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#### Experience Life on the Farm Oregon Ag Fest Lets Families

The 28th annual Oregon Ag Fest will be held at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem, OR April 23-24 and the Oregon State Grange is excited to again be a part of it. Oregon Ag Fest is a family event featuring an incredible array of hands-on, interactive activities, set in a fun-filled, festive atmosphere to help kids learn where their food and fiber comes from. It is an opportunity to experience an "Old-Fashioned Country Fair."

Hours are Saturday, April 23, from 8:30am – 5pm and Sunday, April 24, from 10am – 5pm. Admission is \$9 for those 13 and over; children 12 and under are admitted for free; parking is also free.

There will be plenty to see and do for all ages at this year's event. All activities center around locally grown products, which allows families to celebrate the wonderful and diverse world of Oregon agriculture. The weekend of family fun includes:

- Meeting "Nosey" the cow
- Watching a llama show
- Racing a mini pedal tractor
- Watching chicks hatch
- Seeing a sheep get a haircut
- Listening to live music and enjoy family entertainment
- Planting seedlings
- Riding a pony
- Meeting cows, rabbits, pigs, and other farm animals
- Taking a horse-drawn wagon ride
- Visiting garden and craft booths
- Watching cooking demonstrations, tasting local foods and more!

"Some 98 percent of the U.S. population now lives in an urban world. More and more, families and children live their lives totally separated from the source of their food and fiber. Oregon Ag Fest is a creative, family friendly, fun way to help bridge the gap and share the wonder and importance of Oregon's bountiful and diverse harvest," said Sherry Kudna, Oregon Ag Fest Chair. "We are really proud that a large part of Ag Fest's family appeal is that it is very inexpensive to attend and almost everything inside the event is completely free!"

AG Country - the heart and soul of Oregon Ag Fest is where the Oregon State Grange's activity center and display is located. Within Ag Country are over 25 hands-on activities and an agricultural scavenger hunt that will have attendees looking for clues in all the exhibits. Watch chicks hatch, shuck corn, dig for potatoes and so much more! Attendees will have the opportunity to plant seedlings, sample Oregon-made products, make a dirt baby or choose from an array of other activities that make learning about life on the farm fun. All activities are free of charge and aim to gain a better understanding of where our food, fiber and flora come from.

Both the Agriculture and Membership committees are looking for volunteers.

Ag needs 50+ Grange volunteers, 8 or more at a time, to help visitors to transplant vegetable or flower starts



into pots to take home. Last year over 5000 needy plants found new homes through this activity, and many people became aware of the Grange. If you would like to volunteer to help visitors pot their seedlings please email OSG Ag Director Jay Sexton at AGdir@orgrange.org and he can set up a time for you.

Membership is looking for volunteers to man the Membership table and talk Grange with the families visiting our activity center. There are 3 shifts on Saturday and 2 shifts on Sunday. Saturday shifts are 8:30 to 11am, 11am to 2pm and 2 to 5:00pm. Sunday shifts are 10am to 1:30pm and 1:30 to 5pm. Tickets are available to those who volunteer making admission to Ag Fest free as is parking!!! Please let Bob and Sandi Ludi know if you are willing to help promote the Grange and which shift is best for you!!! Email Bob Ludi MEMdir1@orgrange.org or Sandi Ludi at MEMdir2@orgrange.org 503-668-5750.

And remember volunteers to wear your Grange attire, badges, etc.





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## The Master's Column

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Our annual State Convention will be here before you know it. I hope many of you are planning on attending. There will be a change to the format this year. Several of the more ceremonial aspects of the week will now be held on Saturday and Sunday. The "tentative" revised schedule is printed in this paper. I encourage you to look it over and make your plans for attendance.

Some of the main changes are:

- First Four Degrees will be exemplified on Saturday.
- Kickoff banquet will be Saturday night (Theme – The Opening Act).
- Talent Contest will follow the Kickoff banquet.
- Ceremonial opening will be Sunday morning.
- Committees will start working resolutions on Sunday afternoon.
- Fifth and Sixth Degrees will be Sunday night.
- Resolutions will be discussed and voted on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Juniors will present their degree Tuesday morning.
- Youth will open the session Wednesday morning.

While changes are being made to the schedule, the family attitude and fraternal goodwill will stay the same!

Don't forget that each Grange is entitled to two delegates: the Master and an elected member, which may or may not be the Master's spouse. If the Master is unable to attend, the Grange can elect two delegates. If other members plan to attend, the Grange should elect them as alternates delegates so that they can fill in if the named delegates cannot attend due to illness or other unforeseen circumstances. If a delegate can stay for only part of the convention, an alternate can fill in for the rest of the time. However, credentials must be completed, and the delegate who is leaving must turn in their badge so that it can be given to the alternate.

You may wonder why this is important to your Grange. The purpose of the State Convention is to set policy for the Oregon State Grange. Not only will your Grange have a voice in what our State Grange lobbies for, but also since we are a grassroots organization, your vote can influence National Grange policy, since some of our resolutions are sent on to the National Grange convention. Delegates also have a final say in the election of our State Grange officers.

Besides the resolution work that allows us to set policy, change bylaws, and adopt new programs, the week of the convention is also filled with informative conferences and workshops. This year you can learn about the state of our schools, healthy forests, and emergency preparedness as well as a return of last year's popular jewelry making class, perhaps a visit from Dogs for the Deaf, and information on farmers markets that Granges host or sponsor. Currently we are looking for time for a discussion on insurance.

While the delegates are the only members who can vote, we encourage all our members to come for the information and the fraternalism. I especially hope that we will see a larger attendance for the degree work this year. Degrees are an important part of our tradition. They present good lessons that explain our organization; they remind us of the obligation we have taken and what it means to be a Granger. The first four Degrees will be exemplified on Saturday, under the direction of Don MacKinnon. Most new members have not seen these degrees so this is a great opportunity for them, but it is also an opportunity for those of us who have witnessed them to reaffirm our commitment to this organization. I have always been uplifted by the lessons portrayed in these degrees, and come away feeling good about my decision to become a Granger many years ago. The Fifth and Sixth Degrees will be exemplified on Sunday night this year, hopefully allowing more to be in attendance. The Fifth Degree will be put on by the members of District #1 and the Sixth by our State officers. I have to say that our officers take pride in their work, and I know none will be disappointed in the lessons and the pageantry of the Sixth Degree. Encourage your members to take these steps to become Sixth Degree members. Remember that the National Grange will be in Spokane in 2017, allowing everyone to take the final Seventh Degree at that time.

Finally, I want to remind you of the at the Convention in Talent!

two days during the session when the Youth and Juniors take over for a portion of the time. Talk about inspiring! They certainly disprove the notion that the younger generation is not interested in ritual!

The host committee has selected a theme of "Bring your talent to Talent" so be prepared for some comedy, some drama, and probably some "reality" at our convention this year!

## Secretary, Treasurer and Master's Conference

On another note, the Secretary's, Treasurer's and Master's conference has been well attended, and I believe quite productive. One half are completed, and the rest will start up again the second weekend in April and finish up in May. Due to comments at the conference we have already made some changes to the quarterly report to make it easier to understand and complete. The remaining conferences will be held at Keizer, Beaver Homes, Little Deschutes, Warner, Missouri Flat and Hurricane Creek.

#### **Directors Conferences**

The Directors conferences are also being well attended. I know that good information is being made available to our members by our Oregon State Grange Directors.

Everything from Agriculture in Oregon and our Oregon Education system to POLST forms, membership recruitment, Lecturer's programs, Youth and Junior programs, GWA suggestions for easy-to-make gifts, Legislative policy, ideas for your Granges from the Veterans and Community Service committees, and the Communication team suggests how to promote your Grange and your service to the community! Through the two scheduled conferences in each District all 12 of our Directors have been able to showcase their departments and the work they do to promote the Grange and our membership. We all owe the Directors a big "Thank you" for these presentations. I know I received information that was beneficial to me individually and to my Grange. There are still conferences on the first and third weekends in April at Fruitdale, Elmira, Terrebonne, and Pleasant Grove Granges.

Looking forward to seeing a crowd at the Convention in Talent!



The first of twelve Secretaries, Treasures and Masters Conferences.

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### Legislature Action

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## Highlights of the 2016 Leg. Session

**Friday, February 5, 2016** - The 2016 Legislative Session is underway as of Monday, February 1st. The Session is scheduled to be completed by March the  $5^{th}$ .

As of today, in the Senate nearly 100 bills have been introduced. In the House nearly 150 bills have been submitted. If you wish to read the summary or text of any bill, you can find them online at olis.leg.state.or.us/

The purpose of the short legislative Session is to deal with the budget. However, when you get the legislature together, they are unlikely to limit themselves to that topic.

Issues that concern the natural resource community include gun control, water issues, and the minimum wage.

**Friday, February 12, 2016** – The current session is reviewing the budget that was adopted at last years' session and making changes based on actual income and expenses and current priorities.

#### The projected income was:

All other programs

Total

Federal Tax dollars to Oregon	\$21.561 Billion	31.3%
General Fund (Oregon Tax dollars)	\$17.985 Billion	26.1%
Lottery Funds	\$0.941 Billion	1.3%
Other Funds	\$28.523 Billion	41.3%
Total	\$69.01 Billion	<u>100%</u>
The projected expenses were:		
Human Services	\$29.696 Billion	43.1%
Public Safety/Judicial	\$4.307 Billion	6.2 %
K-12 Education	\$7.376 Billion	10.7%
Other Education	\$5.189 Billion	7.5%

\$22.416 Billion

\$68.984 Billion

32.5%

100%

Oregon's population is estimated at 4,013,845 which using basic math, means that the state spends \$8,593 per person each year. Of course many receive much more and others much less. Has your Grange discussed what the priorities you believe that our legislators should be considering as they work on our state's budget?

**Saturday, February 20, 2016** – Day late due to the OSG Booth at the Legislature. In order to raise the visibility of the Grange during the short session, a booth in the East Galleria of the capitol was set up and cookies were given away. Thanks to Eileen Dale and her crew for baking the cookies and Jay Sexton, Don Sether, Don Kingsborough and Ed Luttrell for representing the Grange.

Thank you's also to the staff of the Oregon State Grange for their aid in preparing the materials for the booth. Many dozens of cookies were given away to legislators, legislative staff, capitol staff, lobbyists, and the public. A number of Grange Bulletins, membership brochures, and Declaration of Grange Purposes were also shared with those who wanted to learn more about the Grange.

**Friday, February 26, 2016** – The legislature is moving quickly towards the end of the session. Notice is down to one hour and unless a person is on-line or in the building, it is extremely difficult to keep up with the action.

One legislator's staff requested that any constituent notify them of bills that concern them as there is often little time to read proposed amendments and bills at this point in the legislative session.

In 1902, Oregon voters overwhelmingly approved a legislatively referred ballot measure that created Oregon's initiative and referendum process. The Oregon State Grange was an early and vocal advocate of the initiative and referendum process that was adopted. Its passage in 1902 was in part to the efforts of the Grange and its policy of citizen involvement and control.

In the 2015 legislative Session, approximately 46% of the bills contained the emergency clause. In this 2016 session the percentages are not yet calculated,

### Legislative Update

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OSG Legislative Director



Patrons,

State conferences are underway., I hope all of you have taken the opportunity to attend some of, if not all, the conferences. It has been a pleasure for me to be able to be one of the presenters.

Legislative issues need to be a big part of Granges. Remember to check the Oregon State Grange legislative handbook. It has all of the policies that the State Grange endorses. If you see something in there that your Grange would like changed this the time to write a resolution to be presented to the State Grange body.

I encourage you to get involved in your

local, state, and national government. With elections coming up in May, there might be something that you or your Grange would like to be changed. With us being in the 21<sup>st</sup> century there is so much more information and technology available to us. We need to embrace it; we need to go forward and not be left behind. Encourage your youth to be groundbreakers in this technology and help every Grange be in touch with legislative issues.

Please get involved; Granges be sure and send delegates to the State Session in Talent, Oregon to ensure your Grange is being heard.



Above: Grange Brothers Jay Sexton, Don Kingsborough and his other brother Don Sether, along with Ed Luttrell gave away tasty cookies at the Grange booth at the Oregon Legislature Friday, February 19th. Below: 45 dozen cookies were baked and given away for the event.



but a substantial percentage (appears higher this Session) contain this clause.

Friday, March 4, 2016 – The 2016 Legislative Assembly adjourned Sine Die, March 3, 2016 at 1:07pm. It appears that the House passed 166 bills and the Senate passed 157 bills. So far the Governor has signed 23 Bills into law. The bills that are declared emergencies are effective immediately and the remainder are effective after 90 days, the period in which Oregonians can seek to use the referendum to overturn the Legislature and Governors actions.

This week was typical for the end of the Legislative Session, the votes were fast and furious and it was difficult for the legislators and their staffs to keep up, much less the citizens.

https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/ is the website where you can download the text of all the bills that were introduced this year. Expect that many of these bills will show up again next year in a modified or even their current form.



## National Grange Policy Statement Labor, Judiciary, and Transportation

The Grange has long supported an individual's ability to work for a reasonable wage in a safe environment. The Grange will continue to support workplace safety regulations that protect workers while not placing excessive financial burden on employers.

We believe employee pensions are an obligation. The Grange implores businesses to make provisions to secure employees' pension benefits and all monies paid into retirement plans to prevent their loss from beneficiaries in the event of a future merger or liquidation of the company.

While we have concerns about new government mandates that increase the cost of business, we also see a need for marketplace regulations that protect consumers and small investors.

While free trade agreements have opened markets to United States products, some U.S. companies have found the cost of labor and operations to be more favorable in other countries. The Grange advocates for the creation of trade agreements that will be beneficial and flexible while protecting not only jobs, but also the American dream. The National Grange encourages Congress to seek a fair and level playing field in global trading when entering into international trade agreements. Global treaties need to be carefully overseen by Congress, and not "Fast Tracked" to ensure that the sovereignty of the United

States is not diminished or We acknowledge that social media surrendered.

The National Grange opposes the possible actions considered by some members of the U.S. Congress that would lead to the U.S. Government's issuance of passports for citizens of other countries in the American continent.

The Grange urges Congress to reform immigration laws to provide for an orderly, well-regulated immigration process with special focus on a H2A program so that an agricultural employer who may have a fully integrated business be allowed to use immigrant workers for all aspects of their business.

The Grange urges our elected officials at all levels to reduce Government regulations that are overwhelming individuals as well as businesses. Legislative bodies and regulatory agencies at all levels of government should periodically review and purge outdated laws and regulations. Congress needs to do its duty of oversight in the implementation of the laws of the land. We demand efficient use of taxpayer dollars.

We recognize that the nation's law enforcement agencies face the challenge of dealing with crimes as diverse and far-reaching as domestic abuse, child abuse, animal abuse, terrorism, corporate fraud, consumer fraud, electronic crimes and Internet crimes. The Grange supports cross reporting by all agencies involved for all crimes.

has made it easier for child predators to interact with children. The Grange supports maximum penalties for those convicted in child predator cases. We support programs in our schools designed to educate, inform and thereby protect children from sexual abuse. We also recognize the increased issue of child abuse and support laws and punishments to protect children from such abuse. The Grange supports programs that will help rural communities address complex issues such as domestic violence and the rights of victims of violent crimes.

National Grange encourages law enforcement agencies nationwide to consider the use of body/dash cameras in their day to day operations.

The National Grange and many other non-profit organizations in the US are being financially burdened protecting their legitimate federal trademarks from infringements by for-profit businesses, and other entities. We believe that a broad coalition of non-profit organizations that have similar federal trademark protection issues should work together to seek federal legislation to strengthen the trademark rights of nonprofit organizations and to create binding procedures to expedite the resolution of trademark infringements against nonprofit's trademarks without resorting to costly litigation.

#### **Transportation**

Throughout our history, the Grange has had a vested interest in transportation issues. There are many different modes of transportation in existence today. The Grange supports the continued improvement of the existing infrastructure of all modes of transportation.

The National Grange continues to support federal

### National Grange **Policy Statements**

Here are the fourth and fifith of several Policy Statements adopted at the 149th Annual Session of the National Grange held in Lincoln, Nebraska. Over the next several issues, as space allows, additional statements will be published in the paper with the hope of having them all published before our state convention in June. Yet to be printed include: Grange Growth Development; and Grange Law.

transportation legislation that would benefit rural America. We support allowing for exemptions to the federal guidelines for using transportation funds when it can be shown that these exceptions will not produce new major safety concerns.

We continue to support laws requiring drivers to slow down and move over while passing an emergency vehicle that is stopped with lights flashing. We also support increased visibility devices for school buses.

We believe all drivers need to be fully responsible for their driving and guard against distractions from cell phones and other such devices.

Because roadside signs are displayed in English in this country, the National Grange believes that it is important for all drivers to be proficient in English. We encourage states to administer drivers' license tests in English.

The Grange opposes reductions of service to rural America. A sustainable and prospering postal service is a necessity for rural America; and we urge the USPS to vigorously pursue ways to keep the same quality service it presently provides.

surface Adopted November 13, 2015

## Candidates' Forum **Commissioner races** All ten candidates have committed to attend Saturday April 30

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Maplewood Grange** 25480 S. Hwy 99E, ~ Aurora, OR 97002

4:30-5:30pm Free Spaghetti Dinner Introduction of Candidates 6:00pm

Sponsored by Clackamas County Pomona Grange #1

For more information: Don Kingsborough kingsborpops@aol.com (503) 636-2544

Clackamas Pomona Grange #1 Legislative Chair



#### **National Grange Policy Statement Education** Health and

#### **Education**

A quality education opens minds to new possibilities and encourages students to think for themselves. While the Grange commends those who have followed the traditional path for higher education, we need to encourage those who fall outside the term "traditional student" to look at the educational opportunities available offered by vocational or trade schools or other nontraditional degree programs to expand their personal and professional lives. The purpose of education is to open the minds of young people to the world around them, to the lessonsw of the

past, and the possibilities of the future. An understanding of the past is a part of education that is too often neglected. These important facts are even more powerful and useful when an understanding of their context and background are taught. The Grange will continue to promote the teaching of American Civics in our educational system. One of the core values of the Grange is the right to free expression and the respect of differing opinions. We especially see these as relevant in educational institutions.

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## National Grange Policy Statement - Education and Health

We believe we must have a partnership between Federal, State and Local officials who all have a seat at the table when it comes to educating our children. Parents must be an essential part of the decision-making process. The National Grange encourages the teaching of patriotism and financial literacy as a major point of education if we are to see productive, prepared, responsible citizens and future elected officials, while contributing to our local and national economy.

The National Grange offers its continued support of OCRE (Organizations Concerned about Rural Education), the National School Board Associations and other educational associations as well as supporting the efforts to reduce the pupil to teacher ratio at all levels of education through 12th grade. The National Grange supports the idea of more study in regards to Common Core to determine the educational benefits. The Grange urges educators at the primary, secondary and undergraduate levels to include basic knowledge of agriculture in their curriculum. Agriculture is man's basic interaction with the environment. Every farmer learns to adapt and work with nature in order to be successful. The most simple and basic lesson, such as water is needed to grow crops, is critical for every American to understand.

The National Grange supports legislation requiring education on prevention and handling of bullying of adults and children to be administered by employers and schools.

We strongly encourage Grange members nationwide to play an active role in their local school systems and communities. It is essential for our members to invest in our children's education through volunteering. Some examples of this are the donation of school supplies (such as the Words for Thirds dictionary program) and exposure to volunteerism and community service. These contributions will help us remain positive role models for school children and increase the awareness of our organization.

The National Grange encourages individuals to become educated consumers. Consumers, using modern technology, should research their purchasing and borrowing options carefully and make decisions that positively benefit their future and that of their community. The National Grange renews its historical commitment to free primary and secondary education, affordable higher education and support of the arts, music and athletics, recognizing. their value in elevating the standard

of social and intellectual life.

#### Health

It is important that each of us take responsibility for our own health. The National Grange continues to support efforts to target the epidemic of childhood obesity, to return responsibility to the local communities to develop their own guidelines and to seek waivers on requirements that would allow farm to table produce and products to be fed to our children. We would recommend and encourage that the guidelines include healthy lunches, choice of milk and flavored milks, increased physical activity and limited access to soda and snack machines.

The National Grange supports the efforts of legislation to include cost effective, early intervention medical care to be covered by private and public insurance programs.

The National Grange encourages all American to be mindful of the opioid crises that is sweeping American with a strong concentration in rural areas of our country. The National Grange encourages all Americans to be mindful of prescription drug safety. Educational information should be provided by the prescribing physician, as well as by their pharmacists. We believe the information available through the FDA and the DEA should be provided to patients to give an unbiased opinion of the medication.

Patients should be allowed to purchase their prescription from whatever reliable source they choose. The National Grange insists that all prescriptions drugs purchased from within the boundaries of the United States should meet or exceed the standards of the FDA and the DEA. Increased efforts must be made for the continuing education of Medicare recipients on the benefits available to them through Medicare.

The National Grange continues to support the prescription disposal program, while encouraging local Granges to get training and to take part in this program in their own local communities.

While not all products that enter the United States can realistically be tested to determine if they are defective or contaminated, we encourage government agencies and consumer safety advocates to be diligent in safety inspection on imported products. The National Grange requests that all products sold in the United States be labeled with the country of origin.

National Grange urges its members to be diligent in their



## The Education Committee

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### Key Shifts of the SAT Redesign

The College Board announced a significant overhaul of the SAT college admission test in early March, changes that will affect current high school freshmen who plan to take the test as juniors in two years. The following chart compares the current SAT to the redesigned SAT. Sample questions and test examples for the new test have not yet been released.

#### **Current SAT**

Reading and writing sections do not require students to cite evidence. Students select answers to demonstrate their understanding of texts but are not asked to support their answers.

Source documents do not represent a wide range of academic disciplines. While many different types of text might appear on any SAT, there is no requirement that students encounter scientific or historical sources

Vocabulary focused on words that are sometimes obscure and not widely used in college and career. These words, while interesting and useful in specific instances, often lack broad utility in varied discipines and contexts.

Math section samples content from a wide range of high schoollevel math. There are often only one or two questions on each topic and students need to cover a great deal of math to be prepared for all topics.

Calculator permitted for full math section. It is difficult to assess students' sense of numbers, their fluency in calculation, and their ability to understand concepts rather than just plugging in the answers.

Scoring deducts points for incorrect answers. Students get 1/4 point deducted for incorrect answers; no points deducted for omitted answers.

**Essay is required.** Score scale of 2400.

#### **Redesigned SAT**

**Evidence-based reading and** writing. Students will support answers with evidence, including questions that require them to cite a specific part of a passage to support their answer choice.

Source documents originate from a wide range of academic disciplines. On every SAT, students will encounter source texts from science, history, and social studies, analyzing them the way they would in those classes.

Vocabulary focused on words that are widely used in college and career. The exam will focus on words such as synthesis and empirical, whose specific meaning depends on the context.

Math section draws from fewer topics that evidence shows most contribute to student readiness for college and career training. Students can study these core math areas in depth and have confidence that they will be assessed.

Calculator permitted on certain portions of the math section. The calculator can be used where most appropriate, but the no-calculator section allows greater assessment of students' understanding, fluency and technique.

Scoring does not deduct points for incorrect answers (rights-only scoring). Students are encouraged to select the best answer to every question.

**Essay is optional.** Score scale of 1600 with separate score for essay.

SOURCE: The College Board.

communications with their legislators to continue the cost of living increases to Social Security recipients.

The National Grange should have a commitment to quality healthcare for all. We encourage Congress to look for areas of common ground to continue to reform health care. We support further research and

potential coverage by insurance or Medicare/Medicaid for alternative therapies for medical conditions such as acupuncture for pain management.

We support paid maternity leave, working with businesses to build a comprehensive policy that benefits both the employee and employer.

Adopted November 13, 2015





Members of the Sandy High School FFA chapter presenting "The Great Divide Hair Salon" on March 10th included Jennifer Kitchen, Beulah Russell, Fallon Marshall, Kadi Atiyeh, Kayley Anderson, Cailey Ellzey and Delanie Watkins. The team place 3rd at the Oregon FFA Convention.



Above: Paula Herrick of Walterville Grange in the Grange booth.

Right: Jay Sexton helped present the banners for the top finishers in the Oregon FFA Prepared Public Speaking Contest. 1st - Kourtney Lehman, Baker, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Mason Dahl, Burns, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Bryson Price, Sutherlin and 4th - Sara Shelton, Crater. Kourtney will be invited to speak to the delegate body at this year's state Grange convention.



Several Clackamas County Granges under the encouragement of Clackamas Pomona Legislative Chairman Don Kingsborough inviteed speakers from their local FFA Chapters to attend their meetings and present their speeches. Over the course of several weeks Grangers heard from contestants in several of the different speech catagories

and learned a lot about FFA and the

subjects students were interested in.

On January 23, at the Clakamas Pomona meeting, two members of the North Clackamas FFA Chapter, Joshua Huff and Alena Kato, presented the FFA Creed. These are first year FFA members. Also attending the meeting was the North Clackamas Chapter advisor Wynn Mayfield, who spoke about FFA in general and their chapter in particular, which has a lot of urban students.

speeches at Sunnyside Grange.

Left: Sarah Markham on the left and Hannah Walker on the right gave their

Next up was Warner Grange on February 18th where the advisor Patty Abell and

two of the chapter members visited from the Canby FFA Chapter. The first speaker was freshman Raechel McKenzie. She presented the Creed and answered questions from the audience. Second up was senior Addy Crouch who was the district winner in the extemperanious speech contest. Both young ladies were moving on from district to the sectional level.

Then on Monday night, February 22<sup>nd</sup> Springwater Grange hosted four members from the Colton FFA chapter, all were prepared public speaking contestants. Speaking were Honor Hansen, Shyann Myers, Rayne Burke and Mikaela Bjorn. They were accompied by their adviser Lupe Hobgood and her mother-in-law Andi Hobgood along with Shyann's parents, Anthony and Cheryl Myers.

## Sandy High School FFA Ag Issues Team Visited OSG Headquarters

The Sandy High School FFA Chapter visited the Oregon State Grange office Thursday afternoon March 10<sup>th</sup> and presented their Ag Issues skit on the issue of whether millions of acres of Malheur County should be designated wilderness; the proposal to designate more than 2 million acres of Malheur County as wilderness. They called their play the "Great Divide Hair Salon. It contained seven characters representing many different viewpoints on the issue.

The cast included a moderator, a rancher, a Bureau of Land Management representative, a member of the Oregon Natural Desert Association and U.S. Rep. "Gracie" Walden, a character based on Rep. Greg Walden, whose congressional district includes Malheur County. Eight Grangers as well as the Policy Director of Friends of Family Farmers attended the presentation.

Earlier that day they had presented their skit to the Multnomah County Farm Bureau, the Oregon Farm Bureau, the Oregon Cattlemen's Association and the Capital Press. Then on March 15th the team presented their skit to the Boring Damascus Grange.

## **Oregon State FFA Convention**

Since 1936 the Oregon State Grange has sponsored the Prepared Public Speaking Contest for the Oregon FFA, the finals of which are held at their state convention. This year they were at the Oregon State University Campus March 18-21. In addition to the public speaking awards the OSG participated in the Career Show with a booth promoting the Grange and the

opportunities it provides when the FFA members take off their blue jacket for the last time.

State Ag Director took charge of setting up the booth and Master Susan Noah, Cat Thomas, Paula and Vern Herrick, and Toni Hoyman spent time talking with the students about what the Grange is and how it fits in with the FFA program.



## FFA Speakers Visit Clackamas County Granges

North Clackamas FFA made a second Grange visit, this time to Sunnyside Grange on March 10th. Sarah Markham presented her Agri Business project. It showed the effectiveness of Hazelnuts as a fat source in Broiler Feed and its Impact on Performance. Hannah Walker then gave her speech on Marijuana and its impact on Agriculture.



Alena Kato, North Clackamas FFA

Over the course of two months four of the six Clackamas County FFA chapters visited Granges and it is expected that next year the Molalla Chapter will be asked by either or both Clarkes and Molalla Granges to participate. The other chapter in the county is the newly organized Estacada chapter and some Grange will be looking to ask them too.



Addy Crouch, Canby FFA





Helping out at the Oregon State Grange table at OSU's 16th annual Small Farms Conference is June Colony; Ag Committee District 6 Chair, and an unnamed baby, future Junior Granger.

## Young Farmers and Community Come Together at Silverton Grange

On a Thursday evening in late February, more than 30 farmers, eaters, and community members from the Salem area attended the first Slurp and Screen event at the Silverton Grange. A joint project of Friends of Family Farmers, the Marion-Polk Food Share, and the Silverton Grange, this evening highlighted the experiences of young farmers in the area.

Attendees mingled over delicious homemade soup provided by the Marion-Polk Food Share, as a panel of local farmers shared their experiences. Sarah Brown of Diggin' Roots Farm discussed how she has developed a successful farm, with community support, over the past ten years. Jared Hibbard-Swanson from the Marion Polk Food Share explained how he became interested in growing food, and how he enjoys sharing that joy with area youth

through hands-on education at their educational farm. Chloe Hanson of Osprey Farm described her journey from working on a farm to having a farm of her own.

After the discussion, there was a free screening of the film Eating Alabama. "It seems there is a renewed interest by folks in our community to connect back with our farming heritage. We at the Grange feel privileged to be able to facilitate and participate in this great dialogue and discovery," said Jan McCorkle, of the Silverton Grange.

Similar events have happened in partnership with Granges and local partners across the state, including Leedy Grange in Cedar Mills, Mary's River Grange, Rockwood Grange, Spencer Creek Grange and White Clover Grange.

## Rockford Grange Holds Seed Share

The third annual Seed Share was held at Rockford Grange #501, in Hood River County, on March 12th. The Grange's own Seed Bank provided locally adapted and heirloom varieties of vegetables and flowers available free of charge to all gardeners. There was also a large amount of non-GMO seeds from one of the big seed companies available. Evan Gregoire of the Portland Seedhouse



provided a workshop on seed saving, covering isolation for purity, resiliency, selection and population size.



## The Agricultural Report

Jay Sexton AGdir@orgrange.org

OSG Agriculture Director

In February the Agriculture Committee hosted the first Oregon State Grange table at OSU's 16<sup>th</sup> annual Small Farms Conference. With over 900 attendees, an average age in the 30s, and 40 percent women this event put us in contact with people perfect for Grange membership. We continuously spoke with young farmers, giving them contacts for the closest Grange in their area.

In March, we helped at the booth for the Grange at the FFA State Session in Corvallis. Thousands of high school age agricultural enthusiasts, competing in leadership and job skills contests visited our booth, and heard about Grange and their opportunities to continue to develop their highest potential after graduation.

At the State Session, the Ag Tour Saturday morning will visit a large organic family farm, which runs a farm stand, bakery, and Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) operation. We also will visit a vineyard, and, if we have time, also learn about an award winning local cheese maker. The choreography of the tour is being worked out. Phone 541-929-5452, email or send in the coupon on this page to the Ag Director to reserve your seat.

Oregon Ag Fest is April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at the Salem State Fairgrounds. The Grange booth needs volunteers to help visitors transplant seedlings into peat pots, promote the Grange and the importance of agriculture. Contact the Ag Director to volunteer – free admission is a perk for volunteering – it's great fun!

Nominate worthy individuals for "Agriculturalist of the Year"—contest details are in the Contests, Awards and Scholarships booklet and on the OSG website. SEND ME APPLICANTS!

### State Grange AG Tour ~ Sat. June 18

Leave the Talent Middle School at 9am
Return by 12:50pm in time to attend the conferral of the degrees.

See three diverse Ag stops in District 1

Lunch will be provided - *Let Jay know of any special meal needs*Limited to 40 people on a first come basis

Must reserve your spot by June 10

Contact: Jay Sexton AGdir@orgrange.org 541-929-5452 232 N 8th St ~ Philomath, OR 97370

Name

Email

Phone



## Seven Oregon Granges Show Farm Film Series

Marys River #685 and six other Oregon Granges (Bellview, Leedy, Rockford, Silverton, Spencer Creek and White Clover) cooperated to show selections from the "Up Up! Farm" film series who are made up of 33 feature and short films with farm themes. These quality films attract people interested in food and agricultural issues; potential new members of the Grange. Contact Marys River Grange for more information.



2016 Ag Fest April 23 & 24 Oregon State Fairgrounds

Volunteers needed to work in the Oregon State Grange Booth to help transplant vegetable and flowers starts.

Sat., 8:30 am - 5 pm Sun., 10 am - 5 pm

To volunteer contact:

Jay Sexton AGdir@orgrange.org 541.929.5452



## Tentative Schedule for Oregon State Grange 143rd Annual Convention

### June 18-23, $2016 \sim$ Talent Middle School, Talent, Oregon

	,		,,
8 am-1pm	Saturday, June 18 Registration opens for delegates, State Grange Officers &	4:30-6 pm	Dinner break – Enjoy area restaurants. Be sure to tell them you are with the Grange.
o am-1pm	Directors, Deputies, state committee members, State Youth Officers, State Junior Officers, and visitors	6 pm	5th Degree – District #1
9 am	Ag Tour	7:45 pm	6th Degree – Oregon State Grange Officers
9 am	Fifth Degree Practice		Monday, June 20
10 am	Rosebud Practice		Red Tennis Shoes to Support Our Juniors! Agricultural Conference – Open to all members
l1 am	Memorial-Worship Service Practice	7:30-8:45 am	Education Conference – Open to all members
Noon	Junior talent, public speaking, and signing contestants must	7:30-8:30 am	Youth Officers Practice – Main Hall
	register in the Junior Room Youth Public Speaking and Sign-a-song contestants must sign up with the State Youth Directors	8am-noon	Registration for delegates, State Grange Officers & Directors, Deputies, state committee members, State Youth Officers, State Junior Officers, and visitors
l pm	Exemplification of the first four Degrees under the leadership of Don MacKinnon, Springwater Grange – Main Hall	9 am	\$1 Junior Degree ticket required for entry Opening in the 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree (State Officers line up 8:45 am)
2-5 pm	GWA, Lecturer's, Community Service Yearbook, and Junior contest entries accepted		Reading and adopting Sunday's Journal Preferential election report Nominations for State Grange Lecturer and Secretary
2-5 pm	Registration Open	10:15 am	Junior Degree, State Junior Officers
4:30 pm	Talent Contestants meet with State Lecturer in Main Hall	Noon	Membership Luncheon - All members welcome with
5: 30 pm	Kickoff Banquet – "The Opening Act" — <i>All members</i> welcome with ticket purchased by June 1. Additional seating will be available for program portion.	NOOH	ticket purchased by June 1. Additional seating will be available for program portion.
7 nm		1:30-5 pm	Registration Open
<sup>7</sup> pm	Talent Show, Public Speaking & Sign-a-Song Contests - Main Hall Honor Grange awards	1:30 pm	Session reconvenes
	Agriculturist of the Year award Community Service – Volunteer of the Year award	2 pm	GIA Board President – D. Thomas McKern
9 pm	Assignment of Deputies – OSG Gatekeeper – Main Hall	4 pm	Closing in the 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree
9:15 pm	State Officers practice including Sixth Degree	4-6 pm	Final election of State Officers
7:30-8:30 am	Sunday, June 19 Youth Officers Practice – Main Hall	4-6 pm	Dinner break – Enjoy area restaurants. Be sure to tell them you are with the Grange.
8 am-noon	Registration for delegates, State Grange Officers & Directors, Deputies, state committee members, State Youth Officers, State Junior Officers, and visitors	6 pm	Community Service Conference – "Map your neighborhood and Shelter in place." Building a disaster plan for your community and strengthening readiness among your neighbors. – Open to all members
	GWA, Lecturer's, Community Service Yearbook and Junior contest entries accepted	6 pm	Secretary's Conference – Open to all members
9 am	Ceremonial opening in the 6 <sup>th</sup> Degree-State Officers line up 8:45 am	7:15 pm	Lecturer's and Deaf Awareness & Family Health
	Introduction of guests		Conference – Open to all members
	Introduction of guests Welcome by Mayor & Overseer's Response		Conference – Open to all members  Tuesday, June 21
10 am		<b>Red,</b> 6:30-9 am	Tuesday, June 21 White and Blue Day to Honor our Veterans
	Welcome by Mayor & Overseer's Response  Introduction of budget Master's Addresses	6:30-9 am	Tuesday, June 21 White and Blue Day to Honor our Veterans Grange Benefits Breakfast - Complimentary - Bellview
11 am	Welcome by Mayor & Overseer's Response  Introduction of budget Master's Addresses Closing in the Fourth Degree – OSG Overseer  Memorial-Worship Service  GWA, Lecturer's, Community Service Yearbook and	6:30-9 am 7:30-8:30 am	Tuesday, June 21  White and Blue Day to Honor our Veterans  Grange Benefits Breakfast – Complimentary – Bellview Grange ~ 1050 Tolman Creek Rd., Ashland.  Youth Officers Practice – Main Hall
11 am Noon	Welcome by Mayor & Overseer's Response  Introduction of budget Master's Addresses Closing in the Fourth Degree – OSG Overseer  Memorial-Worship Service  GWA, Lecturer's, Community Service Yearbook and Junior contest entries close  Foundation Luncheon - All members welcome with ticket purchased by June 1. Additional seating will be	6:30-9 am 7:30-8:30 am	Tuesday, June 21  White and Blue Day to Honor our Veterans Grange Benefits Breakfast – Complimentary – Bellview Grange ~ 1050 Tolman Creek Rd., Ashland.  Youth Officers Practice – Main Hall Legislative & Veterans Conference – Open to all members Registration for delegates, State Grange Officers &
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## **Tentative Schedule for the 143rd Oregon State Grange Convention,** continued

10 am OSG Attorney – Nancy Murray

Resolutions Election report

Noon GWA Luncheon - All members welcome with ticket

purchased by June 1. Additional seating will be

available for program portion.

1:30-5 pm Registration Open

1:30 pm Session reconvenes

2:30 pm Tribute to Grange Veterans

5-7 pm Dinner break – *Enjoy area restaurants. Be sure to tell* 

them you are with the Grange.

7 pm Session Reconvenes

9 pm Closing in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree

#### Wednesday, June 22

Wear Green to Support our Youth!

7:30-8:30 am Membership Conference – Open to all members

7-8 am Youth Officers practice – Main Hall

8 am-noon Registration for delegates, State Grange Officers &

Directors, Deputies, state committee members, State Youth

Officers, State Junior Officers, and visitors

8:30 am Youth officer pictures

9 am Opening in the 4th Degree by State Youth Officers (Line up 8:45 am)

Reading and adopting Tuesday's Journal

Noon Youth Luncheon & "Goodie Basket" drawings - All

members welcome with ticket purchased by June 1. Additional seating will be available for program portion.

1:30-5 pm Registration Open

1:30 pm Session reconvenes

2 pm Recognition of Past State Officers and Directors

5-7 pm Dinner break – *Enjoy area restaurants. Be sure to tell* 

them you are with the Grange. GROW Club no host dinner TBA

7 pm Silent auction closes

Oral auction

Session reconvenes - Resolutions

9 pm Closing in the 4th Degree-Wayne Cabler-Chair Dist.#1 Hosting Comm.

Thursday, June 23

7:30-8:30 am Ag Conference – Healthy Forests – Open to all members

8 am-noon Registration for delegates, State Grange Officers &

Directors, Deputies, state committee members, State Youth

Officers, State Junior Officers, and visitors

9 am Opening in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree (State Officers line up 8:45 am)

Reading and adopting Sunday's Journal

Resolutions continued

Noon Lunch on your own — Enjoy area restaurants. Be sure

to tell them you are with the Grange.

1:30 pm Installation of OSG Officers

Resolutions continued All other unfinished business

Invitation by District #2 to visit in 2017

4 pm Closing in 4<sup>th</sup> Degree – OSG Master

### 2016 Oregon State Grange Convention Meal Ticket Order Form

#### **Talent Middle School**

Name:		
Grange Name & No.:		
Phone:	Email:	
Address:		

Saturday dinner and Sunday through Wednesday lunches are available for purchase. Additionally a salad bar and dessert is available for purchase for those not wanting to buy the meal tickets for the luncheons. The meals are on site at the Talent Middle School unless otherwise noted. Tuesday morning's breakfast location is Bellview Grange ~ 1050 Tolman Creek Rd., Ashland.

In the boxes below, write in the total number of meal tickets per meal. Total the daily meal costs on the right and enter the grand total at the bottom. Mail completed order form and total amount by June 1st. Meal tickets will not be available for purchase after June 1st. All meal tickets will be picked up at State Session. Mail to: Linda Helm ~ PO Box 1074, Phoenix, OR 97535

## Please return order form with check payable to the "District #1" by June 1st.

Day	Meal	Meal Menu		Adult Banquet \$15.00 each Adult Lunches @ \$12.00 each Child* Banquet @ \$9.00 each Child Lunches \$8.00 each		
			# of tickets	ļ	per ticket cost	Daily \$ Total
Sat 6/18	Kickoff Banquet	Tri-tip, red oven potatoes, vegetables, salad,		Х	\$15.00	
		dessert		Х	\$9.00	
Sun	Foundation	Chicken breast in mushroom gravy, rice pilaf,		Х	\$12.00	
6/19	Luncheon	vegetables, salad, dessert		Χ	\$8.00	
Mon	Mon Membership Pork Loin Roast, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, salad, dessert			Х	\$12.00	
6/20				Х	\$8.00	
	Grange Benefits Breakfast - Bellview Grange				Free	0.00
Tue 6/21		Lasagna, vegetables, salad, French bread,		х	\$12.00	
	GWA Editcheon	dessert		Х	\$8.00	
Wed 6/22	Youth Luncheon Baked Potato Bar, salad, dessert			х	\$10.00	
Sun 6/19	S		Х	\$6.75		
Mon 6/20	S		Х	\$6.75		
Tues 6/21	9	Salad Bar & dessert for lunch		Х	\$6.75	
Wed 6/22	Salad Bar & dessert for lunch I IVI &6.75					
* Child ti	* Child ticket applies to those 10 and under Grand \$ Total					

### Orders must be received by June 1st. No tickets available on site.



## 1st-4th Degree Teams Members Needed

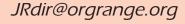
Team Captain, Don MacKinnon still needs volunteers to be part of the degree teams. Speaking parts still needed are AS & LAS for the 3rd & 4th degrees and Flora for all the degrees. There are still non-speaking parts in all the degrees available. This is your opportunity to assist in teaching the lessons that are part of the beautiful ritual of the Grange

Additionally, there is the opportunity for four Granges to rise to the challenge of designing and producing a tableau for one of the degrees.

Contact: Don MacKinnon, Degree Captain 21103 S Mattoon Rd. ~ Estacada, Oregon 97023 503.631.7834 <u>bdmac@ccgmail.net</u>



### **Oregon Junior** Grangers





Oregon State Grange Junior Page



### "Junior Grange Growing Across Oregon" **2016 State Session Theme**

Hello Junior Grangers,

Are you excited to be presenting the degree and have some fun at the State Session? We hope so, for we are excited to have you.

At this year's session we want you to get to know your fellow Juniors from across the State because the Grange is like an extended family. After several years you will have met and gotten to know Grange Sisters and Brothers from all over.

As we practice and present the Junior Degree, we asked you to think about the people that had gone before you that had spoken the same words and walked in the same footsteps. Because of them you have a strong organization and community to grow and prosper in. Interim Junior Chair

You will take up the challenge and succeed because you, too, have roots that run deep and strong. We hope you will find it rewarding as well as enjoyable as we celebrate our theme "Junior Grange Growing Across Oregon".

As we look ahead we hope Juniors will have a full and productive life. The lessons you learned in the degree should aid you as you make key decisions that will affect you and your community.

If you are interested in being a Junior Officer, please contact the State Office. Also, we are still looking for a Junior Director. Mothers or grandmothers are welcome.

Elizabeth Dehne

#### **Tour of International Cultures** Continues For Washington-Yamhill Junior Grange

January was Japanese month as Washington-Yamhill Junior Grange continued their tour of international cultures. Chieko Sone showed the Juniors how to do origami by making a square box and then a star box. Then the children used chopsticks to put gummy candies into their boxes. The big pieces were fairly easy. Jelly beans were a challenge for most everyone. Hopefully Chieko and her 7-year-old son will join the Grange when they return from their trip to Japan to care for her parents.



challenge for everyone, except Erin (hands in foreground). She's the champion! Left: Chieko Sone showing the Juniors how to do origami by making paper boxes.

## Washington State Grange Invites Oregon Juniors to Grange Camp

For several years now Oregon has not had a Junior Camp during the summer. This year the Washington State Grange is inviting Oregon Juniors to attend one of their camps. There are six Junior Grange summer camps scheduled for locations around Washington State. Prompt early registration is the best way to secure a spot at the camp of choice and to avoid late

Each camp will feature a week of fun activities including music, hiking, swimming, special programs, games, crafts and Junior Grange instruction. It is not necessary for children or their parents to be Grange members to register for a camp. Eligible ages are 9-14 for most of the camps..

Although each camp is administered separately, each requires a signed medical permission slip from parents, a completed registration form and pre-payment of camp fees. Prices range from \$140-180 depending on camp and time of registration. Pamphlets for each camp are available from camp coordinators (contact information is listed below). They are also available on the Washington State Grange website, www.wagrange.org.

There may be financial assistance available for Oregon Juniors through the Oregon State Grange Foundation. Contact your district trustee for more information.

Camp Wooten June 26-July 1 Camp Wooten State Park 2711 Tucannon Road ~ Pomeroy, WA Camp Director: Deena Stalling 509-521-1340 Campwooten1@gmail.com

Camp Morehead July 10-16 Camp Morehead 27600 Sandridge Road Ocean Park, WA

> Camp Director: Tom Gwin 360-987-2361 tgwin@techline.com

Camp David Junior Grange Camp: July 10-15 Junior Grange Camp: July 17-22 Mini Camp Explorers: July 18-20 Mini Camp Adventures: July 20-22 Camp David Jr. 1452 Camp David Jr. Rd. Port Angeles, WA Camp Director: Chrissy Amundson

360 452-8028

Grandpas twerp@hotmail.com

Camp NEWA July 31-August 6 2580 Pend Oreille Lake Road Colville, WA

> Camp Director: Carol Evans 509-535.1165

Camp Mayfield July 5-11 Mayfield Lake Youth Camp 394 Winston Creek Road Mossyrock, WA

> Camp Directors: Jennifer & Marvin Oliver Jennifer: (253) 906-6078 Marvin: (253) 906-6075 swjrgrangecamp@gmail.com

Camp Cornet Bay August 7-12 Cornet Bay Junior Camp 400 W. Cornet Bay Road Oak Harbor, WA

> Camp Registrar: Kathy Moynihan 253-350-1807 moynihanmom@gmail.com Camp Director: Janelle Lierman 425-407-3199 jmlierman@hotmail.com

## **Benton Juniors Paint Pottery**

Benton Junior Grangers visited Surefire Designs in Albany for their January meeting and painted pottery. At the studio each child picked out their favorite shape and then painted it. The studio then took care of glazing and firing them in the kiln. It was a wonderful experience and the children had a blast. Will we see some entered at state convention?





## District 1 Granges Welcome You "Bring your Talent to Talent"



#### North Bayside Grange #691 Coos County Organized 1927

Location: East Bay Dr (Glasgow)

North Bend

Meets: 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday 7:30pm, potluck 6:30pm Mail address: 95587 Haynes Way Lane

North Bend Master: Jeanne O'Toole

#### Bandon Grange #702 Coos County Reorganized 2014

Meets: 250 First St. S.W. (Farmers Market Building)

Meets: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 3 pm

Mail address: PO Box 290, Bandon 97411

Contact: John Towne





Bridge Grange #730 Coos County Organized 1929

Location: 51240 Myrtle Creek Rd.

Myrtle Point

Meets: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 6:30 pm Mail address: 53379 Big Creek Rd.

Myrtle Point 97458 Master: Gail Heidel

Best known for: Food booth at the Coos County Fair and community service.

Other projects: Christmas dinner and bingo





#### Chetco Grange #765 Curry County Reorganized 2007

Location: 97895 Shopping Center Ave, Harbor; hall built in 1934

Meets: 2nd Thursday 5:30 pm

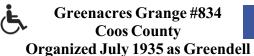
Mail address: PO Box 2537, Brookings 97415

Master: Sandra Griffith

Best known for: Year-around Farmers Market on Wednesdays and Saturdays features locallygrown fruits and veggies, locally-made food products, and hand-made crafts by local artists.

Other projects: The hall is used for music concerts, dance classes, informational meetings, Girl Scout overnights, and flea market sales.





Location: 93393 Greenacres Ln, Coos Bay Hall first occupied in 1955

Meets: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 6 pm

Mail address: PO Box 335, Myrtle Point 97458

Master: Cathy Mann

Best known for: Helping to organize the Greenacres Rural Fire Department and Greenacres Community Church, both of which continue to be a vital part of the community. Hours and hours are spent by the GWA and Just Sew groups on sewing, quilting and craft projects.

Other projects: Sewing items from both groups are donated to care centers, the women's crisis center and the hospice thrift shop. Members coordinate the Land Products Department at the Coos County Fair, host AARP 55 Alive driving safety classes, and support the Lillian Haynes Memorial Scholarship.

#### Rogue Grange & Community Center #767 Curry County Reorganized 2010

Location: 33043 Nesika Beach Rd, Ophir

Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 4 pm

Mail address: PO Box 6, Ophir 97464

Master: Monica Real



#### Camas Valley Grange #521 Douglas County Re-organized 1932

Location: 321 S Camas Rd, Camas Valley

Hall built in 1952-3 Meets: 2nd Thursday 10 am Mail address: 1084 Burma Rd. Camas Valley 97416 Master: Gladys Milton

Best known for: Supporting the whole community including fire department and SMART in the schools.

Other projects: Scout groups, Junior and Senior High School balls, sports awards, and monthly luncheons for seniors.



#### Sutherlin Grange #724 Douglas County Reorganized 1930

Location: 851 Comstock, Sutherlin Meets: 3rd Monday 7 pm

Mail address: PO Box 1730 Sutherlin 97479

Master: Robin Olds



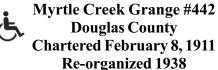
#### Sixes Grange #856 Curry County Reorganized 2006



Location: 44556 Hwy 101, Sixes Meets: 1st Monday 6 pm, potluck before Mail address: PO Box 245, Sixes 97476

Master: Ron Leitch





Location: 661 Riverside Dr, Myrtle Creek Hall built in 1965

Meets: 2nd Friday 8 pm

Mail address: 4983 N Myrtle Rd. Myrtle Creek 97457

Master: Calvin Clack

Best known for: Donating blankets and stuffed animals to CARES, quilts to VA, and clothing and personal items to the battered women's shelter and for an annual Easter egg hunt.

Other projects: Bingo, Mother/Son Dance, 5K walk/run for wigs for cancer patients, a craft fair, and the Grange caters the annual Myrtle Creek High School reunion.



#### Evergreen Grange #460 Douglas County Organized 1911

Location: 5361 SW Grange Rd, Winston Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday 6 pm

Mail address: 2361 Castle Ave.
Roseburg 97471
Master: Shirley Rummel





#### Riversdale Grange #731 Douglas County Organized 1929



Location: 4856 Garden Valley Rd, Roseburg
Hall first occupied September 6, 1935
Meets: 3rd Monday 7 pm, potluck 6 pm
Mail address: 618 Temple Brown Rd.
Roseburg 97470

Master: John Fine

Best known for: Annual Tri-Tip Dinner

Other projects: Annual craft sale, antique sale, and planting plants with kids during Grange week.

You



## District 1 Granges Welcome





#### Azalea Grange #786 Douglas County Organized 1931

Location: 142 Pisqually Lane, Azalea Hall built 1933

Meets: 1st Monday 7 pm

Mail address: 407 Brady Hill Ln, Azalea 97410

Master: Roger Lee

Best known for: Supporting people in need through the Glendale Azalea Christmas Bureau.

Other projects: Cleaning Ranchero Road for 30 years and having an event for the community each month.





#### Sunnydale Grange #877 Douglas County Organized 1938

Location: 5040 Hwy 38, Drain 97435 Hall built in 1951

Meets: 2nd Monday 7:30 pm, potluck 6:30 pm Mail address: PO Box 146, Drain 97435

Master: Jamie Mast

Best known for: Barbequed chicken dinners sold during the annual North Douglas County Fair. This is their primary fundraising project. The chicken is barbequed on-site by Master-Chef Jamie Mast and assistants. The Grange has a cook trailer that turns out hamburgers and hot dogs as well. Drain High School students are hired to run the cook shack. Their wages fund their sports activities.

Other projects: A once-a-month bingo night is the primary source of revenue for the Grange's scholarship program, which provides a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior from of the Drain High School and Yoncalla High School. To qualify the senior must be enrolled in an academic program that will benefit the economic well-being of the local communities.

Sunnydale Grange also rents a portion of the hall for office space and meetings to the Elk Creek Watershed Committee. The Watershed Committee's primary mission is to assist local landowners in bettering watershed/land management practices through education, project identification, planning, funding and completion.



Location: 18037 State Hwy 138W, Oakland

Meets: 1st Wednesday 7 pm Mail address: 27449 State Hwy 38

Elkton 97436 Master: King Phelps





#### Lookingglass Grange #927 Douglas County Chartered April 1949



Location: 7426 Lookingglass Rd Roseburg, OR 97471 Meets: 2nd Tuesday 7 pm

Mail address: 7426 Lookingglass Road

Roseburg, OR 97471 Master: David Gilding

Lookingglass Grange was first organized in 1876 and the first meetings where held at the Lookingglass School. The Grange was re-organized in 1949 and assigned #927. Construction on the current Grange Hall was started in 1958; it was dedicated in April of 1963.

Lookingglass has had its ups and downs and currently is on an up. Membership is growing with thirty active members; some have been members for over 66 years.

The Looingglass Farmers Market at the Grange hall is open most Fridays from 3 to 6 pm rain or shine selling local honey, fresh farm-grown produce and always something sweet from a local baker.

Community involvement includes an annual May Parade and Clean-up day as well as the Annual Lookingglass Cemetery Clean-up and Grange Garage Sale. Regular bingo and bunko nights and monthly events as agriculture education presentations, cooking and preserving courses with demonstrations, gardening classes with field trips, individual and community preparedness classes and of course neighborhood parties are planned.

The Water District uses the hall for monthly meetings, and it is available to any other local non-profit group that needs a place to call home.

A great team does a wonderful job keeping the building in top shape. Lookingglass Grange urges others to visit or check out their Facebook page.



#### Live Oak Grange #655 Jackson County Organized 1925

Location: 120 Gardiner St, Rogue River Meets: 2nd Tuesday 6 pm

Mail address: PO Box 514 Rogue River 97537 Master: Margaret Clark





#### Enterprise Grange #489 Jackson County Chartered July 1, 1912

Location: 9700 E Evans Creek Rd, Rogue River

Meets: 1st Wednesday noon

Mail address: 16995 E Evans Creek Rd.

Rogue River 97537

Master: Ken Hart

Enterprise Grange's original hall was built in 1915. The oldest Grange in Jackson County came to life in the little town of Wimer, in the beautiful Evans Valley, eight miles outside the City of Rogue River. The Grange has always been the hub of Wimer and for many years had a very active membership of farmers and ranchers. Fifty years ago a fire department was formed; its first building was built on Grange property. Some 40 odd years later, this slice of land was sold to the fire department for \$1.00.

The current hall was built in 1963. It has seen its share of dances, parties and spaghetti feeds. In 1987, a fire broke out in the Valley, and the Grange and many volunteers provided 350 meals per day to firefighters and residents for the duration of the fire. When the Wimer Covered Bridge collapsed, the Grange hosted all the meetings of the Covered Bridge Committee for several years at no charge, until fundraising was complete and the bridge rebuilt.

The Grange started out with a main hall and has added, through the years, a kitchen and dining hall, bathrooms and a back foyer and a stage. The hall underwent a renovation in 2011 that saw insulation, drywall, and trim added, every surface repainted, bathrooms modernized and new curtains made. All money for materials was donated as was all labor.

Having secured a grant from the State Grange, Enterprise Grange is getting ready for the next round of repairs and updating.





Eagle Point Grange #664 Jackson County Organized 1925



Location: 5 S Shasta Ave, Eagle Point

Meets: 2nd Monday 6 pm potluck odd months

Mail address: PO Box 252, Eagle Point 97524

Master: Michela La Fever

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## "Bring your Talent to Talent"





Lake Creek Grange #489 Jackson County Organized 1928



Location: 1556 S Fork Little Butte Creek Rd.

Eagle Point; Hall built 1932 Meets: 2nd Wednesday 6 pm

Mail address: 8191 S Fork Little Butte Creek Rd.

Eagle Point 97524 Master: Wayne Marshall

Best known for: Breakfasts on the 2nd Sunday of every month.

Ongoing project is "local people helping local people." This involves collecting redeemable cans and bottles; the proceeds from this go to the "little gardener" program at the elementary school.





Central Point Grange #698 Jackson County Organized 1928

Location: 436 E Pine St, Central Point Meets: 2nd Wednesday 7 pm

Mail address: PO Box 3355, Central Point 97502

Master: Wayne Cabler

Best known for: Food & Friends, an organization that delivers food to home-bound residents five days a week.

Projects: Getting bids to add a handicapped ramp and for a cover for the back door.





Fruitdale Grange #379 Josephine County Organized 1908



Location: 1440 Parkdale Dr, Grants Pass Meets: 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 10:30 am, potluck noon Mail address: 1440 Parkdale Dr.

Grants Pass 97527 Master: Jill Hamm





Bellview Grange #759 Jackson County Organized 1930



Location: 1050 Tolman Creek Rd, Ashland Hall built 1926

Meets: 1st Monday 6:30 pm

Mail address: PO Box 3372, Ashland 97520

Master: Richard Heller

Best known for: Theater arts; proudest achievement is the remodel of the stage!

Other projects: Grange Performing Arts Center, school for education of youth, and summer camp.

They are looking forward to being at part of state session and are writing resolutions addressing agricultural issues.





Phoenix Grange #779 Jackson County Organized 1931



Location: 209 North Main Street, Phoenix (corner of Main Street and 2nd Street)

Meets: 2nd Tuesday 6 pm

Mail address: PO Box 1074, Phoenix 97535

Master: Linda Helm

Best known for: Annual Bazaar on 1st Saturday in November

Other Projects: Promoting GMO ban in Jackson County, interior and exterior rehab of hall that was built in 1901.



#### Mapleton Grange #584 Western Lane County Organized 1920

Location: 10880 E Mapleton Rd, Mapleton Meets: 1st Saturday 2 pm, potluck 1 pm Mail address: PO Box 65, Mapleton 97453 Master: Barbara Reeder



Smith River Grange #585 Western Douglas County Organized 1920

Location: 9850 Lower Smith River Rd. Reedsport

Meets: 1st Saturday 11am

Mail address: 27277 Lower Smith River Rd. Reedsport 97467

Master: David Logan



Applegate Valley Grange #839 Jackson County Reorganized in 2012



Location: 3901 Upper Applegate Road four miles south of Ruch

Meets: 2nd Sunday 6:30, potluck 5:30pm

except in August

Mail address: PO Box 164, Trail 97541

Master: Paul W. Tipton

When Upper Applegate Grange was chartered in 1935, they built a log hall near the historic McKee Covered Bridge. It burned to the ground and was rebuilt at the present location in 1956. After the cement block building was erected, the roof and much of the finishing was done by members and community volunteers.

Over the years the Grange was known for social and community gatherings: dances, meals, and family time. When the Granges was reorganized the members tried some community meals, and those community members who remembered the great meals previously prepared by the Grange came, but after a couple of tries, the crowds thinned and there were fewer elders and community members to participate.

So the Grange started having a fair two times a year with craft booths and vendors with local agricultural products. Then they added an art show with local artwork, local musicians, educational displays and talks, children's activities. The community has responded. Now, members are asked when the next fair will be, and can I participate?

Many members participate in the community doing different volunteer services for other organizations: at the local library, at the fire department, in the local community school for SMART, and at local churches.

The Grange is offering a social night once a month with bingo. A local Cub Scout troop uses the hall for some of their meetings. Applegate Valley Grange is slowly growing and hoping to do more in the community as membership grows.

#### Upper Rogue Grange #825 Jackson County Organized 1935

Location: 7165 Crowfoot Rd, Trail Hall built 1973

Meets: 4th Tuesday 11:30 am Mail address: PO Box 164, Trail 97541

Master: Beth Ness

Best known for: Supporting and providing space for the Material Girls, who donate 100+quilts each year to hospitals and those in crises.

Other Projects: Donate NICU blankets; Quilts of Valor and pillowcases to veterans in their communities.



## District 1 Granges Welcome You "Bring your Talent to Talent"



Illinois Valley Grange #370
Josephine County
Organized in 1906 and reorganized 1930

Location: 3763 Holland Loop Rd.

Cave Junction

Meets: 2nd Saturday at 1pm, potluck at noon

Mail address: PO Box 974 Cave Junction 97523

Master: Roy Barto

Dr. Spence, the only doctor in the valley, built the hall in 1904 as a co-op creamery. Milk was delivered to local residents and to Crescent City, Medford, and even Roseburg. When Illinois Valley Grange was organized in 1906, the creamery continued. The hall has a spring board floor to withstand the payload of the milk that came in. That floor is great for the dances.

Best known for: Farmer's breakfast served all year around on the  $1^{st}$ ,  $2^{nd}$ , and  $3^{rd}$  Sundays from 8am to noon.

Other projects: Just finished painting and repairs to the hall. Members put up salsas, jams and jellies. The Grange puts in a County Fair exhibit. The Grange serves breakfasts for Illinois Valley Alumni and the Lions Labor Day weekend.





Williams Grange #399 Josephine County Organized 1909



Location: 10200 Williams Hwy, Williams
Current building was built around 1935.
Meets: Second Tuesday 6:30 pm
Mail address: P.O. Poy 1121

Mail address: P.O. Box 1121 Williams OR 97544 Master: Brian Barton

Best known for: Pancake Breakfast from 8:30 to 11 am on the second Sunday of each month from September through June; closed July & August.

Other projects: A Farmer's Market, May through October; a Seed Swap in March; Yoga, Zumba, and Aikido classes most days of the week; dances, concerts and other socials. Williams Grange supports the local Christmas Charity Basket of Love, a Hidden Valley High School graduation event, the Williams branch of the Josephine County Libraries, the Williams Fire Support Group, and other worthy local programs.





Deer Creek Grange #371 Josephine County Chartered October 17, 1907



Location: 3830 Lake Shore Dr, Selma

Meets: 1st Sunday at 2 pm

Mail address: PO Box 19, Selma 97538 Master: William "Bill" Waggoner

Best known for: Its leaning hall. When the original hall began to lean, the members decided to add on a dining room and kitchen to hold the hall up. Through the years there have not been any structural changes to the original hall and add on.

Deer Creek Grange received a State Grange Matching Grant and members are currently working on repairs and restoration of the building in an effort to increase membership.

Notable projects through the years include:

- Deer Creek members made mattresses for the war efforts during WW II.
- In 1942 the Grange was instrumental in bringing electricity to the Illinois Valley.
- The Grange has written and continues to write resolutions for local community improvements.
- The Grange hosted several food banks over the past two years.
- A Junior membership drive brought in seven Junior members; one has since graduated into the youth program. Juniors have several projects they are working on.
- Deer Creek Grange has been used by the Fire Service during major forest fires.

Deer Creek hosts bingos, yard sales and hall rentals. For the last three years, the youth group has had a carnival booth fundraiser at the local Lions Club Annual Labor Day Festival in Cave Junction.



Sunny Valley Grange #916 Josephine County Organized 1946

Location: 449 Placer Rd, Sunny Valley Meets: 2nd Saturday 6 pm,

Potluck 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 6 pm Mail address: 500 Placer Rd, Sunny Valley

97497

Master: Ruth Monical

Best known for: Chalet style hall built between 1964-7. But now the steep, shake roof is leaking and the tarp that covered the leaks blew off in a wind storm. Bids to replace the roof range from \$45,000-\$47,000.

Other projects: Sunny Valley's fair booth won first prize at last year's Josephine County Fair!





Redwood Grange #760 Josephine County Organized August 21, 1930

Location: 1830 Redwood Ave, Grants Pass Meets: Second Thursday 5:30 pm

Meets: Second Thursday 5:30 pm Mail address: P.O. Box 5432 Grants Pass 97527

Master: Joel Clark

The Grange was organized at the Josephine County Fairgrounds and named "Redwood Highway Grange" to describe its jurisdiction, but "Highway" was dropped. In 1939 the Grange acquired the current property from the Grants Pass irrigation District for \$10.

Best known for: A dance and social hall

The city now surrounds the property, and there is no farmland left in this area. Grange members are working hard to keep the building open to the public.



#### North Pacific Grange #911 Josephine County Chartered 1945

Location: 222 Grange Rd, Grants Pass Meets: 2nd Tuesday 5:30 pm Mail address: 222 Grange Rd. Grants Pass 97526

Contact: Mike Fimbres





Ada Grange #570 Western Lane County Chartered March 3, 1918



Location: 82457 S Canary Rd, Westlake Meets: 2nd Saturday 6 pm, potluck 5 pm Mail address: PO Box 674, Florence 97439 Master: Megan Schofield

Best known for: Community Halloween and Christmas parties, bingo nights, and breakfast fundraiser for scholarship

Other projects: Relay for Life team, food vendor at Florence Wings and Wheels event, scholarships, support of Siuslaw Schools, Siuslaw Outreach Services, Florence Food Share, Florence STEP program, Hunter's Association, and Fair Grove Historical Cemetery.



## Grange Youth & Young Adults



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OSG Youth Directors



State Session is just about here! Can you feel the excitement yet? Change is exciting, and as we know, this year's convention will be a new experience for us all. Be sure and make suggestions to us about what we did well and that you liked last year as well as what could have been done better, and perhaps what it is you would like to see at future sessions.

Youth Officer Applications are due to us by the end of March. If you need an extension, please do not hesitate to contact us. We want to see your smiling face at session. The application was in the February Bulletin and is on the OSG website.

The Youth Conference will be held at Marys River Grange in Philomath on April 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup>. The Grange hall will be open starting at 7pm Friday night and we will be finishing by 10am on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Here is a great opportunity to get to know other Youth from around the state. Meals will be provided. You will need to bring sleeping items and a swimsuit. We will have workshops, some practice at Grange Jeopardy and fun activities. The registration form was in the February Bulletin. Please let us know if you are coming

for some or all of it so we can plan food accordingly.

Be thinking about representing Oregon as our National Youth Ambassador. You will need to complete an application, and the winner will attend the 2016 National Session in Washington DC.

The Youth Program varies from Grange to Grange. Some are very active, some not so active. People want to come and belong to something that is positive, fun and meaningful to their communities. For suggestions, drop us an email. We would be happy to give you specific information, or perhaps come to your Grange and make a presentation to your membership.

Grange has been a positive influence to many people and has been the shaping force in people's daily lives. Take advantage of the programs offered, and by all means make suggestions to programs to try. Fresh eyes, are always welcome. This world does not stay the same for long. We need to adapt to the times, and welcome your input.

Hope to see you at the Youth Conference, and at State Session.

### **OSG Youth Convention Highlights:**

Plans are in the works for Youth Get Acquainted Activities, Workshop on How to make Grange "Fun", Community Service project, benefit carwash, Grange jeopardy, public speaking and sign-a-song competitions, and more. See June Bulletin for complete schedule.

# Upcoming Dates and Deadlines

April Vote on State Grange officers
Send notice to suspend
April 30 2016 First Quarter Report due
May 1 Spence GWA Mary Ramman

May 1 Spence, GWA, Mary Ramm and Muzzy Mandel scholarship applications must be postmarked

May 1-Sep15 File 990N epostcard online

May 5 5pm deadline to return Certified Ballot for preferential election to state office

May 15 Deadline for Committee Assignment preference

form to be sent to state office

May 15 Annual Community Service Reports must be

postmarked

May 18 Last day to file resolutions to be printed in the packet and considered at state convention

June 7 Last day to send in delegate credentials; otherwise

bring to registration table at convention

June 18-23 Oregon State Grange Annual Session - Talent,

Jregon

**Nov 2017** 

August 5-7 Western Leadership and Youth Conference -

Portland, Oregon area

Nov 15 - 19 150th Annual National Grange Convention - Washington, DC

151st Annual National Grange Convention - Spokane, Washington

Dec 4, 2017 150th Anniversary of the Grange

### Secretary's Column

Alice Nowicki alice.nowicki@yahoo.com

Secretary ~ Oregon State Grange

"The storm starts when the drops start dropping, when the drops stop dropping then the storm starts stopping!" Dr. Suess

Happy Spring!

This is a very busy time of the year for Grange Secretaries! Be sure to check and double check the due dates on the various forms and documents that need to be submitted to the Oregon State Grange office.

I strongly encourage all Secretaries and Treasurers to attend the "Best Practices for your Best Grange" Secretary's, Treasurer's and Master's Conference. You have or will be receiving a postcard announcing the conference sites. Pick one and attend! A wealth of information will be given to you about your position. The revised Secretary's handbook and the new Treasurer's handbook will be handed out at the conference. It is a day well spent!

The following is a check list of items that need to be completed in April and May:

- The Quarterly Report for the first quarter of 2016 is due in April. Be sure to review the information carefully and submit any changes in your membership on the backside of the report. A new feature has been added! You can now download the backside of the quarterly report from the OSG website, type in the names and addresses, print it and mail it with the front section of the report. Be sure to make a copy for your records. If you discover that you have made an error on your Quarterly report after you have mailed it, call the OSG office as soon as possible. If you report the error before the OSG Office does their Quarterly Report to the National Grange the error can be fixed.
- Preferential Elections of State Officers Certified Ballot are due May 5<sup>th</sup> to the OSG Office. You will be receiving the voting packet. After your Grange votes, mail in the results in the correct envelop and please retain the ballots and stubs until after the State Grange Convention. Then recycle the information.
- IRS 990 E POSTCARD filing is due May 1–Sept 15, 2016. Do not attempt to do it ahead of time. You will receive detailed instructions on how to complete this important filing from the OSG Office. If you have any concerns or need further

information about the 990 filing, please contact Suzy Ramm at (503) 316-0106.

- Annual Community Service Reports must be postmarked by May 15<sup>th</sup> and mailed to the state CS Director. (See page 18)
- Spring Housekeeping is a must! Go through your financial records and discard the items that are past the suggested retention time. Check your handbook for the suggested years of retention. Discard outdated forms and literature also

The 143<sup>rd</sup> Oregon State Grange Convention will be held in Talent, Oregon from June 18 to June 23, 2016. It's a great time to connect with other members and gain more knowledge about the Grange.

Encourage your Grange to do the following to get ready for this year's convention:

- Submit a Resolution by May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Select a second delegate (other than your Master). Each Grange is entitled to two Delegates. Also select alternates in case your delegates cannot attend.
- Submit names of members of your Grange who have passed away in the previous year. Be sure to mark if they were a State Grange officer, Director, a delegate, State Youth Officer and/or State Junior Officer. The Memorial Service during the Convention remembers these members. If you don't submit their names, they will, unfortunately, be excluded from this ceremony. So please let the OSG Office know of these people using the "In Memorium" form.

I would love to hear from you about what topics you feel are important for me to discuss at the Secretary's Conference during the Convention. If you have any ideas, please let me know at alice.nowicki@yahoo.com.



#### **Subordinate Granges**

Please remember to add the names, addresses and date of birth of your new 1+ Junior members to the back of the quarterly report.





### The Lecturer's Column

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Lecturer ~ Oregon State Grange

It is April, spring is here and we should take advantage of longer daylight hours and get out and visit our neighboring Granges.

Now is also the time to plan for our State Grange Convention this June. Lecturers and Grangers please be on the lookout for talent contestants, both in your Grange and in the community. Contestants must be Grangers, but this is one way to get new members.

There are three categories: Vocal, Instrumental and Variety. Please notify me if you are participating! We hope there will be many contestants. Remember the overall winner will be Oregon's representative at National Grange which is being held in Washington D.C. in November. What a Hope to see you soon.

fantastic and wonderful trip to our Nation's capital!!!

The conferences I participated in the last few months have been wonderful. I enjoyed seeing familiar faces and making new friends. Hopefully those who attended learned something they could bring back to their Granges.

Our new National Grange Lecturer has created various contests which are not a part of our State program. Additional contests at the National level which might be of interest can be found in the Grange Month section of the National Grange website www.nationalgrange.org/grangemonth-2016/

## **Chetco Grange Hosts Dance Band**

Dixieland and big band dance sounds performance by the Dixieland Rangers filled the Chetco Grange Community Center on Thursday evening, January 21st. All styles of dance were welcomed and non-dancers also came to sit, listen and

tap their toes. Chetco Grange sold light refreshments to help raise funds for the Grange building fund.



#### Kellogg Grange Makes Plans to Celebrate Grange Month

their community to Cake Walk on April 16<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Grange Month. The event will include live music for the walk and a raffle. It will be fun activity for all ages. Proceeds from the event will benefit Camp Millennium and the Grange Building Fund.

Camp Millennium, located in the

Kellogg Grange No. 811 is inviting fun for kids who spend too much time in hospitals and clinics because of cancer. It is a time to be themselves, and to share in a variety of summer camp activities such as hiking, fishing, archery, swimming, arts and crafts, horseback riding, and many other surprises. Camp Millennium is for children from 5-16 years of age from all over the state of Oregon who are dealing with a cancer diagnosis and



Proceeds go to help Camp Millenium and The Grange Building Fund.

## National Lecturer Announces One Act Play Contest for 2016

The Grange has a rich tradition of offering community entertainment in the form of plays. Members have written, acted in, directed, staged and invited the communities in which they reside into their halls to be entertained by short and long productions for generations and we are excited to bring back focus on the tradition of performance arts in our organization as we prepare to celebrate our 150th Anniversary with the National Grange 15minute, One Act Play Contest.

#### Rules

- Plays must be no more than 15 minutes and no shorter than 10 minutes in length when read/performed.
- Submission may be made by an individual or team of writers. At least one member of the writing team must be a Grange member or Junior Grange member in good standing.
- No writer may be solely or part of a group that submits more than two plays to each division (children's play/Junior and Adult).
- All plays must primarily be in English or easily understood by an Englishonly speaking audience.
- No musicals will be considered.
- All submissions must be new original works, that have not before been produced.
- Plays should have at least two but no more than seven characters.
- All plays submitted should be able to be performed in a traditional Grange Hall, meaning no plays written to required large stage production, excessive props or scenery for a set will be considered. If, in the judges' opinion, the problem is easily fixable and the play otherwise has merit, we may ask you for revisions.
- All plays in the children's play/Junior Grange division and the adult Grange division – should be "Junior Grange friendly," meaning writers should use common sense regarding subject matter and language. Plays deemed offensive in nature or language by judges may be disqualified. If your play cannot be considered for any reason, we will notify you as soon as possible. If, in the judges' opinion, the problem is easily fixable and the play otherwise has merit, we may ask you for revisions. Asking for revisions is completely up to the judges and depends a great deal on timeliness of response by writers. Judges' decisions are final.
- The play should consist mainly of dialogue, not monologues.
- Those plays which win their class and are staged will be videotaped for archival purposes.
- Manuscripts will not be returned.

#### Script Classes

Class 1: Themed Play - Rural Life

Class 2: Open Topic, Adult Theater Entry

Class 3: Children's Play

See the National Grange website for submission guidelines, prizes and judging. www.nationalgrange.org/grange-month-2016/

All submissions must be sent to the National Lecturer by mail, postmarked by August 12, 2016.

## Lane County "Plays" Again

It is play time again in Lane County. Ten Subordinate Granges have been busy practicing their one-act plays and show time is almost here. Each night there are three plays staged, one from the host (marked with H on schedule) Grange and the other two from visiting Granges. Each Grange hosts once and visits a couple of time. All performances start at 7pm. For more information contact Lane Pomona Lecturer Pat Heard patheard83@gmail.com or 541-729-1391.

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### **Tigard Grange Plans Spring Bazaar**

Tigard Grange #148 in Washington County is planning a 2016 Spring Bazaar for Saturday May 7, from 11am–3pm and is looking for venders. Table space fees are: \$15 for a 3'x6' table space and venders need to bring their own table. Vendors will be able to set up in the Grange hall that morning starting at 8:30am. The Grange will also be collecting canned food items for their collection barrel to help fight hunger in the Tigard area. For more information or to rent a space contact Julie Schnetzky (503) 804-3645, julieschnetzky@gmail.com. 11860 SW 91st Ave. Tigard, OR 97223.





Part of the crowd at the annual Lane Pomona Grange Scholarship dinner. The room was beautifully decorated by London Grange.

#### GWA

Margaret Clute GWAdir@orgrange.org





Spring is on its way! Some of the spring flowers are starting to bloom. Fresh flowers are always a nice way to decorate tables and entry ways at our Grange halls.

It's that time of year to be starting or finishing up your entries for the contests. The GWA committee is looking forward to seeing lots of entries. As I stated in my last article we now have a drop cookie contest for our Juniors, so please encourage a Junior to enter. Remember Juniors you can enter any of the GWA contests, but this one is especially for you.

GWA scholarship applications are due May 1<sup>st</sup>. The application is on the Grange website on the Grange Workers Activities page as well as on the Scholarships and Forms pages.

Sponsors of the contests, remember May 1<sup>st</sup> is the due date for payment for the contest sponsorship monies. Thank you to those who have paid.

Many of our Granges send donations to the Ronald McDonald House for support of their programs. I just heard of another way a Grange or family could help. Ronald McDonald House has a program called Meals from the Heart. A Grange would plan, prepare and share a meal for the people that are staying at the house. The website to get details about this program is rmhcoregon.org/volunteer. This would be a good community service program also.

I'm looking for a District #5 chairman. If you would be interested or know of someone, please let me know. Thanks.





## Prime Rib Dinner for Education Scholarships Great Success

Every year, usually in February, the Lane Pomona Grange puts on a dinner to raise funds for their Scholarship fund with some of the best prime rib you have ever tasted, masterfully cooked by Mark Noah, who cooks seven to eight huge prime rib roasts for around 100 people, many of whom are not Grangers, but are helping fund these scholarships. This well attended event provides funds for the Pomona scholarship which goes to a second year or higher college student, as well as two scholarships for 4H, or other agricultural based applicants.



Mark Noah checking on another wonderful prime rib roast.





### **Community Involvement**

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OSG Community Service and Involvement Director

It is exciting to see the articles and pictures of your Grange's activities in the Grange Bulletin and on Facebook. Great Job! I trust you are reviewing your notes for your 2015 Annual Community Service **Report and Yearbook.** If you need help or have questions with filling out your annual report, please contact me or your District Community Service chairperson. You can download the report form from the State Grange website. All 2015 reports are due to me no later than May 15, 2016. I would love to see more reports and Yearbooks at the 2016 State Session. Let's make this a "GO DO IT" year!

#### **Pomona Grange involvement:**

Many Pomonas participate in their county fair and other county functions that might involve members and non-members. I am inviting your Pomona to fill out an Annual Community Service report. Create a yearbook with pictures to tell your Pomona Grange story. If you have information for a 2015 report, that is great; otherwise keep your records for next year's report.

How many of you have a bucket list? Well, my kids told me that the Polar Plunge was on my bucket list. Do you know what that means? I jumped into the COLD Columbia River, in February, to raise money for Special Olympics. Yes, I did it! My grandson has participated in Special Olympic sports for several years and he was right by my side jumping into the river. Come on, let's all do things for others that we have never done before. I encourage you to continue, as Grangers, to donate or volunteer your services and expand your involvement within your community.

My mailing address has changed so please use the address listed below when sending me your Community Service information.

Thanks for your support., PO Box 1453 Scappoose, OR 97056

## Warren Grange Takes the Plunge

Warren Grange members and their team collected over \$2000 in support of the Special Olympics program by jumping into the Columbia River. Yes, it was cold but what a great experience. Special Olympics provide special needs athletes, of all ages, with training, equipment and uniforms for a wide variety of sports. Intellectual disability touches one in five Oregon families and represents the largest disability population in the state. Warren Grange was happy to participate in this fundraiser.



Left to right: Warren Grange members, Kris Kuiper, Eva Frost, Justine Kuiper and Kim Kuiper

#### **Community Service District Chairpersons**

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District #3: Cindy Becker, Warren Grange 503-799-4501, CS3@orgrange.org

District #4: Cathy Assad, Redland Grange 971-201-8751, CS4@orgrange.org

District #5: Louise Holst, Midland Grange 541-883-8490, CS5@orgrange.org

District #6: Debbi deBoer, Boulevard Grange 541-212-1762, CS6@orgrange.org

### NGAddsTeacher of the Year Award

National Grange Community Service Director Pete Pamper recently announced an expansion of the Dick Patten Fire Fighter and Law Enforcement of the Year program to include a "Teacher of the Year" as well as continuing the National Grange Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and National Grange Fire Fighter of the Year.

Details of the program for the Law Enforcement and Fire Fighter can be found in the OSG Awards, Contests and Scholarship booklet. The Teacher of the Year award will follow the same guidelines. Entries must be sent to the state Community Service-Involvement Director and postmarked by September 15, 2016. First place winners in each category will be sent to the National Grange for judging and the winners announced during the National Grange convention in November, in Washington D.C.

## Lexington Grange Holds Benefit to Support Community Member

#726 hosted a Bingo Benefit for a local lady who is going through cancer treatments. There was a Soup Feed from 5-6pm, with Bingo



On January 30th, Lexington Grange following at 6pm and lasting to around 9. It was the first Bingo event they had hosted since the Grange was reorganized and it was a huge success. There were tables of prizes for the Bingo winners. Dave Winters and Judy Healy did a great job of calling the Bingo games and entertaining the crowd! Over \$2300 was raised that night and it all went to the recipient of the benefit. They received many compliments on how nice their Grange is and it was great to have so many people come and support the benefit!

> Left: Dave Winters and Judy Healy calling the bingo games. Below: a large crowd had a fun



#### **Clarkes Grange Shows Their Love** Benefit Breakfast With

Clarkes Grange, #261, Clackamas County, held its annual Sweetheart Breakfast on Valentine's Day this year. Over \$2,200 was raised for a local child with Cystic Fibrosis. Their friends always turn out and generously support this breakfast. Many Grangers also turned out to help put on the breakfast. The kitchen hums like a well-oiled machine with many jobs being filled. There are order takers, pancake flippers, ham servers, vegetable choppers, hash brown browners, egg crackers, egg cookers, plate fixers and servers. Of course, the dining room is filled with coffee

and juice makers, beverage servers, table cleaners, table re-setters, and people talking, laughing and eating. But most important of all are the dish washers, dryers, and cleaner uppers! Clarkes Grange has recently welcomed two new young families who are interested in becoming a part of all the community activates.



Jim Dumolt is ready to cook your eggs any way you like them. He cooked over 25 dozen eggs at the breakfast.





London Grange flying the Grange colors - left to right: Elaine Chapman, June Kjelde, Alice Nowicki and Vera Julian.

## **London Grange Promotes Grange**

On March 5th London Grange #937 had a bake sale and informational booth at the First Annual Cottage Grove Half Marathon in Trailhead Park where the race ended. Early finishers and non-runners congregated there waiting for family members and friends to finish. It was also the sight of the awards ceremony. The half marathon benefitted the United Way of Lane County.



The Sandy Grange Master Jake Cansler welcomed Billy as Springwater Grange Master Tami Guttridge explained about his time at her Grange.

## Clackamas County Visitation Goat on the Move Again

Since 1986 "Billy the visitation goat" has been moving from Grange to Grange around Clackamas County. Supposedly he is to visit a Grange for a couple months and then move on but that doesn't always happen. And in recent years he found a home in his barn up on a shelf in a Grange and took along siesta.

Then last spring he was found and after a good cleaning of his barn and repairing of his clothes by the ladies of Abernethy Grange he is now back on the road visiting Granges. On October 26th Abernethy delivered Billy to Springwater Grange. What an ideal time to visit for Billy as traveling was in his future. He accompanied Oregon's National Youth officer, Jessie Jo Guttridge to the National Grange convention in Lincoln, Nebraska. Then he came home to participate in other Grange functions including the pancake breakfast and attended the 4H club

meeting. One event he did not get to go to was the Teddy Bear Toss at the hockey game for fear he would join the bears being tossed on the ice. On January 9th his visit at Springwater Grange came to an end when nine members of Springwater traveled to The Sandy Grange to pass him on to his next assignment.

Billy also has a girlfriend. She followed him home from Minnesota in 1993 and because the Grangers in Clackamas County did not want to have little goats underfoot she was designated as a Pomona Grange Traveling Goat and was sent on her way to visit Oregon Pomona Granges. Her name is Helga and she had a pink barn. Somewhere in a Grange Hall in the State of Oregon she is hanging out. Billy misses Helga and would at least like to know she is ok and happy. *Do you know where Helga is?* 



### Membership Matters

Bob Ludi-MEMdir1@orgrange.org Sandi Ludi-MEMdir2@orgrange.org OSG Membership Directors

Have you asked someone to join the Grange today?

The National Grange Recruiter Contest ends on June 30, 2016. A Grange member only needs to acquire one new member to be recognized at National Grange this coming November. Of course it would be awesome to acquire more than one new member. There is no limit as to how many members you can ask to join the Grange!!

It was wonderful seeing so many of you at the Leadership Conferences the last few months. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to attend. After each conference we learned something new to take back to our own Grange that other Director's or members attending shared. It is our hope that each member that attended felt the same way we did.

Set the Stage for Membership!!! That theme will resonate all week at State Grange for the Membership Department. It is apropos since we are going to be in Shakespearean Play Festival country. The Membership Luncheon will be held on Monday, June 20, 2016. You will want to be present as it will be very entertaining! Jeff Dehne, Dist. 2 Membership Chairman wrote a skit that will be performed along with

Shakespearean music. Each District Membership Chairman will be gathering items to put in a District Basket to be raffled off again as was done last year. You will receive a raffle ticket at the luncheon.

The Membership Conference will be held on Wednesday, June 22, 2016. We hope you will attend. More information regarding the conference will be shared at State Grange. Stay tuned!!! Attending the State Grange Session is a lot of fun as well as informative. It is definitely worth your while to be there!! We hope your Grange will be represented by sending a delegate.

At the time of this writing we are in the process of making plans with our National Grange Leadership/Membership Director, Joe Steffenoni, to have him conduct a couple workshops in August either before and/or after the Western Regional Leadership Conference which will be in the Portland area August 5-7.

More information will be forthcoming to each Grange and in the June issue of the Bulletin. Save the above dates on your calendars!!!

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at State Grange!! Until then-keep growing your Granges!!

### Ag Fest April 23-24 ~ Oregon State Fairgrounds

Volunteers needed to work in the Oregon State Grange Booth to help greet visitors and talk Grange.

Sat., 8:30am - 5pm & Sun., 10am - 5 pm

To volunteer contact:

Bob Ludi - MEMdir1@orgrange.org Sandi Ludi - MEMdir2@orgrange.org 503-668-5750.



We start them young. This young lady represents the 4th generation of the Stables-Cansler-Logson family who were in attendance at The Sandy Grange meeting in January. She is the great-granddaughter of past OSG Lecturer, Nina Stables.



# FOUNDATION BOARD

The Oregon State Grange there are funds in the Kitty Thomas Foundation at their quarterly meeting in October, adopted Policy Number 14 called Kitty Thomas Hearing Impaired Fund Re-imbursement. This is a new benefit the Board of Trustees has adopted for the benefit of its members and was introduced at the annual meeting of the Foundation in June 2015. This policy provides for any member in good standing to be reimbursed up to \$500 for out-of-pocket expenses not covered by insurance due to hearing issues. The request is limited to one submission per year.

The request for re-imbursements needs to include receipts of the expense and a statement of the reason for the expenses. The request will be reviewed at the quarterly OSGF Trustees meeting before payments are made. The benefit will be offered as long as

Hearing Impaired Fund.

The Foundation has various designed funds which members or nonmembers or vour Community Grange can donate to. Please plan to put the Foundation in your giving for 2016.

Please encourage college or vocational students to apply for the scholarships provided through the Foundation. Applications for these are on the Grange web site under Foundation. They are due May 1. We will be evaluating the applicants at our next meeting in May.

Please plan to attend the Foundation's annual meeting during the State Grange Annual Session in June. Hope to see you there.

Malcolm Trupp, President



The Bulletin Editor, Suzy, tells me I only have a really small space this time. So one more lesson from "Life's a Bark". Listen well by using the L-O-V-E system: Listen, Observe, Verify and Empathize. Pretend you are a dog and listen without giving advice (I know it's hard for you humans) but try to listen

with no words and be someone who is simply a master of patience, curiosity and LOVE!

Remember: Chase Adventure, Play Fair and Love Unconditionally (Don't forget the slobbery kisses!)

Woof, Bailey



#### 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.

Date		Time	Meeting Place
May	7	10:30 AM	New Bridge #789
Apr	16	10:30 AM	Willamette #52
Apr	23	10:00 AM	Warner #117
May	7	10:00 AM	Vernonia #305
Apr	23	10:00 AM	TBA
May	14	10:00 AM	TBA
Apr	23	6:00 PM	Riversdale #731
Apr	9	10:00 AM	TBA
Apr	30	10:00 AM	North Pacific #911
Apr	9	10:00 AM	Triangle Grange #533
May	21	10:30 AM	TBA
Apr	9	10:00 AM	TBA
Apr	16	10:00 AM	Macleay #293
Apr	16	10:00 AM	Oak Grove #198
		10:30 AM	TBA
Apr	23	10:30 AM	Columbia #867
Apr	9	10:00 AM	South Fork #605
Apr	23	10:00 AM	Leedy #339
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### Little Deschutes Has Busy Year

Little Deschutes Grange #939 has two large fund-raisers each year and both were successful once again. They raised over \$3,600 from the Chicken Coop and Garden Tour (which is split with the Habitat for Humanity Restore) and \$2,200 from their large annual garage sale!

They have regular movie nights along with their monthly potlucks and business meetings on the 3rd Tuesday evenings each month. Local projects include giving two \$500 scholarships to high school seniors. And, when the Community Kitchen was running out of food at Christmas, they gave them an additional \$500.

#### 21st Annual Goldson Grange Craft and

Goldson Grange #868 will hold its 21st Annual Car and Craft Show. Auto enthusiasts from around the state converge to show off their vehicles, shop at craft booths, and enjoy a meal of lamb patties, coleslaw, and beverage. It is a tossup what draws the most – the old cars or the lamb patties. Also, great raffle prizes are available to win.

The event is from 10am – 4pm and is free to the public. Proceeds from this event go to the building restoration fund. The Grange building was built by Grange members in 1936. Top priority is to repair the WWI-era Quonset arched wooden roof.

Goldson Grange is located at 23479

On Saturday, June 18, 2016 the Highway 36, Cheshire, just before the Poodle Creek Rd turnoff to Noti. For more information, call 541-701-2289.



Above: Grange member Les Roberts serves lamb patties to an appreciative attendee. Below: Old car enthusiasts show off their vehicles at the 2015 Goldson Grange Car and Craft Show.





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#### In Memoriam

Daisy Thornton Ash Butte Grange #802

Wayne Bauers Boulevard Grange #389

Garland Rogers Boulevard Grange #389

Roger Smith Boulevard Grange #389

Jackie Fenn Bridge Grange #730

Curtis Horner Bridge Grange #730

Allen Jones Deer Island Grange #947

Loraine Dallas Eagle Creek Grange #297

Ruth Davis Enterprise Grange #489

Mark Telschow Fairfield Grange #720

Bertha Morey Fairmount Grange #252

Margaret Baisch Fernwood Grange #770

Durene Olson Forest Grove Grange #282

Luther Chaney Gresham Grange #270

Bernadine Ward Maplewood Grange #662

Lois Marie Davis Marys River Grange #685 Perry Johnson McMinnville Grange #31

Jim Marquardt Milwaukie Grange #268

Iva Harmon Mosier Grange #234

Arlene Hoffman Myrtle Creek Grange #664

Louella Zimmers Myrtle Creek Grange #442

Donald Adams North Bayside Grange #691

Gladys Grammer Parkdale Grange #500

Mary Lou Braden Pine Grove Grange #356

Marcella Taylor Pine Valley Grange #815

Vernon Peck Redmond Grange #812

Floyd Felt Riversdale Grange #731

Marilyn Mann Rockwood Grange #323

Richard Linn Skyline Grange #894

Fred Baillie The Sandy Grange #392

Dorris Thornton Warren Grange #536

Vivian Lightfoot White Eagle Grange #683



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.





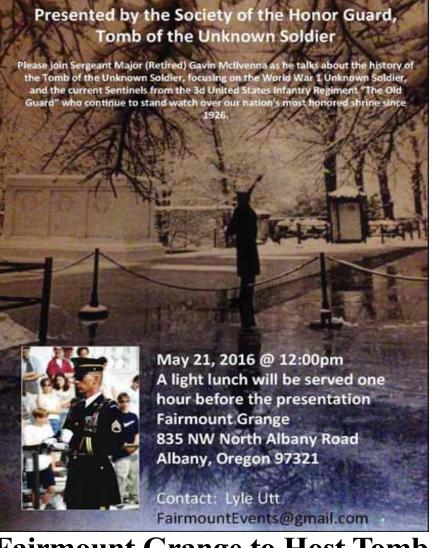
## The Chaplain's Corner

Peggy Fine johnandpeggyfine@charter.net Chaplain ~ Oregon State Grange

Easter, the most important holiday to Christians is being celebrated as this column goes to print. As surely as the red robins return and the daffodils begin to bloom, the holiday with its reminder of Christ's death and resurrection returns. For Christians, it is a reminder that Christ paid the ultimate price for our sins through his death. Why would he do such a thing? -To make a way for our sins to be forgiven. This is why Christ commands us to forgive others. Not the loveable and nice but the ones who hurt us the most. I think that everyone was amazed when the relatives of the members of the historic African American Charleston, SC church reeling from pain stood at the court house that same week and told the shooter that they forgave him. Over and over as relatives stood they expressed the same sentiment.

Philip Yancy, author of "What's so Amazing About Grace?" recants the story of a woman named Rebecca, married to a pastor who had some renown as retreat leader. It became apparent after some time that her husband had a dark side, dabbling in pornography and soliciting prostitutes while visiting other cities. She told how painful it was for her, a pastor's wife, to suffer this humiliation. She could never put her husband out of her mind, even after divorcing him, because they had children together. One night she called her ex-husband to tell him she forgave him and Julianne too (the woman who he had left her for).

That kind of grace and forgiveness is extremely hard for most of us to understand. Justice has a good and righteous and rational kind of power. Grace that allows us to forgive is different; it is unworldly, transforming and supernatural. It is only through Christ's forgiveness of us and His unending Grace that these acts of forgiveness are possible. So as we remember the real reason for Easter, let's look around. Are there those that we need to forgive, perhaps friends or family, fellow Grange members? Remember forgiving others regardless of the injustice frees not only the ones forgiven but frees the forgiver of anger, hurt and the desire for revenge. The ultimate gift of Grace is free. Take advantage of it.



## Fairmount Grange to Host Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Talk

Gavin McIlvenna, current Vice President of the Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier will be speaking about the Tomb of the Unknown. Soldier, and the Sentinels who stand

eternal watch, on Saturday May 21st at Fairmount Grange, Benton County starting at 12 noon. The talk is open to the public. For information about the Society check out their webpage: www.tombguard.org.



## OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - October 25, 2015

The meeting was called to order 9:10am by the Worthy Master Susan Noah. A quorum was declared. A prayer was given by Don Sether.

Present were Master Susan Noah, Overseer Celia Luttrell, Secretary Alice Nowicki and members of the Executive Committee Malcolm Trupp, Don Sether and Roger Wilson.

#### **Minutes**

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. The minutes were approved as corrected.

#### **Financial Reports**

Celia Luttrell presented the financial report on the 2015 Oregon State Grange financial books.

Jan Olesen submitted a report on the Subordinate Granges. The Quarterly Report Summary, Grange loans and membership totals were reviewed and discussed.

Scott Barker of Barker Wealth Management submitted a report on our investment portfolio. Our investment was down 1% which amounts to \$29,000 even with the volatility of the market. Our account is performing well. The current balance is \$2,695,805.00.

#### **Unfinished Business**

Restraint of Title Work: The Restrictions on Transfer are still being filed in each county. The State Grange has sent emails to First American title requesting this work be completed. The response has been minimal. A Restraint of Title Work worksheet was reviewed and discussed. The OSG may have to finish this project.

**Sunnyridge**: No report available. A message has been left for an update request.

**Old Copier**: The old copier was returned and the contract was paid off.

Fruitdale-Rogue River Property: Rogue River property was sold and closed. Money should be coming to Oregon State Grange as a trust for Fruitdale Grange #379.

Carver Mountain: The Oregon State Grange received a notice from the attorneys representing the buyers, for a demand of \$23,333.24 due to the leaking oil tank. The bills and invoices were discussed and reviewed. In the future, an environmental clause that transfers liability to purchaser will be included in the sale. Our attorney, Nancy Murray, has been advised to obtain a statement from the DEQ indicating that they have signed off on this project. A discussion was held regarding being responsible for the

other issues that are not covered by "as is" clause. It was determined that Nancy Murray needs to review this clause. Don Sether made a motion to pay the first three charges on the Stone Creek Invoice for \$19,690.50 (less the \$3,642.74) unless Nancy Murray can get it further reduced. Roger Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

New Pine Creek Fire Dept: The New Pine Fire Dept. is still interested in the property. The value of property was discussed. It was determined that there needs to be further investigation of area property values.

Fair Oaks Grange: One person has indicated interest in the property. The asking price will be \$189,000-205,000. Buzi will work up a price contact and contact the interested party to see if they would like to make an offer. There was no response to letter of inquiry sent to Granges regarding this property.

Subordinate/Pomona Granges as **investors:** The Investment criteria was reviewed and discussed. Don Sether made a motion to accept the criteria with changes (Criteria #2: Money may be added in "at least a minimum" of \$500.00 increments. Criteria #4: Any investment that falls below \$500.00 "at the end of the calendar year" will be closed and the remaining balance will be returned to the investing Subordinate or Pomona Grange). The motion was seconded by Roger Wilson. The motion was accepted as amended and carried.

Muzzy Mandel Money: The Muzzy Mandel matching grant for signage boards criteria was reviewed and discussed. This grant will be implemented in 2016.

Log Cabin: The maintenance need for spray sealer and windows was discussed. The sealer will be applied next month. The windows will be done at a later date. Discussion and review of Log cabin activities and displays during the 2015 Oregon State fair was held.

#### New Business

Matching Grant Awards: The Matching Grant committee did a meticulous job. There were 24 grant proposals for 2015. The Matching Grant Program report was reviewed and discussed. The Matching Grant committee recommended awarding the entire amount requested by nine applications and partial awards to four applicants for a total of \$50,006.76. Granges that were recommended for full funding were: Aloha, Barlow Gate, Bridge, Deer Creek, Enterprise, Marys River,

Tigard. Granges recommended for partial funding were Abernethy, Ash Butte, Santiam Valley and Vernonia. The partial funded grants were discussed as to project completions and reviewing of individual partial projects. A discussion was held on the status of grants and streamlining that could be done for the next year grants. The Vernonia, and Abernethy partial grants were declined. It was decided to fund Ash Butte up to our limit of \$5000.00 and add \$1000.00 to the Santiam Valley project to bring it up to their original request of \$5000.00. Malcolm Trupp made a motion to fund the full funding grants and partially fund Ash Butte and Santiam Valley adding \$1000.00 to Santiam Valley. Don Sether seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Transfer of money:** Master Susan Noah requested Scott Barker to transfer \$75,000.00 back into checking to cover trust fund money requests.

**Delisting of the wolf:** A request for support of the delisting of the wolf from the Cattlemen's Association was received by the OSG Office. The request was vague as to what type of support was needed. A discussion was held regarding our policy and as to what support could be given to the Cattlemen's Association. Our policy NR 04.00, NR 04.03 states that "The Oregon State Grange is opposed to introduction and migration of wolves and wolf hybrids in Oregon". It was recommended that a resolution be written to this subject to update this policy and that we could not authorize any money to go out in support at this time.

Boring – Damascus: A trust fund request was received for \$30,000.00 for work to install a hydraulic lift in their Grange. Malcolm Trupp made a motion to approve the \$30,000 trust fund request. Don Sether seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Dorena Grange: Dennis Chapman, County Deputy for Lane County, sent a notice to OSG regarding Dorena Grange #835 intent to close at the end of year. Jeff Dehne, District #2 Membership Committee was also notified. Dorena Grange's reasons are that they are running out money, health of active members and their insurance premium. A letter from Dorena Grange Master Joe Snook was reviewed regarding closure and their desire to consolidate with another Grange.

Master Ken Schwieger of London Grange #937 queried the board about options available to Dorena

Pleasant Grove, South Fork and Tigard. Granges recommended for partial funding were Abernethy, Ash Butte, Santiam Valley and Vernonia. The partial funded grants were discussed as to project completions and reviewing of individual partial projects. A discussion was held on the status of grants and streamlining

Grange and of Dorena's desire to consolidate with London Grange. A discussion was held regarding the options available to both Granges. Both Granges are moving towards consolidation following the steps stated in the OSG By-laws. They will submit a formal request to the Executive Board in January 2016.

#### Northwest Farmers Union:

Master Susan Noah received a visit from the Northwest Farmers Union regional president and their national membership director. They wanted to work with the OSG Grange and set up a joint membership. A joint membership was determined to not be possible. They were invited to set up a booth at our State Convention and perhaps we could do the same at their convention.

OSG Restroom Repairs: Bids were reviewed and discussed regarding repairs in the women's restroom and ADA bathroom. One bid was for \$580.00. The second bid was for labor and materials to remove existing wall hung lavatory and install owners vanity and faucets for: \$318.00. It was decided to go forward with the men's and ADA restrooms repairs for \$580.00.

**Jim Welsh OSG Lobbyist:** The OSG office received his resignation. His position is open and needs to be filled.

Conflict of interest policy: Grange doesn't have a conflict of interest policy. The Board reviewed and discussed a sample conflict of interest policy. It was determined that we insert the sample into the Masters Handbook as a reference/resource.

Strawberry/Mt. Vernon **Consolidation:** A formal letter of consolidation was received for Mt. Vernon Grange #659 Strawberry Grange #661. The Board reviewed the request. A discussion was held regarding the consolidation. Malcolm Trupp made a motion to allow Strawberry Grange #661 to consolidate with Mt. Vernon Grange #659 to include the property and building. Don Sether seconded the motion. The motion carried. The surviving Grange will be Mt. Vernon #659.

Holiday Schedule/time off: A request to close the OSG office for Dec. 22, 23, 24<sup>th</sup>. Don Sether moved to approve this closure and pay wages for this period. Malcolm Trupp seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

#### OSG Lease with accounting firm:

A one year lease is in place at this time. The lease rate is at \$1,501.00 a month. This lease renews annually with a 60 days' notice. The utilities



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and taxes are constant. No increase at this time is needed.

## National Grange Virtual Hall of Fame for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:

A letter was received from the National Grange Virtual Hall of Fame Committee regarding establishing a virtual hall of fame. This letter sparked an idea to establish our own OSG Hall of Fame. We need to create our own criteria. We would receive input from each Grange. Celia Luttrell will spearhead this project.

## Decisions made via email/conference calls:

- Agreement to release Lexington Grange trust funds for insurance bill approximately \$2,400.00.
- Agreement for release of Lexington Grange trust funds for new windows on downstairs windows total bill was \$2,800.00.
- Mud Springs counter offer-no decision was reached via email so a conference call was scheduled and final decision was made to counter with \$140,000,00.
- Mud Springs second conference call to present another counter offer of \$130,000.00.
- Agreement to release \$27,736.00 to Phoenix Grange out of their trust fund to complete the contract with PHURA (Phoenix Urban Renewal Agency) on the upgrade of the Phoenix Grange Hall.
- Agreement to release \$620.00 to Warren Grange from their trust funds for more work on porch rebuild.
- Agreement to release \$35,000.00 to Boring-Damascus for the Boring Station Trailhead playground work.
- Agreement to allow Fruitdale Grange to accept an offer on the Rogue River Valley property of \$100,000.00.
- Agreement to accept the counter offer on Mud Springs of \$125,000.00.

#### **Grange Reports:**

The Worthy Master Susan Noah reported on the following Granges.

- Camas Valley Grange #521: Douglas County Deputy, Sue Westbrook reported that the Camas Valley Grange #521 is not holding meetings. She attempted to visit them but hasn't made a connection.
- Central Grange #360: OSG Attorney, Nancy Murray sent the school attorney a letter explaining that the Grange was not interested in granting water

- rights. Since then negotiation have begun with the school.
- **Dorena Grange #835:** A letter of consolidation intent has been received.
- Evergreen Grange # 460: Master Shirley Rummel has indicated to County Deputy Sue Westbrook after her visit that they will most likely be closing at the first of the year.
- Goshen # 561: This is an ongoing dispute. Susan reported that she attended Goshen's first meeting in October with OSG Attorney Nancy Murray and Mediator Dan Harris. Mr. Harris and Ms. Murray were there Pro Bono. Mr. Harris gave a report and plans on speaking to the neighbor and his attorney in the near future.
- Goldson #868: The Goldson Grange has elected a new Master. County Deputy Vernon Herrick will go to assist the new Master. At the Lane County Pomona #14 meeting, Goldson Grange presented two members for degree work. They have gained new members.
- Mapleton #584: The discord at Mapleton Grange has settled down. They are losing a couple of new members due to the "religious" aspect of the Grange.
- North Fork: We are continuing with the current realtor until June. If the property isn't sold by then we will seek another realtor.
- Roxy Ann: On September 9, 2015, Master Susan Noah, Marilyn Reiher, Linda Helm, OSG Steward Wayne Cabler and State Deputy Carol Everman went to meet with individuals interested in reorganization of the Grange. Interest was expressed but nothing definite has been determined. Master Susan Noah was also contacted by an individual in the area interested in small sustainable agriculture. This group may still be interested but research is needed to be done regarding their group.
- Scotts Mills #938: On October 9, 2015, Master Susan Noah met with Grange members to answer questions regarding their dues, allocation of their dues, OSG loan program and loan interest rate. She presented the members with a "Dues Breakdown" handout that outlines the benefits received from the State and National Granges.
- South Fork #605: On Saturday, October 10, 2015, Master Susan Noah dedicated their Grange Hall. Their

- building is in need of improvement. They have monies in their trust and have received a grant from the Wild horse Casino to assist with these much needed improvements.
- Sixes #856: There is no new information available.
- **Sunnyridge** #898: No information on the potential sale has been made available.

#### **OTHER**

California Injunction: Master Susan Noah received a letter from the National Grange Master Ed Luttrell that gave an update on the Injunction. The update stated that Mr. Mcfarland cannot use the money in the named accounts or the real property that legally belongs to the California State Grange to fund any purposes with the exception of normal business obligations and expenses.

**District #2**: A central meeting place for the February meeting still needs to be decided. A letter will be sent out regarding the February meeting and a centrally located host for this meeting.

**2015 State Fair:** We received many positive comments on the Log Cabin and its activities.

Director's retreat: The Directors Retreat was held October 2-4, 2015. It was well attended. We have set up combined conferences for all the committees and have planned a January meeting with the Directors and their committees to discuss their programs and visitations to Granges. It is optimal that there is a delegate from each Grange attending the 2016 State Session.

Holiday Open House: The Oregon State Grange Holiday Open House will be on December 13, 2015, 1-4pm.

## **Deputy and State Officer Reports:**

• Franklin: Malcom Trupp reported that a new sale of \$159,900 has been suggested for the property. Malcolm Trupp made a motion to lower the price to \$159,900 and to renew the contract for a year. Roger Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

OSG Deputy Derrell Witty submitted a written report on the following Granges:

• Rockwall #679: Members have been handing out welcome baskets to newcomers in their community. They also received assistance from the North End

- members with the preparation of their hall for sheet rocking.
- North End #820: They have opened their Grange hall to reunions and community events.
- Hurricane Creek Grange #608: They have repaired their front porch and updated their bathroom. They opened their Grange to the firefighter as a break area. They have held Bunco to raise money for dictionaries. They distributed dictionaries to all the third graders in the county. They have landscaped the outside of their hall by planting bulbs. They have been very appreciative of the Grange Grant that they received from the State Grange.
- Lexington Grange #726: State Deputy Derrel Witty updated them on the State Convention.
- **South Fork #605:** A roof was put on after their benefit.
- **Liberty #613:** They have changed their meeting date to the third Monday in November.
- Vale#696: State Deputy Derrell Witty will attend their November meeting.
- Strawberry Mt Vernon:
  We have received their inventory list and have sent it to South Fork. The South Fork members will accompany us to Strawberry to pick items they need.

Roger Wilson reported that Pomona will be held at Lexington Grange.

District Conferences will be held starting in January through April. There will be a total of 12 conferences, two in each district. The schedule will be listed in the Grange Bulletin.

The Secretary's, Treasurer's and Master's conferences will be set for 2016. Information will be provided in the Grange Bulletin.

The next Executive Board meeting will be on January 17, 2016 at 9am.

The following dates are scheduled for the Executive Board meetings - April 30, 2016 at 9am and June 2, 2016 at 9am.

**Save the Date**: Oregon State Grange Officer Practice on June 12, 2016 at 9am, the location will be announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 4pm.

Respectfully submitted, Alice Nowicki, Oregon State Grange Secretary



## Sandlake Grange Speaks at Cape Kiwanda Meeting

Senator Arnie Roblan kicked off a community meeting on Thursday March 17th regarding safety at Cape Kiwanda State Recreation Area. There were approximately 70 people in attendance including: Family members of those lost in recent years, community members, Oregon Coast Guard members, Tillamook County Sheriff Deputies, first responders of the local Nestucca Valley Rural Fire Protection District, North Lincoln Fire Department, Tualatin Valley Fire Department, Keizer Fire Department, Tillamook



Ann Cunningham of Sandlake Grange speaking.

County Commissioners, and representatives from Representative Gomberg, Senator Merkley, Senator Wyden, Governor Brown's offices.

Lisa Sumption director of Oregon Parks and Recreation shared some history of the park, including statistics of deaths over the last 50 years. In the 1960s Cape Kiwanda had approximately one death a year. In 1972 Governor McCall ordered a fence on Cape Kiwanda. It shortly thereafter came under the jurisdiction of the Oregon State Parks. There have been two deaths already in 2016 and five occurred in 2015. Lesser injuries are more prominent, there were more than 25 responses from the local fire department last year alone.

The target age group is 16-26 for those who go beyond the existing small fence and signage and end up with injuries or death. Comments from the community followed with suggestions for improvement such as education to students around the state, brochures in local motels and vacation homes, increased signage, fencing, online warnings, social media campaign, closing the park in



Community members at gathered at Kiawanda Community Center for the meeting about safety at Cape Kiwanda.

the winter, installing a booth where people sign in when entering the park, volunteer guides, and more.

Sarah Kingsborough, a Sandlake Grange member spoke briefly about the Grange's long term standing of community involvement. She read the resolution passed by Sandlake Grange on March 1<sup>st</sup> requesting improved fencing, signage, and website warnings. Copies of the

resolution were given to legislators and state park personnel.

Ann Cunningham, a Sandlake Grange member and Captain of Nestucca Valley Rural Fire Protection Department spoke and shared her experiences as a first responder. Ann also gave suggestions for increased signage, fencing, access restrictions, and danger warnings.

### Clarkes Grange Upgrades Accessibility

Clarkes Grange, #261, in Clackamas County is remodeling again. In the past few years they have remodeled their main entryway, updated their bathrooms to be large and handicap accessible, and installed a chair lift on the back stairs. Now they are remodeling the back entryway to make it more accessible to wheelchairs. The Grange members and public appreciate all of the accessibility. All remodeling has been paid for by the hard work of the Grange members as they raised all of the needed funds. Clarkes Grange is blessed to have a cell tower on the grounds, which brings in monthly funds, but those funds are dedicated 100% to charitable giving. The local schools and scholarships receive a majority of those funds. All of the activity is

bringing in new members, including young families.



The new chair lift installed recently on the back stairwell makes the upstairs hall easily accessible.



Back to front: Gary Bush and Jim Dumolt working on the remodel of the back entry.

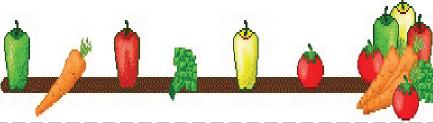
#### Have You Written A Resolution?

Have an issue you feel passionate about? Think the Grange policy needs updated or changed? Get out your pen and write a resolution, have your Community or Pomona Grange adopt it and send it on for consideration at state convention. Deadline to have resolutions assigned to committees and printed in the packet is **May 18<sup>th</sup>**. Resolutions need to be signed by the Master and Secretary and bear the seal of the Grange.

## Bellview Grange Legislative Committee Working on Resolutions

Bellview Grange #759 in Ashland is looking forward to the 2016 OSG State Session. The Sustainability Session they hosted in October 2015 focused on important issues they hope to address with resolutions according to their Legislative Committee. A focus in their region is protecting their farms from crop contamination and the hazardous chemicals of GMO

growing systems. They support new legislation restoring agricultural decision-making to all Oregon Counties. Additionally, they have grave concerns about the ways agriculture will be negatively impacted by the Trans Pacific Partnership Trade Pact. Foremost of these are the limitations on their sovereign rights as citizens of the United States.



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