address the members and delegates of the Oregon State Grange again this year. We first met in Talent in 2016, and while our venue looks familiar, I can't say the same for some of the surrounding countryside. Since we were last here devastating wildfires have destroyed much of the town of Phoenix, but like that mythical bird the entire area has risen from the ashes of that devastation.

Jackson county has hosted the Oregon State Grange on several other occasions, in fact the first session I attended was held in Ashland in 1969. Throughout our history we have met in what is now district #1 a total of 23 times. These meetings ranged from the coast, to the California border up to Douglas County, and took in beautiful parts of Oregon. Moving our convention around the state does give us the opportunity to get to know all of Oregon.

I have confidence in our delegates to remember their responsibilities when making decisions at this convention. To you is assigned the task of setting policy for the Oregon State Grange and in some cases for weeding out policy that no longer applies or is now in conflict with the memberships wishes. Do not take this responsibility lightly, make the decisions that you believe the best based on knowledge and the exchange of ideas you will hear on the floor. Listening to what others have to say is one of the sincerest forms of respect according to Bryant McGill. The Dalai Lama said "When you talk, you are only repeating what you already know. But if you listen, you may learn something new." So, listen to your fellow patrons as we discuss and debate issues, policy and our future.

Agriculture

Family farms remain central to our agricultural economy. From a report posted in July of 2021, USDA showed that of all the land operated as a farm in 2018 only 11.7 percent was from a non-family farm. USDA defines a "small" farm as one whose gross cash farm income is between \$1,000 and \$350,000. In 2018 these farms made up 47.7 percent of the land operated, and brought in 21.1 percent of the value of production, whereas midsize farms operated on 19.6 percent of the land, but held 45.9 percent of the value of production. The difference can most likely be found in the economy of scale. Also, the small family farms include a growing number of farms that are better actually described as rural residences and rely heavily on off-farm income.

In Oregon operations of between one and nine acres make up 33.3 percent of farms with another 33.8 percent coming from farms of 10 to 49 acres. So again, we see that the small family farm is incredibly important to our existence. Per the American Farm Bureau one American farmer can produce food and fiber for 155 people in the United States and abroad. All of these facts and figures seem to reflect a very positive picture of farming and especially small to medium farms in Oregon and the US, until you look at the age of the principal operators. Currently nearly 64 percent of all farm principal operators are over the age of 55, with 35.6 percent actually over the age of 65. But on a brighter note, some statistics are showing that while farmers are continuing to age, and third and fourth generation farmers may be leaving the farm for other careers, they frequently do return after getting an education and perhaps spending some time in another career path. So, while this may not be what we think of as typical farm succession, it is bringing the next generation back to the farm. For the new farmers, breaking into agriculture is not easy to do and frequently only possible if one family member has an outside job to pay the bills as the farm is built up over time. According to one new farmer, "It's hard to come out of college with a piece of paper and go to a bank and say, 'Hey I need a million dollars to buy some land, plant some trees, oh and I'm going to start paying you back in about seven years.' Just doesn't work." While the same person acknowledged that it is hard work on the farm, they went on to say "that there is a reason that so many of us are feeling the call back as well, because the work is so deeply important and fulfilling on its own."

How can we help? Whenever possible learn more about the art, science and business of farming. Support your local food producer and work to conserve our precious resources so that farmers may continue to feed and clothe us as they have for thousands of years.

Water

It seems to me as though the Willamette Valley has been having record rainfalls leaving farmers late in planting, and home gardeners fretting over

their squash and tomato crops. But in reality, seasonal deficits remain for long term precipitation, snowpack, soil moisture and reservoir storage, especially for the southern half of Oregon. 11 counties have already received drought declarations with others likely to request declarations later in the summer. Farmers are competing with urban development, conservation, wildlife and cities.



Farmers are learning more about water rights than they ever have needed to know because water has always been there. "You don't know about it until you get in a bind", said one farmer who is seeing a distinct difference in available water for his land between two different irrigation districts. The districts oversee water deliveries to customers and often operate as fiefdoms, each with water claims and history. Outdated infrastructure and bureaucracy, often compounded by rigid state laws make water transfers difficult, even between cooperating districts.

Proposals to create "water banks" or "water markets" would allow farmers with excess supply to lease it to those in need, but the potential for speculation would need to be carefully regulated. This idea is part of a discussion about letting the free market play a bigger role in water conservation as climate change fuels drought and farmers run out of options. Yet farmers worry that if they lease their water rights, even temporarily, they may not get them back.

Per farmers, the bottom line probably includes a variety of solutions. More incentives are needed to reduce water use and upgrade aging infrastructure. Along the Deschutes River, other plans include long term projects like replacing irrigation canals with pipes to prevent leaks, and pumping water from lakes to help struggling farmers. Water sharing, marketing and leasing are things that could happen now, but one of the biggest barriers, laws and regulations, need to be updated to make it worthwhile for the farmers to even consider. However, like the drought itself, these problems are not going away, so we must all work together to find the best solutions.

Legislation

Now as in every one of our 148 annual conventions that came before this one, we need to engage our members in our legislative efforts. In today's world the individual has more power than ever to make a difference. While attending the National Grange Legislative Fly-In it was pointed out repeatedly how much more impact a visit from a constituent can have over a lobbyist, an email communication or a letter.

For our efforts in Oregon, I must remind our members that we don't have a legislative team that can devote their full energy to lobbying on our behalf. We now have a lobbyist who only receives a small stipend each month that basically can help defray some expenses and a Legislative Director who also has a full-time job. I do believe that we are starting to develop some better methods for engaging with our elected officials, but as I said above, there is no better way for spreading our policy that that of the personal visit. We must continue to work to get the word out to our members when their presence is needed at the capitol, or when we need a letter writing campaign but then our members need to be empowered to step up and carry the ball. Your visit to your elected representative, both state and federal, carries more weight than anything that we can accomplish on either a state or national level. Of course, that does not mean that all the weight is on our members, the State Grange must do a better job of cataloging our resources and of getting the word out.

This last year our Legislative Director has started hosting a monthly Zoom meeting to discuss and track current legislation. This, coupled with ideas from the members regarding their interests and how it lines up with our policy, can help to further our legislative efforts. I hope that these monthly meetings continue to develop and engage our members in the legislative process and amplify the work of our legislative team. Members can and should use these meetings to direct the legislative department to issues that affect them and their community. Frequently members may have an "in" with a state legislator, but need that letter from the State Grange laying out our policy. Attend and speak up for your needs. Let our legislative department know what it will take from them to make the members input with their legislator effective. It is an ongoing process, that will take the work of all of us to build our legislative program into a better and more effective arm of the Oregon State Grange.

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Education

The Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom organization seems a natural fit for a partnership with the Grange. The program provides free curriculum, resources and training to K-12 educators. The program promotes using agriculture to teach science, math, history, nutrition and other subjects across existing curriculum. There are various ways for Granges and individual members to get involved.

Granges may help out by raising money for schools to purchase the materials for their classrooms, and individuals may be involved by reading a specially selected book to students, grades K-4, then teachers are provided with an optional follow-up activity that meets Oregon standards to reinforce the book's message. Start to finish, the reading and lesson take 45 minutes. The program is free and all materials are completely prepared by Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom. Each participating classroom receives a copy of the book. This program runs from March through the end of the school year each year, and each year a new book is selected. This year the literacy project featured book was, *Right this Very Minute* by Lisl H. Detlefsen, a story highlighting the knowledge and dedication of farmers providing food on our table. Look on the Oregon Ag in the Classroom website for a list of schools who are looking to be paired with reading volunteers. I was amazed by how many schools are in neighborhoods where we have active Granges.

Another way that we can support agriculture education is through our own National Grange Foundation. They partner with the National Ag in the Classroom organization to offer the *Partnership in Agricultural Literacy Award* each year. The 2021 award went to Serita Blankenship of Manhattan Kansas for her 20-plus-year commitment to educating Kansas students at the elementary and secondary level about the importance of agriculture. Donations may be made to the Grange Foundation specifically for this program.

I find the Ag in the Classroom programs a great addition for schools, but even the smallest Granges may support education by simply taking an active interest in their local school. My own Grange is active each year by joining with other community volunteers to clean up our neighborhood school's grounds before the start of the new year, and even this simple task allows the school to redirect their precious resources to learning, rather than maintenance.

If your Grange has juniors or youth age members currently attending a K-12 school make them a part of your education committee and ask them to contribute to the committee report at your meetings. Your Grange will benefit from their perspective, and you will be encouraging their participation and involvement. Education is at the very core of the Grange, make sure that your Grange continues to promote every educational opportunity available.

Broadband

With the infrastructure bill adopted by Congress last year, Oregon along with the other states will receive a pot of money designated to help with broadband expansion. It is my understanding that this money will eventually make its way to each county for distribution. This is an example of when we as members need to get involved. Especially our members who live in rural areas, areas that are currently not served or are underserved by broadband carriers. Speak with your state representative or county commissioner and make your case for the rural community. You know the squeaky wheel gets the grease, so be vocal, be persistent make your voice heard. Let them know you are with the Grange, the oldest fraternal advocacy group for rural communities in the United States.

Historically broadband funding has been direct to internet providers from federal entities like the FCC or USDA, however the Government Accountability Office (GAO) has been critical of these efforts so this time states are at the center of the funding efforts. The Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment program, known as BEAD, requires each state to generate a five-year action plan laying out how it will use the funds, including a process for prioritizing locations that are classified as "unserved" or "underserved."

Not all states are equally positioned to handle the funds that will flow from the federal government. Some states have operated formal broadband offices for years, while some are very new. According to the PEW research group, Oregon is one of about 25 states who have had an office for over three years. Again, remember this is our chance to be proactive in an area that means so much to our members and to our Granges.

Democracy

This year the Oregon State Grange was contacted by Steve Higgs of SAGE, (Senior Advocates for Generational Equity) to acquaint us with the SAGE organization. He had been in contact with members at Barlow Gate Grange who first introduced him to the Grange, and he saw in us some very like-minded goals and visions. "SAGE inspires people over fifty to give forward with their time, money and voice to enable younger and future generations to thrive." This statement also captures so much of what we promote as Grangers.

After this initial meeting I was invited to take part in the SAGE Citizen Project, one of their programs that addresses challenging trends in America that indicate we are growing increasingly divided along political and other lines and becoming more hostile toward people who hold differing viewpoints. The fact that for 150 years we have promoted civil discourse, both in and outside of our Grange meetings encouraged me to take part in this discussion. We were part of 25 organizations that were represented by about 40 individuals, ranging from the Classroom Law Project and the Ford Family Foundation to Oregon State University and Oregon's Kitchen Table. Each group was there in one form or another to promote working together across generations, political ideology, racial and economic differences to solve public problems. From just this short two-hour introduction I believe the Oregon State Grange has a place here, with our amazing history of non-partisanship and civil discussions we have in our organization what is needed in all of our country, a way to bring people together to listen and discuss difficult issues without fear of retribution or ridicule. I was gratified to realize that several of the people taking part were already either Grange members of a local Grange or at least associated with one in their community.

One of the groups represented was a research group, the Oregon Values and Beliefs Center, a group whose mission is to provide accurate, inclusive opinion research to help Oregonians working to build stronger communities. They have fine-tuned their statistical methods to be inclusive of both urban and rural communities, and to be independent and non-partisan.

I was very interested in one of their surveys from March of this year, where they reported almost 9 in 10 Oregonians say the U.S. is politically divided. The same number say they are somewhat or very worried about it. Their survey also reported that conservatives and liberals both agree that the U.S. is a politically divided country, and that both groups report similar levels of worry. From another survey in March, they reported that three quarters of Oregonians say American democracy has become more at risk in the past few years, and from the Pew Research Center in October of last year that most Americans believe the U.S. is no longer a good model of democracy.

How did we get to this point? And the more immediate question is what can we as Grangers do to stop the threat to our democracy? We can vote, we can make our voices heard through the ballot and through civic engagement. Get engaged with others in your community, keep yourself informed through credible sources. When you see guardians of our democracy under attack, like school boards or election officials show up to support them. Remember that being respectful and honest is not, and should not, be partisan.

Conclusion

A lot has happened in our country in the last year, people are tired of the problems and feeling stressed due to the pandemic, the economy and partisan political rhetoric, but let me quote from the President's charge in the Fourth Degree – "...the welfare of each is bound up in the good for all." So, as we meet this week to discuss and debate the value of the resolutions placed before us, remember that passage. Each of us is bound to one another and the policies we adopt this week will influence the Grange as a whole for many years. I trust that each of us will take our oath to this organization seriously and will work together for the good for all. In that light let me leave you with our Grange motto: In essentials unity; In non-essentials liberty; In all things charity.

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Oregon State Grange Lecturer's Contest Winners

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Water Colors

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1 Alicia Nielson Creswell Grange

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1 Patty Bunch Central Point Grange

\$15.00

2 Alicia Nielson Creswell Grange

\$10.00

3 Alicia Nielson Creswell Grange

\$7.00

Diamond Painting

Sponsor: Jasper Grange

1 Nadine Reed Jasper Grange

\$15.00

2 Cindy Lawson* Non-member/Jasper Grange

\$10.00

3 Elsie Gabrisch* Non-member/Jasper Grange

\$7.00

Rock Painting

Sponsor: Sam Keator

Single

1 Courtney Croy Spencer Creek Grange

\$15.00

2 Alicia Nielson Creswell Grange

\$10.00

3 Courtney Croy Spencer Creek Grange

\$7.00

Group

1 Tyler Gordon Spencer Creek Grange

\$15.00

2 Linda Wetzel Goshen Grange

\$10.00

3 Wyatt Coen Marys River Grange

\$7.00

Creative Writing

Poetry

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2 Alicia Nielson Creswell Grange

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3 Linda Pugh Ada Grange

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Scenic Landscape

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2 Brianna Ludi Sunnyside Grange

\$8.00

3 Linda Pugh Ada Grange

\$6.00

Scenic Seascape

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1 Suzy Ramm Springwater Grange

\$10.00

2 Teresa Cernac Warren Grange

\$8.00

3 Heather Elliott Ada Grange

\$6.00

Closeups

Sponsor: Lynn & Harold Johnson

1 Terry Elliott Ada Grange

\$10.00

2 Heather Elliott Ada Grange

\$8.00

3 Heather Elliott Ada Grange

\$6.00



The Lecturer's Column

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2022 Oregon State Grange Convention Lecturer's Report

I thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

Thank you to all the sponsors who contribute to the monetary prizes given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place entries. The year we received entries in most all categories which is very encouraging. Our Talent entries had good participation and we will be sending Carmel Valencia to the National Grange competition.

I am really proud of the Lecturer's Department. They have been in-

Family

Cookie & Malcolm Trupp

1 Heather Elliott Ada Grange \$10.00

2 Brian Schofield Ada Grange \$8.00

3 Teresa Cernac Warren Grange \$6.00

Pets and/or Farm Animals

Sponsor: Louise Holst & Phil Van Buren

1 Megan Schofield Ada Grange \$10.00

2 Megan Schofield Ada Grange \$8.00

3 Paula Herrick Walterville Grange \$6.00

Wild Animals

Sponsor: Debby deBoer

1 Heather Elliott Ada Grange \$10.00

2 Suzy Ramm Springwater Grange \$8.00

Oldies / Goodies

Sponsor: Walterville Grange

1 Suzy Ramm Springwater Grange \$10.00

2 Suzy Ramm Springwater Grange \$8.00

Grange Activities

Sponsor: Ada Grange

1 Suzy Ramm Springwater Grange \$10.00

2 Loni Schofield Ada Grange \$8.00

3 Suzy Ramm Springwater Grange \$6.00

Grange Hall Buildings

Sponsor: Mark Noah

1 Suzy Ramm Springwater Grange \$10.00

2 Loni Schofield Ada Grange \$8.00

Sports

Sponsor: Lorane Grange

1 Heather Elliott Ada Grange \$10.00

2 Loni Schofield Ada Grange \$8.00

3 Heather Elliott Ada Grange \$6.00

Potpourri

Sponsor: Joanne & David McBride

1 Teresa Cernac Warren Grange \$10.00

BEST IN SHOW

2 Megan Schofield Ada Grange \$8.00

3 Loni Schofield Ada Grange \$6.00

Black and White

Sponsor: Sam Keator

1 Teresa Cernac Warren Grange \$10.00

2 Megan Schofield Ada Grange \$8.00

3 Heather Elliott Ada Grange \$6.00

Talent

Sponsor: Lecturers Department

Vocal

1 Carmel Valencia Phoenix Grange \$30.00

OVERALL WINNER

2 Lexi Suing Crow Grange \$20.00

Variety

1 Stanley Garboden Goshen Grange \$10.00

2 Matthew Dehne Walterville Grange

3 Tim Dehne Lacombe Grange



The Chaplain's Corner

Paula Herrick
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Chaplain - Oregon State Grange

Greetings everyone

I hope all of you are enjoying your summer. The power of grace in our lives can lessen stress and give you a new attitude on life. Grace is the ability to accept what has happened in our lives and move on. Psalm 145:8 says God is all mercy and grace-not quick to anger, is rich in love. Sometimes we can't control a situation but we can control how we react to the situation. We need to be slow to anger and remember

to love everyone. Remember this during your Grange meetings. We are not going to agree all the time but as a family of Grangers we need to remember grace and move on-don't quit.

Each morning get up and say "when I woke up today and realized God's Grace I knew that will be the best day ever!" (Thank you Carmel for your inspiration)

God Bless

In Memoriam

Amy Anderson
Sunnyside #842

Edward Botz
Rockwall #679

Art Cannon
North End #820

Matt Coen
Marys River #685

David Fennimore
Scotts Mills #938

Mary Harris
White Eagle #683

Evelyn Larsen
North Bayside #691

James Larsen
North Bayside #691

Fred Riggs
Eagle Valley #6565

Mary Jo Simpson
Deer Island #947

Paul Smith
Fern Hill #592

Debbie Upchurch
Little Deschutes #939

Fred Weiler
Springwater #263

Helen Wolgamott
Eagle Point #664



*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.*

Does Your Grange Want Copies of the Bulletin?

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

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

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

The Agricultural Report

Agriculture Director - Oregon State Grange

Ag Tour at This Year's Convention

This year's Ag Tour on Saturday morning before the OSG convention had several stops. It visited a diverse orchard that provides Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) fruit boxes of local fruit at the peak of ripeness to local subscribers of their boxes.

The tour also visited Bellview Grange in Ashland where the Grangers have made a "Food Forest" around their hall. Elementary school kids from the adjacent school work with Grang-

ers and learn about where our food comes from.

And lastly, they visited the farm test grounds where Granger Chris Hardy is growing heirloom grain crops from around the world to see which varieties perform well in Ashland's drying climate.

After the tour Grangers enjoyed a free lunch of sub sandwiches back at Talent Middle school.



Cloudy but no rain as Grangers visiting a fruit orchard during the Ag Tour.

Siletz Valley Grange's Farmer's Market Opens for the Season

The Siletz Valley Grange #558, Lincoln County, began their Tuesday Farmer's Market for the season on June 21st. Hours are from 10 am to 2 pm. The Kitchen is open for breakfast and lunch 10-2. The Grange is located at 224 Gaither Street in Siletz.

made items, baked goods, jams and more. For questions contact:

Market Manager
Carol Willey
541-444-1360



Produce is a popular item at the Siletz Valley Farmer's Market.



Youngsters learn about throwing clay at the Siletz Valley Grange Farmer's Market.

2022 Oregon State Grange Volunteer of the Year

This year the Community Service Department was honored to present **Eva Frost of Warren Grange #536**, with the Grange Volunteer of the Year Award. Eva has been a member of Warren Grange for 63 years. She started as a Junior member before joining the Subordinate Grange in 1959. Eva has followed in her parent's footsteps and never seems to stop. She is a member of a seven generation Grange family.

Her service started when she held several offices in the Junior Grange. As a parent with two daughters, she supported the Junior Program by serving as the District 3 representative. Along the way, Eva has held many offices in the Subordinate, Pomona and State Grange. She is currently Secretary at Warren Grange, Chaplain of Columbia County Pomona and County Deputy of Columbia and Clatsop counties.

Serving and volunteering is part of her nature. She is quoted as saying, "I don't do sit-down very well." At Warren Grange she is the spearhead for their Fried Bread Booth fundraiser for the Columbia County Fair. This includes six months of planning, gathering supplies, executing many hours during the fair and then of course, the cleanup.

Eva is co-organizer for the St. Helens Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT). During COVID this included traffic control at COVID Testing and Vaccine Clinics. She also helped families get signed up for vaccines. With CERT, it also involved traffic control at the "Spirit of Halloweentown" event. In her position with CERT she co-organizes the Annual CERT Disaster Preparedness Training.

Lane Pomona Volunteer of the Year

Lane Pomona Grange #14 recognized Joy McCourt as their Volunteer of the Year. Joy McCourt has been a member of Ada Grange #570 for over 70 years. She is involved in many community service activities. The Award was announced at Lane Pomona Grange on Saturday, April 9th and presented to her at Ada's meeting on May 14.

In 2021 Joy spent:

- 144 hours comforting elderly friends and neighbors, bringing them meals and goodies during COVID.
- 244 hours at Minutes of Gold making bereavement layettes for stillborn.
- 540 hours for World Relief Quilt Ministries.
- 624 hours at the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum Research Library.
- She has given 25 rides to church for a neighbor lady.



L-r: Eva Frost, Warren Grange #536, Columbia County and Jeff Dehne, member of the State Grange Community Service committee, reading Eva's nomination.

Eva is President of the Columbia County Citizen Corp Council that approves FEMA Grant requests. She volunteers at the St. Helens Senior Center serving meals on Grange days. She participates in the annual Polar Plunge for Special Olympics and has raised over \$7000 in sponsorships for the 2021 Reindeer Run to support the local Food Bank and Meals On Wheels.

She attends all of the Fair Board meetings as a Volunteer Advisor as well as being on the Board for the Pomona Grange Farm Museum. Eva has been on the mEGGa Egg Hunt Team that sees over 2000 kids and parents attend. At the event each child gets pumpkin or sunflower seeds to take home for their own garden. And last for this article but not for Eva, she is on the Board for the Non-Profit Scholarship Foundation granting \$1000 to graduating seniors.

The Community Service Department was thrilled to present this award to Eva and hope it inspires us all to do more to help our community. Remember her words, "I don't do sit down well."



- She donates school supplies to the local schools.

Additionally, she makes regular donations to local charities, fundraisers and Grange projects.

Congratulations and great work Joy.

Community Service Involvement

Elizabeth "Liz" Dehne
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OSG Community Service/Involvement Director



Our Motto:

Making a Difference in the Community

This year we received 61 Community Service reports for the 149th State convention and were very impressed with everything that Granges have been able to accomplish this past year. Now more than ever it is important that all Granges be highly involved with their community. Helping others is the major part of our mission.

Filling out a report and displaying it at your Grange events is a great way to tell your story to your neighbors as well as enticing them to join your Grange. The other compelling reason for doing the report is to maintain your nonprofit tax status.

Community Service can be as easy as collecting food for the local soup kitchen or as complicated as making quilts for the Senior Citizen's assisted living facility. The most important thing is that we do something to help.

We had some wonderful Community

Service yearbooks entered at the Oregon State Grange Convention in Talent. Thirteen Community Service books were submitted. Thank you very much to all that participated. We hope to see more next year. *See results below.*

We were honored to recognize our **"Volunteer of the Year"** Sister Eva Frost. *See accompanying article about Eva.*

It has been my pleasure to serve as your State director and I want to thank my District Chairs for all the support they have given. As we look forward with a new slate of State Offices for the next two years, we wish them success as they guide our organization to new horizons.

Thank you all who helped the Community Service Department. As the Director of the State Grange Community Service Department, I appreciate all the service that your Grange and our fellow Grangers do to make our neighborhoods better. We continue to support our **'Home Town Values'** with our **'Community Roots'**.



Above: Community Service Yearbook Display

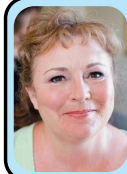
Oregon State Grange Community Service Yearbook

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|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1st place | Springwater Grange, Clackamas County |
| 2nd place | Lorane Grange, Lane County |
| 3rd place | Irving Grange, Lane County |
| 4th place | Walterville Grange, Lane County |
| 5th place | Ada Grange, Lane County |
| 6th place tie | Crow Grange, Lane County |
| | Hurricane Grange, Wallowa County |
| | Marys River Grange, Benton County |

Other Granges that participated with entries: Goshen, Little Deschutes, Lowell, Mohawk-McKenzie and Spencer Creek.



L-r: Community Service award certificates presented to Paula Herrick, Walterville Grange; Peggy Jillson, Lane County Pomona President, for Lorane and Irving Granges; and Suzy Ramm, Springwater Grange.



Deaf Awareness and Family Health

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OSG Deaf Awareness and Family Health Director

Our Health Begins with Healthy Water Sources

As your Deaf Awareness and Family Health Director, I've talked to you about a variety of family health issues. Today, I'd like to talk to you a little about my day job. From 9 to 5, I work at Oregon State University, as the Project Coordinator, for *The Be Well Study*. *The Be Well Study* is research paid for by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. At *The Be Well Study*, we investigate the best way to educate rural families about healthy well water and well water testing.

One of the most challenging aspects about environmental health issues is that these topics, the contaminants that homeowners are exposed to, and the steps needed to fix the problems are often very complicated and technical. Just reading and understanding water test results can be difficult for homeowners. Another challenge is understanding which solutions are the best for each situation. There is no 'one fix' for contaminated wells. Each system can have its own unique challenges, depending on which contaminants are present and the design of the well and water treatment system.

You might be wondering why well testing is necessary, especially if you or your family have lived with your well for many years with no visible health effects. Unfortunately, many contaminants that find their way to well water aren't visible and have no smell or taste. They are also the type of contaminants that affect your health after long-term exposure, so you might not be aware that you or your family are being affected until after the damage has been done. Chronic exposure to toxics in drinking water has been proven to increase the risk for several chronic diseases, including various cancers. Also, important to think about, is that no one else is monitoring your well water. The Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 sets the standards for drinking water quality and monitors local authorities, water suppliers and the agencies who enforce these standards, but private wells are excluded from this act.¹ So, it really is up to individual homeowners to monitor their water quality.

You might also be wondering why I am so committed to this message that I would repeat it and why I feel it's critical that you are able to hear it now. According to industry experts, the main factors that contribute to supply chain disruptions are natural disasters, transportation failures, geopolitical instability, price increases and cyber-attacks.² All of these factors are issues that have become frequent occurrences in our lives.² Also all too

common, at least here in the Pacific Northwest, are the yearly forest fires and resulting damage to private water systems. To increase our resiliency and be able to survive and thrive, we need to start practicing more stringent and routine preventive measures. Testing and taking steps to fix contamination issues now will be much less of a disruption to your family's health and daily life than it would be to discover a contaminant in your water right after a local disaster has stripped your store shelves of bottled water.

Finally, you might also be wondering what we are doing, here at *The Be Well Study*, that is different and why we believe our strategy has the potential to make a real difference in the lives of rural Oregonians. As I stated earlier, environmental health issues are difficult to explain to homeowners with little scientific training, but as early as the 1960s, health agencies have been using Community Health Workers (CHWs) to explain health strategies to reduce chronic disease.³ CHWs are skilled community members who work with communities to improve health through a variety of methods. Our study partners with specially trained OSU Extension agents. Extension agents will build on their existing relationships within rural communities to work with well owners about barriers to testing or treating their water. We have also created new educational materials on testing for and treating the three common well water contaminants in Oregon – arsenic, nitrate, and lead. We are currently finalizing these materials and hope to have them available to the public soon. At this time, our study is concentrating on Jackson County, but if we are successful teaching people about well safety, we hope to roll our program out to the rest of the state soon.

You can learn more about this project at the Public Health Insider: <https://health.oregonstate.edu/alumni/insider>

You can learn more about general well water safety and testing, by visiting: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/healthyenvironments/drinkingwater/sourcewater/domesticwellsafety/pages/index.aspx>

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Hurricane Members Hand Out Water

Volunteers from Hurricane Creek Grange #608, Wallowa County served water to the runners of both the Hurricane Creek Half marathon and 5K race which ran concurrently on Saturday morning, May 28 in Joseph. The event was sponsored by the Runners of the Sage whose mission is to encourage more active and health lifestyles. This was the fourth edition of the event.

Hurricane members were stationed at the water station at the Grange Mile 3ish and 10ish.

L-R Hurricane members Joanne McBride, Claudia Boswell and Lois Ensminger at the turn around point for the 5K race.



Schedule a Dance Party at Maplewood

Maplewood Grange #662, Clackamas County, and their local Square Dance club is offering four free nights of dancing and socialization at their hall at 25480 S. Hwy 99E, in Aurora. Learn some steps and spice up your birthday party, reunion or other gathering! You are welcome to bring your own music or make a request for type of music to be used for the evening.

Available to any group of twenty or more in Aurora and surrounding areas for two to three hours Sunday evenings during August 2022. First come, first serve for reservations, so please contact the Grange soon for details and reservations. A dance instructor/DJ is provided. For more information

or to reserve your night, please contact: Ian Craig: (503) 858-8547.



Forest Grove Grange #282

GOAT BINGO



&
Ice Cream Social
Saturday, August 13th, 2022

Social hour and Final Ticket Sales 12:00 pm
Goat released and Ice Cream Social 1:00 pm

\$5.00/Square

Winner gets 50% of proceeds

Forest Grove Grange Hall, 1917 B Street, Forest Grove, OR 97116

For tickets please contact Joe Duyck 503-536-5571



l-r: Scholarship recipients Ethan Halpin and Alexandria Fuller with Scholarship Chair Linda Pugh.

Ada Grange Awards Scholarships

Linda Pugh, Ada Grange #570, Lane County, Scholarship Chair presented \$500 Harley Huff, Sr. Memorial Scholarships to Ethan Halpin and Alexandria Fuller, seniors from Siuslaw High School. The third recipient, Jahala Blake from Mapleton High School

was not present and received her scholarship at the Mapleton High School Graduation. Recipients are chosen for their community service activities and projects and financial need. Ada Grange has been giving scholarship since 1993.

Deer Island Grange Gives Scholarship to Future Teacher

Deer Island Grange #947, Columbia County, is excited to announce the 2022 Don Coin Walrod Memorial Scholarship recipient is Grace Tallman from Clatskanie High School. This scholarship is for \$1000 and is awarded to a Columbia County High School senior majoring in agriculture, animal science, forestry, or education. Grace is still in the process of choosing her college but plans to become a teacher with goals to return to Clatskanie after graduation. She was the 2021-22 ASB President at Clatskanie Middle/High School.

Scholarship applications for 2023 will be available from Columbia County High School counselors by

November 1st, 2022. Congratulations Grace!



Springwater Grange Awards the Joseph Z. Guttridge Scholarship

In July, Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County, awarded a \$2000 Scholarship to Faith Ross, a graduate of Estacada High School.

Faith is daughter of Paul and Heather Ross, longtime friends of Springwater Grange. Since high school Faith has worked with special need students, including volunteering in the special education classroom her senior year. This inspired her to work in multiple settings with varying ages of people with disabilities.

She has worked part-time as a caregiver in various homes for adults with disabilities as well as working as a substitute in a special education program (LEEP). In 2015 she graduated from Clackamas Community College with an Associates of General Studies.

In early 2021 Faith decided to go

back to school to get her teaching degree. She is currently in the SPED undergraduate program through Portland State University's College of Education. With financial assistance she will be able to achieve graduation by the end of spring 2023 and hopefully have her own classroom by fall of 2023.



The Education Committee

Lyle Utt
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OSG Education Director



Greetings to all,

Let me introduce myself. I joined Fairmount Grange in 2008. Before now I was state Grange Education Director from 2012 to 2018, a greater Albany school district board member from 2011 to 2019 and before that an Albany school district budget member for a number of years.

My favorite quote "you don't grow old, when you stop growing you are old" by unknown. I liked the quote when I first read it in the book "The Speaker's Desk Book of Quips, Quotes, and Anecdotes" by Jacob Braided. To me it means we need to continue to learn new things, I hope going forward I can assist

your community Granges in any pursuit you wish to do; AG in the classroom, the Dictionary Project, helping out in classrooms, scholarships, running for a school board, the best job you don't get paid for (in my opinion).

This list is not all encompassing and I would like to know how your Grange and you support education at any level. Pre-k, k-12, higher education (2 and 4 year) and Vocational-Technical education. Even just taking one or two classes at the community college. All are valuable ways of education and have options for volunteering.

Going forward I want to do as good of a job as Paula Herrick.



The Sauvies Island Grange presented dictionaries to Sauvie Island Academy, Holy Cross Catholic School and the Grant Watts Elementary School.

Sauvies Island Gives Dictionaries

For more than ten years, the Sauvies Island Grange #840 has been donating new Websters Dictionaries to third graders at three local schools as part of the "Words for Thirds" project and the children and teachers are always enthusiastic to get them.

Even though the children could use the internet to look up words,

they only learn how to alphabetize through hands-on by using the dictionaries. The teachers look forward to receiving the dictionaries, and say it is easier to teach the skill when each child has their own book.

This project is just one-way Sauvies Island Grange reaches out to their community.



Students excitedly show off their new dictionaries.



The annual meeting of the Oregon State Grange Foundation was held on Sunday June 19, 2022. The purpose of the meeting was to hear reports from officers of the Foundation on the 2021 year and elect/re-elect trustees to the foundation board.

President Maggie Peyton gave a summary of the activities of the foundation for 2021 which included awarding two scholarships, helping one family through the "Fraternal Concerns Fund" and helping four Grangers with hearing issues through the "Cat Thomas Hearing Impaired Fund."

Treasurer Martin McClure gave the financial report which showed a net growth in assets and returns on invest for the year of over eleven percent.

Brother David McBride was re-elected for a 5-year term as Region #6 Trustee. Elected for the At-Large Position #1 was Brother Sam Keator to serve a 5-year term.

The bylaws amendment to change the term Master to President and rename Districts to Regions was presented by the Board of Trustees and the membership approved the recommended changes to the bylaws of the Oregon State Grange Foundation.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the announcement of the Scholarship winners. The Mary

Ramm scholarship, in the amount of \$1000, was awarded to Laura Coen of Marys River Grange. Two Muzzy Mandel scholarship in the amount of \$750 each were awarded to Celilo Bunn of Hurricane Creek Grange and Laura Coen of Marys River Grange. Watch for information on these Grangers in the October/November Bulletin.

The State President's Award, which goes to the Grange with the largest net membership gain each year were presented for the last several years by President Susan Noah as follows:

2019	Marys River Grange #685	Benton County
2020	Long Tom Grange #866	Lane County
2021	Columbia Grange #264	Multnomah County

Then it was time to draw for the "Grangers Attending State Session (GASS) Awards." The fund earned significant interest this past year and twelve awards of \$25 each were drawn. These awards are intended to help Grangers attending the annual convention.

Following the annual meeting the reorganization meeting of the OSG Foundation Board of Trustees was held and the following elected as officers for 2022-23:

President: Robert (Bob) Ludi
Vice President: Dean High
Secretary: Joyce Parker
Treasurer: David McBride



L-r: Clair Klock, Columbia Grange #264, Multnomah County and Sonny Hays-Eberts, Marys River Grange #685, Benton County with the Presidents awards for their Granges.



L-r: Trustees of the Foundation: District 6: David McBride, Treasurer; District 2: Martin McClure; At Large: Bob Ludi, President; District 5: Dean High, Vice President; District 3: Maggie Peyton and District 4: Joyce Parker, Secretary.

Clackamas Pomona Plans Degree Day

Clackamas County Pomona Grange #1 invites all Grangers to witness the exemplification of the first five Degrees of the order on **Saturday September 24, 2022** at Molalla Grange - 127 Grange Ave, Molalla, Oregon.

The first Four Degrees will be exemplified in the afternoon with potluck finger food refreshments during the break between the Second and Third Degrees.

The Fifth Degree will be conferred in the evening. The youth will be holding a fund raiser dinner at \$10 per person followed by the Lecturer's program.

Schedule for the day

2:30 - 2:45 p.m.

3 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

Candidates for the first Four Degrees are requested to arrive

Degree work will begin promptly

Youth will serve dinner \$10 per person

Lecturer Program and dessert auction

Conferral of the Fifth Degree (Degree of Pomona)

While we encourage all members to witness the first Four Degrees, those wishing to attend only the Fifth-Degree conferral must have received the Welcoming Ceremony or Official Obligation before observing the Fifth Degree. Make sure you have the current password.

Take advantage of this opportunity to receive the 5th degree before attending the National Grange convention in Sparks, Nevada in November where you will be able to witness the 6th and 7th degrees.

Questions? Contact Pomona Master Joyce Parker, 503-502-6188, jerp0323@gmail.com

UPCOMING POMONA GRANGE MEETINGS

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

Pomona	Date	Time	Meeting Place
Baker #24	Aug 17	10:30 AM	Elkhorn Grange
Benton #36	Oct 15	10:30 AM	Marys River Grange
Clackamas #1	Sep 24	7:00 PM	Molalla Grange
Columbia #18	Nov 5	10:00 AM	Deer Island Grange
Deschutes #25	Aug 13	11:30 AM	TBA
Douglas #13	Oct 22	6:00 PM	TBA
Josephine #20	Oct 29	10:00 AM	Fruitdale Grange
Lane #14	Oct 8	10:00 AM	TBA
Lincoln #10	Aug 20	10:30 AM	Siletz Valley Grange
Linn #12	Oct 8	10:00 AM	Lacomb Grange
Polk #3	Oct 9	11:00 AM	Oak Grove Grange
Tillamook #9			TBA
Umatilla-Morrow #26	Oct 22	10:00 AM	TBA
Wallowa #22	Oct 8	10:00 AM	Liberty Grange
Washington-Yamhill #2	Oct 15	10:00 AM	Forest Grove Grange

Morning Star Makes Donations from Redeemable Bottles and Cans

From May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022 Morning Star Grange #311, Linn County has been collecting refundable bottles and cans. Then on June 7 after cashing them in they made distributions to the OSG and other non-profits.

Donations given were

- OSG GWA Scholarship: \$50
- Dogs for Better Lives: \$100
- Albany ABC House: \$50
- Oliver H. Kelley Farm: \$50
- Veterans' Commemoration Assn: (for Vets Day Parade) \$100

Shopping Rewards Benefit the Oregon State Grange Foundation

amazon smile



You shop. Amazon gives.

AmazonSmile

Start your shopping on the Foundation page of the OSG website so your purchases benefit the foundation.

Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program

www.fredmeyer.com/account/communityrewards/

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



Ada Grange Honors Members

At their May 14 meeting Ada Grange #570, Lane County, recognized several members for their many years of Grange membership. Receiving 70-year membership seals were members Joy McCourt and James Carlson. Receiving 55-year membership seals were members Linda Pugh and Wayne Bollenbaugh.



Above: Linda Pugh with her 55-year seal.



Above: Joy McCourt with her 70-year seal.



Right: Holly Bence and Sarah Jenkins are congratulated by their father Don Kingsborough.

Warner Celebrates Their Members

On Sunday June 5th, Warner Grange #117, Clackamas County recognized several members for their long-term Grange membership. Oregon State Grange Executive Committee member Celia Fox presented the awards.

Receiving 40-year seals were Jim

and Eileen Dale who joined Warner Grange in 1979. Honored with their Silver Star Certificates recognizing 25 years of membership were: Terry Mize, Holly Bence, Brenda Schrader, Sarah Jenkins and Julie Morris. All five of these members are from multi-generational Grange families.



L-r: Receive recognition were Warner members: Holly Bence, Sarah Jenkins, Terry Mize, Eileen Dale and Jim Dale.

Golden Sheaf Member Recognized

Peter Holmes, a member of Goldson Grange #868, Lane County received his Golden Sheaf Certificate recognizing 50 years of continuous Grange membership from Grange President Mary Beckman at the Goldson Grange meeting in May.



Left: Goldson President Mary Beckman presented Peter Holes his Gold Sheaf Certificate.

State President Appoints Directors

Following Installation of Officers at the Oregon State Grange Convention, newly installed President, Jay Sexton, announced Committee Director appointments.

Continuing on are:

Community Service-Involvement Committee

Director: Liz Dehne

DAFH Committee

Director: Lilly Anderson

Junior Committee

Director: Peggy Jillson

Lecturer's Committee

Director: Cookie Trupp

Legislative Committee

Director: Mark Noah
Lobbyist: John DeHaas

Youth/Young Adults Committee

Co-Directors:
Christy Dumolt and JC Junkman

New Appointments are:

Education Committee

Director: Lyle Utt

Grange Workers Activities (GWA)

Director: Rose Jacobs

Veterans Committee

Co-Directors:
David & Joanne McBride

At this time both the Agriculture Committee and the Membership Committee Director positions are vacant.

If you are interested in serving as the Director for either the Agriculture or Membership committees, please contact State President Jay Sexton.

If you are interested in serving on one of the committees contact the Director of said committee directly. Their contact information is located at the top of their column elsewhere in the Bulletin.

Remember all previously appointed District Chairs term ended at the end of convention in June. If you want to continue in that position or are interested in a different committee, please contact the director of said committee.



Community members and Grangers watch 4th of July parade from Creswell Grange's hall.

4th of July Celebrated at Creswell

The Creswell Grange #496, Lane County, is located on the Parade route for the 4th of July parade. Members had their snack bar set up and sold 200 hot dogs and 112 polish dogs and lots of ice cream. They also had several vendors set up in the yard. Joining them was members of Goshen Grange #561 with their Snow Cone booth, selling almost 400 snow cones.



Anyone want a hotdog? Snow cone?



Oregon State Grange Convention ~ Having Fun in District 1

149th Oregon State Grange Annual Convention State Officers ~ Sixth Degree



Rosebud Team

L-r: Back row: Secretary, Sarah Jenkins; Musician, Linda Wetzell; Flora, Sandi Ludi; Chaplain, Paula Herrick

L-r: Middle row: EC #1, John Fine; Vice President, Jay Sexton; Lecturer, Cookie Trupp; Ceres, Linda Pugh; EC #3, Louise Holst; Pomona, Linda Helm; EC #2, Sam Keator

L-r: Front row: Assistant Steward, Wayne Cabler; Lady Assistant Steward, Connie Suing; President, Susan Noah; Treasurer, Sonny Hays-Eberts; Gatekeeper, Mark Noah, Pro-tem; Steward, Phil Van Buren



L-r: Attendant, Breanna Hays McKay; Flora, Sandi Ludi; Attendant, Grace Hayes



L-r: Attendant, Roberta O'Dell; Pomona, Linda Helm; Attendant, Shala Helm Stanfield

L-r: Back row: Steve Kroeker, Sandi Ludi, Jesse O'Dell, Wayne Cabler, Paula Herrick, John Fine, Phil Van Buren

L-r: Front row: Susie Kroeker, Linda Helm, Judy Weinrich, Teresa Cernac, Sonny Hays-Eberts, Susan Noah, Louise Holst, Linda Wetzell



L-r: Attendant, Jade Naylor; Ceres, Linda Pugh; Attendant, Allissa Jenkins

The 2022 Rosebud team are all members of Myrtle Creek #442, Douglas County.

L-r: top row Karen Robey, Co-Captain: Richelle Bryant, Amanda Puls

L-r: 2nd row Frank Thorp, Molly Jobe, Ryland Thorp

L-r: 3rd row Johnny Klumph, Donnell Clack, Musician: Ramona Bryant

L-r: front row Annabelle Allgood Thorp, RaeyLynn Thorp, Captain: Vickie Thorp

Memorial Service Team



Oregon State Grange Convention ~ Having Fun in District 1***Fifth Degree Team***

L-r: Back: Treasurer, Allen Naylor; EC #1, Wendall Fitzgerald, Asst. Steward, Austin VanHouten; Steward, John Fine; EC #2, Steve Kroeker; Musician, Linda Wetzell

Middle: Ceres, Susie Kroeker; EC #3, Dean High; Vice President, Wayne Cabler; Gatekeeper, Jesse O'Dell; Flora, Vickie High; Chaplain, Jill Hamm

Front: Lecturer, Linda Helm; Lady Asst. Steward, Louise Holst; Secretary, Judy Weinrich; Pomona, Roberta O'Dell; President, Teresa Cernac

State Youth Officers

L-r: Back row: Musician: Claudia Boswell; Secretary: JC Junkman; Treasurer: Rose Jacobs; Vice President: Jim Dumolt; Chaplain: Alex Coe; Lecturer: Derek Purdy; President: Courtney Croy; Assistant Steward: Lexie Suing; Gatekeeper: Terry Elliott

L-r: Middle row: Flora: Stacy Brown; Ex Comm. #3: Breanna Hays McKay; Ceres: Alyssa Jenkins; Ex Comm. #1: Justin Clute; Ex Comm. #2: Emily Clute

L-r: Front row: Pomona: Jade Naylor; Lady Assistant Steward: Grace Hays; Steward: Jessie Jo Guttridge

State Junior Officers***Good Bye and Safe Journey Home******Retiring Officers***

L-r: Sam Keator, John Fine, Linda Pugh, Connie Suing and Wayne Cabler were recognized for their service to the Grange.

Installation Team

L-r: Mark Noah, Eva Frost, Carol Everman, Marilyn Reiher, Teresa Cernac, Linda Wetzell and John Fine.



Left - L-r: Back Row: Vice-President: Terry Elliott; Ex Com: Alyssa Jenkins*; Ex Com: Alex Coe*; Ex Com: Lexie Suing*; Secretary-Treasurer: Justin Clute; Gatekeeper: Emily Clute; Chaplain: Jade Naylor*; Flora: Elvaree Fine (Adult Volunteer); Junior Leader: Peggy Jillson*

*L-r: Middle row: Lady Assistant Steward: Jameson Wood; Assistant Steward: Taylor Elliott; President: Noah Strasheim; Lecturer: Dean McKay; Steward: Audri Brown; Front: Pomona: Sammi Jo Wood - *Youth Volunteers*

Watch for more convention photos in the next issue of the Bulletin and on the Website.

Oregon State Grange GWA Contest Winners

Baked Goods/Candy

Bar Cookies - Junior

Sponsor: Linda Pugh

1st Jameson Wood	Hurricane Creek	\$5.00
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Chocolate Chip Cookies

Sponsor: Beaver Creek Grange

1st Linda Pugh	Ada	\$5.00
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Drop Cookies - Junior

Sponsor: Linda Pugh

1st Jameson Wood	Hurricane Creek	\$5.00
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Drop Cookies

Sponsor: Dorena Grange

1st Terry Elliott	Ada	\$5.00
2nd Linda Pugh	Ada	\$4.00

Fruit or Vegetable Bread

Sponsor: Margaret Clute

1st Linda Pugh	Ada	\$10.00
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Gluten Free Baked Item

Sponsor: Parrott Family

1st Heather Elliott	Ada	\$5.00
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Preserved Foods

Canned Fruit - Peaches

Sponsor: Little Deschutes Grange

1st Margaret Bradshaw	Hurricane Creek	\$5.00
2nd Loni Schofield	Ada	\$4.00

Canned Meats or Fish

Sponsor: Goshen Grange

1st Linda Pugh	Ada	\$5.00
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Canned Vegetables - Tomatoes

Sponsor: Margaret Clute

1st Tammie Phillips	Illinois Valley	\$5.00
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Dried Foods

Sponsor: Joyce Parker

Fruit

1st Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$5.00
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Fruit Leather

1st Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$5.00
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Herbs

1st Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$5.00
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Vegetables

1st Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$5.00
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Jam - Any fruit other than Berry

Sponsor: Phoenix Grange

1st Margaret Bradshaw	Hurricane Creek	\$5.00
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Jam - Berry Only

Sponsor: Phoenix Grange

1st Margaret Bradshaw	Hurricane Creek	\$5.00
2nd Linda Pugh	Ada	\$4.00
3rd Tammie Phillips	Illinois Valley	\$3.00

Jam - Sugar Free

Sponsor: Joyce Parker

1st Margaret Bradshaw	Hurricane Creek	\$5.00
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Jelly - Berry Only

Sponsor: Connie Suing

1st Linda Pugh	Ada	\$5.00
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Pickles

Sponsor: Springwater Grange

Dill cucumber only

1st Margaret Bradshaw	Hurricane Creek	\$5.00
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Miscellaneous any pickle other than cucumber

1st Margaret Bradshaw	Hurricane Creek	\$5.00
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Relishes any mix of vegetables

1st Tammie Phillips	Illinois Valley	\$5.00
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Crafts

Food Gift in a Jar

Sponsor: Linda Pugh

1st Annette Naylor	Clarkes	\$10.00
2nd Heather Elliott	Ada	\$8.00
3rd Margaret Bradshaw	Hurricane Creek	\$5.00

Jewelry

Sponsor: Irving Grange

1st Courtney Martini	Redland	\$25.00
2nd Heather Elliott	Ada	\$15.00
3rd Alicia Nilsen	Goshen	\$10.00

Paper Craftsmanship Cards

Sponsor: Clarkes Grange

1st Annette Naylor	Clarkes	\$15.00
2nd Alicia Nilsen	Goshen	\$10.00

Potluck Fabrics/Yarn

Sponsor: Joanne McBride

1st Myra Boyd	Riversdale	\$15.00
3rd Teresa Cernac	Warren	\$5.00

Potluck " Wood, Metal, Paper"

Sponsor: Joanne McBride

1st Alicia Nilsen	Goshen	\$15.00
2nd Annette Naylor	Clarkes	\$10.00

Recycle

Sponsor: Hurricane Creek Grange

1st Lexi Suing	Crow	\$15.00
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Small Wooden Articles

Sponsor: Wayne Cabler

1st Dale Johnston	Redland	\$25.00
2nd Linda Wetzell	Goshen	\$15.00
3rd Alicia Nilsen	Goshen	\$10.00

What to do with Worn Out Jeans

Sponsor: Sunnyside Grange

1st Tammie Phillips	Illinois Valley	\$15.00
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Woodcraft

Sponsor: John Fine

1st Joe Wood	Redland	\$25.00
2nd Howard Huey	Abernethy	\$15.00
3rd Pauline Kapp	Lacomb	\$10.00

Textiles

Apron - Junior

Sponsor: Marilyn Reiher

1st Jameson Wood	Hurricane Creek	\$15.00
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Apron

Sponsor: Beaver Creek Grange

1st Myra Boyd	Riversdale	\$15.00
2nd Elvaree Fine	Hurricane Creek	\$10.00
3rd Margaret Bradshaw	Hurricane Creek	\$5.00

Baby Quilt

Sponsor: Sauvies Island Grange

1st Roberta O'Dell	Linn	\$15.00
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Counted Cross Stitch

Sponsor: Parkdale Grange

1st Cheryl Golding	Abernethy	\$15.00
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Covid 19 Masks - Functional

Sponsor: Eva Frost and Marilyn Reiher

1st Lisa Paullin-Anzalout	Abernethy	\$15.00
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Crocheted Doilies

Sponsor: Spencer Creek Grange

1st Myra Boyd	Riversdale	\$25.00
2nd JaDala Coyle	Lacomb	\$15.00
3rd Elvaree Fine	Hurricane Creek	\$10.00

Crocheted or Knitted Afghan

Sponsor: Parrott Family

1st John Fine	Riversdale	\$25.00
2nd Teresa Cernac	Warren	\$15.00
3rd Elvaree Fine	Hurricane Creek	\$10.00

Embroidered Baby Quilt

Sponsor: Walterville Grange

1st Roberta O'Dell	Linn	\$15.00
2nd Veronica Martin	Redland	\$10.00

Embroidery

Sponsor: Julie Schnetzky

1st Veronica Martin	Redland	\$15.00
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Textiles Hot Pad or Mitt

Sponsor: Roxy Noah

1st Myra Boyd	Riversdale	\$15.00
2nd Anna Massingham	Jasper	\$10.00
3rd Elvaree Fine	Hurricane Creek	\$5.00

Misc Crocheted or Knitted Items

Sponsor: Cookie Trump

1st Patty Bunch	Central Point	\$25.00
2nd Myra Boyd	Riversdale	\$15.00
3rd Teresa Cernac	Warren	\$10.00

Pillowcases for our Troops and Veterans

Sponsor: Gail Wilson

1st Myra Boyd	Riversdale	\$25.00
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Some of the Award Winning GWA Entries

Left: The first-place winner in Woodcraft went to Joe Wood.



Above: The Here Kitty second-place basket was created by Shirley Gilman.



Above: The blue ribbon went to Annette Naylor for her Food Gift in a Jar.

OSG GWA Contest Winners Continued

Plastic Canvas

Sponsor: Beaver Creek Grange

1st	Linda Pugh	Ada	\$15.00
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Preemie Afghan and Hat

Sponsor: Jan Oleson

1st	Lisa Paullin-Anzalout	Abernethy	\$25.00
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Purses and Totes

Sponsor: Cookie Trump

1st	Alicia Nilsen	Goshen	\$15.00
2nd	Elvaree Fine	Hurricane Creek	\$10.00

Quilts Tied by One or Group

Sponsor: Siletz Valley Grange

1st	Berna Closson	Redland	\$15.00
2nd	Francis Pringle	Redland	\$10.00

Table Runner

Sponsor: Ada Grange

1st	Lois Ensminger	Hurricane Creek	\$25.00
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Table Runner - Knitted or Crocheted

Sponsor: Ada Grange

1st	Myra Boyd	Riversdale	\$25.00
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Bailey's Good Dog

Sponsor: Noah Family

1st	Shirley Gilman	Redland	\$15.00
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Here Kitty

Sponsor: Parrott Family

1st	Heather Elliott	Ada	\$15.00
2nd	Shirley Gilman	Redland	\$10.00

DEADLINE EXTENDED TO SEPT 1ST!



2022 National Grange Quilt Block Contest
Sponsored by the National Lecturer

ADULT, JUNIOR AND MEN'S DIVISIONS

Visit bit.ly/22QuiltBlock
for all details and entry sheet

Wonky Star

Star may be in any color family (solid or print)
on white or light gray background.
Final size - 12.5" unfinished.



GWA

Rose Jacobs

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OSG Grange Workers Activities Director

I am so honored and excited to be your new GWA director. As a life-long homesteader, gardener and food preserver, GWA has been one of the most appealing aspects of being a Granger, and I feel that I can contribute a lot of knowledge and ideas to this department. I look forward to not only facilitating the contests at the State Grange convention, but interacting with Granges across the state to see what GWA activities they are doing, and to encourage further participation.

I am most appreciative of Joanne McBride, prior GWA Director for imparting all of her wisdom and advice so I have a good idea of what this position will entail for the next year. I also appreciate all her hard work in the past for this department and for keeping GWA alive and well. We had a fantastic time in District 1 in the beautiful little town of Talent. The graciousness of the local granges was heartwarming and delightful.

Thank you so much to all the Grangers who contributed contest entries! I was so impressed at the level of skill and creativity that our members have to offer and I look forward to seeing more of your work over the next year, and at next year's state convention in District 2. I would also like to congratulate this year's scholarship winner, Celilo Brun, thank you so much for applying and I'm so glad that you will be able to use the funds available to further your endeavors! I'm especially excited about the coming year's convention, as it is Oregon's 150th, and I am a resident of District 2.

I would also like to announce to everyone that John DeHaas is going to be my co-chair for Oregon State GWA and I am looking forward to working with him. I feel that we have some great ideas to add to this already wonderful department and to make it even better than before, so look for some upcoming announcements for things we plan to accomplish.

That being said, I'm looking for some folks to fill chair positions for Districts 3 and 5! Please send me an email or give me a call if you are interested. We are going to be working with the GWA committees in all districts to encourage participation, so be on the lookout for some emails coming from me over the next few months. GWA is a wonderful opportunity to learn and teach others some wonderful life skills and skills that promote enjoyment and creativity.

One particularly special project I would like to work on this year is to partner with the National Heritage Rose society to help preserve old varieties of roses. The rose society is seeking stewards to take cuttings of heritage rose varieties and to grow them. They are willing to provide education on the subject and are very interested in working with the Grange as an organization. More information to come shortly on this project! Please send me an email if you are interested, and I will make sure to include you in any announcements.

Thank you everyone for your participation and keeping GWA alive and well!

Grange Etiquette

1. Never miss Grange unless it is absolutely necessary.
2. Be there on time.
3. Take your whole family. The Grange is not a convention that a family should merely send a delegate.
4. Be attentive. Go to learn, not to whisper, lounge or sleep.
5. Be thoughtful of the comfort of others.
6. Always remember that visitors are the guests of the members. Treat them with the same courtesy as you would if they should visit you in your own home.
7. Be a booster in whatever your Grange sponsors.
8. Never rush for the door after closing as though the Grange were on fire. Speak and be spoken to.
9. Never stay away from the Grange because the Grange is not perfect. How lonesome would you feel in a perfect Grange?
10. Ask yourself; What kind of a Grange would my Grange be if every Granger were just like me.

- OSG Home Economics Committee Handbook, 1954

By-laws and Good of the Order Resolutions Adopted at the 2022 State Convention

BL #1: Remove Energy Committee from Annual Roster Report

Resolved: The Energy Committee be removed from the list of requested committees in Oregon State Grange By-Laws Section 1.13.10(d)(2).

BL #5: County Deputy Mileage Reimbursement and Expenses

Resolved: That section 1.14.4 be removed from the By-laws of the Oregon State Grange. And be it further

Resolved: that section 1.16.1 be rewritten as follows: *The State Master/President shall annually appoint State, Special and County Deputies to serve until the next Session of the Oregon State Grange. Supervisory responsibility for all Deputies is in all cases to remain with the Master/President of the Oregon State Grange. County Deputy supplies to be paid for by their respective Pomona Granges.* And be it further

Resolved: That section 1.16.4 be rewritten as follows: For the various duties require of Deputies and the Master's/President's Assistant, the State Executive Committee shall see that suitable compensation is paid. Except for County Deputies who are to receive no mileage reimbursement when traveling within their own counties/Pomona District unless approved and paid by their respective Pomona Grange. And be it further

Resolved: To add "county deputies and any other members" after "officers" in the first sentence of 1.14.3.

BL #6: Oregon State Grange Session Committees

Resolved: That the By-Laws of the OSG Section 6, Session Committees 1.6.1 be amended as follows: All Session Committees, unless otherwise ordered, shall be appointed by the State Master/President. When the committees are organized at the Oregon State Grange Session, they shall report to the Progress Committee the names of the committee members who are present. If there are five or more members present, they shall constitute the Session Committee, but if less than five members of the committee are present, the State Master/President shall appoint additional members so that the committee will have at least five members present.

If the Oregon State Grange Session committees are organized virtually, then the committee shall take no action on any matter referred to them unless five members of the committee are present. If less than five members are present, then the listed Committee Chairman or Vice Chairman shall contact the OSG Master/President to request additional members to be appointed.

BL #7: Oregon State Grange Roster

Resolved: That 1.13.10 (d) (2) be rewritten to read: *Keep and publish, annually, a complete roster of names, numbers, and locations and date of meetings of all Subordinate/Community and Pomona, and Junior Granges in the state with the names, post office addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses, if available, of the Master/President, Overseer/Vice President, Lecturer, Chaplain, Secretary and Rental Contact for each Grange. Roster entry for Junior Granges shall include Master/President, Lecturer, Secretary, Leader, date and time of meeting and Grange name and number.* And be it further

Resolved: A copy of such Roster shall be sent no later than January 31 to the Master/President and Secretary of each Subordinate/Community and Pomona Grange, Leaders of all the Junior Granges, officers and all Committee Directors and District Chairs of the Oregon State Grange, each deputy, and to the National Grange. And be it further

Resolved: That 1.13.10 (d) (3) be rewritten to read: *Collect and provide to state Standing Committee Directors the Chairmen of the following Committees of all Subordinate/Community, and Pomona and Junior Granges in the state: Agriculture, Community Service/Involvement, Deaf Awareness/Family Health, Education, Energy, Grange Workers', Junior, Legislative, Membership, Veterans and Youth for each Grange. Pomona Grange entry shall include the name of Junior Committee Chairman.*

BL #8: Realigning the Oregon State Grange Districts

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange adopt the plan proposed by the OSG Executive Committee, with one revision in regard to Jefferson County. This revised plan includes the following changes: Jefferson County, Deschutes County and northern Lake County would join District #2. Klamath County and southern Lake County would join District #1; Crook County would join District #6, now being renumbered District #5. And be it further

Resolved: That Section 15, 1.15.1 (b) of the 2020 Oregon State Grange By-Laws be changed to read: *All Standing Committees, except Budget, Division of Labor, and Legislative Lobbying Team, shall consist of at least six members, including the chairman, to be appointed by the State Master. One member shall be appointed from each of the five districts and the committee director to be from the state at large.*

By Law Change from Presidents Good of the Order Address

Section 4.7.10 (a) Add a line at the end of this paragraph that would read: If Life membership payouts are larger than the dues owed by the Subordinate Grange for the second and third quarter, the State Grange will be authorized to pay the remaining money in the form of a check to the Subordinate Grange prior to the end of the year.

GO #1: Standing Rule 12

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange abide by Standing Rule 12: "7.12.1 At each annual State Session a report on the current status of resolutions adopted at the previous State Session will be made to the delegates.

GO #2: Maintain Heritage Titles for Grange Officers

Resolved: That we educate the members, new and long term, that Master, Overseer, Lecturer, Gatekeeper and Executive Committee are Heritage wording with no prejudice.

Insurance to Value: Why It May Be Time to Revisit Your Home Replacement Cost



By Insurance Blog - June 10, 2022

Rising construction costs aren't just a problem if you're hoping to build or remodel a home. In fact, in the event of a housefire, wildfire, or other catastrophic damage to your home, rising inflation could mean a discrepancy in your calculated home insurance replacement cost and how much it would actually cost to replace your home in the event of a total loss. In other words, you could be underinsured and not realize it until it's too late. In today's blog, the insurance experts at Grange Insurance Association discuss why it may be time to revisit your home replacement cost.

What is the Replacement Cost of My Home?

A home's replacement cost is the estimated cost of rebuilding the home in the event of a total loss. While many people confuse this number with the market value of the home, a home's replacement cost should reflect current construction costs, square footage, home features, and material costs rather than the amount you could get if you sold your home in the current market.

Why You Should Revisit Your Home Replacement Cost?

Insurance to value is the relationship between your Dwelling coverage and the total dollar amount needed to rebuild your home after a total loss. At Grange Insurance Association, we've added automatic inflation and construction cost index factors to our policies over the years to try to make sure these numbers are aligned. But with the rate of inflation, as well as continued supply chain issues and labor short-

ages, these adjustments may not be enough to bring your replacement cost to a realistic level. That means that some percentage of policyholders may not be insured to value or have an adequate replacement cost, rendering them underinsured. And in the event of a total loss, they'd end up having to pay the difference out-of-pocket.

How to Calculate Home Replacement Cost for Insurance?

Re-estimating the replacement cost of your home can be done via an insurer appraisal, an online replacement cost calculator, a professional appraiser, or through your own estimates. That said, the replacement value of a home for insurance purposes considers a wide range of factors, therefore; we highly recommend you work with your independent agent to determine the most appropriate limit of coverage.

Need help adjusting the home replacement cost coverage in your Homeowners insurance policy? Contact your local independent insurance agent today. In the meantime, check out our insurance blog, where we cover everything from scheduled vs. unscheduled property coverage to loss of use coverage.

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GO #3: Peaceful Dialogue

Resolved: That we choose life-affirming metaphors that are consistent with the Grange's commitment to agriculture, gardening, nourishment, charity, kindness, cooperation, and a sustainable way of life. And be it further

Resolved: That if and when we observe incidents or events which appear to us inconsistent with our chosen code of conduct as members of the Grange, we will speak up in respectful ways and invite open, sincere, and meaningful dialogue among those of differing points of view. And be it further

Resolved: We will listen to one another calmly, and with open hearts, in order to create deeper understanding. We choose to be beacons of authenticity and possibility. In doing this, we co-create peace for the highest good of our community, and all beings on this planet.

GO #4: Procedure for Sunsetting Policies

Resolved: That sunsetting policies be printed in the Oregon State Grange Bulletin at least once within 12 months before they will expire, so that any Granger wishing to argue for retention of any of these policies will have plenty of opportunity to introduce a new resolution for consideration by their Grange and potentially forwarding to the delegates to the next Oregon State Grange convention for that purpose, and be it further

Resolved: That all Oregon State Grange policies due to sunset in a given year and not addressed by resolution at that year's delegate convention shall be deleted from the Oregon State Grange Legislative Policy Handbook.

OSG Junior Contest Winners

Ages 5-7			
1	Dean McKay	Abernethy #346	\$15.00
Ages 8-10			
1	Jameson Wood	Hurricane Creek #608	\$15.00
2	Noah Strasheim	Crow #450	\$10.00
Ages 11-13			
1	Ace McClain	Irving #377	\$15.00
2	Justin Clute	Forest Grove #282	\$10.00



Minecraft Architect Dean McKay getting his prize winnings.



Jameson Wood and Noah Strasheim with their prize winnings.

Junior Grange Activities at Convention



Above: The Juniors along with their adult leaders and Youth helpers visited the Crater Rock Museum in Central Point.

Right: State President Susan Noah present Taylor Elliott of Ada Grange with her plaque as a National Grange Cape of Honor recipient for her community service work.



Left: Jameson Wood works on her string art project, one of the Junior craft activities during convention.

Oregon Junior Grangers



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OSG Junior Director



Junior Grange Convention Roundup

Let me tell you a bit about the Junior Grange officers you see on these pages. I hope you will recognize them if you see them at their home Granges and share a high five for work well done.

Noah Strasheim comes from Crow Grange in Lane County and generations of Grange family history. A remarkably poised ten-year-old, he pulled together a detailed script for our meeting presentation. And set-up to teardown, he's there for the duration.

At 12, Taylor Elliott has attended many meetings at Ada Grange in coastal Lane County. She's also come to State Junior Grange for more than half her life. Taylor led us as we marched into the hall and helped everyone learn the proper way to hold staves. She's been awarded the National Grange Junior Cape of Honor for her already outstanding community service.

Jameson Wood is only eight, but she's been coming to convention with her grandparents and friends from Hurricane Creek Grange in Wallowa County since she was four years old. This year she brought along little sister Sammy Jo, who shared her time between the Junior room and GWA. Jameson applied to be Lady Assistant Steward and became very knowledgeable about the duties of her office.

Dean McKay is our Lecturer. He really enjoyed the Minecraft contest, but he focused on getting his part of the meeting done right too. Dean's Huey-Hays-McKay family numbers generations at Abernethy Grange in Clackamas County, with

a tradition of loyal participation at the OSG convention.

Cousins Justin Clute (13) and Emily Clute (12) come to convention with grandparents Margaret and Jim Clute of Forest Grove Grange in Washington County. They pulled double duty as Youth and Junior officers this year, and brought wonderful good humor to work with their younger peers in the Junior room. Their craft projects revealed skill and fearless independence. As Junior officers, Emily served as Gatekeeper and Justin as Secretary.

Seven-year-old Audri Brown, another Clute grandchild, stepped out of the car and into the talent contest on Saturday night, and never looked back. For her office as Steward she had multiple speaking turns, a stave to carry, a list of honored guests to announce, and the American flag to unfurl. Good job, Audri!

Alastor (Ace) McClain is 12 and a member of Irving Grange in Lane County. This was their fourth convention attending with grandma Peggy Jillson. As Ceres, Ace shouldered the responsibility of carrying the flag and keeping an eye on our young Pomona, Sammy Jo. Flitting between Juniors and adults, Ace contributed a few thoughts to the 2023 hosting committee and sat in briefly for Linda Pugh as Ceres in the "big room."

Children five to 13 years old are welcome to join us at the convention, whether or not they're registered as Juniors before they arrive. I hope we see all of these Juniors again next year in Polk County.



Above: Jameson Wood, Peggy Jillson, Sammy Jo Wood and Ace McClain painting their piggy banks.

Right: Don Kingsborough, who provided the piggy banks with State Junior Director Peggy Jillson.



Legislative Update

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OSG Legislative Director



Resolutions--what happens after we adopt them? We've had some good discussions on this topic in our recent Legislative Zoom Forums and if you'd like to participate just send an email to me at marknoah00@gmail.com and I'll add you to the list. We've been meeting on the 4th Wednesday at 7pm on Zoom.

What about those resolutions? If they change our Bylaws, the Bylaws will be updated by the OSG office to show those changes and a link to the most current version will appear on the OSG website. Good of the Order resolutions are usually trying to change some Grange procedure or activity not covered by our Bylaws. If the change is at the state level, the OSG President would be responsible for implementing the change but if the resolution would change the Digest or Grange ritual, our resolution would be forwarded to the National Grange for consideration at the next national delegate convention.

Most all the rest are going to create, change or reverse a policy, and that will be reflected in an updated Legislative Policy Handbook. When you look through the policy book, which is linked to the OSG website for easy access, you'll notice each statement has numbers after it. These indicate the committee, the resolution number and the year adopted. For instance, this year LE #4 was adopted, so it will be identified as LE4.22 in the handbook. You can easily identify which resolutions were adopted 10 years ago because they end in .13 (indicating the 2013 session) so those will sunset next year, the 2023 session, unless someone moves to reaffirm or writes a new resolution on the topic.

We adopted Bylaws resolutions 1,6,7 & 8, plus a Bylaw change recommended in the President's Good of the Order address. BL-1 removes Energy Committee from the list requested for our annual roster, and BL-7 adjusted the roster procedure; BL-6 made adjustments to the appointment and action of session committees; BL-8 realigned the Oregon State Grange from 6 districts to 5; and the State President recommended a minor change to the process of Life Member fund payout to Granges.

Delegates approved Conservation #2 which deleted an existing policy, EE1.11, that called for the National Grange to work for removal of Carbon Dioxide from the list of gaseous pollutants. The resolution also supports regulations and laws to control CO₂ emitted by human activity. This calls for similar action by the National Grange so the resolution will be

forwarded for their consideration in November.

Education & Health resolution #1 calling for creation of an Oregon Forestry Academy, and #2 urging state health, insurance and medical providers, agencies and companies to have live call-takers to answer questions from telephone callers. We will send letters supporting these positions to the appropriate parties.

Good of the Order resolutions adopted were GO-1, reiterating the existing requirement of an annual report on actions taken regarding resolutions adopted at the previous convention; GO-2, calling for education of our members about the heritage and meaning of our officer titles; GO-3, calling for peaceful dialogue in our Granges and our communities; and GO-4 adjusting the procedure for dealing with sunset policies at our state session.

Three Legislative resolutions were adopted—LE-1 calls for removal of the 'Miscellaneous' category on property tax bills; LE-2 requests modification of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to require certification of service animals; and LE-4 urges adoption of the State Model Code for Accelerating Broadband Infrastructure Deployment and Investment as developed for states by the FCC Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee. LE-2 will be forwarded to the National Grange for consideration because it asks for a change to federal law.

Transportation & Utilities-1 was adopted, supporting natural gas as an alternate energy source to electricity, as were Veterans-2, Veteran Preference for Low Income Housing and Veterans-3, Irrevocable citizenship for foreign-born veterans of the U.S. military, and their immediate family; all three of these would require action at the federal level and will be forwarded to the National Grange.

In addition, a number of policy statements from the book were allowed to sunset and were removed, but some were reaffirmed as well. The list will appear elsewhere in this Bulletin and will be in the Proceedings of the 2022 session.

This November, the National Grange will meet in Reno/Sparks, Nevada from November 15-19. This is as close as it will be to Oregon for at least 5 years, so consider attending at least part of the convention. Oregon will have new delegates this time, and it would be great for them to see lots of Oregon Grangers in attendance!

Legislative Policy Resolutions Adopted at the 2021 State Convention

CO #2: Change Current Policy to Include CO₂ as Pollutant

Resolved: That EE1.11 be deleted, and further

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange support regulations and laws that control the excessive amounts of CO₂ emitted by human activity. And be it further

Resolved: This resolution be forwarded to The National Grange for adoption.

EH #1: Create an Oregon Forestry Academy

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange urges Oregon's Legislature to create a forestry academy in the Elliott State Forest to provide forest-related educational and research opportunities for school-aged children.

EH #2: Care Providers and the Human Touch

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange urges the Oregon Health Authority, Oregon Medical Board, and Oregon Commissioner of Insurance to have health care providers, agencies, and companies make available to telephone callers a live person who is able to answer questions. And be it further

Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Oregon Health Authority, Oregon Medical Board, and Oregon Commissioner of Insurance.

LE #1: Property Tax Billing

Resolved: That "miscellaneous" not be allowed as a category on any property tax statement or property tax billing.

LE #2: Certification of Service Animals

Resolved: That we urge congress to modify the ADA to establish standards for service animals and to not require title II and title III entities to permit service animals to accompany persons with disabilities unless:

1. The person's needs have been attested by a physician.
2. The service animal has been trained to ADA standards.
3. The person has applied for and obtained a certificate or placard similar to a disabled parking placard from a designated governmental authority as evidence of having met the applicable standards. And be it further

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange forward this resolution to the National Grange for legislative action on the federal level.

LE #4: Timely Permitting of Broadband Infrastructure Projects

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange will contact the Oregon Broadband Office in support of the adoption of the 'State Model Code for Accelerating Broadband Infrastructure Deployment and Investment' by the State of Oregon.

TU #1: Keep Natural Gas as an Alternative Energy Source

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange supports natural gas as an alternate energy source to electricity. And be it further

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange will send this resolution to the National Grange for their consideration.

VE #2: Veterans Preference for Low Income Housing

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange reaffirm its position to lobby for honorably and medically discharged veterans and their families to be given preference when applying for low-income housing. This includes Federal/State subsidized housing developments, whether governmental or private. And be it further

Resolved: That this resolution be forwarded to the National Grange for consideration.

VE #3: Irrevocable Citizenship for Veterans of the U. S. Military

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange supports the passage of a law to offer foreign-born veterans and their immediate family members full United States citizenship after their completed tour of duty or in case of death while serving, in the United States military. And be it further

Resolved: That this United States of America citizenship be offered without any financial stipulation, and that, once granted, the United States of America citizenship be irrevocable. And be it further

Resolved: That this resolution be forwarded to the National Grange.



All Grangers are invited

OSG Legislative Forum Zoom Meeting

When: Wednesday, August 24 @ 7 pm PST
Wednesday, September 28 @ 7 pm PDT

Where: Zoom

The OSG Legislative Committee will lead a discussion on proposed measures and petitions we are following, answer questions about resolution writing and deadlines, and talk about issues of interest.

Contact: Legislative Director Mark Noah for login information
marknoah00@gmail.com



Sunsetting Policies Reaffirmed

Administration, Teachers, Employees

The Oregon State Grange supports the revision of current OAR Section 584, Division 42 to expand opportunities and use of the **Career and Technical Education Teaching Licenses** in Oregon schools. And remove the requirement of a sponsoring school district and district transfer requirements to secure a CTE 1 license. ED2.12

Postal Service

The Oregon State Grange recognizes the **USPS as a fundamental and critical service** and supports legislation that allows the USPS to remain financially solvent while modernizing and enhancing services to all Americans. FIA4.12

Foreign and Domestic Services

The Oregon State Grange opposes any **restriction on the right to Habeas Corpus**. FA3.12

Federal Monetary Affairs

The Oregon State Grange calls upon our Senators and Representatives to put aside partisan politics and find a way to **reduce Federal spending to equal revenue from taxation**. And we call upon the President to reduce the executive branch of our government to show leadership in stopping the growth of the Federal debt. FA6.12

U.S. Constitution

The Oregon State Grange requests the Oregon State Legislature and Governor of the State of Oregon to **rely on the Tenth Amendment** and hereby reassert its sovereignty and powers not granted to the Federal Government by the U.S. Constitution. LE3.12

Firearms

The Oregon State Grange supports the rights of gun owners with **concealed carry permits** to keep their personal information private. LE4.12

The Oregon State Grange opposes legislation that restricts **concealed carry** permit certified gun owners from carrying on public property. LE6.12

Police Officers, Correction Officials and Criminal Facilities

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation that when the responsible authorities issue a **no-contact order/Restraining order** to one party in a domestic dispute both parties are required to abide by the terms of the order. LE1.12

Miscellaneous Resolutions

The Oregon State Grange supports necessary actions that result in the formation of legislation designed to enforce and **implement the O&C Act on all O&C lands**. LE2.12

Telecommunication Services

The Oregon State Grange will lobby the government to enact full disclosure in **pricing of telecommunication services** whether wireless or ground based as they pertain to the area in which you live. LE5.12



Government Affairs

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Hello Grangers,

Hope this finds you all healthy and happy. Fire season is upon us. So please be very careful.

Survey finds fears over wildfire eased after spring rains soak Oregon

Significant rainfall this spring noticeably greened up the Oregon countryside and appears to have calmed nerves across the state, according to a survey about wildfire danger conducted in June by the Oregon Values and Beliefs Center.

The survey, conducted from June 2-11, found that 60% of respondents felt wildfire was a threat to their local communities. In May 2021, that number was 68%.

The wildfire perception survey interviewed 1,446 Oregon residents 18 or older. The survey sought to gauge how concerned Oregon residents are heading into what officials have warned could be a dangerous wildfire season. In mid-May, Gov. Kate Brown warned that this year's fire season could be extreme due to drought and climate change.

But May and June were relatively cool and wet in the Pacific Northwest, lowering drought levels across the region. Oregon's only remaining swath of exceptional drought — the highest level of drought according to the U.S. drought monitor — is in an area straddling Crook and Jefferson counties. "Considering the extremely wet spring, it is not a major surprise that when asked about their area of Oregon, Oregonians' concern for wildfire has decreased a bit since May of last year," according to a statement from the polling group.

While the fear of fire danger in the short term has been slightly lowered, 88% of respondents expect wildfires to increase during the next 10 years. Nine out of 10 Oregonians (92%) see wildfires as a serious threat to "people living in Oregon." However, not as many people believe they are in

harm's way. Just six out of 10 respondents (60%) see wildfire as a very or somewhat serious threat in their communities. Five out of 10 people (53%) see wildfires as a direct threat to themselves and their families.

When asked about their greatest concerns over the impacts of fire, most Oregonians (83%) said they were worried about the health impacts of smoke. Loss of wildlife and fish habitat registered as the second-highest level of concern among Oregonians, with 82% saying they had great or moderate concern.

Nearly eight out of 10 (79%) respondents had moderate or great concern about the loss of public forestland. "We already lost so many trees to logging, we should try to save as many as we can," said Mandee Seeley, a Deschutes County resident.

Another Deschutes County resident, Robin Johnson, said the best way to deal with fires is for fire officials to attack and extinguish them instead of letting forest fires burn naturally. "The fires can quickly get out of control, so they need to be managed," said Johnson. "In addition, the smoke impacts larger portions separate from the fire causing respiratory issues, and the fire may take out habitat."

Survey results show that 75% of Oregonians agree with Johnson. The remaining respondents lean toward or agree with, the idea of allowing a wildfire to burn out naturally. A respondent from Polk County, who declined to be named, was blunter when it comes to managing wildfire. "We just can't let our state burn to the ground," she said.

Just how many Oregonians have had to evacuate due to wildfire? According to the survey, 19% of respondents said they have evacuated their homes due to wildfire. Some 43% of respondents said they have an evacuation plan in place.

Please be Safe and watch out for each other. Happy Trails

Breaking News from Washington, DC

USDA and Oregon Sign Cooperative Agreement for State Meat Inspection Program

July 28, 2022 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) and the state of Oregon have finalized a cooperative agreement, under which the state inspection program may inspect meat products produced for shipment within the state.

At the 2021 Convention AG #3 was adopted that the Oregon State Grange strongly supports a State Meat Inspection Program, with health and safety requirements that insure safe products to consumers.

This is a win for Oregon producers and consumers.

ODF Wildfire Risk Maps Released September 15 Deadline to Appeal Designation

On June 30th Oregon's Wildfire Risk Explorer was made available to the public. The Wildfire Risk Explorer maps identify the wildland-urban interface and wildfire risk at the property ownership level. Every tax lot in the state has received a wildfire risk category, ranging from no risk to extreme risk.

Properties designated as high or extreme risk and located within the wildland-urban interface will be subject to regulation, including defensible space and home hardening standards (on future construction or remodel). Additionally, local governments may also regulate other risk classes and state agencies may seek further regulation on high and extreme risk classes outside of the wildland-urban interface.

For the statewide wildfire risk map required under SB762, ODF developed administrative rules with input from a 26-member rulemaking advisory committee. The rules, adopted by the Board of Forestry, established the criteria by which the map was developed. The rules also:

- Implemented five statewide wildfire risk classes of extreme, high, moderate, low and no risk, based on weather, climate, topography, and vegetation.
- Developed a process in which a property owner may appeal a designation of wildfire risk class.

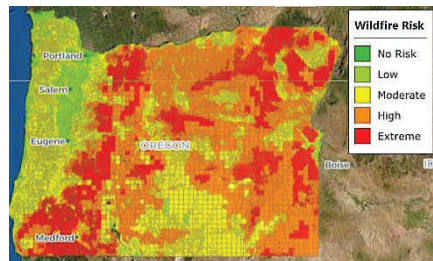
- Determined a process in which a property owners are notified of risk assignment of high or extreme.
- Developed maintenance criteria for the map.

The map is located at Oregon Wildfire Risk Explorer (oregonexplorer.info). Select Wildfire Risk and use the map. You can search by address. Check not only your home but also your Grange hall location. The Oregon Department of Forestry was to mail notices to all properties assigned the high or extreme wildfire risk on July 15, 2022.

And do not assume that just because you are in an irrigated area or not in a forested area that you will have a low-risk ranking. Orchardist in the Hood River Valley were discussing that many acres of irrigated fruit trees in the valley are mostly classified as high risk. They are looking to appeal.

Now is your chance as a landowner to appeal your property's wildfire risk designation. But you must file an appeal before Sept. 15, 2022. To file an appeal, use the appeal form and submit it electronically, or mail it to:

Oregon Department of Forestry
Protection Division
Attn: Risk Map Appeals
2600 State Street
Salem, OR 97310



Wildfire Risk Map shows the risk level of every tax lot in the state of Oregon.

Membership Matters

OSG Membership Director

Membership Committee Awards for 2021

The Membership Committee recognized Granges that had the highest percent membership gains in the 2021 calendar year during the Membership Luncheon at the State Grange Convention. Financial Awards went to the top four (*or more if a tie*) Granges and all other Granges with a 15% or more gain qualify for a drawing for an indoor/outdoor Grange flag.

Grange, Co.	Start	End	#	%Gain
1. McMinnville #31, Yamhill Co.	38	70	32	84%
2. Willamette #52, Benton Co.	28	50	22	79%
3. Myrtle Creek #442, Douglas Co.	34	59	25	74%
4. Lake Creek #697, Jackson Co.	21	34	13	62%
5. Netel #410, Clatsop Co.	13	21	8	62%
6. Scotts Mills #938, Marion Co.	10	16	6	60%
7. Silverton #748, Marion Co.	13	20	7	54%
8. Brownsmead #822, Clatsop Co.	14	20	6	43%
9. Goldson #868, Lane Co.	19	26	7	37%
10. Columbia #267, Multnomah Co.	113	149	36	32%
11. Tigard #148, Washington Co.	28	36	8	29%
12. Mohawk-McKenzie #747, Lane Co.	15	19	4	27%
13. Winona #271, Washington Co.	33	41	8	24%
14. Phoenix #779, Jackson Co.	28	33	5	18%
15. Liberty #613, Wallowa Co.	18	21	3	17%
16. Garfield #317, Clackamas Co.	19	22	3	16%
17. Rickreall #671, Polk Co. (Flag winner)	19	22	3	16%
18. Scholls #338, Washington Co.	19	22	3	16%

McMinnville Grange #31 in Yamhill County received the first-place award of \$100. Willamette Grange #52 in Benton County received the second-place award of \$75. Myrtle Creek Grange #442 in Douglas County received the third-place award of \$50 and Lake Creek Grange #697 in Jackson County and Netel Grange #410 in Clatsop County tied for fourth-place and each received \$25. Also recognized was Redwood Grange #760 in Josephine County who received \$100 for being reorganized.

New Oregon State Grange Polos

A brand-new Oregon State Grange polo shirt was debut by the Membership Committee at the state convention. Order yours now to wear in the Log Cabin at the state fair and during National Convention in Sparks, Nevada as well as to advertise the Grange when you are out and about.



The shirts are a true blue with a Grange logo and the word "Oregon State Grange" in white and are available in Adult sizes L, XL and XXL. Only a few M and XXXL are available.

Membership Matters



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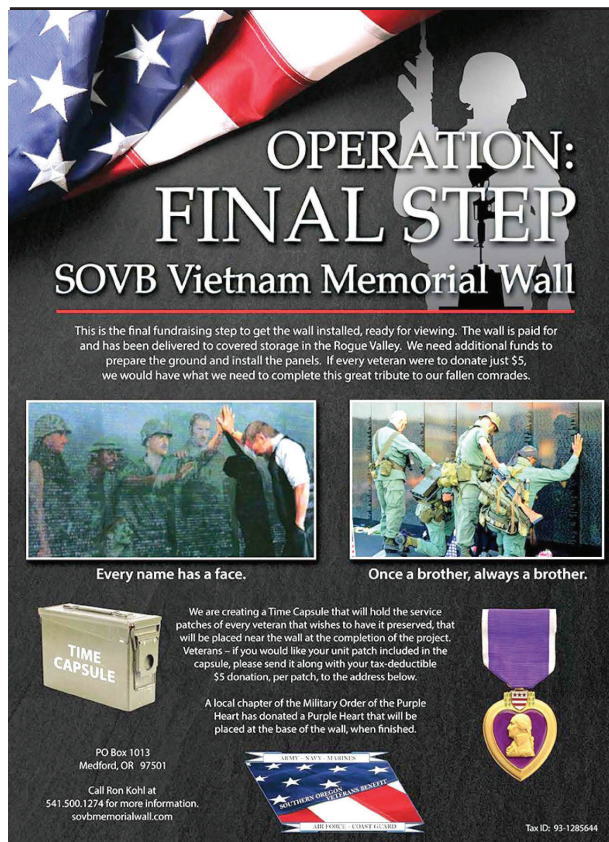
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OPERATION: FINAL STEP

SOVB Vietnam Memorial Wall


This is the final fundraising step to get the wall installed, ready for viewing. The wall is paid for and has been delivered to covered storage in the Rogue Valley. We need additional funds to prepare the ground and install the panels. If every veteran were to donate just \$5, we would have what we need to complete this great tribute to our fallen comrades.



Every name has a face. Once a brother, always a brother.



We are creating a Time Capsule that will hold the service patches of every veteran that wishes to have it preserved, that will be placed near the wall at the completion of the project. Veterans—if you would like your unit patch included in the capsule, please send it along with your tax-deductible \$5 donation, per patch, to the address below.



A local chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart has donated a Purple Heart that will be placed at the base of the wall, when finished.

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Call Ron Kohl at
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sovbmemorialwall.com

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Operation Final Step for Memorial

An effort has been on-going for many years to have a replica of the Vietnam Wall from Washington, DC constructed in Southern Oregon. A 360' replica of the wall with all 58,479 names on it has already purchased. It will be the only replica with all of the names on it west of the Mississippi River. The COVID pandemic had a significant impact on finishing this project in as timely a fashion as was hoped, but it will be finished.

The effort was launched in 2015 to erect a \$1 million replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Medford. Organizers of the project are hoping to finish fundraising so the wall, 80% of the size of the original, can be dedicated within the next year.

Spearheaded by a group called Southern Oregon Veterans Benefit, the 493-foot structure is planned for Lithia and Driveway Fields, formerly US Cellular Community Park, adjacent to Bear Creek and the Jefferson Nature Center.

Southern Oregon Veterans Benefit President Ron Kohl said the project was long overdue and would be an important tribute to the men and women who lost their lives during the Vietnam War.

A benefit concert in 2016 by country music singer Kenny Rogers raised over \$65,000 toward the project, with another \$250,000 awarded under House Bill 5006 and some \$200,000 in donations.

"We've got the location. We've got a contract with the City of Medford. We are preparing the land to go ahead and receive the wall as soon as we finish fundraising," he said. "We have a contractor, an architect, an electrician and an engineer. Everyone is on standby. We just need money in the bank so that, when somebody works, we can pay them."

"Donations of \$500 or more will be listed on our donor plaques at the site," he said.

"This project is about honoring our Vietnam vets, especially the 58,479 who are being honored with their name on the wall because they gave the ultimate sacrifice," said Kohl.

Once complete, the wall would be the largest memorial for Vietnam veterans west of the Mississippi River. A plaque honoring the 132 veterans from the seven southern-most counties in Oregon will be placed adjacent to the main wall.

"It's really important that we recognize the sacrifice of these men and women. This will be a very special place for Southern Oregon and it's time to get it finished."

For more info, or to donate, see sovbmemorialwall.com/operation-final-step/

Checks, made out to SOVB, can be mailed to:

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Veterans



Joanne and David McBride
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davidmcbride8@gmail.com

Oregon State Grange Veterans Director



Fraternal greetings from your new Veterans Committee Co-Directors: we are Joanne and David McBride, Grange members from Hurricane Creek Grange #608 and Wallowa County Pomona #22; and the Oregon State Grange District soon to be "formerly known as District 6." We were both honored to have served four years in the U. S. Air Force. Having just celebrated the birth of our Nation on July 4th as we are writing this article, we were reminded of the oath everyone pledged in joining the military.

as "in the essentials, unity."

So, as we were celebrating the Fourth of July, we were reminded of this important document established by the people "to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity..." It is important that all of us as citizens of the United States clearly understand our Constitution and the structure it provides for our nation.

The oath each service member gives, whether joining as enlisted or officer, includes the important phrase "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic." The oath pledges support to our Constitution, the foundational structure of our Country – not to a political affiliation, person, politician nor office. This same phrase is used in the oath or obligation given by every person beginning service in the government, whether a federal, state, or local office.

In becoming a Grange member, our obligation includes abiding by the Constitution of the United States. Therefore, our Constitution provides a core unifying system for the military, government, and the Grange. In remembering the Grange motto, the Constitution definitely qualifies

The Constitution defines the roles and limitations of our nation's government. We encourage everyone to study this essential document, whether veteran, government official, Granger, or citizen. It provides an essential, unifying framework, worthy of our allegiance.

And now for a commercial: as new Directors, we are working with Jay Sexton to select District Chairs for the Veterans Committee. Roger Wilson has volunteered to chair our eastern district, soon to be known as the new District 5. If you are interested in serving as chair in your district, please let us know. It is not necessary to be a veteran, but only to be interested in supporting the work of our Veterans Committee. We will be working to minimize travel by meeting virtually or over the phone.

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GROW Club

"Go Right On Working"

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OSG GROW Club President
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Go Right On Working. Those of you who attended session this year in Talent, Oregon, were most likely able to fulfill our motto. I do not know who said it (besides my mom), but "What you get out of something depends on how much you put in." Some are able to dedicate their life to the Grange. These see benefits much differently than the member who is holding down a full-time job, supporting a family and occasionally helping out at Grange events, or are currently just doing what they can by paying their annual dues. In order for our Grange to grow, we need some of each of these, and everything in between.

If you saw the Youth officers open session, you saw the floorwork done to perfection and at the high level we have come to expect whenever our floorwork is done. Current

Stacy Brown

I was the Oregon State Grange Female Ambassador in 2003. Although I had previously been to Nationals twice, my trip to Vermont was more exciting as I was officially representing the State of Oregon. It was traditional to bring pins from your State and exchange them with other's pins from around the country as you met and interacted with them. I tried to collect them all but sadly was not successful.

The tour that year was to the Vermont Teddy Bear factory. On our tour they told us that although the Teddy Bears are shipped all over the country the ones that are purchased in the factory are special because in their eyes they say "Born in Vermont". I was gifted a cow print teddy bear, for my over-the-top love of cows, and I still have it today.

This convention was also special because our National Master at the time, Kermit Richardson, was from Vermont. I believe it was his last year to serve as National Master. I thought that was special because at my first state session as subordinate member, at exactly 13½ years of age, he and his wife came to visit the Oregon State Grange session.

I sat next to him often during that session and loved his sense of humor and thought to myself "wow, someone with such authority and power could be fun too". From time to time he would ask me what I thought of an issue that was on the floor for discussion. I did not know much but it got me thinking about what the Grange was actually doing.

and future GROW Club members filled the offices with honor. If you missed it, don't next year in District #2 at the Polk County Fairgrounds.

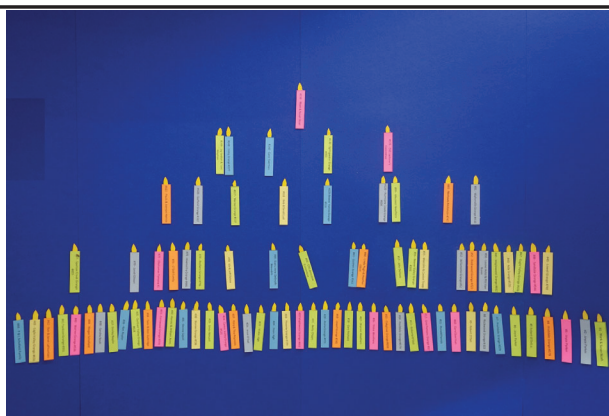
Over the last few months this article has highlighted members of the GROW club sharing their experience and their GROW Club story in their own words. This will continue for a few more editions, as I believe it is important for the membership to understand how different, but how similar their stories are. Some were brand new to the Grange when they took the leap, some are generations-long families of Grangers. All of them have grown and learned more about the Grange through the experience of representing Oregon at National Grange.

In this issue I ask Stacy Brown to write this column.



Stacy at her first State Grange convention as a subordinate member in 2002. She served as Youth Ceres and received the Teenager of the Year Award.

This is something that makes the Grange unique that when the rest of society saw me as a child the Grange valued my thoughts and gave me responsibilities. I wish I would have taken better advantage of the ability to vote and debate topics long before I was 18. This relationship with National Master gave me a strong sense of connection while I was at Nationals and a feeling of importance. At the last banquet dinner, we shared Kermit's favorite dessert apple pie with a slice of cheese on top. Personally, I will continue to eat my pie with ice cream but it is a great way to sum up my time as Ambassador. A time where I tried new things and experienced opportunities that I will never forget and helped form the person that I am today.



Mockup of the 150th Anniversary cake candles was display at the Oregon State Grange convention. Do you or your Grange have a candle on the cake?

Buy a Candle for the 150th Cake

It is just over a year now until the Oregon State Grange reaches the sesquicentennial mark. Buy a candle and be a part of the celebration.

In honor of our anniversary the Oregon State Grange will be placing a monument on the Oregon State Capitol site that honors disabled veterans and funding for this will come from the sale of the candles. The cake will have 150 candles and each candle costs the amount listed

on the candle (the 1st candle costs \$1, the 150th candle costs \$150, with each denomination in-between). Candles may be purchased in any order until all 150 candles have been sold. So far 86 candles have been purchased by individuals and Granges.

If you are interested in purchasing a candle, please let State President Jay Sexton know and the candle of your choice will be reserved for you.

These Candles are Still Available

54	83	101	116	134
62	84	102	118	135
64	85	103	119	136
65	86	104	121	137
67	88	105	122	138
68	89	106	124	139
70	90	107	126	141
71	92	109	127	142
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82	98	115	133	147



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David and Georgetta Howard are members of Lacombe Grange #907 in Linn County.



"Keeping Oregon Warm" Project

Thanks so very much to all of the Granges and Grangers who generously donated to the "Keeping Oregon Warm". Several bags and boxes of scarves, hats, etc... were brought in and will be distributed to those in need in District 1.

Watch this page for information on whether the project will be continued or if the Youth and Young Adults will select a new project to help those in the district which is hosting the state convention.



Youth members Terry Elliot and Jade Naylor prepare Goodie Basket tickets for Wednesday drawing.

2022 Goodie Basket Winners

District 1 Basket

Jesse O'Dell, Santiam Valley Grange

District 2 Basket

Wayne Cabler, Phoenix Grange

District 3 Basket

George Carroll, Molalla Grange

District 4 Basket

Springwater Grange

District 5 Basket

Brenda Hassler, Goshen Grange

District 6 Basket

Steve Kroeker, Crow Grange



Above: It was head first for Oregon State Junior President as he drew one of the winning Goodie Basket tickets.

Do You Make Videos? Can You Teach Us How?

The Oregon State Grange is looking for a Granger who can help us learn how to record and post short videos on the State Grange website and on Facebook and other social media.

Please contact Jay Sexton at: president@orgrange.org if you can help.



Grange Youth & Young Adults



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2022 Oregon State Grange Convention Youth and Young Adult's Report was given on Wednesday morning June Above: Lexi Suing of Crow Grange #450 in Lane County giving her winning speech. She will be representing Oregon at the Regional contest in August in Springfield.

information about how to attract members, to take back to their respective Granges.

This year at state session we started the week with the kickoff banquet where we introduced our wonderful youth officers. At the get to know you workshop we were able to tie-dye some shirts without getting tie-dye on ourselves. At Monday's workshop Breanna McKay talked about how social media can be used to interact with the public and keep others up to date about events happening in our communities. Lexi Suing gave us an informative workshop on the Chinook language. We were happy to see non youth at our workshops. Throughout the week we have had morning practices and worked on various Cricut projects.

Below: Breanna Hays McKay of Abernethy Grange in Clackamas County placed first in the Grange Rituals contest where she recited to the judges one of the officer charges from memory. 22 during the Youth and Young Adults presentation.

Thank you all for joining us here this morning, we are very happy to be here. The support that we have felt this year has been awesome.

After state convention last year, we had two youth go to Western Regional in Boise, Idaho. Jessie Jo Guttridge won overall Grange baseball champion. We had two youth represent us at National Grange in Wichita, Kansas.

Oregon is hosting Western Regionals this year in Eugene at the Hilton Garden Inn Eugene/ Springfield and we hope to see you all there. We are planning multiple workshops and a trip to Waltherville Grange Friday night for BBQ and Grange Baseball. We have registration forms on the Youth table.

Throughout the year youth around the state participated at their local Granges helping out. There were four youth that participated in the Grange Growth Summit at Sunnyside Grange and learned more

We are looking forward to having a Fall Youth weekend. More information will be on Facebook.

OSG Youth/Young Adults Contest Winners

Prepared Speech

Category: Young Adult

1st place Lexi Suing, Crow Grange #450, Lane Co.

Ritual Contest

Category: Young Adult

1st place Breanna Hays McKay, Abernethy Grange #346, Clackamas Co.



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Below: Breanna Hays McKay of Abernethy Grange in Clackamas County placed first in the Grange Rituals contest where she recited to the judges one of the officer charges from memory. This is an Oregon only contest.



Mural Brings New Life to Oregon Grange and Community

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Located at the corner of the Trask River Road and 3rd Street in the small dairy town of Tillamook, on the Oregon coast, Fairview Grange #273's hall has a new bright eye-catching mural – 'A Gathering at the Grange.' "The mural is for the community, for this neighborhood, as well as to bring the Grange into more of a cultural center" Eric Sappington, President of Fairview Grange and a local artist, musician and teacher explained.

"The mural focuses on the farms, the children, the music, and the community," Sappington said. "We wanted to keep it simple and represent our community. The silhouettes can be anybody, everyone can gravitate towards one or two of those things. I wanted it to be something people could see and relate to."

From one end to the other the forty feet by fifteen-foot mural represents the many views of Tillamook. It starts on one end with a painting of a lighthouse representing Cape Meares Lighthouse, and the other end a misty sunrise over the hills. "I have included aspects of our community, with it being the light-

house, the ocean, the trees, as well as the hillsides, the figures of our community: the loggers, musicians, the artists, the children, the farmers, as well as some wildlife. I envisioned this as if we were standing here looking through the Grange," said mural designer Sappington.

The mural was a cooperative project between the Grange, the Oregon Coast Children's Theatre's Foundation, which funded the project, and members of the community. "We had local high school students working on it," Sappington said. "And community members helped out." The painting started August 21 with volunteers helping a couple of hours, two nights a week, and one other artist Larry Adrian, Artistic Director for the Oregon Coast Children's Theater (OCCT) as well as several volunteers on the weekends. The project took about eight weeks to complete. "The neighborhood has been really excited about it because they say it really brightens their day," Sappington said.

The mural was one of several projects done at the hall last summer and into



"A Gathering at the Grange" the recently finished mural on Fairview Grange, brightens the day of their neighbors as they pass by.

the fall as volunteers, students, staff of the theater, Grange members and family completed the first part of the renovations being done. With those renovations done the OCCT will make their new administration office at the Grange hall in the old Box Office. The over 100-year-old building received coats of new paint inside and out and repairs to doors, windows and the front area of the building. Other repairs continued through the winter and into spring of 2022. Tillamook Rotary is donating a new handicapped ramp for the building and many other projects and events are planned for this historic building with a long history for the region.

"Granges historically have been about agriculture and community," Grange President Sappington said. "They were about farmers getting together and sharing with the community." The Fairview Grange, the oldest Grange in Tillamook County, was chartered in 1895, with forty-three members. It was the 273rd Grange to be organized in Oregon. The Grange Hall was built in 1916, at a cost of \$2,000, and was then considered the finest Grange hall in the state.

Built before the invention of microphones, amps and speakers, the Grange Hall was engineered to be acoustically dynamic, allowing speeches and musical presentations to project without a sound system. The Grange hall has been extensively used for dances, concerts, weddings, markets, and other public gatherings.

However, over the years, the building itself became in need of extensive repair, the membership dropped and in 2011 the Oregon State Grange took possession of the hall when the Grange went dormant. "The hall was going to get demolished eight years ago until 10 strong members stepped up to save it," Sappington said and in 2013 the Grange was reorganized, and the hall saved.

Since then, renovations have been underway to make the building safe and usable for the public. In 2014 the Grange received a \$5000 matching grant from the Oregon State Grange for new windows, landscaping and signage.

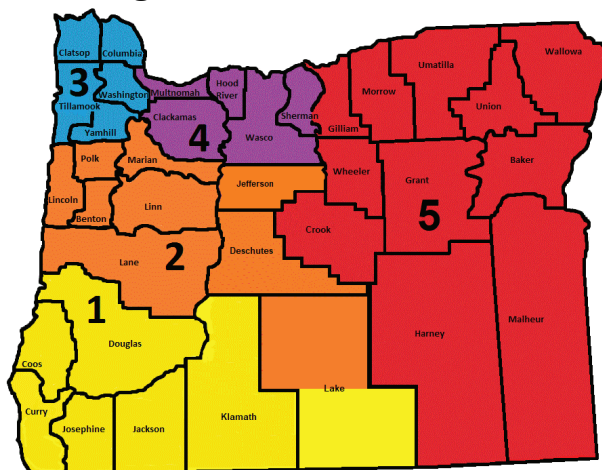
OCCT for the Arts focuses on education in both theatre and fine arts. "We build and fund public works of art," Adrian said. "Most schools in Tillamook County have a mural that was done by us." As a part of their partnership and renovations to the Fairview Grange, OCCT for the Arts Foundation and supporters commissioned Sappington to design and oversee the installation of the mural on the side of the building.

The OCCT will be holding artists showcases, open mic events, and theater at the hall. Adrian said. "Our eventual goal is to use the Grange auditorium to do live theatre performances." And like many Grange halls, will be open for events such as birthday parties and weddings.



L-r: A local student paints in the sand while up on the ladder artist and Grange President Eric Sappington, works on the sunrise.

Revised Districts Map as Adopted by the Delegates at the 2022 Convention



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