

News about the Grange

National Grange Assistant To Steward Visit Oregon



John Plank, Assistant Steward of the National Garage, will be the National Grange Representative at the 2016 Oregon State Grange Annual Convention in Talent, Oregon. This is a reciprocal visit as Oregon's Master Susan Noah, Pomona of the National Grange, and her husband Mark were the National Grange Representatives to the Indiana State Convention last October.

John Plank is a 3rd generation Granger. At the age of 5 he started out in Deacon Junior Grange and after his 14th birthday

he joined Deacon Grange #2315. Currently John is the Master of Indiana State Grange, co-editor of the Indiana State Grange newsletter, a member of Union Pomona #50 and Pleasant Grove Granges #2338. In the past 44 years John has held the offices of in local and Pomona Granges. At State he has held Assistant Steward (twice), Steward, Overseer and Master/President.

John has been employed at Saint Joseph's College for the past 26 years as the Electrical/HVAC Supervisor. He also serves on the Financial Advisory and the Presidential Advisory Council at Saint Joseph's College. John is looking forward to retiring soon and enjoying more time with his family.

John is married to Susan (Waymire) and they have three children and two grandsons with hopes of more to come. As the Indiana State Grange Young Couple they attended the 1988 National Grange Convention in Redding California; the same year Mark and Susan Noah represented Oregon.

Oregon Hosts Western Regional Grange Leadership Conference

The Oregon State Grange is looking forward to hosting the 2016 Western Regional Grange Leadership and Youth Conference August 5-7, 2016 at the Holiday Inn Portland South, Wilsonville, Oregon.

Built around the theme "Building the West Together....Through Grange Leadership," conference will include a weekend of inspiration, education, leadership growth and networking. Conference workshop presenters include NG Youth and Young Adults Director, Charlene Shupp-Espenshade and Shannon Ruso, 2016 National Grange Youth Ambassador, Joseph Stefenoni NG Leadership/Membership Director, NG Junior Grange Director, Lillian Booth and NG Lecturer and Communications Director, Amanda Leigh Brozana.

Friday evening kicks off with a welcome and introductions at the hotel followed by dinner and fun activities for all at Bullwinkle's Family Fun Center including unlimited Go-Karts, Laser Tag, Bumper Boats and Miniature Golf. Saturday evening will be the Regional Sign-a-Song and Public

Speaking contests, Grange Jeopardy Competition and Regional Drill Team Demonstration.

Registration is due to the Oregon State Grange no later than July 14, 2016. The Conference registration fee covers dinner and activities on Friday, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday morning as well as snacks and all conference materials. The registration form is located on page 17 of this issue of the Bulletin as well as on the conference Facebook page and the OSG website: www.orgrange.org/stategrange-information/

Lodging is at the Holiday Inn Portland South Hotel & Convention Center - Wilsonville. Both rooms with one king bed and rooms with two double beds have been reserved. Make arrangements directly with the hotel: www.hiportlandsouth.com or call: 503.218.2017.

Questions? Contact Susan Noah 503-316-0106 master@orgrange.org and like our Facebook page at Western Regional Grange Leaders Conference for upto-date information.

Rising From the Ashes, Ash Butte "Stuff" Grange #802 Needs

Exciting news had been received again. Only their flags, a bench and from Ash Butte Grange. They are the charter were saved from the fire. ready for "stuff". Oregon Granges if The flags and bench are back in the you have extra "stuff" you are looking to get rid of, especially tables, chairs and appliances, please let Ash Butte Grange know. They now have painted walls and are getting ready to jump into trim work, but have been holding important events (Easter) in the hall.

It looks empty in there right now, but they know within the year that they will have it looking like "home"

hall and once the paint sets, they will add back the charter. It is a very exciting time for this Grange. The Oregon State Grange is looking forward to the dedication of this new hall.

If you can help them out with any please items contact: Melanie Friend, Treasurer, Ash Butte Grange #802





Email: mfriend@ashwood.k12.or.us The new Ash Butte Grange hall as it looked on March 31, 2016.

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The Master's Column

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President ~ Oregon State Grange

Our State Convention is nearly here, and I hope many Grangers are making plans to travel to Talent! We recently had a site visit at Talent Middle School to assign rooms and to make sure that we have everything laid out for the week. I think everyone will enjoy our time in this part of the State.

Remember this year we are trying a **new schedule**. We officially start on Sunday and finish Thursday afternoon. The Kickoff Banquet, Talent Show and Public Speaking contest are Saturday night. The first Four Degrees are exemplified on Saturday afternoon.

I really hope to have a good turnout for the Four Degrees on Saturday and of course for the Fifth and Sixth Degrees on Sunday evening. The degree work has many great lessons that remind us of what it means to "Be a Granger." This is a chance to learn more about the organization and to reconnect with our traditions.

Committee work on the resolutions starts on Sunday afternoon and continues throughout the rest of the week. Even if you can only attend part of the week, or just Sunday, you will be able to help with the important job of determining the policy and direction of the Oregon State Grange and perhaps the National Grange.

We just finished the Preferential Election of State Officers. The delegates cast a final ballot at State Session. I am pleased to report that 111 Granges took the time to vote on State Officers. Generally speaking we have delegates from 65 – 70 Granges from around the State so the way we ballot allows Grangers who are not able to attend a chance to have input on their elected State Officers. We are the only State that allows every member a vote. It certainly seems in keeping with our "Grassroots" organization.

I also want to thank the Directors and their committees for helping to get the word out about attendance at State Session and for the great program presentations they did in each district. Between the two Program conferences in each district and the Secretary's-Treasurer's trainings, 22 Granges hosted a State Grange event. At each I saw members who have never come to a conference, new officers who were anxious to learn, and good information being exchanged. I know that due to the feedback from the Secretary's-Treasurer's trainings, the state office made changes to the quarterly reports to make them easier to complete.

This year the State Grange added a couple of new events to our calendar. For the first time we held a "Cookie Day" at the State Legislature, where we handed out homemade cookies to our representatives and their staffs. Ed Luttrell, Jay Sexton, Don Sether and Don Kingsborough represented the State Grange and did a great job of reminding our elected officials that the Grange is active and engaged in supporting our values and policies.

Ag Director Jay Sexton, with the help of some of his committee, hosted a booth at the Small Farms Conference. This event attracts many young farmers, or those who may be interested in an agricultural profession. Both of these events get the Grange name out there, and both allow our members to promote the Grange. However the real work comes from the Subordinate Grange.

As a State Grange, we can promote the organization, and provide some contact information for Granges, but it is up to the Subordinate Grange to "close the deal." Individuals do not join the State Grange; they join your Grange. By working together I'm confident we can increase membership. If you know of an event in your area that you think needs a Grange presence, let us know. We would love to partner with you to get the word out about our organization.

See you in June! "Bring your Talent to Talent!"

Preferential Election Results

Below are the results of the 2016 Preferential Election held in the Subordinate/Community Granges in April. The candidate who received a majority will appear on the ballot at state convention. If no candidate received a majority, the top two votegetters (shown in bold) will appear on the ballot. Nominations for Lecturer and Secretary will be taken from the floor

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Master	
Susan Noah	841
Overseer	
Celia Luttrell	785
Lecturer*	
Steward	
Alexa Suing	499
Sam Keator	325
Assistant Steward	
Phil Van Buren	812
Lady Assistant Steward	
Louise Holst	805
Chaplain	
Peggy Fine	427
Randi Embree	226
Dan Le Brun	189
Treasurer	
Sarah Kingsborough	791
Secretary*	
Gatekeeper	
James Clute	445
Orrin Schnetzky	369
Ceres	
Elizabeth "Liz" Dehne	800
Pomona	
Mikela Heimuller	281
Paula Herrick	339
Anne Startin	192
Flora	
Eva Frost	784
Executive Committee #1	
Jeff Dehne	319

The District 2 Directors conference was held at Elmira Grange, Lane County on April 3. Presenting were Agriculture, Legislative, membership, Junior, Veterans and Youth. Presenting in this picture is Mark Schnetzky, Veterans committee director. There were 28 Grangers in attendance. It was a very informative conference according to those who attended.

John Fine

Jason Couch

Don Sether

Executive Committee #2

Executive Committee #3

Roger Wilson

Scott Colony

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The Prime Time Swingers entertained Grangers at the 2016 Hands Across the Border event.

Hands Across the Border Held April 2nd in Caldwell, Idaho

The 28th annual "Hands Across the entertained by the Prime Time Border" get together was held April 2, 2016 at the Notus School District lunchroom in Caldwell, Idaho.

This year's hosts were members of the Treasure Valley Pomona Grange. Again this year the crowd was

Swingers band.

Below: State Masters past and present compare door prizes. L-R: Oregon Past Master Mark Noah, Idaho Past Master Don Johnson and Idaho's present Master Don Heikkila.



National Grange Unveils 150th **Anniversary Celebration Logo**



The National Grange unveiled the logo for the 150th Anniversary Celebration of the Grange. December 4, 2017 is the 150th birthday of the Grange. The National Grange hopes that every Grange at every level and every member will take part in the celebration. From today, (572 days before the Grange's big birthday) through the entire year of 2018 and beyond, they hopes you will use this approved logo as part of your Grange's messaging.

There will soon be merchandise with the logo, but the National Grange also encourages your Grange to use the logo on your own t-shirts, bags and other material that you produce or wish to have to let everyone know your Grange pride and about our organization's long and amazing past, present and future.

Check the Oregon State Grange website www: orgrange.org/grange-logos/ to get to 150th Celebration Logo and the Graphic Standards guide and all the acceptable use files.

Grange #835 Dorena Meeting Time Changes

At the March 28th meeting Dorena Grange members voted to change their By-Laws to reflect these new meeting times. Members will now hold their business meeting the 4th Monday of the month at 7 pm.

A non-formal, potluck meeting will be held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6 pm.

Bailey Barks!









Since I hear Mom and Dad trying to round up a babysitter for me I guess that means the State Grange Convention must be coming up soon. Mom says it will be in the same area as Dogs for the Deaf, and that one of them may visit the convention. I wish I could be there to meet these working dogs. I'm a sporting dog myself, although work does interest me – I can watch it for hours, and I do. Dad has been working in the backyard a lot lately and I just love lying in the grass and watching him! Mom keeps telling me what I good helper I am and that Dad is lucky he has me.

For those of you who will be going to the Convention remember to take your entry for "Bailey's Good Dog Contest." Like all of the GWA contests it is open to both members and non-members and all it needs is a package with at least four items that will please a good dog. The items may be food and snacks or toys and treats; they may be purchased or homemade and the judging will be on the appropriateness of the items included and the creativity of the packaging. Remember that all items entered will ultimately be taken to a shelter for all the good dogs waiting for their forever homes, but you might go home with a ribbon and some cash!!

So encourage everyone you know to make a basket and join in the fun; maybe this year they will take the baskets to Dogs for the Deaf and give the working dogs a little break.

Look at the schedule in this paper for the time that the Dogs for the Deaf group will be visiting and consider going to their facility during the week. Mom visited a couple of years ago and met some very nice dogs and some very nice people!

And, since it's that time of year when talk is cheap and there is a politician on every street corner, let me leave you with a quote from Will Rogers: "I love a dog. He does nothing for political reasons." So instead of worrying about who is the front runner, or who has the delegates, worry about your next life affirming walk with your dog!

Woof, Bailey

Upcoming Dates and Deadlines

June 7 Last day to send in delegate credentials. Otherwise bring to registration table at convention

June 10 Last day to sign up for Ag tour at convention June 18-23 Oregon State Grange Annual Session - Talent,

Oregon

July 10 Deadline for August Bulletin

Deadline to register for Western Regional July 14

Conference

July 31 Deadline to submit Grange Month Participation

form to National Grange

Western Region Leadership and Youth Conference August 5-7

Wilsonville, Oregon

August 12 Deadline to Apply as a Distinguished Grange

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Sign up to volunteer in the Log Cabin

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The Lecturer's Column

Jeanie Force LECdir@orgrange.org Lecturer ~ Oregon State Grange

Dear Grangers,

This is my final bulletin column. It has been a privilege serving as your Oregon State Grange Lecturer.

Remember to send your Talent entries to State Session. If you could let me know if you have an entry it would be very helpful. Our Talent show is on Saturday evening June 18, 7pm; hoping to see lots of entries.

Speaking of entries: we have our other contests at State Session also. Photo, Art, Writing and Posters just to name a few. Check out the

Contest booklet and the State Grange website for entry rules. Or give me a holler if you have questions. We love seeing how creative our members are. All contests are for members and nonmembers (*except talent*).

Our new National Grange Lecturer has established additional contests and ideas for Lecturer programs for your individual Granges. This information is on the Oregon State Grange website (link to the National website). If you need help retrieving the information, please contact me and I would be happy to get you this information.



Some great words were made during the Scrabble game played by Lance Dunn (r), Overseer Sandy Decker, Ceres Joyce Wrightman and Fawnette Dunn at Card and Game Night at Morningstar Grange in April.

Morningstar Grange Holds Card and Game Night

Morningstar Grange #311 in Millersburg held a Card and Game Night for their April Social Day. There were 15 members and friends who attended. All enjoyed the great variety of finger foods. Games played included Train Dominoes, Scrabble, Yahtzee and KarPhank

The Grange does a different Social Day event each month on the 4th Saturday. Sometimes it is special trip to a different restaurant or something at the Grange hall. When there is a 5th Saturday, a Card & Game Night is scheduled. All are welcome to come to these events. Lots of fun is had by all!



Morningstar Master, Frank Ball (sitting), friends Jan Haller & Robert Hoffman and Lecturer pro tem Joan Haller, take the time to play KerPlunk with Junior Granger Brianne Dabel.

National Grange to Release Monthly Lecturer's Programs

Starting in April, the National Grange Lecturer is releasing one program each month to Lecturers for use in their meetings. These are created as "programs in a box" – with all kinds of resources, tips and tools for the Lecturer to use to provide a program that fits their Grange or stretches beyond their normal approach.

The first of these programs is a prototype that looks at the town created by the New Deal under fellow Granger, President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

- Green Towns of the New Deal
- Green Towns Song of the Lyrics
- Green Belt Towns of the New Deal Word Search
- Green Belt Towns List
- Transcript of Audio in New Deal Towns

Clearly, programming would be vastly different from one Grange meeting style to another, but the outline, suggested activities and ways to engage further on the topic allowed each Grange to pick what they were comfortable with or equipped to introduce to their members.

Each program is created in PowerPoint, not because the National Lecturer expects that any Grange will have the technology or inclination to show it as such, but because it allows the key information and notes to be printed in a very easy-to-use and understand fashion. For Lecturers

looking at the material at home, preparing to present it in their meetings, they can link to the internet if available to get more resources that are provided or they can sometimes see and hear more information in audio or video clips embedded into the program file. There are activities such as a word search for Granges who like to have puzzles and tip sheets or fact sheets for distribution for Granges that like to have folks take something home.

For those Lecturers who do not have computer access contact our State Lecturer for paper copies.

The topics will be varied and by no means are they suggestions on policy or mission of your or any other Grange. Instead, they come from members' suggestions, questions or areas of expertise. Often these will be created by members or committees who have agreed to assist in this endeavor, truly creating a Lecturer's Department for full-service support.

Should you use a program created and distributed by the National Lecturer and create additional resources or materials, you can send or email them to Amanda and they will be included on the web page dedicated to Lecturer's programs.

To download the first program and content materials, and to find other programs as they are released, please visit:

www.nationalgrange.org/lecturers-programming/

Lecturer's Program In ABox Contest

Alone, any Lecturer can only create so much, find so many experts and come up with so many ideas, but with more than 2,000 Lecturers around the country, there are innumerable opportunities for great programs to be shared around the Grange nation. For this reason, the National Grange is announcing a new contest from the Lecturer's Department called "Lecturer's Program in a Box."

This contest is open to any Lecturer at any level of the Grange and should be presented at a Grange meeting before submission.

Summary of Rules

- Program must be submitted as a .ppt (PowerPoint) by Oct. 31 to lecturer@nationalgrange.org
- A Program must have at least 12 slides, the 1st a title slide and the last slide must include the name of the Lecturer, date and Grange information (name, number and state) where the program was presented and names of any contributors to the program.

- * Submission must include sample notice to the community (flyer, media alert) on how to promote the program to the broader public.
- * Program must include in the .ppt or as a stand alone document at least two of the following: Suggested activity (during Grange meeting or directly following), Suggested further reading/viewing list, word search or crossword, song lyrics, poem or other creative work to engage audience, video or audio clip, fact sheet, game suggestion, sample letter to elected official, other tool or idea to engage audience with the presentation during the meeting or as a Grange thereafter.

Submissions & Uses

All programs submitted by the deadline will judged and will receive a certificate of participation. All submissions given a "Quality" or better rating will be compiled into a electronic Idea Book. For more information see the Lecturer's page on the OSG website.



Lane County Granges Sponsor Play Festival - Ten Granges Participate



Above: Irving Grange - The Night at Irving Museum-Curse of the Cat.

In 1936, the Oregon State Grange sponsored a Play Festival. Ever since, the Granges that make up Lane County Pomona Grange have carried on the tradition. This year, ten Granges participated in the Lane Pomona Play Festival taking place over a month period, with each Grange performing their one-act play three times – once as a host and then at two other Granges. Each play lasted only half an hour, for a threeplay evening of entertainment and comradery, a great way for local Grange members to meet members from other Granges and to have a good time.

On Saturday, April 23, Goldson Grange hosted plays performed by Spencer Creek Grange and Creswell Grange, as well as staging their own play. Before, between and after the plays, attendees were treated to snacks and beverages compliments of Goldson Grange members. Goldson Grange master Lee Cornforth noted that the original state play festival was the same year, 1936, that Goldson Grange was chartered.

Goldson Grange put on "Two Grumpy Old Men," an original one

act written by the two performers,

Above: Crow Grange - "The Night the Lights Went Out in Crow" was based on the true story of a wind storm power outage and centered on a Grange meeting being conducted without lights.



Above: Goshen Grange and below: Mohawk-McKenzie Grange.



Below: Creswell Grange - "The Space Aliens and Loggers" saw the stage transformed into an Oregon forest and featured a human-sized lizard and a couple of loggers.



Les Sellars and James Seale. The on by this hopefully imaginary texting two had promised their Grange that they did not even need to write their act – having known each other for so long, they were able to play off each other, with James as the straight man and Les with all the answers.

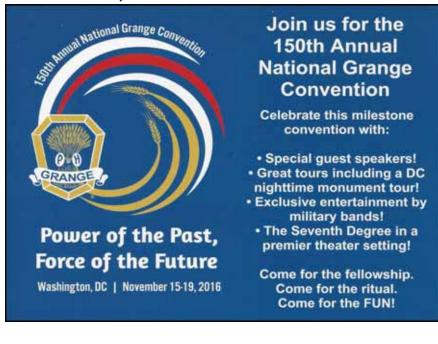
The Spencer Creek Grange performed a play by Alex Broun, "While You Were Sleeping," a modern cautionary tale about the Perhaps because of the dangers of "sleep texting" and its results. The play attendees had a good laugh over the foibles brought where the "Oar-be-gone."

phenomenon.

The final play of the evening was "The Space Aliens and Loggers" written and performed by Creswell Grange. The stage was transformed into an Oregon forest for this play, featuring a human-sized lizard-like space alien, a logger with an axe and another logger toting an oar. Why an oar? unsubstantiated claim that the state's name came from a canoeing accident



Above: Goldson Grange - Les Sellars, the grumpy old man in the hat had a difficult time bending his leg, while James Seale, the grumpy old man without the hat looked on in amazement. The one-act play "Two Grumpy Old Men" was the Goldson Grange entry in this year's Lane Pomona Play Festival.





April is Blossom Festival Time For Columbia Gorge Granges



L-R: Grange members Tamara Thiel and Becki Montgomery.

Rockford Grange Joins Festival Events

Rockford Grange #501 had its first community plant sale on Blossom Day, April 17th in the beautiful Hood River Valley. Coordinating with their neighbor, the Westside Fire Department who puts on a pancake breakfast, both events saw hundreds of customers. The plant sale sold out before the ending time. The results exceeded their expectations.

The plant sale committee grew hundreds of vegetable starts and donated many perennial plants from their own yards, as did several community friends. They even harvested a couple new members for the Grange! The committee was grateful for the many Rockford Grange volunteers who helped make this a great success.





The Agricultural Report

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OSG Agriculture Director

The Agriculture Committee has been busy. We helped organize and staff an Oregon State Grange table at the FFA State Convention at OSU in the middle of March. Thousands of FFA members from dozens of chapters visited our table, entering for a chance for four Wilco gift cards. Additionally the OSG continued our 80 year sponsorship of the FFA Prepared Public Speaking Contest, and the winner Kourtney Lehman of Baker, will deliver her speech at our State Session on Wednesday, June 22^{nd} .

Ag Fest at the State Fairgrounds in Salem on the weekend of April 23rd, was another effort in which our committee contributed. Vern and Paula Herrick of Walterville Grange grew over 5000 seedlings. Grange volunteers (over 50 person/shifts) helped transplant the seedlings into peat pots for visitors to take home. Over 20,000 people visit Ag Fest. Come volunteer with us next year!

The Ag Committee presented at six OSG district conferences, with other OSG committees. Our Conferences were at Rickreall #671, Beaver Homes # 518, Fruitdale #379, Elmira #523, Terrabonne #663, and Pleasant Grove #475. Our committee's slideshow presentation

explained what we do and the importance of Grange work promoting public appreciation of Agriculture. I am very thankful for the hospitality and effort from all the hosting Granges.

District 4 Membership chairman, Cat Thomas also brought an organization to my attention. Family Relief Nursery (FRN) is a program that supports families at risk. One of the activities within their programs is a pre-school where there are raised beds with the goal of growing vegetables that the kids would eat for lunch/snacks. This introduces kids to how their food is grown. Grange, with its focus on family and agriculture could be a natural partner for this. (See page 18)

Now I am turning my attention to the State Session where our committee will kick things off with the Ag Tour on Saturday morning, and continue with conferences introducing the "Friends of Family Farmers" and "Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities". We will also award the "Agriculturalist of the Year Award". Additionally we have invited some interesting organizations with agricultural ties to have tables at the Session. See you at Talent!

Nothing is prettier in the spring than fruit trees in bloom, and the Hood River Valley Blossom Festival, now over 60 years old, celebrates the arrival of spring in style. Hood River Valley, which spans the north slope of Mount Hood to the south shore of the Columbia River Gorge, is the largest pear-growing region in Oregon, producing 50% of the nation's winter pear crop. It's also home to an abundance of cherry and apples orchards.

A gorgeous drive along the loop of the Hood River County Scenic Tour Route is the centerpiece of the longtime celebration, and winds through the Festival's activities at over 20 different venues. Events typically include a craft show, quilt show, a fire department all-you-can-eat breakfast and several wine and beer-tasting events.

The Festival's main stars—the beautiful pink and white fruit tree blossoms—are best viewed from the comfort of your car. The Hood River Fruit Loop is 47 miles long and takes an average of 1.24 hours! Most of the Hood River Fruit Loop member farms are located on the route and offer special blossom-time activities during this very special time of year.



Mt. Hood over looks the Hood River Valley as the pear trees next to Parkdale Grange prepare to bloom.

Parkdale Grange Celebrates with Dinner

Parkdale Grange #500 held their Chuck Wagon Blossom Dinner on Saturday and Sunday, April 16th and 17th. The dinner featured a choice of steak or ham with an all-you-can-eat buffet of baked beans, coleslaw and salads as well as a choice of tasty desserts baked by Grange members.

Their Blossom Dinner is one of the better-kept secrets of the Hood River Valley Blossom Festival. It occurs the third full weekend in April each year.

Both Parkdale and Rockford Granges are located along the Hood River Fruit Loop.

Mosier Grange Holds Cherry Blossom Buffet

The Cherry Blossom Buffet is one of Mosier Oregon's most anticipated yearly events. Served by the Mosier Grange on Sunday, April 10th it was a delightful event. The Buffet featured grilled salmon, ham, several side dishes, salads and tasty cherry desserts! Proceeds benefit

ted the Mosier Grange for use of their hall as a Red Cross Emergency Shelter.

10th it was a delightful event. The Buffet featured grilled salmon, ham, several side dishes, salads and tasty cherry desserts! Proceeds benefit After the meal, many visitors took the guided route through the Mosier Valley to view the beautiful cherry blossoms and wildflowers.



Beautiful blossoms welcome visitors to the Mosier Valley.



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

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Phone



A steady stream of attendees visited the Grange at Ag Fest.

The Grange Visible At Ag Fest

The 28th annual Oregon Ag Fest Oregon Grange volunteers (over 50 was held at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem, Oregon April 25-26 and the Oregon State Grange was again a part of it. In the AG Country - which is the heart and soul of Oregon Ag Fest - is where the Oregon State Grange's activity center and display was located. Over 20,000 people visited Ag Fest this year.



Mark Noah and Connie Suing help youngsters transplant seedlings. This child selected a marigold.

person/shifts) helped transplant seedlings into peat pots for visitors to take home and others worked the membership table, handing out literature and talking "Grange" to Oregon families.

A special *Thank You* to Vern and Paula Herrick of Walterville Grange who grew over 5000 marigold, tomato and pepper seedlings for the event.

And thank you to these Grangers who helped out at the Grange display and activity center during Ag Fest: Alice Nowicki, Alison Hennes, Anne Startin, Barker Statzer, Beth Pool, Briauna Herrick, Cameron Herrick, Carrie Shaw, Cat Thomas, Connie Suing, Dick and Wanda Putnam, Gary and Buzi Beckley, Jay Sexton, Jim Garrison, Jim Serrill, Ken Schwieger, Liz and Jeff Dehne, Lori Kirby, Marilyn Reiher, Morgan Putnam, Rowena Miller, Sam Keator, Sandi and Bob Ludi, Sue and Maki Nunemaker, Susan and Mark Noah, Toni Hoyman, Vern and Paula Herrick and Vernon Herrick, Jr.



Vern Herrick helps a youngster transplant her choice of a tomato seedling to take home.



Membership Matters

Bob Ludi - MEMdir 1@orgrange.org Sandi Ludi - MEMdir2@orgrange.org OSG Membership Directors

Greetings Grange Friends!

We are looking forward to "Setting the Stage for Membership" at State Grange in Talent, Oregon! Our committee has planned a fun game that members can play during the Session. It will be introduced on Sat., June 18th. On Monday, June 20th the Membership Luncheon will take place. Grangers attending the luncheon and/or program will be given a raffle ticket. Each District Membership Chairman is assembling and bringing a basket full of items from their respective District. Baskets are worth at least \$50.00!! There will be fun entertainment that you won't want to miss! Membership Awards will also be given. Plan to come and celebrate being a member of the Grange!

Wednesday, June 22nd at 7:30am will be the Membership Conference. The theme for the conference will be "Set the Stage for Membership - Ways to take Action!" Door prizes will be given.

You won't want to miss this conference!! We will see you there!

We hope you come and visit us at the Membership Table. Free Grange literature ans sale items. will be available. Some new items will be available to order. Take a few minutes to stop by!

Joe Stefenoni; our new National Grange Leadership/Membership Director, will be visiting Oregon August 3-7, 2016. August 3 he will be leading a workshop in District 1 and another workshop will be hosted by District 5 on August 4. The Western Regional Leadership Conference will be held Aug. 5-7 in the Portland area where Joe will be part of the conference. A letter announcing all the details will be sent to your Grange Secretary as soon as the schedule is set. Look for it in June.

See you at State Grange!



Cameron Herrick prepares to water as a youngster plants his marigold.



L-R: Susan Noah, Cameron Herrick, Connie Suing and Toni Hoyman have fun at the Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation booth.





Chetco Grange #765 Holds Bar-B-Que and Car Show

Chetco Grange in Curry County held The car show featured the "Curry Breakfast, followed by a BBQ and Car Show. Activities included honoring their Granger of the Year, and also their Pioneer Citizens, Elaine and Keith Smith.



Pioneer Citizens Elaine and Keith Smithand receive their award.

a day-long event on Saturday April Coastal Cruisers" and the Vietnam 17 to celebrate Grange Month. Vets were included in the celebration. Events started with a Pancake The local Azalea Festival Court stopped by to check things before their own festival Memorial Day weekend where they will participate in the parade. The Grange is fortunate enough to have Eleanor, the cook at the Activity Center (Senior Center) in Brookings as their head Chef of the Pancake Breakfast.

> The day wrapped up with a public dance. Several bands perform in the hall. Chetco Grange has one of the oldest and most well preserved dance floors in Oregon. They have updated the interior of hall with new paint, window coverings and extensive acoustical upgrades, making it a great place to play music.

> Right: The "Curry Coastal Cruisers" were one of several individuals and participating in the car show.

FOUNDATION BOARD

OSG Foundation Creats Junior **Grange Camp Scholarship Fund**

Foundation at their quarterly meeting in May, adopted Policy Number 15 called the Junior Camp Scholarship Fund. This is a new benefit the Board of Trustees has adopted for the benefit of its Junior members and their families. This policy allows for any child or grandchild of a Grange member or a Junior Grange member in good standing in an Oregon Grange to receive a Camp Scholarship. Each scholarship will be a maximum of \$200.00. The money will be sent to the Junior Camp of their choice, upon proof of registration.

The Oregon State Grange Include the following information: Junior's Name, address and the name, address and phone number of the Camp attending, Send to your Foundation District Trustee.

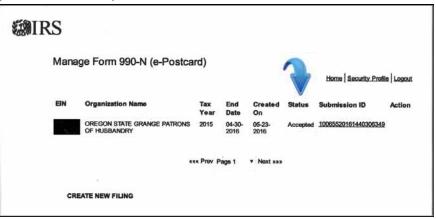
> The Foundation has various designated funds to which members or non-members or your Community Grange can donate. Please plan to put the Foundation in your giving for 2016.

> Please plan to attend the Foundation's annual meeting on Sunday June 19th @ 12:30pm during the State Grange Annual Session.

990N-Epostcards Revised Directions

There is a change to the directions sent out to Granges in April on how to file the 990N-Epostcards.

The IRS will not be sending you an email stating that your ePostcard has been accepted. Instead you will need to log back in at some future time (Wait at least a day or two.) and see if it has been accepted or rejected. Please print out the page showing that your filing has been accepted. Put one in your records and send one to the Oregon State Grange, via e-mail or by letter, to be kept in your records at the office. Below is a sample of what you should see. If you have any questions please contact Suzy in the Office.



UPCOMING POMONA GRANGE MEETINGS					
Pomona Secretaries are to send in meeting information to the Bulletin Editor as soon as date,					
time, and lo	cation are de	termir	ned and/or cha	nged.	
Pomona	Date		Time	Meeting Place	
Baker #24	Aug	13	10:30 AM	Missouri Flat #612	
Benton #36	Jul	16	10:30 AM	Willamette #52	
Clackamas #1	Jul	23	10:00 AM	Garfield #317	
Columbia #18	Aug	6	10:00 AM	Trojan Park	
Coos-Curry-West Coast #30	Aug	27	10:00 AM	TBA	
Deschutes #25	Aug	6	10:00 AM	Westside #854	
Douglas #13	Jul	23	6:00 PM	Myrtle Creek #442	
Jackson #27	Jul	9	10:00 AM	TBA	
Josephine #20	Jul	30	10:00 AM	Sunny Valley #916	
Lane #14	Jul	9	10:00 AM	Lowell #745	
Lincoln #10	Aug	20	10:30 AM	TBA	
Linn #12	Jul	9	10:00 AM	Lacomb #907	
Marion #4	Jul	16	10:00 AM	Scotts Mills #938	
Polk #3	Jul	16	10:00 AM	Rickreall #671	
Tillamook #9			10:30 AM	TBA	
Umatilla-Morrow #26	Δυσ	27	10:30 AM	Picnic-Boardman Marinia	
Offiatilia-Worldw #26	Aug	21	10.30 AIVI	hosts Greenfield #579	
Wallowa #22	Aug	9	10:00 AM	Liberty #613	
Washington-Yamhill #2	Jul	23	10:00 AM	Forest Grove #282	





Checkout Junior Grange Camp

It is not too late to sign up for Junior Grange Camp. Several of the Washington State Junior Grange Camps still have room and would welcome Oregon Juniors to attend.

Each camp will feature a week of fun activities including music, hiking, swimming, 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.

Prices range from \$140-180 depending on the camp and time of registration. Pamphlets for each camp are available from camp coordinators. Contact information is available along with the pamplets on the Washington State Grange website, www.wa-grange.org.



The flag is raised and lowered each morning and night.

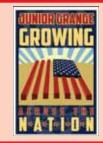
There is Financial Assistance available for Oregon Juniors to attend camp through the Oregon State Grange Foundation. See the article on page 8 or contact your district trustee for more information.

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Executive Committee #3: TBA

There are still a few positions available. If you are bringing a child or grandchild of Junior age to convention please let Liz know so they can participate as a Junior officer. dehneej@msn.com

Washington-Yamhill Junior **Grangers Visit Wild Horse Ranch**

Washington-Yamhill Junior Grangers visited on Sunday April 17 the Wild Horse Mountain Ranch on Ladd Hill Road in Sherwood. Thanks to Kim Kuiper, Stacey Harnew-Swanson, and the other volunteers for teaching the Juniors and their families about the Mustangs and Kigers. They especially enjoyed petting Jack, the donkey.

At their May meeting they continued their cultural trip around the world with a "trip" to Norway. Theresa Thorud, a member of Washington Grange, and her cousin showed them how them how to make Lefse and Krumkakes from old family recipes.



Juniors listened to information on the Mustangs and Kigers.



Petting animals is always a hit.



Benton Pomona Jr. Grange Played Bingo Nature

Sunday April 17 the Benton County Pomona Junior Grangers went on a hike and played "Nature Bingo," winning fun prizes when they got a bingo. It was the perfect day to be outside. The following weekend on April 24th they met as a group with their sack lunches to attend AgFest.



This Junior proudly shows of her bingo card and prize.



Junior Grangers took advantage of the nice weather to take a hike.





The Education Committee

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STEM vs. STEAM: Do the Arts Belong?

By Anne Jolly - A tug of war is currently looming between proponents of STEM education (science, technology, engineering, and math) and advocates for STEAM lessons, which add art to the mix. Whichever side you come down on, here are some ideas for you to mull over.

STEM

First, consider the why and what of STEM education. Both private and public sectors report that 21stcentury workers require skills that many of today's graduates don't have. Students need more in-depth knowledge of math and science, plus the ability to integrate and apply that knowledge to solve the challenges facing our nation. Children who study STEM also develop a variety of skills that are essential for success: critical thinking and problem solving, creativity and innovation, communication, collaboration, and entrepreneurship, to name a few.

A number of K-12 programs currently fly under the STEM banner. However, a 2014 study published by the America Society for Engineering Education identified several characteristics of quality STEM programs:

- 1. The context is motivating, engaging, and real-world.
- 2. Students integrate and apply meaningful and important mathematics and science content.
- 3. Teaching methods are inquiry-based and student-centered.
- 4. Students engage in solving engineering challenges using an engineering design process.
- 5. Teamwork and communications are a major focus. Throughout the program, students have the freedom to think critically, creatively, and innovatively, as well as opportunities to fail and try again in safe environments.

STEM, then, is a specific program designed for a specific purpose—to integrate and apply knowledge of math and science in order to create technologies and solutions for realworld problems, using an engineering design approach. It's no surprise that STEM programs need to maintain an intense focus.

STEAM

Recently, the idea of adding the arts to STEM programs has been gaining momentum. Surprisingly, there has

been push-back from both camps:

- 1. From STEM proponents: STEM lessons naturally involve art (for example, product design), language arts (communication), and social studies and history (setting the context for engineering challenges). STEM projects do not deliberately exclude the arts or any other subject; rather, these subjects are included incidentally as needed for engineering challenges. The focus of STEM is developing rigorous math and science skills through engineering. How can you focus on other subjects (such as art) without losing the mission of STEM or watering down its primary purpose?
- Engineering and technology can certainly serve the artist and help create art. But if we're talking about how one can use art in engineering... as an artist, it seems we're missing the point and devaluing, or not realizing, art's purpose and importance. We have it backwards.

So how exactly can teachers fit the arts into STEM programs and do justice for both STEM and STEAM? What would an ideal STEAM program look like? That's what artist and educator-turned-STEAM-enthusiast Ruth Catchen is determined to find out. She currently works with a team of STEM writers and program developers who are using crowdfunding to develop and pilot a STEAM program in Colorado.

According to Ruth, the arts are a great learning tool and can serve as an on-ramp to STEM for underrepresented students. Engaging students' strengths using art activities increases motivation and the probability of STEM success. She views art as a way of offering more diverse learning opportunities and greater access to STEM for all types of learners.

Art also provides diverse opportunities for communication and expression. Ruth believes that in our technically-focused world, we have a responsibility to educate the whole child to become a global citizen in his or her community. She aims to do just that while staying true to the

Members of Redland Grange #796 received their 2015 Distinguished Grange award at the April Clackamas County Pomona Grange meeting. They were one of three Oregon Granges to receive the award. This was the sixth year in a row that Redland was honored.



specific purpose of STEM education.

How Do We Solve the STEM vs. STEAM Conundrum?

Let's circle back to the question of how to include the arts in STEM in an authentic way. We could change the scope of STEM so that it focuses equally on learning in all subject areas—but why do that? We already have effective teaching methods for doing that: problem-based learning.

So let's try another question. Can we combine art with just one of the STEM subjects—perhaps science—and ignore meaningful subjects like math and engineering? We certainly could—but that would be just art and science, not STEAM.

What about having students do individual STEAM projects? Again—that's not faithful to basic STEM principles, which always include teamwork. So would that be STEAM or just a good individual project? I propose we shape STEAM programs by exploring opportunities where art naturally fits in the STEM arena. Art can be treated as an applied subject—just like math and science.

Here are a few ideas for giving STEM projects some STEAM:

- **Design.** Art can serve a practical function. Students might apply design and decoration to products that were created during the course of a design challenge. They could use computer graphics to create logos or stylized designs to include in communications presentations. Through industrial design, students improve could the appearance, design, and usability of a product created during a STEM project.
- Performing arts, such as drama and speech. What about technical or persuasive writing? Those arts fit naturally into the "Communications" stage of the engineering design

- process. They would work well as part of a STEM project. (Check out
- w w w . y o u t u b e . c o m / watch?v=sJxxdQox7n0 of students in Paraguay who made instruments out of discarded materials as an example.)
- Creative planning. As students brainstorm solutions for an engineering problem, encourage them to adopt a playful, inventive, artistic approach. Calling on their artistic right brain can help them to generate more creative and innovative thinking.

Just one word of caution, though. Art is often touted as a method of adding creativity to STEM—but keep in mind that engineers are rarely lacking for creativity and ingenuity. Just look at the world around you for proof. The purpose of STEAM should not be so much to teach art but to apply art in real situations. Applied knowledge leads to deeper learning.

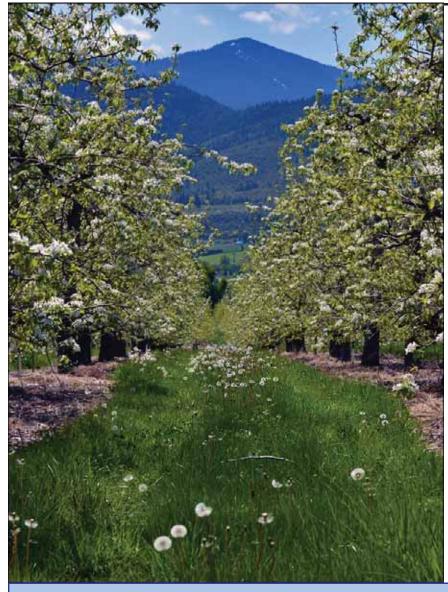
All of that is to say: I don't yet have a clear picture of what an ideal STEAM project looks like. Dr. Howard Gardner responded: "What is important is that every human being deserves to learn about the arts and humanities, just as each person should be cognizant of the sciences."

I don't think anyone could say it better than that. A STEM program is just one part of a child's education, focusing on math and science. But our children need a well-rounded, quality education that enables them to make informed decisions that will impact the world and the way they live.

We need students who are motivated and competent in bringing forth solutions to tomorrow's problems. When push comes to shove, it's not STEM vs. STEAM—it's about making every student a fully-literate 21st-century citizen.

Written by Anne Jolly November 18, 2014. Reprinted from www.edweek.org.





143rd Annual Session Oregon State Grange

June 18-23, 2016

Talent Middle School 102 Christian Ave Talent, Oregon 97540

Sunday, June 19

6th Degree - Oregon State Grange Officers - Main Hall



9 pm

9:15 pm

Assignment of Deputies – OSG Gatekeeper – Main Hall

State Officers practice including Sixth Degree – Main Hall

Tentative Schedule for Oregon State Grange "Bring Your Talent to Talent"



	Caturday Inno 10		Sunday, June 19
0 1	Saturday, June 18	7:30-8:30	Youth Officers Practice – Main Hall
8 am-1 pm	Registration opens for delegates, State Grange Officers & Directors, Deputies, state committee members, State Youth Officers, State Junior Officers, and visitors - Commons	8 am-noon	Registration of delegates, State Grange Officers & Directors, Deputies, state committee members, State Youth Officers, State Junior Officers, and visitors - Commons
9 am	Ag Tour – Tour will include Fortmiller Vineyard of Quail Run Winery, Rogue Creamery, and possibly Fry Family Farm and Lillie Belle Farms Handmade Chocolates. Box lunch is included.		GWA, Lecturer's, and Community Service Yearbook accepted in the Old Gym
	Fifth Degree Practice – Main Hall		Junior contest entries accepted – Junior room
10 am	Rosebud Practice – Main Hall		Youth contest entries accepted at the Youth table
11 am	Memorial-Worship Service Practice – Main Hall	9 am	Ceremonial opening in the 6 th Degree (State Officers line up 8:45) - Main Hall
Noon	Junior talent, public speaking, and sign-a-song contestants must register in the Junior Room – Music Room		Introduction of guests Welcome by Talent City Councilman E.J. McManus Overseer's Response
	Youth Public Speaking and Sign-a-song contestants must sign up with the State Youth Directors	10 am	Introduction of budget - Master's Addresses Closing in the Fourth Degree – OSG Overseer
1 pm	Exemplification of the first four Degrees under the leadership of Don MacKinnon, Springwater Grange – Main hall	11 am	Memorial-Worship Service – Main Hall
2 pm	GWA, Lecturer's, and Community Service Yearbook - accepted in the Old Gym	Noon	GWA, Lecturer's, Community Service Yearbook and Junior contest entries close – Old Gym
	Junior contest entries accepted – Junior room	12:30 pm	Foundation Luncheon - All members welcome with ticket purchased by June 1. Additional seating will be available
	Youth contest entries accepted at the Youth table		for program portion. Annual meeting of Foundation follows lunch. Door Prizes - Cafeteria
2-5 pm	Registration Open - Commons	2-5:45 pm	Registration Open – 5 th and 6 th degree tickets on sale until 30
4:30 pm	Talent contestants meet with State Lecturer - Main Hall		minutes before Degree begins - Commons
5:30 pm	Kickoff Banquet - "The Opening Act" — All members	2 pm	Orientation for delegates and committee chairs – Main Hall
	welcome with ticket purchased by June 1. Additional seating will be available for program portion Cafeteria	3 pm	Session committee meetings – Screened off side of Main Hall
7 pm	Talent Show, Public Speaking Contest - Main Hall Honor Grange awards Agriculturist of the Year award	4:30-6 pm	Dinner break – Enjoy area restaurants. Be sure to tell them you are with the Grange.
	Community Service – Volunteer of the Year award	6 pm	5th Degree – District #1 – Main Hall

7:45 pm



Tentative Schedule for the 143rd Oregon State Grange Convention, continued

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7.20.0.45	Monday, June 20	10:30 am	Junior Degree, State Junior Officers – Main Hall		
7:30-8:45am	Agricultural Conference - Open to all members – Friends of Family Farmers will present information on their program. Room 5	Noon	GWA Luncheon - All members welcome with ticket purchased by June 1. Additional seating will be available for program portion. GWA awards will be presented during luncheon Cafeteria		
7:30-8:45am	8:45am Education Conference - Open to all members - Presenter: Diane Smith, Director of Teaching & Learning at the Business Education Compact. Conference will focus on bringing clarity	1:30 pm	Session reconvenes – Main Hall		
	to major issues that seem to confuse students, parents and community stakeholders. Join with others to learn how to	1:30-5 pm	Registration Open - Commons		
	maneuver the landscape and get your questions answered. Room 7	2:30 pm	Tribute to Grange Veterans – Main Hall		
7:30-8:30am	Youth Officers Practice – Main Hall	5-7 pm	Dinner break – Enjoy area restaurants. Be sure to tell them you are with the Grange.		
8am-noon	Registration for delegates, State Grange Officers & Directors, Deputies, state committee members, State Youth Officers,	7 pm	Session Reconvenes – Main Hall		
	State Junior Officers, and visitors - Commons	9 pm	Closing in the Fourth Degree		
9 am	Opening in the Fourth Degree (State Officers line up 8:45) - Main Hall		Wednesday, June 22		
	Reading and adopting Sunday's Journal	Wear Green to Support our Youth!			
	Preferential election report Nominations for State Grange Lecturer and Secretary	7-8 am	Youth Officers practice – Main Hall		
11:00 am	GIA Chairman of the Board, D. Thomas McKern	7:30-8:30 am	Membership Conference – Open to all members - Partnering with other Granges and Groups to Increase Membership, Sam Keator - Room 5		
Noon	Membership Luncheon – "Set the Stage for Membership" All members welcome with ticket purchased by June 1. Additional seating will be available for program portion. Membership awards will be presented Cafeteria	8 am-noon	Registration for delegates, State Grange Officers & Directors, Deputies, state committee members, State Youth Officers, State Junior Officers, and visitors - Commons		
1:30 pm	Session reconvenes – Main Hall	8:30 am	Youth officer pictures		
1:30-5 pm	Registration Open - Commons	9 am	Opening in the Fourth Degree by State Youth Officers (Line		
4 pm	Closing in the Fourth Degree		up 8:45) - Main Hall Presentation of State FFA Prepared Public Speaking winner - Kourtney Lehman, Baker FFA		
4-6 pm	Final election of State Officers – Rooms 35 & 36		•		
4-6 pm	Dinner break – Enjoy area restaurants. Be sure to tell them you are with the Grange.	Noon	Reading and adopting Tuesday's Journal Youth Luncheon & "Goodie Basket" drawings - All members welcome with ticket purchased by June 1. Additional		
6 pm Community Service Conference – Open to all members "Map your Neighborhood and Shelter in Place." Building a disaster plan for your community and strengthening readiness among your neighbors. Door Prizes. – Room 5	1:30 pm	seating will be available for program portion Cafeteria Session reconvenes – Main Hall			
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6 pm	Secretary's Conference – Open to all members – Step-by-Step Audit Procedures for Subordinate/Pomona Granges.	1:30-5pm 2 pm	Registration Open - Commons Recognition of Past State Officers and Directors		
	Room 7	5-7 pm	Dinner break – Enjoy area restaurants. Be sure to tell		
7:15 pm	Lecturer's and Deaf Awareness & Family Health Conference Open to all members. Presentation by Dogs for the Deaf. Room 5	7 / 1	them you are with the Grange. GROW Club No-Host Dinner – Home Town Buffet, 1299 Center Dr. Medford		
	Tuesday, June 21	7 pm	Silent auction closes - Oral auction Session reconvenes - Resolutions		
	ear Red Tennis Shoes to Support our Juniors! d, White and Blue Day to Honor our Veterans Grange Benefits Breakfast – Complimentary – Bellview	9 pm	Closing in the Fourth Degree – Wayne Cabler – Chair District #1 Hosting Committee		
7.20.0.20	Grange, 1050 Tolman Creek Rd, Ashland		Thursday, June 23		
	Youth Officers Practice – Main Hall	7:30-8:30 am	Ag Conference – Open to all members - Nick Smith, Executive Director of Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities		
7:30-8:30am	Legislative & Veterans Conference – Open to all members – Speaker - State Representative Sal Esquivel. Sal is a Vietnam Veteran and will be speaking on legislative issues in general and veterans' issues in particular. Room 5		will present information on their program to achieve a comprehensive and permanent solution to restore the health of our rural communities and federal forest lands Room 5		
8 am-noon	Registration for delegates, State Grange Officers & Directors, Deputies, state committee members, State Youth Officers, State Junior Officers, and visitors - Commons	8 am-noon	Registration for delegates, State Grange Officers & Directors, Deputies, state committee members, State Youth Officers, State Junior Officers, and visitors - Commons		
8:30-9:45am	Workshop – Nancy Murray, OSG Attorney. Hosting a Farmer's Market: Your legal to do list. Room 5	9 am	Opening in the 4 th Degree (State Officers line up 8:45 am) Reading and adopting Wednesday's Journal Resolutions continued		
8:30-9:45am	GWA Conference – Open to all members - Hands on workshop making a craft led by Sue Dumolt and Sally Clute. Room 7	Noon	Lunch on your own — Enjoy area restaurants. Be sure to tell them you are with the Grange.		
10 am	\$1 Junior Degree ticket required for entry. Opening in the Fourth Degree (State Officers line up 8:45) – Main Hall	1:30 pm	Installation of OSG Officers Resolutions continued - All other unfinished business Invitation by District #2 to visit in 2017		
10 am	Reading and adopting Monday's Journal OSG Attorney – Nancy Murray Election Report - Resolutions	4 pm	Closing in Fourth Degree – OSG Master		

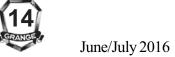




Oregon State Grange 143rd Annual Convention Tentative Youth Schedule



8am-1pm	Saturday, June 18 Registration opens for all in the Commons. Additionally, Youth check in at the Youth table to receive your	8am-noon	Registration for State Youth Officers - Please register if you have not already done so - Commons
	welcome packet.	9 am	Opening in the Fourth Degree - Main hall
9 am	Ag Tour - Visit the sights of Southern Oregon – <i>You must pre-register with the Ag Department so that there is adequate space on the bus.</i>	Noon	Membership Luncheon - All members welcome with ticket - Cafeteria
Noon	n Registration for the Public Speaking Contest, and Sign-a-		Session reconvenes - Main hall
1 pm	Song at the Youth table - Commons. The first 4 degrees will be given under the Direction of	4-6 pm	Final election of State Officers - please vote if you are a delegate - #35 & 36 (Hayes)
- p	Don MacKinnon from Springwater Grange. If you have never witnessed these degrees, it will explain a lot as to	4-6 pm	Dinner break – Enjoy area restaurants.
2.5	what the Grange stands for and believes – Main hall	6:15-7pm	Youth Conference - National Youth Achievement Awards - Youth room #35 & 36 (Hayes)
2-5 pm	Registration Open - Commons		, · · · · ·
5: 30 pm	Kickoff Banquet – "The Opening Act" - Commons. See the Youth Director's for your pre-arranged tickets.	7:15 pm	Youth Workshop - Grange Jeopardy - Youth room #35 & 36 (Hayes)
7 pm	Talent Show, Public Speaking & Sign-a-Song Contests - Main hall		Tuesday, June 21 or Red Tennis Shoes to Support Our Juniors White and Blue Day to Honor our Veterans
9 pm	Assignment of Deputies – OSG Gatekeeper – Main hall If you wish to assist, please contact the State Gatekeeper and let him know of your interest and	6:30-9 am	Grange Benefits Breakfast – Complimentary – Bellview Grange
	availability.	7:30-8:30 am	Youth Officers Practice – Main Hall
9 pm	Youth Get Acquainted Activity and Ice Breakers - Youth Room #35 & 36 (Hayes) ~ Snacks will be provided	8 am-noon	Please register if you have not already done so - Commons
7:30-8:30 am	Sunday, June 19 Youth Officers Practice – Main Hall	8:30-9:45 am	Workshop presented by the Oregon State Grange Attorney – Open to all members ~ <i>All Youth are to attend</i> .
8 am-noon	Registration Desk Opens - Please sign in there, and at the Youth Table - Commons	10 am	Opening in the Fourth Degree by State Officers - Main hall \$1 Junior Degree ticket required for entry
9 am	Oregon State Grange Opens in the 6 th Degree, then lowers to the 4 th Degree - Main hall	10:15 am	Junior Degree, State Junior Officers
10 am		Noon	GWA Luncheon - All members welcome with ticket - Cafeteria
		1:30 pm	Session reconvenes - Main hall
10:45 am	Installation of OSG Junior Officers by youth team - Junior room #4 (Music/Robison)	2:30 pm	Tribute to Grange Veterans
12:30 pm	Foundation Luncheon - <i>All members welcome with ticket</i> - <i>Cafeteria</i>	3-5 pm	Youth Car Wash in the outdoor parking area immediately following Veterans Tribute.
2-5:45 pm	Registration Open – 5 th and 6 th degree tickets on sale until 30 minutes before Degree begins - commons	5-7 pm	Dinner break – Enjoy area restaurants. Be sure to tell them you are with the Grange.
3 pm	Session committee meetings ~ the State Master is willing, and we are encouraging Youth to participate as Committee Members. Please speak with the Youth Directors for more information, and to request the Committee or area that you are interested in if you are not already assigned to a committee as a delegate.	7 pm	Session Reconvenes - Main hall
<i>у</i> риг		7:15 pm	Youth Workshop - PI ² : Participate-Invest-Invite - Youth rooms #35 & 36 (Hayes)
		9 pm	Closing in the Fourth Degree
4:30-6 pm	Youth Pizza Party ~ #35 & 36 (Hayes) ~ Come join us		Wednesday, June 22 Wear Green to Support the Youth
•	for Pizza/Salad and Pop! National Grange Youth contests will be covered.	7-8 am	Youth Officer Practice ~ LAST PRACTICE YEAH! - Main hall
6 pm	5 th Degree – District #1 - If you need your 5 th degree, then please purchase your ticket prior to this event - Main hall	8:30 am	Youth officer pictures ~ be dressed, have sash and be ready for flowers
7:45 pm	6 th Degree – Oregon State Grange Officers - this is an impressive Degree to observe - Main hall	9 am	Oregon State Grange Youth Open Session! YEA - Main hall - Director's report Presentation of State FFA Prepared Public Speaking winner
	Monday, June 20		- Kourtney Lehman, Baker FFA
7:30-8:30 am	Youth Officers Practice – Main hall	Noon	Youth Luncheon & "Goodie Basket" drawings - cafeteria



Tentative Youth Schedule for the 143rd Oregon State Grange Convention, continued

W	ednesday, June 22, continued		Thursday, June 23
1:30-4 pm	Youth Tour & Community Service Project ~ Dogs forthe Deaf - meet in front of the school	8:30 am	Youth "Good Bye & Safe Travels" Breakfast Brunch Goodies in the Youth Rooms #35 & 36 (Hayes) for you. Please let the Youth Directors know if you will be
5-7 pm	Dinner break		attending so we can get enough food.
	GROW Club no host dinner for all GROW Club members ~ Home Town Buffet, 1299 Center Drive, Medford. Please sign up ahead of time at the registration table	9 am	Opening of the last day of the 143 rd Oregon State Grange convention - Main hall
7 pm	Silent auction closes - Oral auction Session reconvenes - Main hall	Noon	Lunch on your own — Enjoy area restaurants. Be sure to tell them you are with the Grange.
7:15 pm	Geo-caching	1:30 pm	Installation of OSG Officers - Main hall
9 pm	Closing in the Fourth Degree	4 pm	Closing in Fourth Degree – OSG Master



Oregon State Grange 143rd Annual Convention Tentative Junior Schedule



Marie In	Tentative Ji	inior Sched	JUNIOR GRANGE
	SATURDAY June 18th		
12 noon-3pm	All Juniors register in the Junior Room. All forms must b properly completed for Junior to participates. Juniors d		Snacks
	not pay Registration Fee BUT must Register in order to participate in the Junior Room.	o 11 am	Open Activity for non-officers.
12 noon		12 noon	Pick-up your Juniors ASAP
12 110011	Sign up for the Talent Contest in the Junior Room Get to know each other Practice for talent show	1:45 pm	Junior Room Opens - Open Activities
3:00-4:00pm	Talent Show	3 pm	Snacks and/or Story Hour
5:00 pm	Pick up your child(ren) no later than 5:10 pm	4 pm	Session Close. Please pick up all children except officers.
-	. , ,	4-4:45 pm	Junior Officer Practice
5:30-7:00 pm	Kickoff Banquet		TUESDAY June 21st
7 pm	Talent Show - Main hall	8:45 am	Junior Room Opens
8:45 am	SUNDAY June 19 th Junior Room Opens	9:15 am	Group pictures: Officers and all Juniors
9 am	Juniors plan on attending the Opening of the Session	10:15 am	Open Junior Grange in Main Gym Conferral of Junior Degree
9-10 am	Junior Entries accepted in the Junior Room	12:00 noon	Break for lunch - Pick your child(ren) up no later than 12:15 pm
9:45 am	Welcome & Introduction of Officers	1:20 pm	Junior Room Open
10:30 am	Snacks	•	Leave for swimmingG
10:45 am	Installation of Officers by the Youth Team Dress nicely (Sunday dress)	5 pm	Break for Dinner – Pick your child(ren) up no later than 5:15 pm
11:15 am	Practice Degree for Officers Special crafts activity for non-officers	7 pm	Junior Room Open/movie, games, story hour
12:30 noon	Lunch – Pick your child(ren) up no later than 12:20 pm	8:45 am	WEDNESDAY June 22 nd Junior Room Open
1:30 pm	Junior Room Opens		
2 pm	Session Reconvenes - Practice Degree Work for Officer		Make lunch (Juniors and Chaperones)
	Continue with special crafts or games for non-officers	10 am	Leave for the field trip
3 pm	Snacks and Story Hour/activities	4 pm	Return from field trip - Free Time Pick-up your Juniors no later than 5:10 pm
4:30 pm	Break for dinner – Pick your child(ren) up no later tha 4:40 pm	5-7 pm	Dinner Break
6 pm	Jr. Room Open during the 5 th and 6 th degree. Practice degree work for officers Open Activity for non-officers. View Rosebud Drill	6:50 pm	Junior Room Open – games & movies until main session ends. Bring blankets & pillows if wanted. After the session please pick your child(ren) ASAP.
	Join family at close of 6th degree for Ice Cream Social	8:45 am	THURSDAY June 23 rd Junior Room Opens - Open Activities
8:45 am	MONDAY June 20 ^h Junior Room Open	12 noon	Break for lunch - Pick your child(ren) up no later than
9 am	Open Junior Session - Practice Degree Work for Officer		12:10 pm
	Open Activity for non-officers (Plant color bowl?)	1:30 pm	OSG Installation of Officers - Main hall





Ryan M. Dudley President & Chief Executive Officer Grange Insurance Association

GIA Calls For Director Nominations

The position for Director in District 12 is up for election in March 2017. The Grange Insurance Association is a mutual company having special regulations lawfully applicable to its organization, membership, policies or contracts of insurance.

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

The Directors are elected by the members at the member's annual meeting each year. Pursuant to the procedures set forth in Article II, Section 3, (b) of the GIA Bylaws, the Nominating Committee shall submit a slate of candidates for the open positions on the Board of Directors. Additional candidates may be nominated by petition pursuant to the procedures of Article II, Section 3 (e) of the Bylaws. Such petitions must be signed by at least fifty (50) members who reside in the same district in which the candidate resides.

The qualifications for Director can be found in the GIA Bylaws Article II section 3 b. Director Eligibility. In summary a person to be eligible for nomination or election as a Director must be currently a member of this Association for five (5) consecutive years. The person and his/her spouse is not and has not been, within three (3) consecutive years, an officer (such as president, vice-president, etc.), director, manager, partner, master, overseer, member of an executive committee, or holder of a similar position with any State or National Grange or affiliate thereof; other than a Director of this Association or its affiliated insurance companies; and (iii) the person and his or her spouse (if any) is not a director, officer, manager, agent, broker, or employee of an insurance company that writes property and/or casualty insurance other than a Director who is an agent of this Association or its affiliated insurance companies at the time these Bylaws are adopted. Candidates for nomination who attain the age of 72 years or older by the annual meeting for which they are a candidate for election may not serve as Director, unless that candidate at the time of his/her election is a serving Director of the Association. Serving Directors of the Association who attain the age of 80 years or older by the annual meeting for which they are a candidate for election are not eligible for nomination as a Director unless they are a serving Director at the time these Bylaws are adopted. Temporary vacancies resulting from death, disability or resignation of a Director shall not be deemed to reduce such total regular membership.

To be considered by the Nominating Committee, applications must be received by the Corporate Secretary no later than August 1, 2016. Applications may be found on <u>www.Grange.com</u>. If no application is received candidacy may also be achieved through the petition process.

Mail petitions for candidacy for Director to the Association's Home Office, attention of the Corporate Secretary, at P.O. Box 21089, Seattle, WA 98111-3089. All nominations must be received by the Corporate Secretary by December 1, 2016 for placement on the ballot.

District 12 consists of all counties in Oregon.





Secretary's Column

Alice Nowicki alice.nowicki@yahoo.com

Secretary ~ Oregon State Grange

The 143rd Oregon State Session is upon us! This is an exciting and busy time! This year, it will be held in Talent, Oregon, June 18-23, 2016, at the Talent Middle School.

Your State Session Checklist:

- By now, you should have received the State Session packet for your Grange. This packet includes the Pre-Registration form, Credentials for delegates, Committee preference form, meal order form, lodging information, map to the convention Center, convention schedule and entry blanks for GWA and Lecturer contests. Please double check the due dates on this information and submit them appropriately. If you have **NOT** received this packet, please call the Oregon State Grange Office at (503) 316-0106 ASAP.
- Be sure to inform the OSG Office of any of your Grange's deceased members that were Delegates or State Officers or <u>Directors</u>. The names of these people will be read aloud at the Memorial Service. We want to be as up-to-date as possible with this information.
- Encourage your members to enter the GWA and Lecturer's Contests. It's fun and easy to do!

Plan on attending the Secretary's Conference at the Convention. If you have any topics of concern that you would like discussed, please call me at (541) 228-8451.

Be on the "look out" for your IRS 990 N e-Postcard information. This needs to be filed between May 1 and September 15, 2016. Just follow the enclosed information, on how to file and send the confirmation of filing to the OSG Office with your July Quarterly Report. If you have any concerns, please call Suzy Ramm at the OSG Office (503) 316-0106 for assistance. (See page 8 for update.)

Do you know what happens to all the information you send in on the forms that you work so hard to complete? Many people think that no one reads them or that the information is not used for anything. These Reports DO MATTER. The information is reviewed quarterly by the OSG Office Staff and the **Executive Committee. Pertinent** decisions are made regarding the OSG and it's Subordinate Granges based upon your reports.

Be sure to review this month's Grange Bulletin for all the State Session events and special days. Come join the FUN with your fellow Grangers. See you at the State Session in Talent.

And remember: "Life is about using the whole box of crayons!" Dr. Suess

Morningstar Grange Celebrates Grange Month April

Morningstar Grange #311 in Basket, which was won by JaDala Millersburg held an Open House and Coyle of Lacomb Grange and a Meatloaf/Baked Potato Bar on progressive Picnic Basket, which Sunday, April 17th to celebrate Grange Month. The upper hall was set up as for a meeting with explanations at each station of the duties for the position. Posters and pictures were also on display to show the different committees and activities that are available with membership. Copies of the Grange Bulletin, monthly happenings and membership information were given out.

Downstairs the tables rapidly filled with friends and neighbors who came to enjoy the meal. Door prizes were given out every half hour and raffle tickets were available for two baskets of goodies - a Garden

was to be drawn on May 21st after the Annual Community Garage sale, Craft & Flea Market event.

The highlight of the day was the awarding of a 75 year membership certificate to Dorieta Shumaker by State Grange Secretary, Alice Nowicki, and County Deputy, Maxine Smith. Sister Dorieta was Morningstar's Secretary for many years and still manages to attend many of the Grange's daytime events.

Our event was very successful and was able to inform many people of what a Grange is all about.

L-r: State Secretary Alice Nowicki, Dorieta Shumaker, Linn County Deputy Maxine Smith and Morningstar Grange Master Frank Ball at the presentation of the 75 year membership award certificate to Dorieta Shumaker.





The Chaplain's Corner

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

I hope that you are looking forward to State Session like I am. This is the time of year to see old friends and make new ones, to share ideas and learn new facts. This year the memorial/worship service will be at 11 am on Sunday. Please mark it on your schedule.

I recently came across something I thought you would like. It certainly makes you think. The author is unknown but the website is Inspire21.com.

FUNNY

Funny how simple it is for people to trash God, and then wonder why the world's going to hell.

Funny how we believe what the newspapers say, but question what the Bible says.

Funny how everyone wants to go to heaven, provided they do not have to believe, think, say, or do anything the Bible says.

Funny how someone can say "I believe in God", but still follow Satan who, by the way, also "believes" in God.

Funny how we are quick to judge, but not to be judged.

Funny how you can send a thousand 'jokes' through e-mail and they spread like wildfire, but when you start sending messages regarding the Lord, people think twice about sharing.

Funny how the lewd, crude, vulgar and obscene pass freely through cyberspace, but public discussion of God is suppressed in the school and workplace.

Funny how someone can be so fired up for Christ on Sunday, but be an invisible Christian the rest of the week.

Are you laughing?

Funny how, when you go to e-mail a message like this, you will not send it to many on your address list, because you're not sure what they believe, or what they will think of you for sending it to them.

Funny how I can be more worried about what other people think of me than what God thinks of me.

Are you thinking?

I hope you enjoyed this as much as I. Feels free to pass it on.

Williams Grange Holds 6th Annual Seed Swap

Williams Grange of Josephine County recent seed swap was a big success with dozens of gardeners bringing or finding seeds. Corn, beans, beets, greens, flowers and lots more were available for the taking. Some expert seed growers were there to share their stories and planting advice. Held annually on the second Sunday in March, in conjunction with the monthly pancake breakfast, the seed swap brings in gardeners from around the Applegate Valley. The gardens of the valley will soon be sprouting lots of good food - thanks, in part, to the Grange and the Grange Seed Swap.



A large crowd of gardeners exchanged seeds.

In Memoriam

Dixie Dick Ada Grange #570

Kenneth Brady Azalea Grange #786

Betsy Wrinkle Boulevard Grange #389

Ethel Martinson Central Grange #360

Richard Mathews Central Grange #360

Michael Logan Dixie Mountain Grange #860

> Elton Hale Dorena Grange #835

Fred Strohemeier Dorena Grange #835

Sally Becker Gresham Grange #270

Sandra Schmidt Illinois Valley Grange #270

> Wayne Johnston Keizer Grange #785

> Larry Monagan Keizer Grange #785

Dick Henningsen Kinton Grange #562

Keran Matney Lookingglass Grange #927

Frances Murphy Lookout Mountain Grange #741

> Bonnie Pierce North End Grange #820

Thomas M McDonald Pacific Grange #413

David Larson Sandlake Grange #546

Chester Johnson Sauvie Island Grange #840

Donna Keily

Sauvie Island Grange #840

Dorothy Slaughter

Siletz Valley Grange # 558

Roy Lee Day

Robert Hales Warren Grange #536

Warren Grange #536

Evelyn Ball Willamette Grange #52



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.

21st Annual Car and Craft Show

Goldson Grange is hosting their 21st annual Car and Craft Show on Saturday, June 18 from 10am to 4pm. The Car and Craft Show features live music, great food, a huge craft sale, a car parts swap meet, and classic vehicles. Free admission.

There are five divisions of vehicles: Pre-WWII Stock, Pre-WWII Modified, Post-WWII Stock, Post-WWII Modified, and Trusty Rusty, with a trophy for each division plus 'Best in Show,' which is a People's Choice award. Entry in the Car Show is free.

Bring your auto parts on June 18,

pay a small fee, and find new owners for them. Also, come shop the craft sale. There is a small fee for renting a table, if you would like to sell your crafts. Take part in the Goldson Grange raffle to win great prizes. Hungry? Line up for Goldson Grange's signature meal of a lamb burger with coleslaw, dessert and a beverage.

Profits from this event go to support the Goldson Community Grange Building Restoration Project, helping the Grange to repair its historic WWI Quonset hut. Goldson Grange is located at 23479 Hwy 36, Cheshire, OR – just 12 miles west of Hwy 99. For more info: call 541-234-3173.



One of last year's classic autos.

(one form per person)

Name

Address:



2016 Western Regional Grange Leadership and Youth Conference

Holiday Inn Portland South ~ 25425 SW 95th Avenue ~ Wilsonville, OR 97070

August 5-7, 2016

"Building the West Jogether....Jhrough Grange Leadership"

Registration Form (Deadline July 14, 2016)

 City:	State:	Zip:
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Junior (ages 5-13) _	Youth (ages 14-35)	_ All the Rest (ages 36+)
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25425 SW 9 Rooms are \$139.00 Plu <i>Make arra</i> W Book	and S. Hotel & Conv. Co 95th Ave ~ Wilsonville us 10.8% lodging tax fo king or 2 doubles ingements directly with www.hiportlandsouth.com conline or call: 503.218 re with the Oregon Sta	OR 97070 r either a a room with 1 h the hotel m .2017
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	be taken at the conference your permission to pu	_
will you attend?	be part of the conferencer Membership	
Questions? Contact Susan Noah	503-316-0106 or mast	er@orgrange.org

Like the conference on Facebook and watch for updates including

schedule and presenter information.

Grange Youth & Young Adults



Scot & Clare Jacobson YOUdir@orgrange.org OSG Youth Directors



State Session is just a few short weeks away. We hope that you are planning on making the trip to Talent Oregon to experience the Oregon State Grange Convention. Several things are planned for the Youth program.

The first six degrees will be presented at session. This is your chance to sit back and watch them presented. It took me watching, and participating, in the degrees several times to understand the meaning and essence of each of the degrees. My favorite is the 5th degree, which teaches us to "Hope and Persevere". Life always is unpredictable, but if we keep our hope alive and persevere forward, we will be successful for sure.

Does your Grange have a website? If not this just may be the project that Youth can assist with. Many Granges have a Facebook Page and this is a great way to share information on what your Grange is doing in the community. Whether you have a regular website page, or a Facebook page, it is extremely important that you keep the information current and direct the reader to contact someone for further information. Using pictures of actual events or projects also increases interest in your page. Be

sure and obtain permission from those you are featuring on your page. You don't want to catch someone off guard by using a photo of them without their knowledge. Our Subordinate Grange uses our page to notify members of upcoming events and special meetings. It is quick and easy to use, and members can leave each other messages. If you are new to the internet, contact our Communication Team through the State Grange Office. The Communication Team can assist you with setting up your page, and give you suggestions if you are stumped.

Is your Grange doing anything exciting this summer that others may enjoy? Our Grange members enjoy going out to eat, and going camping. As a Grange, we plan one to two camping trips during the summer at a local park. Members who do not camp, come for the day for fun, food and fellowship. Please share pictures with the Oregon State Grange Bulletin. People glean ideas that are successful from active Granges. You are only limited by your imagination.

Looking forward to seeing you in Talent for Session!

Youth and Young Adults Conference Held at Marys River

A Youth and Young Adults Conference was held at Marys River Grange in Philomath on April 8th-10th. Activities included Geocaching (left), a workshop on the National Grange Youth Achievement Awards by Suzy Ramm, and Jay Sexton, OSG State Ag Director (bottom), took the group to a local disc golf course and introduced them to the game. Fun and fellowship was had by those there.







Deaf Awareness and **Family Health**

Iva May Van Noy DAFHdir@orgrange.org

OSG Deaf Awareness ~ Family Health Director

Hearing loss is a concern of many Grangers. For a long time hearing loss was connected to old age and many people resisted hearing aids. Today young and old walk around with a telephone headphone, Bluetooth device, etc.

Hearing loss does increase with age. But it is a fact that 40 percent of the 48 million Americans under the age of 60 have hearing loss. Some people between the ages 60-69 have as much as a 45 percent loss in both ears, and for people over the age of 70 it will may increase to 75 percent.

Loud music at rock concerts has been blamed for hearing loss. Its only one of many causes. Hearing loss can occur genetically, or be due to medications, or illness such as diabetes. All of these destroy the hair cells in the inner ear. These cells send the sound signals to the brain and when they are destroyed the condition is permanent.

The longer people with hearing loss wait to get treatment the less effective it will be due to loss of brain function in relation to hearing.

You are not alone with some hearing loss, so take advantage of the various devices available for testing and improving and join so many people who have already improved their hearing.

2016 LANE COUNTY FAIR

The Lane County Fair will be held July 20 through 24 at the Fairgrounds in Eugene, Oregon. Wednesday, July 20 is Grange **Day**. Grangers can get in at a

coupon below at the ticketbooth when purchasing tickets. This is good only on Wednesday, July 20th. Copies of the coupon will not be acceptable. Please cut out this reduced rate by presenting the coupon and save it for July 20.

LANE COUNTY FAIR **GRANGE DAY, JULY 20, ONLY**



ADMIT TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE OR HALF PRICE

Visit the Grange displays in the Auditorium atthefalr.com



On Grange Day the Lane Pomona Grange and the Lane County Fair will sponsor a Veggie & Fruit Dress Up Contest. All contestants (age 10 years and younger) who have a Dress Up Veggie or Fruit will get in FREE up to 1:00 pm on Grange Day (July 20).

Contest Rules

A. Contestants must be 10 years or younger. One entry per person. Contestant will get in FREE on Wednesday until 1:00 pm if they bring in a dressed up fruit or vegetable.

B. The Contestants will be divided into four categories according to age:

Category 1: 2, 3 and 4 year olds Category 2: 5 and 6 year olds Category 3: 7 and 8 year olds Category 4: 9 and 10 year olds

- C. The Entries must be submitted between 11am and 2 pm on Wednesday, July 20.
- D. The Entries must be submitted at the Grange area inside of the Auditorium (the building East of Main Fair entrance off of 13th Avenue.)
- E. The judging will be conducted by 3 Pomona Grange members.
- F. The Judging will be based on such attributes as originality, imagination, presentation, and appearance.
- G. Winners will be posted Wednesday, July 20 by 3:30 pm in the Grange area.
- H. The top three winners in each category will receive the First Place - \$25 plus a season pass to the Fair. following:

Second Place - \$15 plus a two day pass to the Fair. Third Place - \$10 plus a one day pass to the Fair.

Each entry will receive a Participation Ribbon and several Honorable Mentions ribbons will be awarded.

Please join us and bring your Dress Up Veggie or Fruit. Cookies, punch, and coffee will be provided. For more information contact: Malcolm Trupp, Lane County Fair Grange Coordinator, MalcolmandCookie@aol.com

Fresh Local
Strawberries!



LANE COUNTY GRANGES STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE FESTIVAL JUNE 4th

Place: Herrick Farms

88088 Millican Rd. Springfield, Oregon

Time: 12-4 pm

Cost: \$5.00 strawberry shortcake plus coffee,

or punch.

Strawberries, vendors, flowers!

Come Join the Fun!

For more information: 541-741-1046

Family and Agriculture o f Volunteers America Oregon's Family Relief Nursery

making mud pies when we were kids. Amazing what a little dirt and a little water could do for the imagination! But not all kids have that opportunity. Something as simple as a yard or safe outside area in which to play is a luxury to many children. What better way to bring the opportunity to introduce kids to soil and plants than through a partnership with the Grange. Family and agriculture are connected not just at the farm level, but also through the backyard garden.

At Volunteers of America Oregon's Family Relief Nursery (FRN) program we work to strengthen fragile families at serious risk of abusing or neglecting their children or of permanently losing custody of their children. The Nursery is an intervention and prevention program for families with children six weeks to five years old. FRN offers a holistic, positive intervention with both children and parents and all services are provided at no charge to families. Those services include therapeutic early childhood programs, respite care and parenting programs.

We are enhancing our services with an engaging outdoor area to help infants and toddlers learn about the world through their senses: touch, sight, sound, taste, and smell. Creating safe, diverse and developmentally appropriate outdoor learning environments can offer benefits across curriculum and developmental areas.

Many of us remember the fun of While infants and toddlers are often thought of as too young to be involved in gardening, we know that just getting them outdoors is beneficial. They can be engaged in gardening through watering, harvesting, digging, and exploring worms, insects and birds, or just taking in the colors and shapes of plants. The best way to help these ages benefit from a garden experience is through their senses. And that includes the opportunity to learn about gardening, smell flowers and make mud pies!

> VOA Oregon has two Family Relief Nursery locations, both of which have outdoor spaces with room for raised beds and play areas. Each \$25 donation to the FRN garden allows VOA Oregon to build a new raised bed or to provide soil and plants for each raised bed. Donations of just \$10 will allow us to purchase 8 - 10starter plants. Donations of any amount are welcome and are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. We also welcome in-kind donations of soil, plants and volunteer time.

> For more information about VOA Oregon's Family Relief Nursery or questions about donations, please contact Laura Golino de Lovato, Director of Development and Communications, VOA Oregon, 503-595-2001 (direct) or lauragdl@voaor.org. Or visit www.voaor.org for more information about all of VOA Oregon's programs and services.



The Best Stop in 52 Miles

It's Time for the 8th Annual

Chicken & Pickin'

Bar B-O

Saturday, AUGUST 6TH

from

4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

COST: \$10.00

at the

Crow Grange Hall

Music provided by the

POODLE CREEK PICKERS!

Come Enjoy the Food & Fun!!

Goldson Grange is gearing up for this year's 52-Mile Garage Sale the last week\end in June. The garage sale, believed to be the first of its kind, features stops along the length of Oregon Highway 36.

Goldson Grange is the best stop along the route, not just because of our garage sale and those of our members, but because we are one of only two restroom stops along the way. We also have great food for sale to hungry shoppers, and a cool place to sit and rest. Non-Grange members may rent a table to hold their own garage sale for only \$5.



Goldson Grange will be open for the garage sale Friday and Saturday, June 24 and 25, 9 a.m. − 5 p.m., but will be closed on Sunday. The Grange is located at 23479 Hwy 36, Cheshire, OR – just 12 miles west of Hwy 99. For more information about the 52-Mile Garage Sale or to inquire about reserving a sale table, call 541-701-2289 or email goldsongrange@gmail.com





Margaret Clute GWAdir@orgrange.org





I would like to thank those Granges that hosted the district conferences. Well done! Thank you to those who attended it was good to share with you the GWA program and answer any questions you had.

State Grange is fast approaching. I hope you are getting your contest items finished and ready to bring them to Talent, Oregon June 18-23. Be sure to have entry form filled out. Juniors remember your entries for the drop cookie contest. I'm looking forward to many entries. Entries will be received Saturday June 18 from 1-5pm and Sunday June 19, 9noon. Tuesday, June 21 will be the

GWA conference and luncheon. I am looking forward to seeing you there. There will be a hands on item to make at the conference.

This year GWA will be donating the Preemie Hat and Afghans to the local hospital; Quillows to the foster care program in the area. Tthe Hello Kitty Gift Package and Baileys' Good Dog Gift Packages to a shelter in the area and the Pillowcases for our troops will be shipped to our service people. Hope there will be lots of entries.

Looking forward to seeing you at State Convention!!



Meringue Cookies Pecan

Recipe provided by Nancy Slagle - Lecturer of Parkdale Grange #500, Hood River County; first place award winner in the Gluten-Free Baked Item category at the 2015 OSG GWA contest.

Yield: Makes 12-24 cookies, depending on the size.

Ingredients:

1 cup whole pecans (preferably lightly roasted -8-10 min at 250°F)

3 egg whites 1 cup sugar



Pinch salt 1 teaspoon vinegar

Sunnyside Grange GWA Makes Pillowcases for Veterans

Sunnyside Grange GWA met at their hall on April 9 to work on their project of making pillowcases for Veterans. Twelve pillowcases were made to take to this year's State Grange convention.

Grangers are from left to right: Jeanie Force, Sandi Ludi, Amy Anderson and Kathy Hekking. Not shown was Maryann Hanks who came later to help.



Directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 300°F.
- 2. Place pecans in zipper bag and beat them with a wooden spoon to break into small pieces. Set aside.
- 3. Put egg whites into a standup mixer bowl. Add salt. Start the mixer speed on low, gradually increasing the speed until soft peaks start to become visible and the egg white bubbles are very small and uniform, about 2 to 3 minutes.
- 4. Increase the speed to medium-high, and slowly add the sugar to the egg whites. Continue to whip the eggs and sugar for a few minutes. Then add the vinegar to the bowl. Increase speed to high and whip the egg whites until they fluff up and become glossy, and stiff peaks form when the whisk is lifted, 4-5 minutes.
- Using a rubber spatula gently fold in the pecan pieces. Drop by teaspoons onto a cookie sheets that have been lined with parchment paper or Silpat.
- Put the cookies sheet in the 300°F oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF. Leave them in the oven overnight. In the morning they should be ready; crisp on the outside, light and airy on the inside. If they are a little marshmallowy or chewy on the inside in the morning, just let them dry out for a few more hours. I sometimes bring the oven temp back up to 300 then shut it off and put the cookies back in the oven for a couple more hours, but this doesn't happen often.



Legislative Update

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OSG Legislative Director



Patrons,

I am writing my last article for the paper as Legislative Director of the Oregon State Grange. I do so with mixed emotions because I feel as an organization we have come a long ways as a group that has been listened to throughout the state. I would like to thank the many people that have supported me over the last four years. Especially Shala Helm, Harold Johnson, Mark Noah, Kiri Daufel, Orrin Schnetzky, Don Kingsborough, Phil Van Buren, Scot Jacobson, and Scott Colony as well as Jane Netboy and Jim Welsh for their work on my committee.

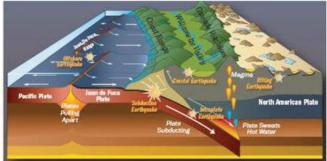
We as an organization need to keep moving forward and making our voice heard. We must not sit back and wait and watch other organizations take the lead. We must become one of those leaders.

I will support my successor to the best of my ability and hope the membership will welcome them and give them the help and support they need to do their job as a representative of our organization in our state government.

Thank you again for your support.







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Pomona Grange Host Clackamas **Successful County Commissioners Forum**

April was Grange Month nationwide and this year's theme was "access". Access takes on many forms including, access to information. In light of, Clackamas Pomona Grange applied that to having an informed electorate by hosting a Candidates' forum on Saturday, April 30 at Maplewood Grange; the far southern edge of Clackamas County which often gets overlooked in county politics. The forum was exclusively for all those running for **Clackamas County Commissioner** positions. Nine out of the ten candidates showed up to participate.

The event started with the Pomona Grange Youth and Young Adults committee serving a free spaghetti dinner in the basement that was well attended and even made money after expenses from donations



Candidates were given the opportunity to make a statement and then answer questions from the audience.

Following dinner the action moved upstairs with all candidates given equal time to make a statement. A question and answer time then ensued. The turn out from both Grangers and the community was excellent and the forum committee received many compliments on how well run it was. They look forward to the next one.



Above; l-r: Pomona youth Chairman Joyce Parker, youth committee member Mattie Harmon and Tami Guttridge, whose daughter is also on the youth committee, were all ready to serve.

L: The youth committee served a spaghetti dinner before the forum.



A full house listened to the candidates for Clackamas County Commissioner positions.



Warren Grange Honors Military Member During Grange Month

Alan Becker, a Warren Grange member, returned April 9th from six months deployment with the Air National Guard at Al Dhafra Air Base in the United Arab Emirates. This is Alan's third tour of duty oversees. Senator Betsy Johnson, a Warren Grange member, helped to honor Alan at our April meeting for his outstanding dedication and

support of our country. There were 22 members in attendance at the meeting. Alan was in the Air Force for 23 years and active duty with the Air National Guard for 10 1/2 years. Alan is the Overseer for Warren Grange and plays an active part in maintaining the Pomona Farm Museum at the fairgrounds.



Pictured l-r: Senator Betsy Johnson and Alan Becker

"Local People Helping Local People"

The Lake Creek Grange #697 in Jackson County, has had a wonderful impact on its small southern Oregon community. The monthly breakfasts have drawn the community together. Besides the delicious meal—pancakes, waffles, ham, eggs, biscuits and gravy, juice, coffee and fruit—folks can buy jams, eggs, baked goods, cards, clocks, lavender products, seasonal veggies, jewelry, and other hand crafted goods at the "Growers' and Crafters' Market."

And that's not all. When a local resident and past Grange member died and her husband, also a former Grange member, moved, their children wanted the sale of their parents' library to benefit the community. The Grange hosted the sale of the books at their monthly breakfast. Folks walked away with armloads of books and donated

The Lake Creek Grange #697 in Jackson County, has had a wonderful impact on its small southern Oregon community. The monthly breakfasts have drawn the community together. Besides the lake Creek Grange, the Lake Creek Historical Society and the Start Making a Reader Today Program at the Lake Creek's Elementary School.

Additionally, the Grange serves as a drop spot for redeemable cans and bottles and the proceeds go to local projects. The proceeds go to support the Lake Creek Little Gardeners program run by volunteers, who teach students at the Lake Creek Learning Center about raising vegetables and flowers. With the first check for \$100, volunteer gardeners at the Lake Creek School purchased pots, soil, seeds and gift bags so the 60 K-5 students would have something that they had planted to take home for Mothers' Day. Future proceeds will further the Lake Creek Grange's 2016 Motto: "Local people helping local people."



A full parking lot for their monthly breakfast.



Community Involvement

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OSG Community Service and Involvement Director

As we wound down our District Conferences, I reflected on the friendships that were developed and the information that you shared with our teams. It is exciting to see how different Granges are working in their communities. You should all be proud of the outstanding community service you are doing. Please take the time to fill out the Annual Community Service report and send it to me. If you missed the due date of May 15th, you can still mail your report to me to arrive no later than June 11, or turn in your completed report on June 18, the first day of the State Session. I would love to see more reports and Yearbooks at the 2016 State Session. Let's make this a "GO DO IT" year!

The **Annual Community Service Report** is very important. Oregon is one of the few states that do not require non-profits to report volunteer hours to maintain the nonprofit status, but with rules becoming tighter for non-profits, this could soon be a requirement. So we need to be ready to show that we are in compliance and doing a good job of tracking our volunteer hours. The Oregon State Grange receives prize money (\$250) from the National Grange, IF 25% of Granges send in their reports. All participating Granges will receive a recognition certificate for their Annual Report and Yearbook. Yes, I read all of the reports!

Each report is logged on a spreadsheet to track the number of volunteer hours and type of projects you are involved with in your community. The Community Service "Idea Book" contains information from last year's reports. If you do not have a copy, you can download it from the Community Service page of the State Grange website or contact me and I will mail you one. If you need help filling out your annual report or have questions, please contact me or your District Community Service chairperson. You can find the forms and instructions on the State Grange website.

The first place winner of the Community Service Yearbook will be sent to National Grange. The yearbook is due no later than June 18th, the first day of the State Session in Talent. The book should include pictures, documentation and/or news articles showing your Grange projects. This should not be a history of your Grange, but only reflect your community service and involvement activities in 2015.

Many Pomona's 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; please send it to me.

Otherwise keep your records for

next year's report.

Pomona Grange involvement:

For the **Annual Food Bank Drive**, I challenged each Grange, last year, to help alleviate hunger in your community by supporting your local food bank. Many Granges are already working with the food bank or serving meal within their community, so keep track of the money, time and/or food your members donate to your local food bank and log this information on the annual report. We can't meet the needs of the world, but one bowl or one bag at a time we can help feed the hungry in our own community. The Grange with the highest donations logged on their 2015 Annual Report will be recognized at the 2016 State Grange Convention.

I have been asked "What counts as volunteer hours?" Everything you do when you volunteer for your Grange and/or within the community. My Grange has a volunteer form that is handed to each member at the meetings each month. The members fill out the form and hand it back by the end of the meeting. This log includes the time spent at the meeting and what they have done for the past month. It is easier to remember what you did each month than trying to remember everything at the end of the year.

National Grange is continuing the Dick Patten Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) and Firefighter (FF) of the year and recently added Teacher of the Year. I am encouraging more Granges to participate in this program. Let's step up and recognize one of these outstanding persons in your community. You can find the form and the instructions on the State Grange website. The entry deadline is September 15.

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

> PO Box 1453 Scappoose, OR 97056



OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - January 17, 2016

The meeting was called to order at **Unfinished Business** 9:03am by the Worthy Master Susan Noah. 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 of the October 23, 2016 meeting were reviewed. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Financial Reports

Celia Luttrell presented a report on the current Oregon State Grange financial report. The report was reviewed and discussed by the board.

Jan Olesen submitted a report on the Subordinate Granges. This report covered Membership analysis, Grange loans, and Quarterly report Status. This report also documented that the staff reviewed all contracts receivable for collectability, based on recommendation of our Auditors. Based on reports received from office staff, a couple of the loans were slightly behind in payments and the State Master will follow up with those noted. We will address again at our next meeting following the advice of our audit firm, Moss Adams.

Moss Adams phone conference with Michele Gall review of the audit and discussion was held regarding the audit and "Best Practice Recommendations".

These recommendations are as follows:

- Document formal review and approval process
- Monthly review of journal entries
- Review of contract receivable balances annually to determine collectability
- Designate a responsible person to review Master's credit card
- Consider a review and update of employee handbook.

We are complying with their recommendations.

Scott Barker of Barker Wealth Management submitted a report on our investment portfolio. He addressed the concerns and questions of the board regarding the investment.

Susan Noah suggested that we transfer \$125,000 from checking into investments. Malcolm Trupp made a motion to transfer \$125,000 from checking into investments. Roger Wilson seconded it. The motion carried.

- Restraint of Title work: We have received no response from the title company. A few Titles still need to be filed.
- **Carver Mountain Sale:** The offer of \$18,558.29 for settlement of the oil tank remediation was accepted. We have sent the check and they have signed a release.
- New Pine Creek: The Fire Department is still interested in the property. Discussion was held regarding area property values. Don Sether moved to counter offer \$15,000.00. Malcolm seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Strawberry Grange: The sale of the property did close at \$120,000.00. The OSG received the proceeds amounting to \$112,045.00 which will be placed in trust for Mt. Vernon Grange. The amount of \$1,000.00 will be sent out to them.
- Fair Oaks Grange: A discussion was held on the status of property. The individual that was interested in the property is only willing to pay half of the market value.
- Mud Springs Grange: The property has been placed back on the market. The potential buyer pulled out of negotiations due to a family situation.
- Highland Grange: discussion was held concerning the conditions of the building and property.
- Subordinate/Pomona Granges as investors: A review of the criteria revision was held. It will be sent out to the Subordinate Granges after the suggested changes, corrections and final Board approval has been completed.
- Muzzy Mandel Money: Grange signage information was reviewed and discussed. Information regarding the program, example of signage and sign sources will be distributed to subordinate Granges.
- **Log Cabin:** Don Sether gave an update on the spray sealing work. The window work needed has not been completed. Discussion of the window work was held. Another project to complete will be the interior cement floor repairs. It was decided that the windows and floor work will be completed at the same time. Malcolm Trupp made a motion to authorize Don Sether to purchase window, floor patching materials and to recruit assistance. Roger Wilson seconded the motion, passed.
- Dorena Grange #835 **Proposal for Consolidation:**

- A proposal for consolidation with London Grange #937 was received from Dorena Grange #835. An in-depth discussion of concerns was held regarding the future of Dorena Grange, the consolidation and the viable options available to them. A suggestion was made that they try revitalization for one year. Malcolm Trupp made a motion to not allow the consolidation of Dorena and London at this time and to allow the Oregon State Grange a reasonable time to assist Dorena Grange with revitalization. Don Sether seconded it. The motion was carried.
- Talent Middle School Agreement: We have a signed usage agreement with Talent Middle School for the 2016 Oregon State Grange Session. The cost is \$2,500.00.

New Business

Delisting of the Wolf: Dean High, Legislative Committee chair, testified at the hearing.

Lobbyist Position Proposal: Ed Luttrell proposed to contract with OSG for services related to government affair in the State of Oregon from Jan 25, 2016-March 11, 2016. Don Sether made a motion to accept the proposal from Ed Luttrell for his services from January 25 to March 11, 2016. Malcolm Trupp seconded the motion. The motion was carried. Celia Luttrell abstained from voting.

Document Preservation Proposal: Ed Luttrell proposed to start work on preservation of documents at no charge to the Grange. OSG would need to buy a scanner \$700-850.00. A discussion was held regarding the need of this work. Don moved to allow Ed Luttrell to go forward with his proposal and to purchase the scanner. Malcolm seconded the motion. The motion was carried. Roger made a motion that the money for the scanner to come from the Membership/Leadership fund. Don seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Western Regional: The annual regional conference held by the National Grange will be hosted by Oregon. The dates are August 5-7, 2016. A discussion was held about developing a Leadership program for the conference. Malcolm Trupp made a motion to take money from the leadership fund to create a quality leadership program and to invite Joe Stefenoni, National Membership Director and Amanda Brozana, National Lecturer for the Western Regional Conference. Don Sether seconded it. The motion was carried. Venues in the Portland area are being reviewed for this conference.

Valley Falls Grange: Discussion was held regarding the interest in the building from a small contingency of residents in Valley Falls that would like to use it as a community hall. The Board agreed to contact them to make an offer on the property.

Elk City Grange: Discussion was held regarding this property and its listing.

Veterans Committee Request: A discussion was held regarding the request to place Ballot measure information into the newspaper.

Decisions made by e-mail:

- Agreement to allow Mt. Vernon to accept the offer of \$120,000.00 on the Strawberry Grange property.
- Agreement to change the possible matching grant for signage into a one year reimbursement program.
- "No" vote on the offer for Franklin Grange.
- Agreement to allow Springwater to transfer \$1,000.00 of their trust funds to Warner for payment on their loan.
- Agreement to allow Warren Grange to withdraw \$7,574.00 to repair dry rot and painting.
- Agreement to allow for printing of Contest, Award and Scholarship guide on an annual basis with the money coming from the Leadership/ Membership fund.
- Agreement to allow Sandlake to withdraw \$1,247.14 from their trust funds to pay for building repairs and marketing expenses.
- Agreement to allow Riversdale to withdraw \$33,387.00 from their trust

Grange Reports

The Worthy Master Susan Noah reported on the following Granges:

- Evergreen Grange #460 No further information has been received from the Master Shirley Rummel or County Deputy, Sue Westbrook.
- Goshen Grange #561 A discussion was held regarding their situation.
- Goldson #868 An update was given on their hall repairs and attendance at Lane Pomona #14.
- Keizer Grange #785 A discussion was held regarding their membership status.
- Myrtle Grange #289 An update was given on their

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Crow Serves Mom's Day Breakfast

Crow Grange served a great Mother's day breakfast to 60 hungry neighbors on Mother's Day. All the Mothers also got to take home a forget-me-not basket made by Crow Grange member Ruth Teafatiller. It was a wonderful morning.



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financial situation.

- North Fork Grange Property

 No update from real estate agent has been received by OSG.
- Rickreall Grange #671 Master Susan Noah will be attending their next meeting to review their current situation.
- Lookout Mountain Grange #741/Terrebonne Grange #663- OSG is waiting for further information on their status.

District 2 hosting for 2017 state session: Fairmount Grange #252 has agreed to host the first meeting on February 14, 2016 at 1 pm.

Directors Conferences starting at the end of January: There will be two conferences held in each district.

Secretary/Treasurer and Master Conferences: There will be twelve conferences scheduled throughout the state. As requested, the focus will be on the Secretary's and Treasurers' positions.

State Masters Conference: Master Susan Noah will be attending Feb 19-21 in Orlando Florida.

Ag Committee: They will be at the OSU Small Farms conference as well as working the FFA Convention and Ag Fest.

Hands across the border: The event will be held in Idaho at the Notus High School on April 2nd.

Quarterly Report question response: One of the new questions on the Quarterly Report asks if the Grange would like a visit from a State Officer. To date there are 3 Granges requesting a visit. They are Harding, Salmon River and Silverton Granges. Don Sether agreed to visit Silverton Grange. Alice Nowicki agreed to visit Salmon River Grange. Harding Grange visit

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and Alexa Suing.

Breakfast crew: Front - Sophia

Stout, Ruth Teafatiller, Danny Su-

ing, Back - Lori Stout, Connie and

will be determined at a later date.

Western Region National Hosting Committee for 2017: Chair Karen Jackson is starting to form committees. An email that gives the committee information has been sent to State Officers, Directors, Deputies and Pomona Masters. Interested parties should contact Master Susan Noah.

Deputy and State Officer Reports:

- Franklin Grange: Malcolm Trupp gave an update of the status of the property and a discussion was held regarding utility bills.
- OSG Deputy, Derrell Witty Report: Clara Ann and Derrell Witty, June and Scott Colony will be visiting Strawberry/Mt. Vernon Grange. Derrell Witty has also scheduled visits at the following Granges: Elkhorn #908, Rockwall #679, Liberty Grange #613 will be also visited by the new Pomona Master June Colony. Boulevard Grange #389 has retained their Master and Secretary with a few of their new members taking vacant officer position.

OSG Roster information is still needed from some Granges.

The next meetings of the OSG Executive Committee will be April 30, 2016 and June 2, 2016 at 9 am.

Save the Date: State Officers practice June 11, 2016 location will be announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm

Respectfully submitted, Alice Nowicki OSG Secretary Left: Third-grader Brayden Fine tells Doris Reid about a map in th back of his new dictionary.

Dictionaries Get The Job Done While Hermiston School's Internet Is Down



Donors give dictionaries to third graders on day internet and phone service out for Hermiston School District.

Third-graders across Hermiston received dictionaries this week, and the donation couldn't have come at a better time.

While the class iPads and SmartBoards had no Internet connection on Wednesday, the paper-and-ink dictionaries were up and running.

The Hermiston School District lost all outside Internet and telephone service around 9 a.m. Wednesday when a fiber line was severed between Hermiston and Tri-Cities. Schools could call between buildings, but all calls from numbers outside the district were met with busy signals. School and district websites were down as well. The school district is a customer of Charter Communications, which had network outages across the area on Wednesday.

For elementary school students, the technology downtime provided a few hiccups. While lessons involving technology were put on hold, the third-graders were able to learn old fashioned research skills through the dictionaries, delivered by Columbia Grange #867 members Doris Reid and Dan Serface.

Reid and Serface gave the books to each Hermiston third-grader as part of the annual 'Words for Thirds' program.

The Grange purchased 600 dictionaries to distribute, and in addition to the Hermiston School District, the Grange purchased dictionaries for students at both Hermiston private schools as well as McNary Heights Elementary in Umatilla. In each class, the volunteers gave a book to each student and left extras with teachers for absent students.

"We've had some classes where we're still handing them out and the teacher starts teaching with them," Serface said. "It's great."

One of those classrooms was Kaitlin Woodward's at Sunset Elementary. As soon as students received the dictionaries, they started putting them to use.

"We don't know much about dictionaries yet. A few students this morning didn't even know what they were," Woodward said. "We will definitely use these."

While the Internet and phone service was down, most school operations continued as scheduled, according to area principals.

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Dan Serface and Doris Reid hand out dictionaries to third-graders at Sunset Elementary. The duo distributed hundreds of dictionaries this week, courtesy of the Columbia Grange #867.



New Pride and Joy at Columbia Grange #267!

It pays to save old Grange minutes! When Carol Mollet, Grange Lecturer, read the 1905 minutes, she noticed they mentioned having a piano, with members playing pieces during the meetings. Lynn Pfeiffer, who grew up in an Eastern Washington Grange, was downsizing, and Sonia Arion, Grange Steward, heard she had a piano to donate. What perfect timing!



Carol Mollet and Lynn Pfeiffer – so happy that piano has a new home.



Grange member Hazel Webb performs for her line dancing class

Carol presented her 3' x 4' poster of the benefits of the 1930s La Vern piano at their February meeting, and everyone was very supportive of accepting it. The piano tone is marvelous in their large meeting room, and so far pianists have ranged in age from 13 to 83. They've performed classical to country western music.

With Caroline Oakley, Ceres, bringing in live bands to their Grange, a beautiful sounding piano is a great addition. What fun it is to have accompaniment to sing at their 2016 Grange meetings.



Olney Grange Holds Gathering

Saturday, April 23, found the Olney Grange Hall full of past Olney Teenagers, Olney School kids, Olney Grangers and many friends. The hall was decorated with the traditional Olney Teen streamers and balloons. Bright tablecloths and flowers adorned the tables. Scrapbooks from the Teenage group were on display as well as pictures of long time Olney families, the original Olney town by the cement bridge, logging pictures of the area, Olney School class pictures, and other pictures brought to share. The afternoon started with lots of conversation, a potluck lunch, more conversation, and to end the afternoon some dancing to the favorites of days gone by. Attendees, numbering about 70, came from as far away as Colorado and Idaho. Three of the original Olney Teens were in attendance; Alice Jessen Campbell (Colorado), Margaret White Stedronsky (Sublimity) and Arnold Tolonen (Vernonia).

Your Name:	Moving? Let Us Know.	
Old Address:	New Address:	
City/State/Zip:	City/State/Zip:	
Email:	Phone:	
Grange Name/Number:		
Please provide name of any Subordinate/Community Grange office/ Committee Chairman positions currently held.		
Mail to: Oregon State Grange, 643 Union St NE, Salem OR 97301		

office@orgrange.org

2016 OSG State Convention Conferences and Workshops

One of the events at the Oregon State Grange convention that members look forward to are the conferences from the different departments. Here are the highlights of this year's conferences.

Saturday, June 18

9 am Ag Tour - pre registration required see page **7.** Tour will include Fortmiller Vineyard of Quail Run Winery, Rogue Creamery, and possibly Fry Family Farm and Lillie Belle Farms Handmade Chocolates. Box lunch is included.

Sunday, June 19

10 am Youth Workshop - Open to all members. How to make Grange "Fun", suggestions to get younger members to join you at your subordinate Grange. Door prizes. - Rooms 35 & 36

2-3 pm Orientation: Delegates & Session Committee Chairs — Marilyn Reiher, Progress Committee Chair, Mark Noah, Vice Chair, and State Master — Susan Noah - Main Hall

Monday, June 20

7:30-8:45 am Agricultural Conference – Open to all members - Friends of Family Farmers will present information on their program - Room 5

7:30-8:45 am Education Conference - Open to all members - Presenter: Diane Smith, Director of Teaching & Learning at the Business Education Compact. Conference will focus on bringing clarity to major issues that seem to confuse students, parents and community stakeholders. Join with others to learn how to maneuver the landscape and get your questions answered - Room 7

6 pm Community Service Conference - Open to all members "Map your Neighborhood and Shelter in Place." Building a disaster plan for your community and strengthening readiness among your neighbors. Door Prizes - Room 5

6 pm Secretary's Conference -Open to all members - Step-by-Audit Procedures for Subordinate/ Pomona Granges. - Room 5

6:15-7pm Youth Conference -- Open to All Members - Youth room #35 & 36 (Hayes) National Youth Achievement Awards - Learn about the awards,

requirements and who is eligible. Find out which awards Youth in your Grange can qualify for and how to apply.

7:15 pm Lecturer's and Deaf Awareness & Family Health Conference - Open to all members - Presentation by Dogs for the Deaf. - Room 5

7:15 pm Youth Workshop - Open to all members - Grange Jeopardy - Door prizes. - Rooms 35 & 36

Tuesday, June 21

7:30-8:30 am Legislative & Veterans Conference - Open to all members - Speaker - State Representative Sal Esquivel. Sal is a Vietnam Veteran and will be speaking on legislative issues in general and veterans' issues in particular. - Room 5

8:30-9:45 am Workshop – Nancy Murray, OSG Attorney - Open to all members - Hosting a Farmer's Market: Your legal to do list. - Room 5

8:30-9:45 am GWA Conference - Open to all members - Hands on workshop making a craft led by Sue Dumolt and Sally Clute. Door prizes. - Room 7

Wednesday, June 22

7:30-8:30 am Membership Conference - Open to all members - Partnering with other Granges and groups to Increase Membership -Sam Keator. - Room 5

7:15 pm Youth Workshop - Open to all members - PI²: Participate-Invest-Invite. Door prizes. - Rooms 35 & 36

Thursday, June 23

7:30-8:30 am Ag Conference - Open to all members - Nick Smith, Executive Director of Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities, will present information on their program to achieve a comprehensive and permanent solution to restore the health of our rural communities and federal forest lands. - Room 5

Looking forward to seeing you.



"Bring your Talent to Talent!"