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Bring your holiday spirit.

Oregon Shines at the 156th National Grange Convention

It was an exciting week for Oregon Grangers at the National Grange Convention in Sparks, Nevada. Business of the National Grange was done including setting policy (*see how Oregon’s resolutions fared on page 13*), election of some National officers and even a change in the sixth-degree salutation by the Assembly of Demeter. (*You will need to come to State convention to see it.*)



Susan Noah receiving the regalia of the office of Executive Committee member of the National Grange from High Priest of Demeter Roger Bostwick.

Probably the most exciting news was for the first time in 67 years, the Grange has seen growth in fraternal membership, an achievement well worth celebrating! For the Western Region it saw a net gain not only in Oregon but in all seven states (OR, WA, AK, ID, MT, NV & CA) in the region which led the charge for the nation. 62 of Oregon’s Granges were recognized as Honor Granges with net gains in membership from July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022. Watch for the list in the February/March issue of the Bulletin.

Oregon’s Young Adults were very visible with three of them serving as National Youth officers, all in speaking offices and competing in Grange Baseball as well as another Oregon Young Adult gave their speech as part of the Night of Honors (*see page 17*).

Past state President Susan Noah was re-elected to another two-year term on the National Grange Executive Committee and lots of Oregon Granges and Grangers were honored throughout the week. These included Quilts of Valor recipients (*page 16*), Distinguished Granges and Grange in Action award recipients (*page 4*).

But it didn’t stop there: Quilt blocks, Photography, Publicity, and Junior Grange Handy Crafts all had award recipients and Oregon’s talent contest winner performed as part of the Evening of Excellence. And we cannot forget the Sixth degree team, the Rosebud team and all the hard working Oregon Grangers that volunteered and served on the regional host committee. Oregon was seen and heard a lot during this year’s convention and you made us all proud.



Happy Holidays

From the staff of the

Oregon State Grange

Jay, Suzy, Steve and Carol

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The President's Column

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Recently I was driving down the highway when I saw the flashing lights of an approaching ambulance. I had a long view and was able to see the lines of cars all pull over to allow the swift passage of the flashing lights, answering some community need. It put me in mind of three recent Grange meetings I have attended, where low membership had brought about a phone call of concern to the State Grange Office. There are a generous handful of Granges in Oregon in this same situation.

With the encouragement of the State Grange Office, these three Granges put out the word in their communities that they needed new members to keep their halls well-functioning and available to the people of their communities. The flashing lights of community need brought the attention of the community and new members joined to help. Often people familiar with the Grange hall are unaware that they can join, or that there IS a "membership". This is our fault – Grange often does not tell it's story well.

We need to serve our communities, but also tell the people of our communities that we are a membership organization that answers local needs and that we enjoy and encourage new members and their dreams. My original Grange of

Marys River #685 has, in the last year, welcomed new members that proposed and organized successful new activities. Long time members chipped in to volunteer and help hold a Dinner Theater, a monthly Music Jam, and a monthly Country Dance. These events bring in new people, and new members, and give us the opportunity to demonstrate the Community of Grange.

Shifting gears, I have recently returned from the 156th National Grange Convention in Sparks, Nevada where several hundred Grangers from around the country gathered. This was the first time I have represented you, Oregon Grangers, as one of our two delegates. Typically, our second delegate is the spouse of the State Grange President, but my wife Toni Hoyman stayed home with our aging, failing dog Kema, whom we did not wish to abandon in his decline, I chose our second delegate this year to be Susan Noah, who already planned to attend, in her role as a National Grange Executive Committee member. And just so you know, Kema survived the week, and enjoyed some Thanksgiving leftovers.

The BIG NEWS from the National Convention was that the National Grange, over all, had an annual membership increase for the first time since 1955!!!! This was pri-

marily driven by gains in the western states, so Well Done Oregon! Let us continue our efforts to welcome new brothers and sisters to our halls.

Shifting gears again, although it is after the December 1st deadline, I want to touch on the Roster Update Form which was mailed to all Grange Secretaries last month. This form was updated this past summer, after a State Grange resolution, to reduce the information requested for the roster updates to the essential contact information. I would like this new edition of the Roster to be as complete as possible so I intend to follow up with phone calls to those Granges that miss the deadline. Besides the Grange meeting time and contact information we are asking for the contact info for the President, Vice-President, Lecturer, Chaplain, Secretary and rental contact. Please fill out the form with your 2023 Officers, even if they have not yet been officially installed.

After the new year we will send out a form requesting contact information for the committee chairs of your Grange, and this information will be provided electronically to the Committee Directors, and will no longer be included in the printed Roster. The 2023 OSG roster should end up with four Granges per page, rather than the two per page we have had in the recent Rosters, reducing the size and postage for the distribution of this information.

We will be increasing our efforts to record email addresses for our Oregon Grange members. Being able to email information to Grange members reduces our postage costs, improves the speed of providing information to our members, and allows members to quickly and easily email for questions and clarifications. When emails are written for new and old members PLEASE take care to make the writing legible. One of the greatest frustrations in this effort is almost getting an email right. Thank you for your help in this.



Left: State President Jay Sexton receiving the Distinguished Grange Certificate from National President Betsey Huber. Oregon was one of three states to qualify for this award.

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National Grange Evening of Excellence

Carmel Valencia of Phoenix Grange #779, Jackson County, represented Oregon during the Evening of Excellence at National Convention. She was one of eight acts representing six states that included vocal, dance, sign-a-song, and readings.

R: Carmel Valencia played the guitar and sang during the Evening of Excellence at National Grange convention.



National Grange Virtual Photo Contest

During the 2022 National Grange Convention in Sparks, Nevada, the National Grange Lecturer Ann Bercher announced to winners of the virtual photo contest. Oregon

Granger Cheyenne Pettit of Creswell Grange #496, Lane County received Honorable Mention in the Water division. Congratulations Cheyenne!



2023 National Grange Photo Contest

Statement Of Intent

To encourage members and friends of the Grange to submit photos that can be used in National Grange publications and virtual media. Submitted photos will become the property of the National Grange and may be used in National Grange publications, marketing, merchandise, and virtual media.

Rules

- A. The National Grange Virtual Photo Contest is open to all Grangers and yet-to-be Grangers.
- B. All entries must be received electronically as a single (1) file no larger than 10 MB via Google Forms at <https://bit.ly/grangephoto2023> by September 1, 2023.
- C. Divisions – there are four divisions:
 - > Farm machinery
 - > Potluck Activity

- > Gardens
- > Grange Family
- D. Each individual is limited to entering a total of three (3) photos.
- E. Entries should be no more than one (1) year old.
- F. Any photograph deemed inappropriate will not be judged or exhibited in the National Grange Virtual Photo Contest.
- G. Any entries received after the September 1, 2023 deadline will not be judged.

Prizes

Monetary prizes will be awarded for each division:
1st - \$50
2nd - \$30
3rd - \$20

The top three photos in each division will be featured in a 2023 greeting card collection.

Email Scam

From the National Grange: There has been a rise in fraudulent email activity requesting that gift cards be bought and sent to "friends" or family members. These have also been reported as coming from State Grange or National Grange officers. **THIS IS A SCAM!** Neither the Oregon State Grange or the National Grange will ever ask you to purchase gift cards and send to others.

Stay safe, and if it seems suspicious - report it!
Report: Reportfraud.ftc.gov
More info: ftc.gov/giftcards



The Lecturer's Column

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Since we are preparing to celebrate Oregon State Grange's 150th anniversary we can contribute the success of the longevity to the ritualism that binds us together. Grange history shows conclusively that where the ritual is best observed their Grange progress is most in evidence. In the cases where Granges work on improving their ritualism, growth follows.

Community service projects may differ from Grange to Grange, depending on the needs of the community, however the ritualistic features of our Fraternal organization are the same from coast to coast. A Grange member from another state visiting a Grange in Oregon can expect the same thing as what they experience in their own Grange. Were it not for this universal tie a national organi-

zation would soon deteriorate. The power of the Grange would be broken if the Fraternal atmosphere was lost. Remember it is through our ritualism that these universal features are preserved. As we experience changes in terminology the underlying ritualism remains.

In addition to the ritualism, part of the Lecturer's responsibility is to make sure there is time for socializing and fellowship. All of these factors come together to create a healthy organization. The combination of ritual, socializing, and fellowship are the reason we are able to be a non-partisan organization and come together to discuss for the greater good.

Have you asked someone to join the Grange to share in the fellowship?

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Susan B. Anthony Says a Word!

A play written and performed by Miss Miriam Reed, a member of Bellview Grange #759, Jackson County, was presented at the Grange on November 5th as a benefit. The play was filled with the strength and energy of Miss Anthony who lived from 1820-1906.

Miss Anthony was a dedicated worker for Woman's Rights:

- Control of her own person
- Ownership of her own wages
- Guardianship of her children
- Her Right to Suffrage.

Righr: Miss Miriam Reed reforming a play she had written on the words of Susan B. Anthony at the Bellview Grange.

"Woman never will change anything until they have votes and (honest) representation!" said Anthony. She did not live to see women get the right to vote nationally in 1920.

Miriam's great performance was followed by a lively Q & A session!





The Chaplain's Corner

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Greetings,

Hope everyone enjoyed our beautiful fall! We are now fast approaching the holiday season. Time seems to be flying by this time of year. So much to do and so little time. We need to remember the reason for the season is the birth of Christ and not all the bright lights and presents.

Use this time to help someone who is going through a hard time or

reach out to that person who is by themselves. Christmas is not always a happy time for everyone. Remember one small act could mean the world to someone.

I hope everyone takes time to relax and remember what the true meaning of Christmas is all about. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

God Bless,
Paula



In Memoriam

LaVeta Botz
Rockwall #679

Mary Ellen Brooks
Mt Vernon #659

Lenore Brown
Central #360

Cleta DeBoer
Boulevard #389

Duaine Esbenshade
Siletz Valley #558

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Ada #570

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Edwin St Clair
Spencer Creek #855

Delmar Stanley
Liberty #613

Julia Stillwell
Mosier #234

June Strand
Spencer Creek #855

Leonard Whitlow II
Siletz Valley #558

Shirley Wright
Clarkes #261

Jeanne Zerr
Skyline #894



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.

Oregon's 2022 Distinguished Granges

During the Night of Honors at the National Grange convention five Oregon Community Granges and the Oregon State Grange were recognized as 2022 Distinguished Granges and two Oregon Granges received Grange in Action awards.

The Distinguished Grange recognition program is for Granges who fulfill their service and advocacy missions and provide support for members and their community was launched in 2009. The first Distinguished Granges were honored at the 144th Annual National Grange Convention in 2010.

For the first time Hurricane Creek Grange #608 in Wallowa County received this honor. Also honored were Creswell Grange #496 in Lane County for the fourth year in a row, Marys River #685 for the fifth year in a row which garnered them a

plaque, Springwater Grange # 263 in Clackamas County who was honored for the seventh time in the last eight years and Redland Grange #796, Clackamas County, one of the original recipients and who has received the award for thirteen consecutive years.

Also recognized that evening were two Oregon Grange in Action recipients. The Grange in Action program is designed to encourage all Granges to be active in their communities and complete events or projects, no matter how small. Any Grange that does not complete the application for Distinguished Grange can participate in this program.

Oregon Granges receiving the award this year were Irving Grange #377, Lane County and Myrtle Creek Grange #442, Douglas County.



L-r: National President Betsy Huber presents the Distinguished Grange award for Hurricane Creek Grange to David and Joanne McBride.

L-r: National President Betsy Huber presents the Distinguished Grange award for Creswell Grange to Patrick Dearth.



L-r: National President Betsy Huber presents the Distinguished Grange award for Marys River Grange to Sonny Hays-Eberts.



L-r: National President Betsy Huber presents the Distinguished Grange award for Springwater Grange to Suzy Ramm and Jessie Jo Guttridge.



L-r: National President Betsy Huber presents the Distinguished Grange award for Redland Grange to Oregon State President Jay Sexton.

Cranberries: One of Several Native American Fruits

Did you know that Oregon ranks number three, or four depending on the year, in the nation in cranberry production behind Wisconsin and Massachusetts and sometimes New Jersey. Nearly 3,000 acres of cranberries are cultivated in Oregon, with production centered in the south coast towns of Bandon, Langlois, Sixes and Port Orford. Oregon growers produce approximately 40 million pounds of berries each year.

Try Growing Cranberries Yourself—No Bog Necessary!

Commercial Cranberries are grown in bogs because they protect the fruit: A bog can be quickly flooded when freezing weather is predicted, thus sparing the submerged blossoms and berries from spring and fall frosts.

But did you know that you don't need a bog to grow cranberries? In fact, they are a great addition to the home garden—and, come harvest-time, they are a surprise condiment for your holiday dinners. A 10x5-foot plot will yield up to 10 pounds of delicious berries just in time for sauces and desserts.

Here's all you need to know to grow cranberries at home:

- For best results, cranberries should be grown in full sun in a 50–50 mix of garden soil

and peat moss (for acidity and drainage). If your soil is sandy, remove the top 8 inches and line the bottom of the bed with a sheet of 6-mil plastic.

- Poke plenty of drainage holes in the plastic and then fill the bed with the soil mix. Scratch in 1/2 pound of 10-20-10 fertilizer and you are ready to plant.
- The cranberry, *Vaccinium macrocarpon*, a North American native, is a member of the heath family and a relative of the blueberry and huckleberry. It is a low-growing evergreen, hardy to USDA Zone 2, that sends out runners much like strawberries do. Each runner may grow up to 3 feet long and send up numerous uprights that bear thumb-nail-size fruit.
- Cranberries are best planted in late April through the end of May. Six 3-year-old plants spaced evenly throughout the bed will grow together to form a thick mat and should produce during the first season.
- A light mulch of sawdust or sand will help to root the runners. Water the new planting every day for two weeks and then as you would the rest of your garden. Flower buds open from late May to June and produce ripe fruit in late September to early October.



Cranberry bogs on the southern Oregon coast.



Interested in Tapping Your Maple Trees?

Eric Jones is leading the Oregon State University project to help land-

owners interested in learning the commercial potential of tapping bigleaf maple trees for sap-based products like maple syrup on their lands. Oregon is on the way to having an economically significant industry emerge in the next few years. They are working with several landowners who have already taken steps toward commercial production and some are selling product.

The areas in the state where they are working with landowners primarily include Columbia, Washington, Yamhill, Multnomah, Clackamas,

Polk, Marion, Benton, Lane, and Linn counties. They have about 20 landowners of various sizes that they have been working with including tree farmers, vineyards, crop farms, and many other land use types represented. As a part of the USDA AMS grant Dr. Jones is doing public educational events and would like to do one or two at a Grange Hall sometime in the next year. The tapping season is winter so it's harder to do a public event, but if your Grange is in the targeted region and is interested, please contact Eric and he will help set up an event. Typically, he brings a trailer with all the equipment for processing so there is a lot to see and touch. He also does a tasting so people can try the syrup and see how it is different than what comes from Sugar Maples.

The Agricultural Report

Agriculture Director - Oregon State Grange

Bigleaf Maple Syrup: An Emerging Industry in Western Oregon!

As most people with western farms and forestland know, bigleaf maple is an abundant, fast growing tree. What many people do not know is that just like its sugar maple cousin in the northeast that is the source of most real maple syrup on store shelves, bigleaf has sugary sap and makes a delicious syrup as well. The flavor is similar but most tasters describe it as more complex, often with a preference for it over sugar maple.

Eric Jones from the OSU College of Forestry has assembled an interdisciplinary team of researchers to help landowners enter into commercial bigleaf maple sap procurement and processing. The team has been awarded two consecutive grants from the Agricultural Marketing Service Acer Access and Development program. Maple syrup and other maple sap products are rapidly growing markets and the Pacific Northwest has a future role to play.

Tapping maple trees occurs in winter. In the northeast the trees can be frozen all winter so the tapping occurs at the end of winter. In Oregon we can tap throughout the winter when the conditions are right. You need freezing nights and above-freezing days for the sap to run so there may be many chances to tap throughout the winter. However, warm days can also cause problematic bacteria to flourish so the OSU team is studying best practices for mitigating problems like bacteria.

Although some small hobby tapping and even some small commercial tapping has occurred in Oregon it has been rare. The reason for this is that bigleaf sap has less sugar than sugar maple so takes a lot more time and energy to make a finished product. However, recent technological advances with reverse osmosis machines to remove water and vacuum tubing systems to collect sap have not made it economically viable to tap bigleaf. The OSU team has been investing in equipment and working with landowner partners and through public events to demonstrate how the equipment works so landowners with an interest in becoming commercial producers can make informed decisions about their investments.

If you'd like to learn more about bigleaf maple tapping, start by

visiting the OSU team's public website, www.OregonTreeTappers.net, you'll also find a wealth of background information.

You can reach out directly to Jones at eric.t.jones@oregonstate.edu with questions and advice and to get put on the invite list for the first bigleaf maple festival in Oregon May 13, 2023 at the 4h Center in West Salem. The festival will be a low cost family friendly event featuring chances to try different bigleaf maple syrups, see tapping equipment and setups, and meet fellow tappers and university researchers.

Also keep an eye out for public bigleaf maple educational events at Granges, Tree Schools, and other forestry and agricultural meetings.

Lastly, the Oregon Maple Project is a non-profit partner to the OSU project that is teaching basic sugaring setups and processing and has a sugaring collective of small producers that are learning together. The website for the Oregon Maple Project is www.oregonmapleproject.org

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Above: Oregon State University Grad Student rigging vacuum tubing to a Big Leaf Maple tree.

Community Service Involvement

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Motto: Making a difference in the community

Sisters and Brothers,

I had the opportunity of going to the National Grange Convention in Sparks, Nevada week of November 15th thru the 19th.

The National Grange Community Service Project was Eddy House. The mission of Eddy House is: "to work with homeless and at-risk youth to develop the life and job skills necessary for sustainable independence". Sixteen states participated in the community service project for Eddy House. Because of their generosity, we were able to present a check for \$2305.00, and in addition: Visa Debit and Amazon Gift Cards that totaled \$300.00. Bags and boxes of pillowcases with strings, personal hygiene items and clothing items were donated.

Zoie Harmer from Eddy House said that she was "overwhelmed" by the support, as Eddy House is the only transitional housing for at-risk youth in northwestern Nevada. They work to provide a safe, warm space, as well as training to

get their participants jobs and out of the 'system'.

It was an honor to be the Host Committee Chair for the Community Service Project. While there I was able to learn about a Grange in Connecticut that partnered with a Veteran's organization, and they collect used American flags and once a month they perform the flag disposal ceremony.

At the convention Showcase many Community Service books from around the country were displayed and it provided several ideas on how we can improve Oregon's Community Service books.

The Holiday Season is upon us. Please think of what you can do to make an individual or family happy this season. This is also the time to be planning your Community Service Projects for 2023.

Please continue supporting our "Home Town Values" with our "Community to Roots".



Bags of sorted bottles and cans ready for redemption at an Oregon Bottle Drop location.

Lake Creek Grange Community Service: Bottles for Bottles

As part their dedication to Community Service, the Lake Creek Grange, #697, Jackson County, has had an on-going program to recycle plastic bottles and aluminum cans. They accept used "redeemable" bottles and cans donated from members of their community. The members sort and package these items into special bags, and submit these bags to the Oregon Bottle Drop Redemption Center for reimbursement. The resulting money from this redemption is held for charitable purposes.

This year the Grange voted to give \$800 of this money to the Lake Creek Rural Fire Protection District to go towards vital equipment that has expired or is in need of upgrade. This donation was ear-marked to buy

new bottles for their self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBA) which had expired and could thus not be used. SCBAs are a key tool to protect firefighters from breathing toxic gases and harmful particulates emitted by fires. It provides the Lake Creek volunteer firefighters a vital tool required to adequately fight car, house, and wildland fires and rescue those at risk.

The Grange publicized this donation on both the Lake Creek Grange Facebook page and the Lake Creek Community Watch Facebook page in order to spur other community members to also donate to the fire department. Additionally, this publicity was meant to demonstrate that the Grange has value and is relevant to their community.

Ada Grange Thanks Firefighters

Ada Grange #570, participated in the 3rd Quarter Community Service project for Lane Pomona Grange. They sent 110 individual Thank

You cards to local fire fighters, EMTs, and fire stations. The cards included a big one that was presented to the fire station employees.



Above: Megan Schofield, Ada President, presented a "Big Thank You Card" to firefighter, Matt for the fire station employees, thanking them for their service.



Creswell Grange Holds Food Drive

On Tuesday November 8th Creswell Grange #496, Lane County, braved the weather to set at the Creswell Bi-mart to collect food and cash donations for the Creswell food bank.

L: Grangers Stanley Garboden, Patrick Dearth, Patti Scott, and Georgann Squire helped at the table at Bi-mart collecting food for the Creswell Food Bank.



L-r: Fire Chief Craig Anders of the Lake Creek Rural Fire Protection District was presented a check from Lake Creek Grange by Community Service Chair; Rick Crook.



Above: Zoie Harmer (right) accepts a cash donation from National Grange President Betsy Huber and Liz Dehne, Community Service Host Region Committee Chair.

National Grange Convention Community Service Project

Thank you for your donations!

Brothers and Sisters,

Because of your generous hearts, we had 16 States participating in the National Grange Community Service project for Eddy House.

Thank you to California, Connecticut, Idaho, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Washington for your contributions!

Because of your generosity, we were able to present checks totaling \$2305, in addition to Visa Debit and Amazon Gift Cards that totaled \$300.

Bags and boxes of pillowcases with strings, personal hygiene items and clothing items were also donated.

Thank you very much to all that participated. None of this is possible without your participation.

When accepting the donations, Zoie Harmer from Eddy House said that she was "overwhelmed" by the support, as Eddy House is the only transitional housing for at-risk youth in

northwestern Nevada. They work to provide a safe, warm space, as well as training to get their participants jobs and out of the system.

Thank you again for your support.

Liz Dehne, Oregon State Grange Host Committee Chair
Community Service Project



Above: Some of the donations for the Eddy House from Grangers at the National Grange Convention. In addition to the Oregon State Grange, nine Oregon Pomona and Community Granges and six Oregon individuals made donations.

Ada Supports Siuslaw Outreach Services

For the past seven years, Ada Grange #570, Lane County's ongoing community service project has been supporting Siuslaw Outreach Services through quarterly donations.

Siuslaw Outreach Services (SOS) is located in Florence and their mission is "to provide compassionate, respectful and confidential support to individuals and families in need." In 2021 SOS served 2,374 clients.

In the past year Ada has donated 616 lbs. of food, 191 lbs. of toiletries/paper products and \$100 in gift cards given to five families who

received the quarterly donations. The families are chosen by SOS. The families included grandparents raising two grandchildren, a single Mom with a 19-year-old disabled son, a single Mom with two sons aged ten and seventeen, a male with two children under the age of ten and a family of eight.

Also donated over the past year was 475 individual snacks, 188 individual toiletries, 13 blankets, 257 articles of clothing, 119 pairs of socks, gloves, hats, coats, handwarmers, tarps, dog food, undergarments and feminine products.

Wolf Creek Grange Provides Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

By Dick Mason The Observer
November 21, 2022

NORTH POWDER — North Powder has a generous community, one that sometimes is a bit too generous — at least for some. That's something Cecilia Lovely, the head cook for North Powder's Wolf Creek Grange's annual community Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, Nov. 20, knows firsthand.

One of the donated turkeys Lovely cooked for the dinner weighed a cumbersome 50 pounds. "It was so huge we had to cut it in half," Lovely said, because the big bird would not fit into Wolf Creek Grange Hall's ovens.

Handling the large turkey was one of the challenges the cooks for the Grange's dinner, which has been conducted almost every year for at least 60 years, confronted while preparing the annual feast, which was free and open to the public.

The cooks lost more than a few hours of sleep preparing the meal in the days leading up to it, but not their sense of humor. This was apparent on Nov. 20 as the cooks made last-minute preparations for the meal.

"We have so many things going on that I'm not sure where I'm at," Lovely said with a laugh.

Bringing the community together. Despite a few speed bumps, the Wolf Creek Grange Hall opened for its Thanksgiving dinner 20 minutes early with a bountiful selection that included turkey, ham, rolls, mashed potatoes and gravy and, of course, pies.

Barry Princevalle, of North Powder, was among the more than 40 people who came. "It is so fun to get together and see old friends," he said.

Jeff Nielsen, who came to the dinner with his wife, Wynn, said the annual Thanksgiving dinner is symbolic of what Wolf Creek Grange does. "It brings the community together," he said. Nielsen noted that the annual Thanksgiving meal has enormous historical significance for the Wolf Creek Grange, which celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2021. He said

it is believed the Grange has been conducting its Thanksgiving dinners since it moved in 1957 to its present location, a building that previously housed many businesses including a meat market and mercantile store. He said the site is a far cry from its original location near Wolf Creek, 8 miles northwest of North Powder, that was destroyed by a fire in the early 1940s.

Liz Robinson, a volunteer who helped prepare the dinner, said one of the best things about it is that it gives all people the chance to enjoy a good Thanksgiving meal. "Not everybody is able to cook," she said. Robinson said the Wolf Creek Grange members and the other community members who assist with the Thanksgiving dinner program share a common trait. "We are all community oriented," she said. "We will do whatever we can to help people in the community. That is what we are here for."

Fauna Ferenbach, the program director and Lecturer for Wolf Creek Grange, said the annual Thanksgiving dinner is symbolic of what makes North Powder special. Ferenbach moved to North Powder six years ago from Portland. "I found a sense of community I had never felt in my life," she said.

A job well done
Lovely said one of her favorite things about being part of the community Thanksgiving meal is seeing its effects. "Watching everyone enjoy the meal makes us feel appreciated," she said. Lovely is the head cook for all Wolf Creek Grange's meals. "She always does an amazing job," said Linda Dixon, a member of the Grange. Dixon said Lovely's knowledge of cooking is second to none. "She absorbs knowledge and then shares it," she said.

Lovely noted that many of those helping to prepare the meal are of an age in which they no longer have big families to cook for. "It is nice to be able to cook a big meal and then go home and put your feet up," she said.

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Some of the item donated by Ada Grange.



Deaf Awareness and Family Health

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Challenges to Healthy Aging in Place Part Three: Social Connectedness

Welcome back! We have been examining what it takes to age in place. There are currently over 46 million older adults, and by 2030, one out of every five Americans will be 65 years or older.¹ Aging in place refers to the ability of older adults to remain in their homes and communities as they age, rather than relocating to institutional settings. Aging in place promotes life satisfaction and improved self-esteem. The issue of aging is especially important in rural areas, and according to the Rural Health Information Hub, nearly 90% of rural seniors want to stay in their homes as they age.

The two factors we previously discussed that affect aging in place were housing and income, both strong influences on a person's ability to stay in their home. The third area we want to examine is social connectedness. Social connectedness includes a person's family obligations and interactions, their connections with their friends and social groups, and their connections to their neighborhood and surrounding environment.²

We don't often think of our connection to our environment as social, but it is in every sense of the word. We have meaningful exchanges with our environment on a daily basis and changes or losses are keenly felt. Geographer, Graham Rowels, developed the concept of "place attachment."³ Place attachment is a sense of physical and social "insiderness" that comes from everyday exchanges that occur over a period of time. Ultimately, these exchanges integrate our lives with an overarching identification with our environment. Which is why leaving an area, or your home, can feel like losing a loved one.

Important to remember is that all types of social connections for seniors are critical and play a vital role in mental, emotional and physical health. The benefits of social connections include, but are not limited to:

- Increased health and overall physical condition
- Decreased blood pressure
- Improved cognitive function
- Maintained purpose of life
- Lower rates of anxiety, depression and PTSD symptoms
- Stronger immune system⁴

When an individual's attachment

to place is a significant portion of their social connection network it's easy to see the importance of aging in place.

These are not new concepts to the Grange. The Grange symbols and ceremonies reflect a profound relationship with the environment around us and every Grange meeting includes inquiries about sick and absent members. Grange customs and traditions are yet another expression of "place attachment."

Additionally, when aging in place is supported, the entire community benefits. We often think of diversity only in cultural terms yet intergenerational diversity offers similar rewards and results for those involved. Our older adult's knowledge can help us understand the evolution of an idea across time and bring a greater depth to seeing why we are where we are today.⁵

So that brings us to our now familiar question, what part can the Grange take to support social connectedness? What can we do for our members, and what can we do for our community at large?

Here are a few ideas for increasing social connectedness in society:

- Continue to support internet and broadband connectivity in rural areas
- Offer a variety of activities that have broad appeal across the generations
- Back legislation that funds the design and maintenance of inclusive public spaces
- Prioritize legislation that backs public transportation for rural and suburban areas
- Make social connectedness a community norm
- Honor community assets
- Encourage legislators to allocate resources to assets that strengthen connectivity

In our next issue, we will examine access to health care as a factor that influences aging in place and when we do so, it quickly becomes apparent that many of these factors affect multiple influences. For example, we stress the importance of prioritizing public transportation in this section because an inability to travel to events and social gatherings is a factor that influences social connectedness, but it is an important factor in accessing health care as well. In fact, many factors are influences in multiple categories and act as barriers to healthy aging in place.



Dogs for Better Lives Selected for Holiday Fundraiser

The Oregonian's 2022 Season of Sharing selected Dogs for Better Lives as one of thirteen Oregon social Service agency that will benefit from their annual holiday fundraising campaign.

When Rosa Belem Ochoa's family was rushing to evacuate their Medford home during the Almeda fire in 2020, she wasn't sure if her son, Julian, would willingly come along.

Julian, then 10, who has been diagnosed with autism, does best in calm environments, following a routine. He'll stop at the front door if it's raining, said Ochoa, adding, "he does not like change."

One big change to the family made it possible for the Ochoas to flee: A cream-colored Labrador named Vanilla that had been coached to protect, guide and comfort Julian.

Vanilla was given to the family by Dogs for Better Lives, a national organization founded 46 years ago as Dogs for the Deaf by the late Roy G. Kabat, who lived in southern Oregon.

The nonprofit, which is based in Central Point, began pairing clients with hearing assistance dogs trained to alert them to alarms at home, work and in public places. The mission has since expanded to autism assistance dogs for children and facility dogs for places like classrooms.

Every dollar raised for Dogs for Better Lives is spent on programmatic services. "It's a significant cost to train a single service dog but we provide a dog free of charge because we don't want to create an additional financial burden for someone who has a disability," said CEO Bryan Williams. The last phase of the extensive training is a weeklong orientation of the dog at the client's home.

The organization, which has 44 employees and 145 volunteers, has acquired, trained and placed more than 1,600 dogs since 1977. This year, a second facility opened in Falmouth, Massachusetts. The 2022 budget is

\$4.1 million. All revenue is from private donations from individuals, foundations, business and community groups. Administrative and fundraising expenses are paid through the nonprofit's endowment.

The rescue dogs, from a seven-pound Maltese mix to a 70-pound German Shepherd, must pass strict tests to show they are healthy, have the temperament to be loving and protective, and the focus to stay alert and not be distracted.

The clients pay for food and routine vaccines, while Dogs for Better Lives agrees to provide major medical services if ever needed. "The last thing we want is for someone to experience the life-changing benefits of receiving a service dog and then have the dog taken away because they can't afford surgery," said Williams.

In the mornings, Vanilla stands by as Julian goes through a series of exercises like crossing his arms across his chest and patting his shoulders. The comforting therapy is called the butterfly hug. When Julian lies on the carpet, face down, Vanilla rests her head on Julian's back, adding weight. The "squish" command is given when Julian feels deep pressure from Vanilla's whole body.

Certified trainer Laura Encinas said Vanilla was also taught specific tasks such as "visit" (head on lap), "settle" (lie prone on the floor for Julian to snuggle her) and "anchoring," when the dog, feeling pressure on leash, will sit to stop a child from running away.

What does Julian think of Vanilla? "She's a good doggy," he said, smiling, as Vanilla looked up, wagging her tail. "She's my friend."

What your donation can do:

- \$50: Supplies one dog in training premium dog food for a month
- \$100: Provides initial vaccinations and microchip for one dog in training
- \$150: Buys a five-month supply of Heartworm preventative for one dog in training

Finally, as members of the Grange, we are uniquely positioned to make a huge impact on those in our areas that are struggling with social connections. It's what we do best. Invite others to join us. Be authentic, be genuine, be Grangers.

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Members, as the year ends, please remember the OSG Foundation in your giving. The Foundation has several funds that benefit your members and several programs that you can participate in to benefit the Foundation and its members.

Contributing to the Fraternal Concerns Fund gives the board the resources to help members during catastrophes that they may experience. Also remember the GASS Fund and the State President's Award Fund

The "Kitty Thomas Hearing Impaired Fund Re-imbursement", will reimburse members up to \$500 each year for expenses due to hearing issues. To be reimbursed, please mail your request to the OSG office in Salem by December 31. The form is available on the Oregon State Grange website. http://orgrange.org/res/forms/finance/kitty_thomas.pdf

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- **Benefits You:** As a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, your donation is deductible from your income taxes. Check with your tax adviser or attorney to find how you can best benefit from your gift.
- **Promotes Grange Ideals:** The Foundation promotes the ideals and principles of the Grange.
- **Lasting Legacy:** The knowledge that your money, property, or possessions will continue working on your behalf far into the future for a cause you believe in.
- **Personal Satisfaction:** You will know that you have helped others with your donation.

Donations can be made and directed to your chosen fund or to the General Fund. All donations for 2022 must be postmarked by December 31, 2022 and mailed to the Oregon State Grange office.

The Foundation Trustees wish all Grangers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Education Committee



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2022 Fall Harvest Dinner and Auction for Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom

On October 8th, six members representing the Oregon State Grange attended the Fall Harvest Dinner and Auction for Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) at Oregon State University Alumni Center. Those at the Grange table were OSG President Jay Sexton and his wife Toni Hoyman, Past OSG President Susan Noah, OSG Legislative Director Mark Noah, Cayla Catino and Adam McKinley of Silverton Grange, Marion County, Kagan Williams of Fairmount Grange, Benton County and myself.

Overall, the event was very well organized and attended; I got to meet the people that run the organization and some of those who benefit from it. During the dinner they recognized the 2023 AITC Educator of

the Year. I now know some ways to help AITC.

By contacting AITC you can find out what schools in your area are using their program and then assist them in a number of ways with the assistance of AITC. though money or volunteer help. <https://agclassroom.org/>

No matter where your Grange is located you can benefit AITC though buying sets of books for any classroom, buying books for a school near your Grange, or finding a classroom near you and helping them. You can assist AITC in many ways, if you need assistance in figuring it out then contact me at Lyle.Utt@gmail.com.



L-r around the table: Around the Oregon State Grange table at the Ag in the Classroom Dinner Adam McKinley of Silverton Grange, Marion County, Kagan Williams of Fairmount Grange, Benton County, OSG Legislative Director Mark Noah, Past OSG President Susan Noah, OSG Education Director, Lyle Utt, Cayla Catino also of Silverton Grange, OSG President Jay Sexton and his wife Toni Hoyman.

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Applications for the Don Coin Walrod Memorial Scholarship Now Available

Don Coin Walrod Memorial Scholarship was created by the Deer Island Grange to honor the achievements of Don Coin Walrod. Don graduated from Colorado Agriculture and Mining College in 1941 with a degree in agriculture. After being a pilot in WWII, he returned to Colorado to start his career as an extension agent. In 1953, he moved to St. Helens and became the Columbia County Extension Chairman. He was a dedicated advocate for agriculture and forestry until he retired in 1978. The Deer Island Grange is

honored to provide the following scholarship.

Application Guidelines

This \$1000 scholarship will be awarded to a Columbia County High School Senior. Applicants may attend a trade school, community college, or university of their choice but must major in agriculture, education, forestry, or animal science.

Application packets must be post marked by **April 1st, 2023**. The scholarship winner will

be announced at their school's graduation award ceremony. The money will be sent to the recipient's college upon verification of enrollment.

A complete scholarship packet must contain the following parts:

- ☐ Scholarship application
- ☐ Essay
- ☐ Two letters of recommendation
- ☐ High school transcript

If any part of the scholarship packet is incomplete, the application will

not be considered. Mail completed packets post marked by **April 1st, 2023** to: Don Coin Walrod Scholarship, Deer Island Grange, 64556 Columbia River Hwy, Deer Island, Oregon 97054.

If you have questions regarding eligibility or this application, please contact:

Jani Remsburg, Scholarship Committee Chairperson, (503) 396-3287

Julie Wheeler, Deer Island Grange Master, (503) 369-0332

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OSG Grange Workers Activities Director

Grangers!

The Grange Workers Activities Committee needs your help! This committee organizes many of the contests at the Oregon State Grange Convention. These include contests in many categories of Baked Goods, Preserved Foods, Crafts, and Textiles. As well as gives a scholarship and informs members of issues of the farm and home.

This committee needs a few volunteers to help with promoting contest

entries year around and displaying and working with judges at the State Convention. You can help by working with other members of this committee to encourage skills and contest entries. These contests at our State Convention are a fun display of Granger skills, which used to have more participation in the recent past.

There are also National programs and contests to promote. Promotion of the contests and more activity in these popular skills adds a community learning opportunity in our halls.

Two Oregon Grangers Place in 2022 National Grange Quilt Block Contest

Judy Huey of Abernethy Grange #346, Clackamas County received the 3rd place ribbon in the Group 1 Adult. Finishing just behind her was Mary Stirling of Upper Rogue Grange #825, Jackson County who received Honorable Mention.

quilts and other decorative items and will be sold to raise funds for the National Grange Foundation.

Both quilt block along with the others entered will be finished in to



Above: Judy Huey's blue Wonky Star quilt block.

L: Mary Stirling's red Wonky Star quilt block.

Pull Tab Fundraiser Proceeds Donated

Many Granges participated in the Pull Tab project. After state convention the pull tabs were sold and like other years the proceeds were donated to a charity such as supporting Foster Families, Cancer Research, and the Abused Children

Project. This year the proceeds (\$72.54) were donated to the Rogue Valley Dialysis Patient Trust Fund in Medford. This fund helps many patients obtain medication, put food on the table and make it through stressful emergencies.



Pull tabs brought in from around Oregon during state convention in June.



L-r: Springwater Grange members show off their finished Sourdough Bread Pumpkins; Phyllis Pratt, Donna Stevens, Jessie Jo Guttridge and Susan Wagner.

Springwater Offered Sourdough Bread Class

An October Monday morning found several Grange members and 4Hers in the kitchen of Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County, learning about sourdough and preparing to make a loaf of bread.

Under the instruction of Marilyn Guttridge students used sourdough starter as the leavening agent in their bread. It was still warm enough outside that the bowls of bread dough were set outside to rise. Once they had risen enough, they were kneaded and formed into pumpkin shaped loaves of bread.



Marilyn Guttridge looking over the results of her class.

Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

December 1	Subordinate/Community and Pomona Grange officers' information due to the state Grange office. Get them in ASAP if you have not already.
December 15	Deadline to apply for Bonding Insurance through the National Grange. Send to state Grange office
December 18	2-4pm Oregon State Grange office Open House – Salem
December 31	Oregon State Grange Foundation - "Kitty Thomas Hearing Impaired Fund Reimbursement" request deadline. Send to the state office
January 31, 2023	4 th Quarter Report due to the state Grange office
March 1	Deadline for first 2023 Matching Grant applications. Must be post marked by March 1 or if emailing, completed application must arrive by March 1.
June 18-22, 2023	Oregon State Grange Convention - The Big To-Do In District 2! Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall
November 14-18, 2023	National Grange Convention Niagara Falls, New York
June 15-20, 2024	Oregon State Grange Convention District 3 Tillamook County Fairgrounds



Community members gathered at Harding Grange to enjoy the traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

Harding Grange’s Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner Returns

Harding Grange #122, Clackamas County revived their traditional Thanksgiving Dinner fundraiser on Sunday November 6. The meal included roasted turkey, mash potatoes and gravy, dressing, broccoli, and rolls. For dessert was either apple cake with caramel sauce or snickerdoodle cookies.

The community was pleased to have the dinner return and turned out to enjoy the meal either in person at the beautifully decorated tables or as to-go as needed.

The Grange looks forward to holding this traditional dinner again next fall.



The Goldson Grange Car Show returned and was enjoyed by many.

Goldson Grange Car Show Resumes

The sun was out, the grill was fired up, the music playing, and cars were on display at the Goldson Grange #868. Lane County, Car Show held on Saturday, August 27th. Visitors

and Grange members enjoyed their signature lamb-burgers, hamburgers and hot dogs at the show, which was back after a three-year hiatus because of COVID.



Susan Noah, past President of the Oregon State Grange, installed the officers at Walterville Grange on November 1.

Insurance... Woodstove and Fireplace Safety Tips You Can’t Afford to Ignore



By Insurance Blog ~ October 12, 2022

Woodstove and Fireplace Safety Tips

It’s hard to beat the coziness of warming up next to a hot fire, but woodstoves, fireplaces, and other heating methods can be dangerous, if not used properly. These woodstove and fireplace safety tips can prevent fires, burns, carbon monoxide poisoning, and other scary scenarios.

Pay Attention to Location

Your woodstove should be placed on a noncombustible, fire-resistant base. Both wood burning stoves and fireplaces require plenty of distance between combustible materials like curtains, rugs, wrapped gifts, etc.

Be Careful What You Burn

Be sure to only burn dry, well-seasoned wood in your wood burning stove or fireplace. Never use your woodstove or fireplace to burn trash and do not use flammable fluids like lighter fluid or gasoline to start your fires. You should also be careful about any paper used to start a fire. Wrapping paper, for example, releases highly toxic chemicals into the air.

Practice Good Fire Safety Habits

Never let a fire burn unattended and try to keep a window cracked for extra ventilation. You should make sure there is a carbon monoxide detector and smoke alarm in the room and that you’re testing them monthly and changing the battery every year. For extra safety, you should keep a fire extinguisher nearby so that you can quickly put out any fires that become out of control.

Use a Wood Burning Stove Safety Guard or Fireplace Screen

When it comes to fireplace and

wood burning stove child safety, there are some extra steps you can take to keep your family safe. Especially if you have small children or pets, you’ll want to put up a protective barrier to reduce the risk of burns. You should also make sure that children and pets are never left in a room with a fireplace or woodstove unattended, even if it’s only for a few minutes.

Keep Up with Woodstove and Fireplace Maintenance

Have your chimney checked routinely by a mason or other relevant professional. You should also regularly dispose of woodstove ashes in a closed metal container that is kept outside of your home. For fireplaces, you should never let the ash level grow beyond one-inch thick.

We hope that these fireplace and woodstove safety tips help you protect your home and family from harm. Contact your independent agent today to learn more about your Homeowners insurance policy and what’s covered. In the meantime, check out our insurance blog where we cover everything from holiday home safety tips and how to winterize your home to why it may be time to revisit your home replacement cost.

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Walterville Grange Installs Officers

On Tuesday, November 1st, Susan Noah, the past President of the Oregon State Grange installed the officers at Walterville Grange #416, Lane County. Assisting as marshals for the installation were Mark Noah and Mathew Dehne.

The new officers are Paula Herrick,

Dick Putnam, Brenda Holthaus, Vernon Herrick, Jeffry Dehne, Rowena Miller, Wanda Putnam, Elizabeth Dehne, Vinita Bishop. Herb Gazeley, Gwen Gazeley, Denise Bishop, JR Herrick. Three other officers were absent and will be installed at a later date.



Government Affairs

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Hello Grangers

As we prepare for the upcoming State Session to begin, here is a little information to help you understand what is going on at the Capital.

State lawmakers pick leaders and prepare for 2023 session

Democrats will start the 2023 legislative session with smaller majorities and a new governor.

Republicans are disappointed the new governor is former House Speaker Tina Kotek, D-Portland. The GOP remains in the minority in the House and Senate, but their position has improved compared to the past four years when Democrats had the ability to push through most bills without compromising — or sometimes even consulting — with Republicans.

Even as the November 8th election was winding down, Democrats and Republicans were looking at strategy and tactics beginning January 9th. That's when the 82nd Oregon Legislative Assembly will first meet.

Leaders were chosen for a session that will be the first in eight years without Kate Brown as governor, Tina Kotek as House Speaker and Peter Courtney as Senate President.

Brown leaves office early next year, while Courtney is retiring and his successor will be chosen by the new Senate.

Kotek returns to Salem as the new governor, having defeated her one time House floor arch-rival, Rep. Christine Drazan, R-Canby.

Democrats have a 35-25 majority in the state House and 16 of 30 seats in the state senate. Both figures pushed the majority below the key three-fifths mark that allows for the party to pass taxes and other financial legislation without Republican assistance.

In separate meetings, Democrats and Republicans voted to return the same leaders from 2022 to their roles in 2023.

Rep. Dan Rayfield (D-Corvallis) won the nomination from House Democrats to serve as Speaker of the Oregon House of Representatives. Rayfield was first elected speaker following the 2021 departure of Rep. Tina Kotek, D-Portland, who resigned from the position and the House in order to run for governor.

"I'm humbled by the opportunity to continue serving as Speaker," Rayfield said. "I was first elected to serve in this role during a period of significant transition. But we came together in a bipartisan way under challenging circumstances early this year to invest in education, housing, rural Oregon, and support for working families."

Choosing a speaker will be one of the first orders of business for the 2023 "long session" that begins Monday, January 9th. He will be officially nominated to serve as House Speaker on Monday, January 9th. It will mark the 82nd Oregon Legislative Assembly, the session that includes approving a new two-year state budget by early summer 2023. All members of the House, regardless of political party, vote for speaker. The majority party nominee is usually the winner.

The House Democratic Caucus also chose party leaders. The caucus re-elected Rep. Julie Fahey (D-West Eugene) as House Majority Leader.

"Oregonians sent us to Salem with a strong majority to fix the most pressing, urgent issues facing this state," Fahey said in a statement. The party also re-nominated Speaker Pro Tempore Paul Holvey, D-Eugene. The caucus chose Rep. Andrea Valderrama, D-Portland, as Majority Whip. Rep. Rob Nosse (D-Portland) is assistant majority whip. The three assistant majority leaders would be Rep. Jason Kropf, D-Bend; Rep. Pam Marsh, D-Ashland, and Rep. Dacia Grayber, D-Tigard.

In a meeting Wednesday November 16th in Albany, the Oregon Republican Senate Caucus reelected Sen. Tim Knopp, R-Bend, as minority leader.

"I want to thank the caucus for putting their trust in me as leader," Knopp said in a statement. "I'm proud of the work we have accomplished and welcome our three new senators-elect who eliminated the Democratic supermajority."

With at least 12 GOP senators and with the cooperation of Sen. Brian Boquist, I-Dallas, with the caucus, Republicans have an opportunity to derail fiscal legislation that Democrats, for the past four years, have been able to approve without any Republican votes.

Knopp and House Minority Leader Vikki Breese-Iverson, R-Prineville, put out a joint statement saying they

Hurricane Creek Grange Proudly Announces

Our 100 Year Anniversary A Century of Service to Wallowa County

Saturday, February 18, 2023 at 4 PM
Celebration Activities and Banquet Hurricane Creek Grange Hall
82930 Airport Lane, Joseph, Oregon

Please RSVP for the banquet to:
Betty Whitehead- 541-398-1266

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	Feb 2	10:30 AM	Eagle Valley Grange
Benton #36	Jan 14	10:30 AM	Summit Grange
Clackamas #1	Jan 28	9:30 AM	Sunnyside Grange
Columbia #18	Feb 4	10:00 AM	Yankton Grange
Deschutes #25	Feb 11	1:00 PM	TBA
Douglas #13	Jan 28	6:00 PM	TBA
Josephine #20	Apr 29	10:00 AM	TBA
Lane #14	Jan 14	10:00 AM	TBA
Lincoln #10	Feb 18	10:30 AM	TBA
Linn #12	Jan 14	10:00 AM	Morning Star Grange
Polk #3	Jan 8	11:00 AM	Oak Grove Grange
Tillamook #9			TBA
Umatilla-Morrow #26	Feb 25	10:00 AM	TBA
Wallowa #22	Jan 14	10:00 AM	TBA
Washington-Yamhill #2	Jan 21	10:00 AM	Kinton Grange

Old Time Fiddlers at Hurricane Creek

On November 5th Hurricane Creek Grange #608, Wallowa County, hosted a Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers event. The evening started with a spaghetti dinner served

by the Grange followed by an evening of great music. Sixteen different performance groups before a packed hall.



Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers performed to a packed Grange hall.

DOES YOUR GRANGE NEED HELP?

Installation of Officers Degrees (1-4 and/or 5th)
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Contact one of the GROW Club board members to get information.

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- Louise Holst, Dist. 5 - 541.883.8498
- Gail Wilson, Dist. 6 - 541.310.9655
- Lexie Suing, At-large - 541.556.2674



GROW stands for Go Right On Working!!!

would use their larger minority caucuses to slow or stop Democratic efforts to add new programs or spending.

"Oregonians spoke in the recent election by breaking the supermajority in the legislature," Breese-Iverson said. "Republicans will respond in the upcoming legislative

session by holding strong against growing government or taxes."

Democrats have a slight majority in the 30-member Senate. Republicans are guaranteed to keep Democrats under the 18-vote supermajority they held in the current session.

Happy Trails



All Grangers are invited

OSG Legislative Forum Zoom Meeting

When: Wednesday, January 25 @ 7 pm PST
Where: Zoom

The OSG Legislative Committee will lead a discussion the upcoming state legislative session, bills we are following and talk about other issues of interest.

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People turned out to hear the four candidates for Clackamas County Commissioner and the two for Count Clerk.

Clackamas County Pomona Grange Holds Candidates' Forum

On Sunday, October 16th Clackamas County Pomona Grange #1, hosted a successful Candidates' Forum at Abernethy Grange for the County Commissioners and County Clerk positions that were on the November ballot. The Forum started with Cookies and Coffee in the basement then the action moved upstairs with all candidates given equal time to make a statement. A question-and-answer time then ensued.

Those candidates attending were: for County Commissioner position #2 Paul Savas and Libra Forde; for Position 5 Sonya Fischer and Ben West and for County Clerk Catherine McMullen and. Sherry Hall. Kent Humberston, a former county commissioner and a member of Beaver Creek Grange served as moderator.

The turn out from both Grangers and the community was excellent and the forum committee received many compliments on the event, how well run it was and they look forward to the next one.



Ken Humberston served as moderator for the forum.

Legislative Update

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I just returned from the 156th National Grange Convention in Sparks, Nevada! It is always so inspiring to be amongst such a crowd of people enthusiastic about Grange. Ideas and information are exchanged, successes are toasted, friendships are made and renewed. I've heard a similar sentiment expressed by Oregon Grangers who have attended our State Grange convention for the first time, and at National that feeling is multiplied.

The schedule at these conventions is so packed that it is hard for delegates to carve out time to attend some of the informative break-out sessions. But this year I was merely the spouse of a National Grange officer and not a voting delegate, so I had the opportunity to attend the communications workshop "Becoming a Social Media Animal" by Dr. Todd Felts of the University of Nevada/Reno and a workshop by Jeff Winton from 'Rural Minds' addressing mental health issues in rural America.

All of the workshops and many of the speakers who addressed us during session or at luncheons were recorded and are available for viewing at the National Grange website www.nationalgrange.org and I highly recommend these two.

National Grange Legislative Director Burton Eller seems to know everyone in D.C. and Legislative Assistant Sean O'Neill doesn't seem to sleep, a habit that will be helpful when he leaves us to attend Harvard Law next year.

Burton says "While many groups and individuals today try to speak to, about and even for rural America, Grange speaks AS rural America" and people do listen. And when our Granges speak by sending resolutions forward to State and National Grange, Burton says they will speak loudest if the writers will include their email addresses so he can reach back for support, and for supporting information.

Oregon sent eight resolutions to National and as usual there were a variety of outcomes. I'll give our resolution number, the referring Grange, and National's committee and number.

Our LE1 from Washington-Yamhill Pomona titled 'Misc. Category on Property Tax Bills' became Citizenship/Taxation 303 and was referred back to us as a state issue (if the writers can establish a wider scope in their arguments they might try again).

LE2 from Creswell 496, **Certification of Service Animals**, became C/T301 at National, and came on the floor with a favorable recommendation but was rejected by the delegates.

TU1 from Clackamas Pomona, **Keeping Natural Gas as an Alternate Energy Source**, became Conservation 404 and was considered Present Policy (in other words already a part of National Grange policy).

VE2 from Clackamas Pomona, **Veteran Preference for Low Income Housing**, became C/T 304 and was adopted.

VE3 from Clackamas Pomona, **Irrevocable Citizenship for Veterans**, was also determined to be Present Policy of the National Grange. Our

CO#2 (ironically numbered at our OSG convention since it was titled CO2 as a Pollutant) from Mohawk-McKenzie 747 became Conservation 403 at National and was rejected.

Our GO2, **Maintain Heritage Officer Titles**, from Hurricane Creek 608, became Grange Law 701 and language from the resolution was included in that committee's annual Policy Statement.

GO3, **Peaceful Dialogue**, from Bellview 759 became Grange Growth 601 and was added to their annual Policy Statement.

If the writers of any of these resolutions are not satisfied with these outcomes, keep working on the issues. When National Grange says an issue is already policy, check the policy and see if it says what you think it should, and if not try again.

The annual Policy Statements of National Grange committees are by definition not permanent, so resolutions mentioned there are only current priorities and could be eliminated next year by that committee.

Your OSG legislative committee is always available to help.



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GRANGE MEMBERSHIP MAY CAUSE PERSONAL HAPPINESS AND COMMUNITY PRIDE

Oregon Junior Grangers



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OSG Junior Director



Junior Preview For 2023

Holiday parties started with Halloween and are rolling through November and December, but it's also time to look ahead with the 2023 National Program Guide. Please login to the National Grange website and take a look. There are some great opportunities early in the year.

The National Program Guide encourages Juniors to focus on advocacy in the first quarter of the year. Projects can be small, like seeking changes at your Grange or school, or big enough to change the whole world! The National Grange supports your efforts with awards for community service, public speaking, and creative writing. Peek ahead to the National Junior Grange Community Service Project for an advocacy idea that Juniors can run with.

Due to the pending sale of our National Grange headquarters building, the Washington DC Experience for Juniors was canceled for this year. I am eager to accompany a Junior delegation to this event in 2024, so please get in touch if you want to go too!

In the second quarter of 2023 the focus is agriculture. This year's Agricultural Awareness Project is "Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle." That's a topic Oregonians are famous for, and we'll be working on it during the Oregon State Grange convention next June. It's also the theme for the Junior creative writing contest.

Then in the third quarter of the year we focus on Deaf/Hard of Hearing awareness. The National Grange creative art and Sign-A-Song contests are listed in this section, but remember you can enter those contests at our state convention in June. Some great suggestions for community service by Juniors can be found in this section of the program guide.

And so, we get to the fourth quarter of 2023, where the focus is community service. This is the time to turn your hard work earlier in the year into an entry in the Community Service contest, and to "go right on working" on more community service projects. All of the higher awards of Junior Grange are listed at the end of this section of the guide. Just remember that most of the entries for National Grange contests need to be turned in by September 1, before the fourth quarter begins. Work from the last quarter of this year can be included in many 2023 National Grange community service contests.

As your Oregon State Grange Ju-

nior Director, I would love to hear from anyone who's interested in traveling to National Grange Junior events. We may be able to help you pay for part of the costs.

Volunteers Needed for OSG Junior Committee

All of the OSG committee directors are looking for people from each of the five districts to be on their committees. Juniors are especially in need of your help, both to represent your district and help decide how the program is presented and to be physically on the ground during the convention in June. If you can do either of those things, please get in touch with me by phone or email.

If you are an adult working with children at your Grange, whether Junior Grangers or not, you should do SafeGatherings training and background checks. The \$37 cost is reimbursable by the committee. We need to make sure we're following best practices for transparency and accountability of Grange volunteers around children, including interactions online and with phone or texts.

National Junior Grange Community Service Project

Teaching our children about community service is more important than ever. Community service has been a foundational piece for the Grange since its beginning. This year Junior Grangers across the country are encouraged to take part in a service project together. The basis of this project will be the same across all Junior Granges, but each Grange is encouraged to make the project unique and mold it to fit within their communities. The goal of the 2023 Junior Grange service project is to teach kids how businesses and community organizations work. Juniors are encouraged to learn how to plan and carry out a plan of action. They are taught within service projects how to communicate with others, accomplish a task, and learn the process and rules of carrying out a service project.

2023 Junior Grange Service Project: Local Food/Supply Drive

Step 1: Identify a need within your community. Where are the supplies you collect going to go? While organizing a food/supply drive, Juniors are to figure out what the most needed items for their drive should include. This can be toiletry items, nonperishables, or more specific items such as just peanut butter.

Step 2: Locate a local organiza-

National Junior Contest Winner

Oregon had several entries in the Junior Handy Craft at National Grange. This year's Handy Craft was a String Art picture using a wood base, nails, and yarn.

Receiving a second place award was Noah Stasheim of Crow Grange #450, Lane County. Other Oregon Juniors with entries were Emily Clute and Justin Clute of Forest Grove Grange #282, Washington County, and Dashel McClain and Ace McClain of Irving Grange #377 in Lane County.



Noah Stasheim's winning string art.

Junior Grange Activity Sheet

WINTER

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- tion/company that you can partner with. Is your local grocery store or food service facility willing to partner with you or help you in your event?

Step 3: Develop a plan in order to have a successful event. This includes deciding on how you are going to advertise the event, if you need a budget for the event,

and how long you want the event to run.

Step 4: Do the project. Put your plan into action.

Step 5: Reflect. Discuss with your group the good, the bad, and how you can improve the next service project. Discuss what you have learned and identify who you may have helped in this project.



L-r: Fairfield Master Dave O'Neill presented Ken and Nadine Telschow with a certificates and pins honoring their 50-years of Grange membership.

Fairfield Honors Telschows With Golden Sheaf Certificates

Fairfield Grange #720, Marion County, celebrated the 50-year Grange anniversary for Ken and Nadine Telschow with cake and a presentation ceremony at the regular Grange meeting on October 20th. Grange Master Dave O'Neill was pleased to award the Telschows their 50-year Golden Sheaf Certificates and 50-year pins for Grange membership.

County, in 1972. They later demitted to Fairfield Grange. Nadine noted that every year of those 50 years she and Ken held an office at their Grange. Ken served as Master for six years at Colton and four years at Fairfield. Nadine served as Master at Fairfield off and on for eight years. She was also Secretary at Colton for four years and at Fairfield for seven years.

The Telschows started their Grange membership at Colton-Foothills Grange #831 in Colton, Clackamas

Fairfield Grange appreciates these loyal Grangers.

Sunnyside Honors Members

Sunnyside Grange #842, Clackamas County presented membership awards to two of their members at the November 10th, Clackamas Pomona Visitation.

Presenting the awards was Oregon State Grange Ex. Committee member, Celia Fox. Honored were Maryann Hanks who received her Silver Star certificate for 25-years of Grange membership. Also recognized was her husband Cody Hanks with a certificate for fifteen plus years of Grange membership.



Le-r: Sunnyside Master Sandi Ludi, Cody Hanks, Celia Fox and Maryann Hanks. The little one is one of Maryann and Cody's children.

Membership Matters

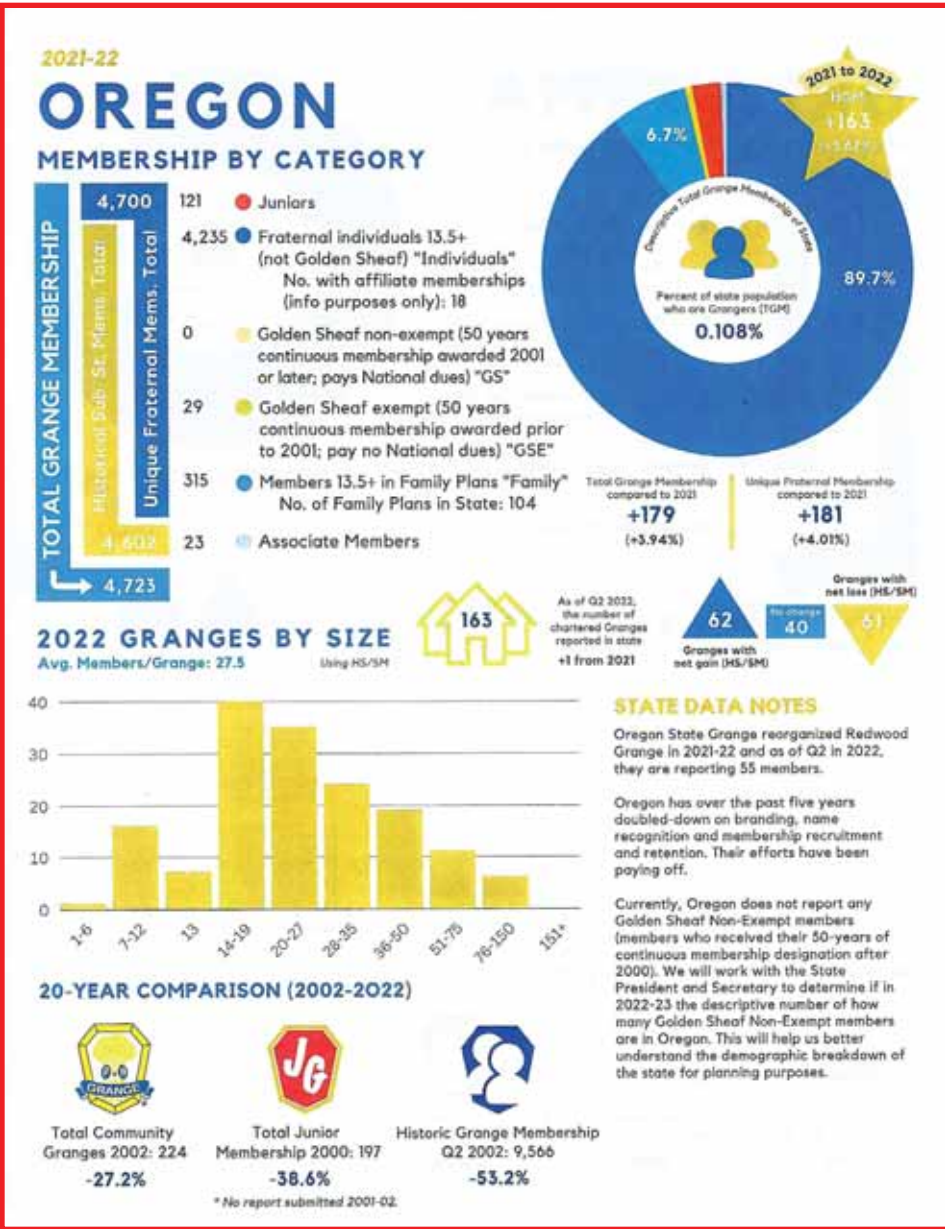
OSG Membership Director

National Membership Director, Amanda Brozana-Rios, reported to the National Grange delegate body at the 156th National Convention in Sparks, Nevada that for the first time since 1955 there was a net gain in membership at the National level.

Fourteen states and the District of Columbia show net gains with the majority of that gain coming from the Western Region where all seven states showed growth in membership.

Oregon celebrated another net gain

in membership for the 2012-22 Grange year. This is the fourth year of the last 6 that Oregon was shown an increase in numbers. Oregon's 4602 members ranks us number four in size of Grange states with Washington first with 8,517 members, Oklahoma second with 5,412 members, Pennsylvania third with 5,269 members and followed by California in fifth with 4,261 members. Oregon ranks second in the nation in number of Granges – 163 with .108 % of Oregonians are members.



Above: L-r: Oregon's past state President Susan Noah, along with the current state President Jay Sexton. how of the banners recognizing not only Oregon's net gain in membership but the Nation as a whole. Good job Grangers.



Veterans

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Oregon State Grange Veterans Director



Valor can be defined as “great courage in the face of danger, especially in battle.” We have known of many instances of valor in those servicemen and women who serve or have served in our military. From the first soldiers who sacrificed so much in winning liberty during the Revolutionary War to those brave people who serve today, there are millions of dedicated men and women who have demonstrated great courage. However, there are also millions of service people who have never had to face great danger, but still have willingly served our country in the military.

When we honor our veterans, it is important to remember all those who have served. We must gratefully acknowledge the supreme valor exhibited by those who served in grave danger – often suffering loss of life or limb. But we also remember veterans who provided support, or were ready to face danger when required.

Just before Veterans’ Day this year, Joanne and I were watching a movie released in 2020 called “Green-

land”. The movie was not a war movie or even about the military. It is actually a science fiction movie about a catastrophic meteor collision with Earth. During the movie, there was a scene that really made me realize how important it is to recognize all those willing to serve.

In the movie, only a few individuals were selected to be saved in a large shelter. One of the chosen people was suffering many difficulties in getting to the shelter and asked for help from one of the many military members diligently striving to keep the evacuation orderly. The service woman stated that none of the military working there were among the selected, but had volunteered to help, even while recognizing that she would not survive.

Upon hearing this statement, I realized that those who serve are voluntarily giving their time, talent, and possibly even their lives to protect our nation are all heroes. Not all veterans have experienced circumstances to exhibit valor, but all have shown courage in their willingness to serve.



National Grange Quilts of Valor Recipients Honored

Eleven veterans were awarded Quilts of Valor on Wednesday evening at the 156th National Convention in Sparks, Nevada.

In 2017 under the leadership of then National Lecturer Chris Hamp, the Quilts of Valor program was introduced to the Grange. Since that time, the National Grange has awarded 56 quilts at conventions in Washington, Vermont, Minnesota, and Kansas.

The evening started with a medley of Armed Forces anthems preced-

ing the awards, where servicemembers were encouraged to stand when their anthem was played. Then the recipient veterans were escorted by Junior and Youth Grange members including Oregon’s Jessie Jo Guttridge.

The quilts presented were made by Nevada Quilters of Comstock Quilts of Valor. The Quilts of Valor are comforting and healing for veterans touched by war. As quilters join bits of fabric, they talk of family and friends and create a symbol of home and comfort. Quilts are giv-

Goldson Holds Veteran’s Day Breakfast

The annual Goldson Grange #868, Lane County, Veteran’s Day breakfast was a huge success, with 43 people attending, many of whom were veterans in uniform. Grange members began the day at 7am decorating the tables, brewing coffee, and starting the food prep. Doors opened from 9am until noon, with a steady stream of participants.

Diners had a choice of plain or blueberry pancakes (everyone opted for the blueberries), scrambled eggs, sausages, biscuits and gravy, orange juice, and coffee, or all of the above. Two Grange moms and their kids greeted the diners and carried their food to them at their table. Veterans got to eat for free, while others made donations.



Grange members busy cooking sausages, scrambled eggs, and making pancakes for the diners.



Many veterans came in uniform to the annual Goldson Grange Veteran’s Day Breakfast.

en as a “gesture of gratitude from a grateful nation. The veterans were wrapped in their quilts by members of Comstock Quilts of Valor, Lupeita Mahoney and Jannis Hubbard; and Grangers Bonnie Mitson and Donna Champion.

If any individual or group desires assistance in starting a program in their Grange or community they should contact Bonnier at mitsonb6@gmail.com.

Quilts of Valor will celebrate their 20th Anniversary in September 2023 at the American Quilt Museum in Paducah, Kentucky. Three hundred thousand Quilts of Valor have been awarded nationwide as of April 20, 2022.



Above: Brother David McBride, Oregon State Grange Gatekeeper and Sister Joanne McBride. Both are members of Hurricane Creek Grange in Wallowa County and are the current OSG Veteran Committee Co-Directors.



Left: Eleven Quilts of Valor were presented to veterans on Wednesday night of the National Grange convention. Back row, Mark Gibbons, US Army 1981 to 1991; David McBride, US Air Force from 1972 and 1976; Joanne McBride, US Air Force from 1977 to 1981; Bobbi Tucker, US Air Force from 1986 to 1990; Paul Schlegel, US Navy from 1958 to 1978; Front row: Colleen Bennett, Oklahoma National Guard from 2015-2021; Sharon Orce, US Army from 1976 to 1980; Vance "Papa Smurf" Bonds US Army and Air Force; and George "Bud" Boyd Vietnam Veteran. Also receiving quilts but not pictured were Tianna Gomez, US Navy from 1994 through 2015 and Greg Gomez, US Navy from 1994-2015.



L-r: Oregon's Young Adults JC Junkman of Clarkes Grange #261, Clackamas County was President, Jessie Jo Guttridge of Springwater Grange #263 was Vice President, and Alex Coe of Phoenix Grange # 779, Jackson County was Chaplain.



The 2022 National Youth officer team was made up of fourteen Grange Youth and Young Adults from six states; California, Iowa, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon and Pennsylvania.



Lexie Suing, Crow Grange #450, Lane County, giving her speech "Something to Think About" during Friday Night Honors at National Convention.

Grange Youth & Young Adults



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Nationals this year was a lot of fun! We got to see friends from years past, meet new people, and introduce people from our region to people we had met in previous years. There were a couple things that were done in our region than had not been done before like bringing the workshops in to us and all seven of the degrees being put on. There was a lot of the same though, the banquets, the fellowship, and the youth opening session Friday morning.

This year Oregon had three Youth on the National Youth Officer Team. JC Junkman was President, Jessie Jo Guttridge was Vice President, and Alex Coe was Chaplain. All three of them also represented our region in Grange Baseball where Jessie Jo took 2nd place overall. They did an awesome job representing our state. Friday evening Lexie Suing did her speech in the National Honors program. The youth did lots of team building activities throughout the week with other youth from across the country, and watched as the Youth Ambassadors and Young Patrons contestants put on workshops about things that mattered most to them. They started the week by meeting with their National Officer counterpart and ended the week at the Celebration banquet and the Evening of Excellence.

This year we also had someone from Oregon as a Communications Fel-

low and while not a Youth program, they have often been youth and young adults. This year Jim Dumolt was the fourth Communications Fellow from our state and worked with the rest of the team to put out the daily newsletter that went out to all of those in attendance. He was often seen running from one event to the next or off to the communications room trying to get his articles done.

We also had youth helping in the hospitality room and helping with preparations for the 7th degree. There were lots of jobs to be done and whenever asked they stepped up to the plate.

The workshops this year were a lot of fun, with them bringing them to us we could attend more of them and there was a wider range of topics. They ranged from Mark Twain to Morse code, Mexican folk dancing to panning for gold, and painting quilt squares to administering NARCAN. There were topics for everyone. Everyone I talked to enjoyed the variety and the number of different things they were able to learn.

All in all, it was a wonderful National Session and we can't wait to attend next year in Niagara Fall, New York. Thank you to everyone who supports us throughout the year and makes sending our youth to conferences possible.

Grange Baseball at National Convention



Thursday afternoon three of Oregon's Young Adults competed in Grange Baseball. A trivia contest where, depending on the question, determines if they got a base hit, a double, a triple or a home run.

L: Jessie Jo Guttridge, Springwater Grange #263 heads to first base while Alex Coe, Phoenix Grange #779, heads to the batter's box.

Below: JC Junkman, Clarkes Grange #261, is up to bat waiting for her question.



National President Betsy Huber, presents Jessie Jo Guttridge with the second-place award in Baseball during the Friday night's "National Grange Honors".



GROW Club

"Go Right On Working"

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Go Right On Working. That is the meaning of G.R.O.W.

As I mentioned in the December 2021/January 2022 issue of the Bulletin, members of this 'club' have earned the right to membership through the honor of representing Oregon as Ambassadors of the Grange through different programs throughout the decades. Although the programs have changed over the years, the privilege and honor is only achieved by earning it.

In this issue I ask Suzy Ramm write the column.

In the summer of 1974 or spring of 1975 Sandra Furgason and Bob Ludi visited Hood River County Pomona as Oregon's Outstanding Young Grangers (OYG). I was still a Junior Granger at the time but that was the first time I remember being aware of the OYG program and I want to wear that sash someday.

Fast forward a few years. In 1980 I made the scrapbook, took the test and sat through the interview at the state convention to be an OYG. It didn't happen but I learned a lot and when I applied and went through the process again in 1981, I was selected as Oregon Outstanding Young Granger.

During my year I visited Granges, worked a day in the Log Cabin and went to other events as requested. The highlight of my year was my trip to the National Grange convention in Spokane, Washington to represent Oregon in the National Princess contest as it was called then. I met lots of other Grange Youth from around the country, many I am still in contact with. Not really knowing what to expect it was a learning opportunity. I didn't understand that



the judges were always watching you so on Thursday morning after taking the written test I went back to bed. The rest of the youth went on a tour of Grand Coulee dam. I had been there before so thought it was the best time for a nap. Wrong.

One of the things I did learn about was the National Youth Team. At the time they were selecting team members from the Youth and Young Couples at National convention. Since I didn't make it as a Youth I would have to wait until I got married to possibly qualify.

Then almost a decade later, how the team was selected changed. In 1990 I applied for the female Young Agriculturalist Award. The prize? A year on the National Youth Team. I went to the National Grange convention in Kansas in 1990 as a speech contestant and was very excited when my name was called as a Young Ag. It was a great year.

Both these positions qualified me for membership in the GROW Club and I hope I have lived up to the motto "*Go Right On Working.*"

Oregon Grange and Granger Places First in National Grange Publicity Item Contest



National President Betsy Huber presenting the Publicity award to Sonny Hays-Eberts.

Sonny Hays-Eberts and Marys River Grange #685, Benton County, took the first-place award in the In-House/non-Professional division of the National Grange Publicity Item Contest for their work on the Oregon State Grange website.

Any Granger or Grange may enter the contest either as a professional or non-professional. The goal of the National Grange Publicity Item Contest is to recognize the publicity work being done by Granges across the country and to share this work with other Granges with the intent of fostering even more and improved publicity efforts.

NATIONAL GRANGE 156th ANNUAL SESSION

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SPARKS, NV

Resolution of Appreciation

Whereas: the Western Region Hosted the 156th Session of the National Grange with numerous volunteers helping to make it a success, therefore be it

Resolved: That sincere thanks and appreciation be extended to all of the following - and any I may miss

Host Office: Rick and Terry Ferguson, and friends, from Washington. Thank you for answering the hundreds of questions per day, knowing what went where and with whom, tracking me (Lillian) down when you had to, and keeping the chaos coordinated;

Registration: Annie and Lonnie Scott - Washington - for greeting everyone coming to the Session with a huge smile of welcome, a name tag, tickets, and a goody bag.

Decorations: Naomi and Eugene Fletcher - California (By way of MI) - for the creation of unique and beautiful 3D-printed designs for keepsakes, centerpieces, souvenirs and sculptures.

Experiences: Naomi Fletcher for the Paint & Sip; Chad Smith for Mark Twain; Carolyn Chamlee for Unlocking the Code; Elizabeth Medina, Nevada for the incredible Hispanic Dance Lessons and culture; and Miranda from the NV Mining Assoc for Mining for Nuggets;

Host Reception: To the Ballet Folklorico from High Desert Grange #22, Nevada for the unique and entertaining dances to entertain and educate us.

Hospitality: To Idaho members for coordinating, and for all of the States who provided unique snacks to keep us all going throughout the day;

Seventh Degree: Christina Webster, California for stage managing; Robert Force for beautiful music; and Arlene Ankeman, Idaho for the flowers

Showcase: Katie Squire, California for a beautifully designed, unique and well-planned showcase for everyone to enjoy. Talents from all over the Western Region were shared and the National Grange programs. Thank you so much for all of your hard work!!

To Gloria Montero, Nevada for speakers, presentations, Logo Robotics, and the Grange Knights;

Transportation: To Joyce Billquist - and Marty - Montana for making sure everyone was picked up and dropped off when and where they should be. There's always bumps with airlines and you both worked everyone through it to get them on their way home.

Security: To Steven Hood, California and John DeHaas, Oregon. Steven guarded the gates to the meeting room and John wandered around at night to make sure all was well.

Technology: Chad Smith, California for being everywhere at every time to make sure everyone got connected in workshops.

Grange Store: Suzy Ramm, Oregon for the display and oversight of the sales of National Grange items and Jewelry; and be it further

Resolved: that thanks and appreciation to Martha Stefenoni, my Co-Chair, alter-ego, partner in crime, and sister for all of the support, shoulder-leaning, ear-bending, and help; and be it further

Resolved: that sincere thanks and appreciation are extended to every person from the Western Region and beyond who helped make the 156th Annual Session a true event where "Grange: Making A Difference" was shown in every facet of this Session.

Fraternally and Sincerely Submitted by, Lillian Booth Co-Chair



OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - July 24, 2022

State President Jay Sexton called the meeting to order at 10:15am. Members present were Steve Kroeker, Sarah Jenkins, Louise Holst, Celia Fox, and Susan Noah.

Financial Reports

Investments – Scott Barker provided us with a midyear market outlook and how investors are navigating the challenges of the current market. Due to recent changes in the market our total balance in equities has decreased. We discussed options for rebalancing to remain within the OSG investment policy that balances stocks and bonds.

- Sarah moved that we transfer \$300,000 from cash into equities. Celia seconded and the motion carried.
- Susan moved that we transfer \$75,000 from the bank account into Schwab. Celia seconded and the motion carried.

Annual Audit – Kelly Jones with Moss Adamas accounting firm joined via zoom web conference and reviewed our annual audit. We again received an “unmodified” audit opinion which is the best report possible. Our financial statements meet the requirements of generally accepted audit standards. Kelly shared that the staff of OSG has been easy to work with and very helpful. There were no significant errors that came up. Kelly reminded us that segregation of duties and password protection on office computers are strongly recommended as best practices for internal controls.

Prior Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved as corrected for May 22, 2022, the final day of OSG session June 23, 2022 and a zoom conference on July 2, 2022.

Suzy Ramm, editor of the Grange Bulletin shared that the current printer has closed business.

- Celia moved that we hire Oregon Lithoprint for the next issue. Steve seconded the motion. Sarah moved to amend that we use Oregon Lithoprint for printing the bulletin for the remainder of 2022. Louise seconded the amendment and it carried. The motion, as amended, carried.

Lunch recess from 12pm to 12:45pm

Financial and membership reports were reviewed. A few Granges are late on loan payments and the state office is in contact with those Granges. Quarterly reports are starting to come in for the second quarter and we are seeing some gains at a few Granges, which is great! We hope to see Granges continuing to be active in communities again and

start growing membership.

- Redwood Grange has reorganized with approximately 50 members and is doing well. They are getting rentals and are now able to start paying back some of the funds that the OSG put into the building to get it ready to reorganize.
- Financial Statements & Trust Funds were reviewed and discussed. Celia will update the 2022 budget figures, allowing the tracking of variances to budget on financial reports.

Old Business

- Shelving for storage room – no action yet
- Keizer Grange Sale was completed - \$275,000 with no fees. This has already been transferred to our investment account.
- Western Regional Conference is in Springfield/Eugene August 5-7. There are approximately 55 people registered to attend.
- High Desert Grange purchase agreement is still in process.
- Other properties for Lexington, Greenacres, and Upper Applegate will be listed for sale. Our attorney, Kate Gowell, will be reviewing the listing agreements.
- The OSG donated \$500 to the National Grange Virtual Telethon to support the National Youth and Junior departments. They exceeded their \$20,000 goal of pledges.

New Business

- Bulletin Printer Decision for this next issue
- 2023 State Session is scheduled at the Polk County Fairgrounds. Saturday 6/17/23 to Thursday 6/22/23.
- Granges request brochures and promotional items periodically. Postage rates have increased recently. The office staff will review pricing and make appropriate updates.
- Santa Clara Grange has been suspended for non-payment of dues and lack of legal meetings. Jay has appointed a committee to review Grange documents and support the members of Santa Clara through this time. A 501c3 foundation has lapsed legally and will also be reviewed.
- Fern Hill Grange allowed the use of audio equipment at OSG session in June. We paid \$500 for rental of the equipment. David Wallace again volunteered for the week as the sound guy. David

Wallace has been reimbursed for his mileage. We discussed options for sound equipment for future state sessions with the increased audio/visual needs as technology has required it.

- Susan moved that we send Fern Hill Grange \$500 for the use of their audio equipment at the 2022 state session. Steve seconded and the motion passed.
- Steve moved that we compensate David Wallace \$750 for his work at the 2022 state session, and the same amount is allotted for a sound person going forward. Susan seconded and the motion passed.

- Electric Vehicle Charging station option at the state headquarters was discussed. Jay will be getting a bid on a charging station that could be available at the building but locked so no public access.
- Redistricting discussion

President’s Report

- Veteran’s Day Parade in Al-

OSG EC Minutes - October 7, 2022

President Jay Sexton called the meeting to order at 7:00pm via zoom teleconference. Members present included Celia Fox, Sarah Jenkins, Steve Kroeker, and Susan Noah. Louise Holst was not in attendance and reported to need prayers and good thoughts as she was not feeling well.

National Grange is coming up soon November 15-19 in Reno. OSG officers and members are helping support in many ways, including facilitating the 6th degree. Another state was supposed to do the Rosebud drill but plans fell through. We will be using the team from Dist. 1 that performed at our 2022 state session. We already approved a \$500 travel stipend for the officers participating in the 6th degree conferral.

- Susan moved that we offer \$500 per person for Rosebud Drill participants to cover travel expenses, and that these funds are taken from the National Grange Fund. Steve seconded and the motion carried.
- Steve moved that we offer \$300 for Jim Dumolt to represent Oregon as a Communication Fellow to cover travel expenses, and that these funds are taken from the National Grange Fund. Susan seconded and the mo-

bany. We were asked by the parade committee to participate again. David and Joann McBride with the Veteran’s Committee will be working on the parade participation.

- Jay is working on appointing committee directors. He is still looking for a director for membership and agriculture. Sarah will lead a special committee to revitalize state session.
- State fair is coming, and volunteers will soon be able to sign up for shifts working at the log cabin.
- Midland, Camas Valley, Sutherlin, Gresham, Eagle Creek, Union Hill, Triangle, and Russellville Granges are all getting support from the OSG.

Decisions made via email were reviewed and ratified.

- Accepting offer to pay half (\$400) of exterminator fee for High Desert Grange.

Next Meetings:

October 29, 2022 at 9am.
January 7, 2023 at 9am
(rescheduled for January 22)

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm

Sarah Jenkins, Secretary

tion carried.

Office Lease. We have another potential business interested in leasing the back portion of the OSG office in Salem. Enlightened Theaters is a local theater group that needs office and rehearsal space that is less expensive than the venues they typically use for performances.

- Sarah moved that we move forward with the lease negotiations with the proposal from Enlightened Theaters, and Jay will get clarification on parking, sublease, and other terms. Susan seconded and the motion carried.

Roger and Gail Wilson lost their home and most possessions in a flood earlier this year. They are both past officers of the OSG and had expressed disappointment that they lost their past state officer pins and other memorabilia.

- Celia moved that we replace the past officer pins for Roger and Gail. Steve seconded and the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Sarah Jenkins, Secretary

Next meeting is 9am Saturday October 29th at the state office in Salem.

Oregon Granges Celebrate Halloween

Santiam Valley Grange

Santiam Valley Grange #828, Linn County, held their Annual Haunted House. They had a very large turn out this year with 31 community young men and women volunteered to be scarers in the Haunted House.



Above: The Shields family pictured have brought their children to Santiam Valley's Haunted House every year since the children were babies.

Creswell Grange



Creswell Grangers Georgann Squires, Patti Scott, Stan Garboden and Patrick Dearth manned the Halloween Trick or Treat event on October 31st.



Springwater Grange

On Saturday, October 29 Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County, held their annual community Halloween Party. The event started with the pumpkin weight in followed by games and food. The Grange provided hot dogs, beverages and bags of candy for the kids.



Above: The weather cooperated with sunshine for Goldson Grange's first "Trunk or Treat," and parents and kids came in costume to enjoy the treats.

Goldson Grange

Goldson Grange # 868, Lane County, held their first "Trunk or Treat" the afternoon of October 30th. The sun was shining, and the member's cars and trucks were decorated and full of candy. Inside the hall they had a "Fishing" game with prizes, juice and popcorn for the kids. Families came in costume with their kids all afternoon for the event. The final assessment by the members? "Let's do a haunted house next year."



Bellview Grange's Witches' Tea

A Witches' Tea served as a benefit for the Bellview Grange was given by Diane Nichols with the help of many other Grange members. The event was attended by over 50 Grange and community members. A delightful tea was served with all kinds of wonderful goodies concocted with Diane's special flair for yummy treats.

The Tea concluded with a short comedy play reading written and narrated by Diane. What a fun day, and the Grange is so grateful to have Witch Diane as a part of the Bellview Grange #759, Jackson County.

Right: A plateful of wonderful holiday goodies were served at the tea.



Ada Grange Party

Ada Grange #570, Lane County, held their Annual Community Halloween Party on Sunday, October 30th, 2022. Their first one in three years. 26 people attended with only eight of them being Grange members. The others were non-grangers.

The fishing pond, balloon dart and bean bag toss were the most popular games of the day. Finger food was provided by the grangers, and everyone had a good time.

All ages came to Ada Grange's Halloween party in costume.



Left: Witch Diane at the rear of picture dosing out spells with and her helpers in the kitchen.

Your Name: _____ Moving? Let Us Know.

Old Address: _____ New Address: _____

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

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Grange Name/Number: _____

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

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