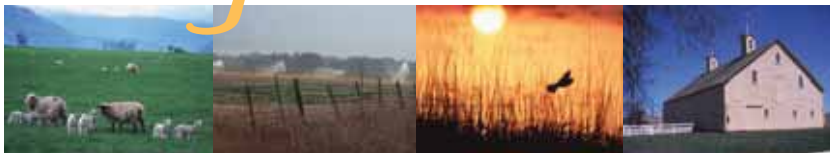




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South Fork Grange #605 Plans “Open Hall” Event



Before (above) and after (right) pictures show the hard work of South Fort Grange members and they are now ready to show it off.



Mark October 15th on your calendar because the South Fork Grange #605 in Lostine will be hosting an “Open Hall” party to show off the remodeling and upgrades of the new hall that replaced the one that burned in February of 2014.

You may remember that almost a year and half after the fire the Grange

purchased a building and since that time the members have been busy remodeling it into a Grange hall. Work started with a new tin roof, and upgrades to the septic system; followed by removing and rearranging walls, sheet rocking, painting and updating the flooring. With the addition of furnishings from other Granges around the state it is now looking like a Grange Hall inside.



The members are now ready to celebrate. Food, music and fun will be on tap all afternoon and into the evening. Everyone is invited! See you there.



150th National Grange Annual Convention is Right Around the Corner

The 150th Annual Convention of the National Grange is fast approaching but there is still time to make plans to attend. Hosted by the Eastern Region you are invited to join other Grangers from across the nation at Tthe Hilton Dulles Airport Hotel located in Herndon, Virginia November 15 – 19, 2016.

The 150th Annual Session will officially open on Tuesday afternoon November 15 and at that time Worthy Master Betsy Huber will give her first annual address as National Master.

Other highlights of the week include: Wednesday’s Salute to Agriculture breakfast with the U.S. Secretary of

Agriculture as the guest speaker. Wednesday evening will be the reception for the Distinguished Granges. Four Oregon Subordinate Granges and, for the first time, the Oregon State Grange will be honored.

Youth and General Tours are Thursday afternoon and evening. These will include visiting the Smithsonian Natural History and/or American History Museums and a tour of DC Monuments. Thursday afternoon is also the Memorial Service, where Past Oregon State Master Dale Morris will be remembered.

Friday the National Youth Officers will

open convention and Junior Grangers from across the country will arrive. In the afternoon are the Junior Public Speaking contest and the Grange Jeopardy Contest. That night is the “Evening of Excellence.”

Saturday afternoon is the opportunity to receive the 7th degree, the highest degree in our order and Saturday night is the Grange Celebration Banquet. Online registration is now open. If you have not already registered the registration fee is \$30.00. Online registration ends October 28th.

Oregon will be represented by our State Master Susan Noah and her husband Mark as our official

delegates. The state will also be represented by Carmel Valencia, Phoenix #779, who as Oregon’s talent contest winner will participate in the Friday “Evening of Excellence”. Riley Reynolds, Junior member of Santiam Valley #828, will compete in the Junior Public Speaking contest. Jessie Jo Guttridge, Springwater #263 will compete in the Youth Jeopardy contest. Alexa Suing, Crow #450, will participate in the Horizon Leadership Ambassador program as Oregon’s Youth Ambassador and will also be part of the “Evening of Excellence” and Jessie Jo Guttridge along with Maggie Swartzendruber, Riversdale #731 will serve as National Grange Youth officers.

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The Master's Column

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Cultivate – a verb (used with object) 1) to prepare and work on (land) in order to raise crops; till 2) to use a cultivator. 3) to promote or improve the growth of (a plant, crop, etc.) by labor and attention. 4) to produce by culture: to cultivate a strain of bacteria. 5) to develop or improve by education or training; train, refine: to cultivate a singing voice. 6) to promote the growth or development of (an art, science, etc.), foster. 7) to devote oneself to (an art science, etc.) 8) to seek or promote or foster (friendship, love, etc.) 9) to seek the acquaintance or friendship of (a person.)

The word cultivate means so much in our organization. As an organization that is nearly 150 years old we do have our roots in agriculture and our degrees are rich with references to *cultivating the soil*. We also reference the cultivation of education and training as evidenced by the Installing Officer's charge to the newly elected Master, *"We trust that it will be a prominent part of your duty, both in and out of the Grange, to encourage the education of the children within the limits of your jurisdiction, and to plead that they be not employed in the arduous labors of the field, before their minds have received that gentle care and training which enliven, explain and dignify labor."* And finally we come to the cultivation of friendship, and while I would not detract from the benefits of the cultivation of the land and of

education, I have to believe that our cultivation of friendship is what will keep us going as an organization especially as we gain new members from all walks of life.

While attending an open house recently one member excused herself from our conversation to "cultivate" a potential member. Think about that, how much time do you spend cultivating a potential member? Do you talk to them about their interests? Do you find out what they need to receive from an organization in order to be a member? Have you described your activities in the Grange and what it has brought to you? Personally I would expect to be cultivated. I would expect to have an ongoing conversation about the organization that wants me to join. I would need to find out how my membership would make a difference, and what I would gain in return.

If all you want is a warm body to pay the dues, then I would have to believe that the organization stands for something I believe in and that by paying dues I would be contributing to a higher cause. If you are cultivating me because you need someone to cook pancakes for the monthly breakfast (yes, this is the mythical me) then I would have to decide if my love of cooking would bring me enough joy to want to join.

My point is that the cultivation of new members can take time and effort. And this is not just for new members. What about your current

members? Does everyone feel valued, even those who do not make it to meetings? One of the grant applications this year related how the Master called every one of the members to tell them of the decision to apply for a grant from the State Grange. Due to this cultivation of members several have expressed that they are willing to help, others have said they will start attending meetings again after some absence. So even if this Grange does not receive a grant, they have started a process that includes all their members and that worth is beyond what the State Grange can offer. Their lesson should resonate with all of us, and we should all endeavor to cultivate our members, to allow them to share their wisdom, their value and worth. Imagine the beautiful garden you will have in your Grange if each member is encouraged to grow and flourish.

Before I finish my column I want to invite you all to the State Grange Open House. This has become an annual event during the holiday season, always on the second Sunday of December. This year it will be **December 11th from 1 to 4 pm**. Jan, Suzy and I hope you will put this date on your calendar and plan on coming for the food and festivities! Leading up to this Mark and I will have the pleasure of representing the National Grange at the Maine State Grange Convention in October, and of course, we will be the delegates from Oregon at the National Convention in Washington, D.C. I know some of our members will be attending National, and there is still time to make the decision to go. It should be a great time in our nation's capital with friends from across the US.

While we think of fall as harvest time, remember that cultivation of members is a year around activity!

2015 Oregon Honor Granges



The 2015 Honor Grange Awards were presented by Master Susan Noah on Saturday night during state convention in June.

SILVER Awards - Clarkes #261 Clackamas Co., (pictured right) Lacomb #907 Linn Co.



GOLD Awards - London #927 Lane Co., Riversdale #731 Douglas Co., Spencer Creek #855 Lane Co., Sunnyside #842 Clackamas Co., Walterville #416 Lane Co.

BRONZE Awards - Ada #570 Lane Co., Beavercreek #276 Clackamas Co., Eagle Creek #297 Clackamas Co., Goldson #868 Lane Co., Greenacres #834 Coos Co., Hurricane Creek #608 Wallowa Co., Kinton #562 Washington Co., Lexington #726 Morrow Co., Mohawk-McKenzie #747 Lane Co., Morning Star #311 Linn Co., Redland #796 Clackamas Co., Springwater #263 Clackamas Co., Warren #536 Columbia Co., Winona #271 Washington Co.



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Oregon Junior to Compete in National Public Speech Contest

Riley Reynolds is a Junior member of Santiam Valley Grange #828, Linn County. He is the son of Frank and Tina (O'Dell) Reynolds. The current OSG Junior Chaplain will be competeing at the National Grange Convention in November with his speech on the causes of the Dust Bowl including information from the book "Out of the Dust" by Karen Hesse. Riley will compete in the 11-12 year old category and will give a 4-7 minute prepared speech.



He first gave his speech at State Grange Convention in June and then attended the Western Regional Leadership Conference in August where he spoke again.



"Spotlight On.... The Grange" to be Released

By Betsy Huber, National Grange Master

We are very excited to announce that the 5-minute video produced by the company that films for the Public Broadcasting System (PBS) is finished and will begin to air on your local PBS stations in October.

Thank you to all the Grange members who were interviewed or allowed their photos to be used in this project. Unfortunately, we were not able to use all the footage or photos we gathered but we greatly appreciate your contributions. Special thanks to Amanda Leigh Brozana for her hours and hours of work gathering photos, editing the many drafts, rearranging material to flow better, coaching interviewees and pushing the video company to obtain the best possible product to tell what the Grange is in five minutes, without being a "commercial."

We will be showing this video at the National Grange Convention, so if you miss it on TV you can see it in DC. After the initial 3-month showing period on PBS, we can use the film however we wish, so it will be available to State and Community Granges. I hope you will use it as a membership tool at fairs, mall displays, speeches to

other organizations, and any other way you can think of to advertise Grange and what a great organization we are.

The 5-minute video is expected to have 500,000 showings in the first three months. Think what this will do to raise our name recognition in your community! Please follow up on this initial exposure with an invitation to your friends, neighbors and community leaders to join your Grange. The video will help to answer that first question, "What Is the Grange?" so you can follow up with a personal testimony of what the Grange means to YOU and then ASK them to join!

Some of the filming was done at the Western Regional Leadership Conference in August in Wilsonville. Keep your eyes open for familiar faces in scenes of a Grange meeting where there was discussion of painting the kitchen that required a series of motions, amendments and amendments to the amendment that went from painting it pink, to a shade of green, to using the peach colored paint that was in the store room. Sound familiar?



Your old shoes provide new opportunities in your hometown.

Community Service Project at National Grange Convention

Did you know there are 46.5 million people living in poverty right here in the United States? Did you know that 16.1 million of these are children?

Do you have some gently used shoes that you no longer wear or your children have outgrown? National Grange attendees are collecting shoes for Soles4Souls. They help people living in poverty gain new dignity, courage and hope. When used shoes are donated to

Soles4Souls, you are helping finance their distributions of new shoes to people in your own community.

The Oregon State Grange will be collecting shoes at the office and coordinate sending them to the National convention. Anyone who is interested in making a donation to this cause may send them to the Oregon State Grange office, or get them to Susan, Jan or Suzy no later than October 25th.

Sesquicentennial Celebration Coin Available

The National Grange is offering a commemorative coin in honor of the 150th Anniversary of the Grange. This coin is 2.25" in diameter and made of heavy brushed nickel. One side contains the Grange emblem surrounded by the lessons of the first four degrees; the reverse shows the 150th Anniversary logo and the date of organization of the National Grange.

You can pre-order and save on this 150th Anniversary coin. Place your order by November 4th and receive one of these limited edition coins for only \$20. You can also order seven coins for \$140 by November 4th and get one free in honor of the eight founders!

You may choose to pick up your coins free at the 150th Annual Convention or add \$2.50 for reduced shipping and handling charge per coin or \$15 shipping and handling for the special 8-coin bundle. If you do not wish to pick up your coin at convention, those pre-ordered will ship from the National Grange on Monday, November 7th.

Orders placed after November 4th or at the 150th Annual National Grange Convention will be \$25 per coin with regular price of \$4 per coin for shipping and handling. The 8-coin bundle, 8 coins for the price of 7, will be in place for \$175 plus \$20 shipping and handling.

Buy your coin today by contacting Loretta Washington at (202) 628-3407 ext. 109 or by email at sales@nationalgrange.org!

The image shows two circular coins. The top coin is the Grange emblem, featuring a shield with a sunburst and the word "GRANGE" below it, surrounded by the words "CHARITY", "FIDELITY", "FAITH", and "HOPE". The bottom coin is the 150th Anniversary coin, featuring a large infinity symbol and the text "THE NATIONAL GRANGE", "Extra Perpetua", and "DECEMBER 4, 1867".



The Lecturer's Column

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Brothers and Sisters, recognize them in the next paper.

As fall approaches I look back and wonder what happened to our summer. June was busy and July flew by as well. I was really looking forward to Western Regionals in August and information that I could gather from Amanda Brozana, our National Grange Lecturer. The whole weekend did not disappoint us. Those fortunate enough to have attended received wonderful information on numerous subjects.

The workshop that was presented by our National Lecturer was called "Program in a Box". She showed us how we could each help our Lecturers by taking a subject that we possess knowledge in and building it into a Lecturer's program. We took our papers and drew 10 boxes, then gave the program a name. We then did a step by step break down of how we would present our information to our Grange and how this is a benefit to everyone present. We worked in pairs and shared our information with all present.

For this exercise I was able to work with a young Granger from California. He happened to be a young man that I met in 1998 when I attended Junior Grange camp with my girls. His name is Josh Harper and is now the Overseer of the California State Grange. My challenge to each and every member is to build that "Program in a Box" and let your Lecturer know that you'd like to do the program the next meeting. Let us know and we'll

Another workshop was presented by our National Grange Leadership/ Membership Director, Joe Stefanoni. I met this young director when I went to California State Convention in 2010 and was impressed by his passion and leadership then and very excited to hear his presentation now. He told us that sharing our own personal Grange story, how we came to be a Granger and the impact it has had on our own life is just as important as what the Grange does for the community.

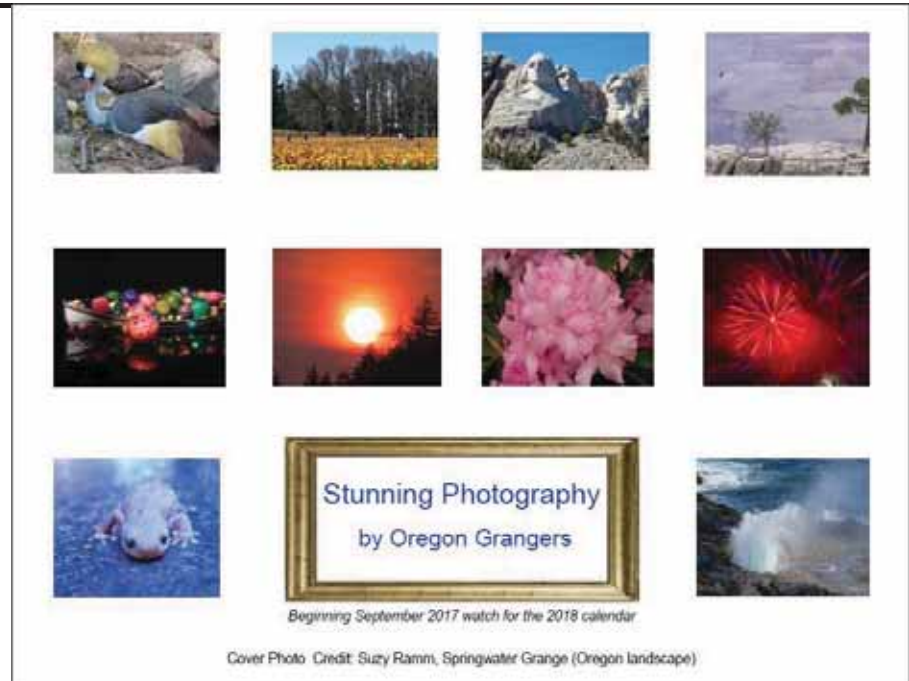
While I was in Grass Valley, California visiting family I was able to attend a Grange meeting in Orangevale on August 17th. There were 27 members present and they had a very informative and productive meeting. I congratulated them on having such a great attendance. I was invited to attend by Josh Harper as I said I would be in the "neighborhood". I brought greetings from Oregon and asked anyone coming north to stop in and visit us along the way.

I'm still actively seeking chairmen for district 2 and 6. So far I have
District 1 - Carmel Valencia
District 3 - Theresa Thorud
District 4 - Dan LeBrun
District 5 - Vickie High
At large - Becky Brier

Let us know how those programs work out so we can share with all our brothers and sisters. Happy

Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

October/November	Elect Subordinate/Community and Pomona Grange officers
October 11	Last day to book hotel rooms for the National Grange convention at group rates
October 28	Last day to register for National Grange Convention
October 31	3rd Quarter Reports due to the State Grange office
October 31	Reviewed and updated membership list due back to the State Grange office
November 15-19	150th Annual National Grange Convention - Washington, DC
December 1	Roster information for Subordinate/Community and Pomona Granges for 2017 due to the State office. Also state directors and committees
December 11	OSG office Holiday Open House - Salem



2017 Calendar Available

The Oregon State Grange Lecturer's and Membership Departments are collaborating on a 2017 Grange Calendar. All proceeds for the 2016 calendar sold last year went to the Lecturer's Department to fund

the Lecturer's Department to fund winner to National Grange convention for the Night of Excellence. The cost of the calendar this year has been reduced from \$12 to \$10 hoping to encourage Granges/Grangers to support this effort.



The calendar highlights the talents of Oregon Grange members and their photography. The calendar also captures important holidays and Grange dates where Grange member participation is valued. Events with Grange sponsorship such as the Annual FFA Convention and Ag Fest where we get to promote the benefits of Grange membership to the public at large. Thirteen stunning photographs selected from the Lecturer's photography contest at the 2016 Convention in endar which measures 11"x17" when hung.

The committees challenge your Grange and all Grangers to find creative ways to support this fundraising effort. Calendars make a great gift; say thank you, Merry Christmas or have a happy day. Maybe the Grange could a few and gift them to the first members that their 2017 dues. Does your Grange have bunco bingo? How about a couple as prizes that will also promote your Grange in the community? Purchase one to hang in your hall to proudly brag about the Grange. Bundle them with a pen and journal and have a terrific raffle item. Use it to generate opportunities to talk about the Grange; the fun things such as the photography contest and the more serious work we do in our communities.



To order, complete the form below and mail along with your payment to our State Membership Co-Director Sandi Ludi, 18275 Myra Ct. ~ Sandy OR 97055.

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Mohawk Valley Grange's float in the Mary Cole Celebration parade.

Mohawk Valley Grange In Marcola Has Busy Summer

Mohawk Valley Grange #922 in Lane County had a busy summer. They participated in three events in the community of Marcola. The first was the Mohawk Valley Lion's "Music in the Park" in June where the Grangers provided desserts. It was a fun event, which was repeated on September 10th, only with different music! They were there also to sell their yummy desserts. Proceeds from this event supported the Grange Scholarship fund and maintenance on their building.

The second event was the Mary Cole Celebration held August 6th and 7th. Mary was the wife of the town's founder, Columbus Cole and the area name comes from a mashup of her names. The Grange had an entry in the parade; thanks to Julia Mooney and friends for their hard work. Eve King-Lehman and Michael Hubbard were the musicians on the float with young friends Cruz and Nicole riding along.

The third event was the Mohawk Valley Music Festival at Bob

Russell's ranch on Mohawk Loop. The music was amazing! It's difficult to put it into a genre as there were bands with saxophones and trombones as well as Blue Grass and what is called New Grass! The Grange sold hamburgers in the afternoons and evenings and biscuits and gravy with bacon in the mornings. Funds raised at this event also support the Grange Scholarship fund and maintenance on Grange Hall.



Mohawk Valley Grangers provided desserts for the Lion's "Music in the Park" in June.

Goshen Grange Held Annual Picnic



Goshen Grange hosted their annual picnic on September 9th. Members from Jasper, Thurston and Creswell Granges joined the fun. Hamburgers and hotdogs were the main course along with an array of salads, desserts, and drinks to meet everyone's appetite.

L: Gary Prichard, Master of Goshen Grange holds the prime implements for the picnic.



The Chaplain's Corner

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Here it is fall again. I think it is the overlooked season. We can't wait for spring, summer is too short and in fall we work hard to prepare for winter. Even as you read the 3rd degree it charges the Brothers and Sisters (Harvesters and Gleaners) to reap the harvest – for the mind as well as for the body. The Overseer charges "You are now about to enter the harvest. God loveth a cheerful giver, and no less a cheerful worker; for work is prayer. Labor with cheerfulness." More importantly, the Bible tells us in II Corinthians 9:6-8 "The point is this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his own heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound

to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times."

The point is that we should not harvest for just our own benefit but to share our harvest with others. What does that mean for you and me? It means that if we have extra produce share it with those that don't have a garden, maybe a home for single women with children, maybe the Mission, maybe your neighbors in need. It also means that if we are blessed, maybe we can adopt a family at Christmas (or your Grange can). Maybe we can just be cheerful workers and encourage those around us. I don't know what it is for you but whatever it is I can guarantee you that the one that will actually benefit the most is you. For God truly does love a cheerful giver and blesses them.

In Memoriam

Leif Brecke
Bellview Grange #759

Elton Hale
Dorena Grange #835

Helen Archuleta
Myrtle Creek Grange #442

Monte Muirhead
Riversdale Grange #731

Donald Jensen Sr
Myrtle Creek Grange #442

Bill Fisher
Dorena Grange #835

Myrtle Creel
Ramsey Park Grange #352

Frank V Ball
Morning Star Grange #311

Vaugh Creel
Ramsey Park Grange #352

William Anderson
White Clover Grange #784



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.

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Secrets of a Secretary

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Fall is a wonderful time of year with kids going back to school, football on TV, changes in the weather, and our schedules returning to normal. It's an especially fun time at Grange as we hold holiday events and start talking about what our Grange will be and do in the coming year.

October and November are the months to hold officer elections at the Subordinate/Community Grange level. Depending on your Grange's by-laws you may elect officers for a 1 year or 2 year term. If your officer list or committee chairs have been the same as long as you can remember, consider changing things up a bit! Last year my Subordinate Grange did the first big office swap in over a decade, and this year has been so refreshing. Sure there is a learning curve to a new office, but we are looking at everything in our Grange with a fresh set of eyes. Give it a try – be the change agent in your Grange and offer to try something new.

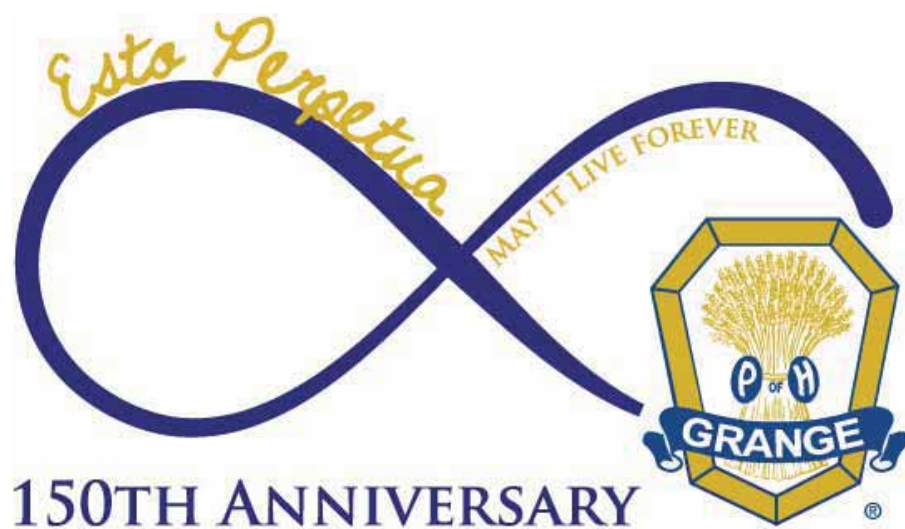
This month's secret – The Secretary is responsible for keeping the minutes of the Grange, but what does that really mean? What all should be included in the minutes? The minutes should include a full roll call of which officers, members, and guests were in attendance. A brief 1-2 sentence summary works great for most of the committee reports

simply to recap what was reported unless something significant was done such as the youth committee reporting on a service project they did between meetings.

Unfinished Business should include anything discussed during that part of the meeting, reports on Grange events that took place since the last meeting, and specifics of any motions made including who made the motion, that it received a second, and the result of the vote. Likewise with the New Business section – be specific about the motions, summarize the discussion, and record the results of the vote. Don't forget to also record what your Lecturer planned for their program, and any member who is sick needing an extra thought or prayer.

When your Grange is following the order of business in the Subordinate Grange manual, it makes keeping minutes and order in your meeting a snap. Your minutes are read in full at the beginning of each meeting, and the motions are summarized at the end of the meeting. This way all members are clear on what happened and have a chance to make additions or corrections. Your minutes are a true record of your Grange for years to come.

Happy Fall Grangers!



UPCOMING POMONA GRANGE MEETINGS

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

Pomona	Date	Time	Meeting Place
Baker #24	Nov 5	10:30 AM	Pine Valley #815
Benton #36	Oct 15	10:30 AM	Hope #269
Clackamas #1	Oct 22	10:00 AM	Springwater #263
Columbia #18	Nov 5	10:00 AM	Beaver Valley #306
Coos-Curry-West Coast #30	Oct 22	10:00 AM	TBA
Deschutes #25	Nov 14	11:30 AM	Pine Forest #632
Douglas #13	Oct 22	6:00 PM	Riversdale #731
Jackson #27	Nov 12	10:00 AM	TBA
Josephine #20	Oct 29	10:00 AM	Fruitdale #379
Lane #14	Oct 8	10:00 AM	Mohawk-Mckenzie #747
Lincoln #10	Nov 19	10:30 AM	TBA
Linn #12	Oct 8	10:00 AM	Lacomb #907
Marion #4	Oct 15	10:00 AM	Silverton #748
Polk #3	Oct 15	10:00 AM	Buell #637
Tillamook #9	Oct 8	10:00 AM	Fairview #273
Umatilla-Morrow #26	Oct 22	10:30 AM	Lexington #726
Wallowa #22	Oct 8	10:00 AM	North End #820
Washington-Yamhill #2	Oct 22	10:00 AM	Washington #313



Sunnyside Grange to Celebrate Their 80th Anniversary

Sunnyside Grange #842, Clackamas County, is celebrating their 80th Anniversary on Sunday, October 23, 2016 at 1pm. In addition to the Anniversary of the Grange two additional milestones will be recognized. Celia Luttrell, Oregon State Grange Overseer will be presenting 50 year certificates to members Bob Ludi and Bob Force. Another milestone will be celebrated

that day as Jazzercise has been renting the hall for classes for the last 20 years.

Following the program there will be cake and the GROW Club will be serving ice cream sundaes!

Sunnyside hopes you can join them to celebrate this very important occasion!

Willamette Grange #52 Gives a 75 Year Membership "Pin Party"

Cleda Jones has been an active member of Oregon Granges for 75 years, including 56 years as a very active member of Willamette Grange. The "Pin Party" was a Saturday event drawing a mixed group of over 60 family members, Grange members, and friends to commemorate this rare achievement



by the Willamette Grange members.

Cleda was presented a 75 year pin from the Oregon State Grange by past Master Mark Noah with a letter from current State Master, Susan Noah. She also received a handmade 75th anniversary clock by members Chester and Jean Becker (below). After the presentations, lunch was provided



Over the years Cleda has been known for winning creations with her designs of county and state fair booths. She won many awards at both the State and National Grange sewing contests. In more recent years Cleda has been a key supporting factor toward meetings, membership, and very supportive of restoration work on the more than 90 year old Willamette Grange and Community Hall.

Willamette Grange #52 in Benton County is and has been near and dear to her heart for over half a century. That devotion and support is honored and appreciated.



Cleda Jones pictured with all of her nine sons. Front l-r: Irvin, Alfred, Cleda, Donald and Ronald. In back: Samuel, Avery, Charles, Robert and Calvin.



Fern Hill Grange Master Bruce Wallace presents a certificate to fellow Grange member Frank Curtis upon the completion of his restoration of his 1923 Ford T-Bucket.

Fern Hill Grange Honors Member's Accomplishment

The members of Fern Hill Grange #592 in Columbia county are green with envy. Grange member Frank Curtis showed up at a Grange meeting this summer driving his 1923 Ford T-Bucket with a 450 horsepower, 454 Chevy engine. It took 18 months to complete, but except for the deep purple paint job and luxurious interior upholstery he built it all himself. Grange members honored his accomplishment with a certificate of achievement at their August meeting.

Frank reports that the most thrilling moment during construction came as

he finished mounting the motor on the frame, started the engine, and heard its rumbling, race car sound for the very first time. Engine noise, car smells, road bumps, and wind in your hair are all part of the driving experience which Frank describes as extremely fun.

His wife, MaryAnne, loves the purple paint job, the chrome, and the sound of the engine as they cruise down scenic country roads at an enjoyable 40 mph. Two things are certain when they're out cruising; they can pass anything except a gas station, and they get thumbs up and plenty of attention wherever they go.



Kinton Grange Holds Antique Faire

A successful Country Antique Faire was held by Kinton Grange #562 in Washington County on Saturday September 11th. Successful both as a community event and also as a fundraiser. They had 42 vendors participating each of whom paid a rental fee to the Grange to take part. The Grange advertised heavily on Facebook and through cards distributed to merchants, restaurants, and wineries throughout the area. They also placed 38 'lawn' signs along the major roads leading to Kinton's Grange hall.

It was estimated that around 1500

visitors stopped by, which was nearly twice the number expected for a first time event. The parking lot reached capacity the first time at 9:05 AM, five minutes after the official opening. It hovered at around 90% capacity the entire day as people came and went.

In addition to space rental, the Grange made money selling food and drinks throughout the day. Coffee and pastries in the morning, switching to sandwiches and desserts in the afternoon. It was a great day for the vendors, the guests, and the Grange.



The Agricultural Report

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At the State Grange Office this week we received a box of copies of the magazine Growing Oregon; produced through a USDA grant and highlighting Oregon agriculture with interesting stories about Oregon's farms, foods, and markets. This year the Oregon State Grange put a small ad in this magazine on page 25, encouraging people to join Granges to "strengthen their communities." It's a nice ad with a horse and wagon Grange hall photo, beside a modern photo of a Grange hall, mentioning our 150 years. We will bring copies of the magazine to State Session in Florence this coming June.

These magazines will be widely distributed in visitor information facilities throughout the state, extension offices, agricultural shows, and the magazine can be viewed on the web, with our ad linking to the OSG website. To see this on your computer go to www.or-griculture.com. The cover story is on Irrigation Innovation by Oregon Farmers.


Another outreach possibility that came across my desk was the 5th National Conference of Women in Sustainable Agriculture taking place in Portland in November. I will look into having a Grange table at this event to encourage women farmers, ranchers, and advocates to think about Grange as a focus for networking and mutual support. If women join they will bring their families into the Grange as well. The conference website states: The 5th National Conference for Women in Sustainable Agriculture will bring together farmers, educators, technical assistance providers and activists engaged in healthy food and farming to share educational and organization strategies, build technical and business skills, and address policy issues aimed at expanding the success of women farmers and ranchers.




I am now looking for Agricultural Committee chairs for districts 3 (Columbia, Clatsop, Tillamook, Washington, and Yamhill counties) and district 4 (Clackamas, Hood River, Multnomah, and Wasco counties). If you might be interested please call or email me. Serving on this committee will on average require an hour of your time per month. Primarily you are the Agricultural Committee contact for your district. Please consider this service to Oregon's Grangers.



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Community Involvement

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OSG Community Service and
Involvement Director

September was National Preparedness Month, and Oregon Governor Kate Brown issued a proclamation asking Oregon's Office of Emergency Management to work with communities across the state to train, educate, prepare and equip Oregonians for emergencies. What we do today to learn more about how to be prepared will save lives and property whenever a disaster strikes. Check out www.ready.gov for the latest preparedness information. Let's be prepared, not scared.

What are your plans for next year's Community Service projects? Do your members know or get involved in your plans? A well thought out plan means "Success." We all want to succeed.

How do you log your volunteer hours? Oregon is one of the few States that does not require non-profits to report volunteer hours to maintain their non-profit status, but with rules becoming tighter for non-profits, this could soon be a requirement. **"Everything counts"** as volunteer hours on your **Annual Report** whether you volunteer for your Grange or within the community. This includes the time spent at your Grange meetings planning activities, teaming with others for an event, as well as during the events themselves. Logging your volunteer hours each month during your meeting will help to track your hours throughout the year. Please

remember that your focus should be on serving your community; keep your report process simple. If you would like a copy of the monthly tracking form, you can now download it from the OSG website or let me know, and I will email you a copy.

My focus this next year is to visit more Granges. So please invite me or one of my Community Service District Chairs to visit a meeting or event. We are interested in developing friendships and to see how your Grange is doing within your community. Do you need help with ideas? Maybe your success can be shared with other Granges.

I would like to introduce my Community Service District chairs:

- District 1: Darlene Anderson
Deer Creek Grange
CS1@orgrange.org
- District 2: Cookie Trupp
Spencer Creek Grange
CS2@orgrange.org
- District 3: Cindy Becker
Warren Grange
CS3@orgrange.org
- District 4: Cathy Assad
Redland Grange
CS4@orgrange.org
- District 5: Louise Holst
Midland Grange
CS5@orgrange.org
- District 6: Debbi deBoer
Boulevard Grange
CS6@orgrange.org

Thanks for your service in the community.



Ada members busy setting up their relay booth.

Ada Grange #570 Relays for American Cancer Society

Ada Grange #570, Lane County recently participated in the Florence Relay for Life Event. Ada's team "Love Connection" raised almost \$5000, had 23 walkers, including seven non-Grange members and six cancer survivors ranging in age from 5-84. Seven Grange members spent the night at Miller Park during this 24 hour event and Ada Grange had walkers on the track the entire time.



Ada Grange members attending the Relay for Life closing ceremony.

Fort Rock Grange Hosts Fort Rock Homesteaders Association

The Fort Rock Homesteaders 89th annual reunion was hosted by Fort Rock Grange #758, Lake County September 10-11, 2016. Celebrating Oregon's heritage, the homesteaders group was formed to unite the people of the Fort Rock area who established homesteads under the Homestead Act of 1862. The town of Fort Rock was established in 1908 with the help of the Homestead Act. Since many didn't meet the requirements of their granted land in the harsh climate of the Fort Rock Basin, they moved away by the 1920s and '30s. But wanting to keep in touch with their former neighbors they established a meeting time to have a picnic to gather and visit again.

The group holds their annual reunion the 2nd weekend in September

gathering in the town of Fort Rock at the Fort Rock Grange Community Hall. This year was no exception as the many descendants and a few actual homesteaders from the early 1900s to 1930s convened, some coming as far away as Southern California and Northern Washington.

It's always a pleasure for the Fort Rock Grange to host the annual crowd. The main event takes place on Sunday when a potluck luncheon and fundraising auction are held. Many Fort Rock Grange members are members of the Homestead group. The highlight of the event is the auction. Items are donated by those in attendance including home grown produce and jams, paintings, quilts, woodwork, other hand made items and more.




Above: 89th annual Fort Rock Homesteaders reunion crowd enjoyed themselves.

R: A beautiful quilt was auctioned off.

Auction proceeds benefit the Fort Rock Grange and Fort Rock Valley Historical Society. A good time was had by all!





Deaf Awareness and Family Health

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OSG Deaf Awareness ~ Family Health Director

How can we convince potential members that the Grange is worth their time and money? As the newly-appointed Director of OSG’s Deaf Awareness and Family Health Committee, I would like all of our local Granges to use our focus on healthy family living to attract members. The cost of Grange membership is significant for young families as well as seniors. We need to showcase the value of that investment, but there’s no cookie-cutter when it comes to Granges or to the families they serve.

My first priority is that we spend time in our Granges with the members we have. We all face health and family issues that are heavy burdens at times. Whether news of a member “sick or in distress” leads to a friendly card in the mail or an all-out legislative campaign for public action, it all starts with that concern for one another that we promise everyone who joins our order.

Our commitment to deaf awareness is important and will remain so. I am proud of how many Granges use microphones routinely to make their meetings meaningful for all present. My personal challenge to everyone who reads this column is to ask you to turn on the captioning on all of the TV sets in your home. You don’t need to leave it on, but if you know how to turn it on and off, you can

help someone else do it. We are always “instructing and being instructed” in the Grange.

Many Granges, including my own, offer exercise classes or dancing opportunities. Can you make the classes less expensive for your members? And be sure the participants realize that unless your Grange is successful, the classes won’t have a place to gather.

It is easy for the Grange hall to be useful in a community. How much harder it is to turn that value into something the community will support into the future. Can we envision ourselves as a family fraternity where people of every age are not only welcome but have roles to play in our meetings? Is that just part of our nostalgic history or is it the future we can work for today?

It is an honor to be the Director of the Deaf Awareness and Family Health committee. My appointment was after State Session and I’ve spent a large part of the summer out of the country, so I have not been able to meet with district representatives before the Bulletin deadline.

I welcome communication from anyone interested in our committee’s work and I hope to introduce the members of the committee in the next issue.

GIA Announces Scholarship Program For School Year 2017-2018

Grange Insurance Association (GIA) Chairman of the Board, D. Thomas McKern, is pleased to announce that GIA will again fund 25 scholarships for the 2017 – 2018 school year, totaling \$33,500. In addition, GIA is honored to award the \$1,000 Paul and Ethel Holter Memorial Scholarship, funded by a gift of Mrs. Holter’s estate, and the \$1,000 Dee and Ina McKern Memorial Scholarship, funded by a gift from the McKern family.

Applicants may apply for either an academic or a vocational scholarship. Three of the awards will be for students wishing to pursue vocational studies and 22 awards will be for academic studies. The top winner in each category will receive a \$2,500 award and the remaining winners will receive \$1,000 - \$2,000 each.

Eligibility requirements (applicants must meet **one** of the following):

1. Current GIA policyholder (or children of GIA policyholder)

2. Children of current GIA company employees
3. A previous recipient of a GIA scholarship

Please note that children or legal wards of officers, directors or agents of GIA are ineligible.

These scholarships may be used at any institution offering courses leading to a certificate or a degree in a recognized profession or vocation, including: community colleges, business colleges and technical institutes. Vocational scholarships are aimed specifically for those students not pursuing a college diploma, but seeking further education and/or training in a vocation often not covered by more traditional colleges or universities.

The committee will base its awards on the following:

- Complete and legible application
 - Scholastic ability (official grade transcript required)
 - Handwritten or typed essay by applicant
- ~ Please tell us about yourself,



The Education Committee

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How To Fund A College Scholarship

Have a pen and several thousand dollars? It is as easy as that in most cases to fund a college scholarship and help some deserving student bridge the gap between aspiration and access.

Most colleges and universities have offices to help would-be benefactors and will send you a gift agreement form to set it up. The going rate for setting up an endowed (perpetual) scholarship – one whose annual funds are created from the interest on the initial gift – requires at least \$10,000, preferably \$25,000, which offers about \$1,250 a year for a scholarship.

Charitable contributions to colleges and universities in the United States increased 7.6 percent in 2015, according to the Voluntary Support of Education (VSE) survey, conducted annually by the Council for Aid to Education (CAE). At \$40.3 billion, the total is the highest recorded since the inception of the survey in 1957.

The College Board estimates there was \$16 billion in private and employer-created grants in 2015, but there are no statistics on how much is given annually by individuals,

nor the total amount given to date, said Amy Weinstein, executive director of the National Scholarship Providers Association, which tracks this information.

Donors create scholarships for a wide range of reasons. Many are created to honor loved ones. Some are developed to assist students of minority or ethnic groups. And often successful alumni provide money for scholarships at the university they graduated from.

For donors, taxes are the biggest financial consideration. A scholarship is considered a charitable donation if the fund it goes into is tax-exempt, said Kathy Hettick, president of the National Society of Accountants.

The amount you can deduct from your annual income varies depending on your tax bracket and follows the same rules as any charitable contribution, according to Hettick. “Get proper documentation and get a receipt with their federal identification number. Do your due diligence,” she cautioned.

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your family and your future goals
~ Also include any leadership or volunteer-related programs or projects in which you have been involved in high school, in the community, or elsewhere
~ What college, university, or trade school do you plan to attend and how will this scholarship assist you

Application deadline is March 1, 2016. (Postmarked) Funds awarded for the 2016-2017 school year.

Please complete the request form below for the application for a Grange Insurance Association Scholarship.

Application forms can also be downloaded at th OSG website:
www.orgrange.org/scholarships

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE GRANGE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

Attn: Scholarship Coordinator
P.O. Box 21089
Seattle, WA 98111-3089

Please send a GIA Scholarship Application to:

Name: _____

Address: _____



Deer Creek Grange #371



Sunny Valley Grange #916

A "FAIR" TIME WAS HAD BY JOSEPHINE COUNTY



Deer Creek Junior Grangers

Josephine County Fair was held August 17-20 in Grants Pass. All seven Subordinate/Community Granges, the Pomona Grange and the Junior Grangers at Deer Creek Grange created displays. Each Grange had an 8'x8' space with wall above. Booths were judged on visualization of message, artistry and neatness, and originality.

First place was Deer Creek Grange #371, second went to Sunny Valley Grange #916 and Illinois Valley Grange #370 received third place.



Illinois Valley Grange #370



Clarkes
Grange
#261

CLACKAMAS COUNTY



Molalla
Grange
#310



Beaver Creek Grange
#276

Scarecrows of all shapes
and sizes were entered.



Clackamas County Fair was held August 16-21 in Canby. Nine Subordinate/Community Granges and the Pomona created displays. Each Grange had a 6'x8' space. Booths were judged on Appearance, Educational Value and Adaptation to the theme.

First place was Clackamas Pomona Grange #1, second went to Clarkes Grange #261, third went Molalla Grange #310 and Beaver Creek Grange #276 received fourth place.

Clackamas Pomona also has a food booth selling fresh baked cookies, sponsors the scarecrow contest and co-sponsors the 4-h Floral arranging contest.



Clackamas Pomona Grange #1

OREGON GRANGERS THIS SUMMER

TILLAMOOK COUNTY

Sandlake Grange #546



Tillamook Pomona Grange #9



Fairview Grange #273

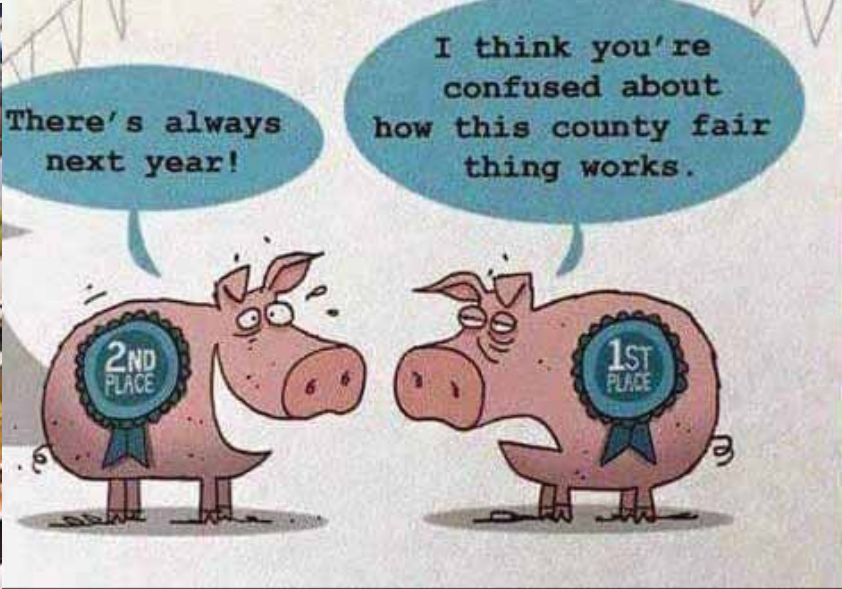
Tillamook County Fair was held August 10-13 in Tillamook. All three of the Subordinate/Community Granges and the Pomona created exhibits. Tillamook county fair celebrated 125 years this year and the theme was a “Century of Silver.”



White Clover Grange #784



Dress Up Veggie and Fruit Contest



LANE COUNTY



The GWA Members served cookies to visitors

Lane County Fair was held July 20-24 in Eugene. Grange Day was Wednesday, the first day of the fair. Volunteers from different Granges served dozens of cookies, coffee, punch and water to fair goers. The Lane Pomona Grange and the Lane County Fair sponsored “The Dress Up Veggie and Fruit Contest” which had over 290 entries.

The theme for this year’s Subordinate/Community Grange booths was “The Grange and Agriculture.” Over 1,787 fair goers voted for the People’s Choice selection. London Grange placed first, Spencer Creek Grange place second and Lorane Grange was third.

Grange Workers Activities exhibits were judged by fair goers who were asked to judge. First place went to Mohawk-McKenzie Grange, second to Goshen Grange and third went to Walterville Grange. The theme for the GWA displays this year was “Summertime Blues.” Fifteen of the 23 Lane County Granges participated.



London Grange #947

Spencer Creek Grange #855



Goshen Grange #561 GWA



Mohawk McKenzie Grange #747 GWA

Oregon Granges Celebrate the Holidays

October 14-15, 21-22, 28-29
Beaver Homes #518 **Haunted House** 6:30-9:30pm 31105 Beaver Homes Rd. ~ Rainer.

October 14-15, 21-22, 28-31
Morningstar Grange #311 **Haunted House** 7-10pm 38794 Morningstar Rd NE ~ Albany. \$5 or 4 non-perishable food items Info: 541-926-3646 or 541-926-6758 Food goes to the Jefferson Rural Fire Protection District Christmas Food basket program

October 14-31, November 1
Santiam Valley #828 **Haunted House** Fri. & Sat. 6-9pm, Sun-Thur 6-8pm 1140 5th St ~ Lyons. Halloween Night open 6-9pm

October 22nd Mohawk Valley Grange #922 **Harvest Festival** 3-8pm 93727 Marcola Rd. ~ Marcola. Free Info: Linda - 541-933-2511 or Thorp 541-933-3948 Annual Chili, Cornbread, and Dessert contest, quilt raffle, live music, Bhangra Dancers, live Reindeer will visit, Croquet around the Grange Hall, and so much more. Please come and join us!

October 30th Ada Grange #570 **Community Halloween Party** 1-3pm 82457 S Canary Rd. ~ Westlake. Carnival Games, Costume parade, prizes for all ages. Finger food furnished. Fun for all.

October 30th Kinton Grange #562 1st Annual **Sausage & Kraut Dinner** 12 noon - 4pm 19015 SW Scholls Ferry Rd ~ Beaverton.

Adults 13 and over \$15.00, Children 4-12 \$5.00, under 4 free Info: www.kintongrange.org & Facebook; Includes Sausage, Kraut, German Potato Salad, Green Beans, Applesauce, Rolls, and Dessert! With live music, photo booth and more! Please bring a can of food for local families in need.

October 31st Fort Rock Grange #758 **Halloween Costume Party** and Carnival 5-7pm 64651 Fort Rock Rd ~ Fort Rock.

October 31st Springwater Grange #263 **Halloween Party** 6:30pm 24591 S Wallens Rd ~ Estacada. Info: See Facebook and tamig50@gmail.com Potluck, costumes, games & fun for all ages.

November 5th Fort Rock Grange #758 **Holiday Bazaar** 9am-3pm 64651 Fort Rock Rd ~ Fort Rock.

November 5th Fruitdale Grange #379 **Christmas Bazaar** 9am-4pm Table Rental \$30 Info: fruitdale379@gmail.com Tables still available, a few with power

November 11th Goldson Grange #868 **Veteran's Breakfast** 9-11am 23479 Hwy 36 ~ Cheshire. Info: 541-998-3079 Scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausages, coffee and juice. Veterans eat for free.

November 19th Sunnyside Grange #842 **Holiday Bazaar** 9am-4pm 13130 SE Sunnyside Rd ~ Clackamas. Many homemade items and food items in the kitchen. The



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This is one of our major fundraisers of the year, providing the basic support needed to keep this community building operational.



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	Children	\$5.00 (ages 4-12)
	Toddlers	FREE! (under age 4)
	Dinners-to-Go	\$15.00 per dinner

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Drawing 4:00 PM Sunday afternoon
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We are collecting food for local families in need. Please bring a can of food to donate

Visit www.KintonGrange.org and our Facebook page for details
For additional information, please call John Gundle at 503-628-1949

Oregon Food Bank barrel will be onsite for food donations.

November 25th & 26th Tigard Grange #148 **Holiday Bazaar** 9am-3pm 13770 SW Pacific Hwy ~ Tigard. Info: Julie @ 503.804.3645 or www.tigardgrange.com. Christmas decorations, handmade items, homebaked goodies, gifts, raffles & door prizes. School Supplies and Coat donations accepted.

December 9th & 10th Morningstar Grange #311 **Holiday Craft Bazaar** 9am-4pm 38794 Morningstar Rd NE ~ Albany. Info: 541-926-3646 or 541-926-6758 Lots of Vendors to shop from! Lunch is available from 11-2pm. Hot dogs, burgers, soups, Grilled sandwiches, yummy brownies, drinks, chips, chili & lots more!

December 10th Beaver Homes #518 **Christmas Party** 6pm 31105 Beaver Homes Rd. ~ Rainer.

December 10th Ada Grange #570 **Community Christmas Party** 1-3pm 82457 S Canary Rd. ~ Westlake. Crafts, Santa Visits, Hay rides. Finger food furnished.

December 10th Clackamas Pomona Grange #1 **Winterhawks Night - Hockey and Teddy Bear Toss** 5:30pm bus at Home Depot 7pm game Veterans Memorial Coliseum, 300 North Winning Way ~ Portland. \$33 for game & transportation from the Oregon City Home Depot Info: Contact Don Kingsborough at

kingsborpops@aol.com or Annette Wanker nettiemay1941@gmail.com Bring a Teddy Bear & toss it on the ice after the first score.

December 11th Oregon State Grange **Open House** 1-4pm 643 Union St. NE ~ Salem. Refreshments will be served.

December 17th Goldson Grange #868 **Christmas Open House** 23479 Hwy 36 ~ Cheshire. Info: 541-998-3079 Call for details.

December 17th Keizer Grange #785 **Hustle & Bustle Holiday Market** 9am-3pm 441 Chemawa Road, North ~ Keizer. Table Rental is \$35, includes lunch Info: Hannele @ 503-779-3430 or cr8tvwhsprs@icloud.com Handcrafted Gifts, Silent Auction, Raffles, Door Prizes, Soup & Rolls from the Grange kitchen.

December 31st Morningstar Grange #311 **New Year's Eve Party** 6-10pm 38794 Morningstar Rd NE ~ Albany. Bring games and snack foods.

January 1st Springwater Grange #263 **Open House** noon 24591 S Wallens Rd ~ Estacada. Info: See Facebook and tamig50@gmail.com Potluck



Tigard Grange #148 Annual Holiday Bazaar

November 25 & 26
9 am — 3 pm
Both days

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Snacks & Beverages**

School Supplies & Coat donations accepted



Tigard Grange 13770 SW Pacific Hwy Tigard, OR 97223
Contact: Julie 503-804-3645

Fermenting and Preserving

On Sunday, August 14th Lookingglass Grange #927, Douglas County held an afternoon event on fermenting and preserving. The free class focused on preserving meats, the making of Kombucha tea and free pressure canner gauge testing.

Bruce Gravens, OSU Master Food Preserver of Douglas County presented “How to Safely Can Meat and Vegetables.” He described the

parts of a pressure canner and how to use one safely. The Master Food Preservers also offered free pressure gauge testing and informational handouts.

Anne Smith, a member of Lookingglass Grange demonstrated how to make Kombucha, a fermented tea. SCOBY (Kombucha starter) was given away and there were several flavors of Kombucha to taste.



Bruce Gravens, OSU Master Food Preserver demonstrating how to safely can meat.

Ada Grange Awards Scholarship

Ada Grange #570, Lane County recently awarded a second \$500 Harley Huff Sr. Memorial Scholarship to Holly Hicks. Holly is a 2016 graduate of Siuslaw High School in Florence, Oregon and is currently attending George Fox University planning to major in Global Business.

She was chosen for her outstanding community service work. The scholarship is awarded based on the applicant’s involvement in community service projects and activities and on financial need. 2016 marks the 24th year for the Harley Huff Memorial Scholarship.



Holly Hicks

Teddy Bear Toss Time Again

Clackamas Pomona Grange #1

will be attending the

Portland Winter Hockey Game

Saturday December 10th @ 7pm

Arrangements have been made for a bus to provide transportation from the Oregon City Home Depot to the Veterans Memorial Coliseum. There is also a food package available that includes a hotdog and soda. We will be meeting the bus at 5:30pm

The breakdown of costs is as follows:

Ticket to game	\$25.00
Bus Ride	\$ 8.00
Food Package	\$10.00

To order tickets contact

Don Kingsborough - kingsborpops@aol.com 503.636.2544

Annette Wanker - nettiemay1941@gmail.com 503.631.4687

Tickets must be ordered and paid in advance.

If you leave a message for either Don or Annette make sure you get a confirmation.

We are looking forward to a great Grange outing and don't forget your teddy bear.

G W A

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OSG Grange Workers Activites Director

Greetings to all,

Fall is coming soon. As I write this article I started the wood stove to take the chill off the house and it’s the beginning of September. Jim and I are off to New Zealand to see our daughter Stacy. It will be spring there so no fall for us.

It has been a busy summer for Grange activities, fairs and family time. I hope you all have had a great summer. I’m sure many of you have been busy harvesting your gardens and then canning, freezing or drying your goods. I just finished putting up pears, and the apple tree has plenty to take care of.

Likewise, many of you are doing fall cleanup at your Grange halls and getting ready for the coming activities. There are always many Grange Workers Activities to do to keep an inviting place for your guests and members.

I am starting to work on the GWA contests for 2017. Those who have been sponsors should have received a letter concerning your contest. I look forward to hearing from you by November 1st. I do know there will be two new contests for Juniors only. I also have a new craft contest

and hope to have the rules finished by November 1st. If you have a contest that you or your Grange would like to sponsor, please let me know before November 1st.

I have been asked about the by-law that a GWA Club can only have \$75 in the treasury. I encourage your GWA to read the Oregon State Grange By-laws Article 4—Subordinate/ Community Granges, 4.15.5 Grange Workers Activities Committee, sections (a) and (b). Your Master should have a copy of the By-laws or you can find it on the Oregon State Grange website.

Welcome to the State GWA Committee to new members: Liz Dehne and Joanne McBride. Note we have no one for District #5. If you know of someone who would like to serve, please let me or OSG Master Susan Noah know. Thank you.

- Committee members are:
- District #1 Linda Pugh
 - District #2 Liz Dehne
 - District #3 Julie Schnetzky
 - District #4 Leila Dumolt
 - District #5 Open
 - District #6 Joanne McBride

Happy Fall!!!

Fairfield Grange Participates at the Great Oregon Steam Up

Fairfield Grange in Marion County displayed their quilts at the Great Oregon Steam Up at Antique Powerland in Brooks, during the 3rd annual Steam Up Quilt Show. The show was a cooperative event put on by Antique Powerland Museums, particularly the Brooks Historical Society Museum; the John Deere Museum; the Old Aurora Colony Museum of Aurora and Fairfield Grange #720.

In the Quilt Center tent, members of the Fairfield Grange GWA showcased their child-size quilts and lap robes which they piece together and give to local non-profit organizations. They also took the opportunity to provide literature on their local Grange, the State Grange and Grange programs as well as showing off one of their group’s quilts that won first at the State Grange Convention.



Nadine Telschow shows off quilts in the Grange display.

Legislative Update

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There are seven measures to consider on this November's ballot. Does the Oregon State Grange have a policy on any of them? It is easy for any Grange member to look up our Legislative policy on the orgrange.org website (*look on the 'Legislative Page'*) but it is a bit trickier to determine whether we do have an established policy, or exactly what that policy might be. (One of the projects your Legislative committee hopes to continue is the editing of the legislative policy handbook, but that is a discussion for another time.)

We do not appear to have any specific policy on the following measures—#94, Repeal the current mandatory judicial retirement age of 75; #95, Allow public state universities to invest in equities (stocks); and #100, Prohibit sale of products from 12 endangered species.

We have general policy in support of education of course, which could be interpreted as support for #98, Requires state funding for career readiness education and dropout prevention in high schools; and #99, Creates an 'outdoor school' education fund using lottery dollars.

We do have specific policy statements that would indicate support for #96, Devote 1.5% of net lottery proceeds to veteran services.

About measure #97, Increase corporate taxes on businesses with incomes over \$25 million, our past policy has been rather mixed but was clarified at the 2015 delegate session. In 1994 the delegates approved a resolution or resolutions (the statements are combined in our policy handbook) that includes support for 'additional income and corporate tax brackets for incomes above \$75,000', and at the same time opposes any 'sales or transaction tax.' In 2010 we adopted a resolution in favor of a securities transaction tax. However, last year we adopted a resolution stating our opposition to 'all taxes based on sales of products or services.' This would appear to be definitive, but could also be interpreted much more broadly than may have been intended. Oregon already has hotel/motel room taxes, state and federal gas taxes, liquor taxes, tobacco taxes and probably others, so we can't be sure if the resolution intended to oppose future taxes such as called for in #97, or to oppose all such taxes already in

existence. It is probably safe to say that the official position of the Oregon State Grange is in opposition to measure 97.

There is a lot of misinformation being thrown about on measure 97 and there will be a lot more. Public employee unions are in support, as are supporters of more stable funding for education. (*In the interests of full disclosure I work for an educational institution and am a member of the O.E.A.*) Large corporations are funding a major effort to defeat measure 97 and I am sure we will see plenty of advertising from both sides. Two facts deserve consideration—Oregon has no sales tax so any comparison of overall tax burden must take that into account, and when all factors are considered our tax burden is low compared to most states; and, the proposed tax itself would not apply to a corporation's first \$25 million, only the amount in excess of that total. So, 97 could be viewed as an additional tax bracket for corporations, as stated in our 1994 resolution.

As always, the Grange does not interfere with any individual's political opinions. Your Subordinate/Community Grange is free to adopt an opinion contrary to a recognized State Grange policy; just be sure to make it clear that your Grange does not speak for the Oregon State Grange.

The power of the Grange is in our numbers, but total membership is not the only important number. If we are all united on an issue then 5,000 voices are united, and our elected officials will listen. Even a slim majority of that total indicates a significant level of support that anyone would welcome. However, another important number is 171—the number of Subordinate/Community Granges scattered around Oregon. To anyone in politics, that number represents access to local communities and that is even more significant because it represents opportunity—the potential to reach not just the members of those Granges but all of the people in those 171 Grange neighborhoods and communities. Even if we don't agree totally on an issue, we can have influence by sponsoring candidate forums (as Clackamas Pomona has done this year), voter registration drives and any activity that fosters and encourages awareness of the issues and involvement in the process. That's the Grange way!



Want to Influence Our Government? Register and Vote!

By Burton Eller - National Grange Legislative Director

Freedom is not free and a democracy doesn't just happen. They must be won, nurtured, shepherded and preserved. Freedom and democracy are action terms not passive philosophies. They are much like an athlete's muscles and conditioning: use them or lose them.

In America's representative government, we believe ordinary fellow citizens are the best candidates to write the laws and oversee the regulations by which we will all be governed.

As school children, we probably memorized a famous quote by Abraham Lincoln, "Democracy is the government of the people, by the people, for the people." Every citizen has not only the legal right but the civic responsibility to actively engage in governance at the local, state and national level.

Step one in our engagement with self-governance is to register to vote and then actually vote. If we don't vote, we're not heard. Why would anyone not vote?

Well, here are reasons commonly given for not voting:

- ♦ **"I don't like the choices."** No candidate is perfect. Maybe we're not enamored with any of the candidates. We may be faced with voting for the better of the two. Not voting at all is like casting a vote for the other candidate.
- ♦ **"My vote doesn't count."** We assume everyone else will vote our convictions. Not true. If enough like-minded citizens vote, they will make the difference.
- ♦ **"It's inconvenient."** It will be even more inconvenient to live with the laws, regulations and governance we don't like.
- ♦ **"I'm tired of the whole system."** Yes, we've had enough of the blatant barrage from news feeds, social media, ads, fliers, billboards and experts' pontifications. Yet that's no excuse to let others make important decisions on our behalf.

Let's stand up and honor our Grange founders and their dedication to a better nation and engaged citizenry. Register. Vote.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Ballot Measure Forum

FOR

November 2016 Ballot Measures

Saturday October 22

Springwater Grange

24591 S. Wallens Road ~ Estacada

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State Measure 97
Clackamas County Measure 3-509 & Measure 3-510

5:30-6:45pm Dessert and Coffee
 7pm Measure Presentations
 Followed by Q & A

Sponsored by Clackamas County Pomona Grange #1

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Grange Growth & Development Policy Statement

The growth of our Granges and the development of our members are vital to continued existence and future of the Grange. These goals are intertwined. Without continued development in leadership and programming the Grange will not grow, nor possess, the experience to face future challenges. We have the knowledge to address these problems and achieve these goals. We must keep our attitudes positive and unified as we work together as a team to develop programming that will mold today's leaders and those of tomorrow.

A true leader should recognize they are to serve the membership and not seek the position but rather let the position seek the person. Every leader in the Grange should strive to build a cohesive team to lead the Grange in the pathway to success.

In today's ever changing world, Granges, at all levels, should strive to create new ways to encourage all members to be involved in the Grange process. Granges should also be encouraged to remind their officers regularly of the duties with which they were charged during the installation ceremony and provide them with the mentoring and tools to accomplish these tasks. Granges should also be encouraged to think outside the box, and not be afraid of change that will provide opportunities to create leadership and membership development.

While Granges should strive to look ahead, we shall not forget to pause and remember our vast accomplishments that have benefited American life for the past 148 years. In recognition of the Granges involvement in Rural Free Delivery, we recommend that the National Grange develop a certificate program commemorating the Granges involvement with this major achievement in rural American life.

The National Grange should research and pursue appropriate national publications, such as the "World Almanac and Book of Facts" to promote the Grange as America's oldest agricultural fraternal organization.

In an effort to help address Grange real estate issues, we recommend the National Grange develop programs to help guide our Granges in appropriate property management practices to better manage our Grange properties.

The Grange will only succeed and grow with the proper attitude and hard work of its members. We must remember to have pride in our



Membership Matters

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OSG Membership Directors

Hello Partners in the Grange!

This issue's column is by Sam Keator - District 3 Membership Ch.

UPCYCLE your Grange. This is a term I learned from National Membership Director Joseph (Joe) Stefenoni at the recent Western Region Conference in Wilsonville. What is 'upcycling?' It is a new 'hipster' term that is the process of converting old or discarded materials into something useful and often beautiful. (*see where this can go?*) For example: unraveling a wire clothes hanger to break into your car to rescue your keys - **not upcycling**. Stretching out a wire clothes hanger then tying strips of a plastic bag around it to make a wreath - **upcycling**!

Upcycling gives an item a better purpose. And while jimmying the lock on your car is giving that hanger a new purpose, it's not necessarily better or more beautiful. And the mangled hanger is likely destined for the trash, which is the opposite intent of upcycling.

Now to apply that concept to your Grange in your community, it will take team work. We all need partners as we approach the 150th Anniversary of the Grange.

Do you hear this statement often, "We can't get new members"? Well, don't feel alone. We are all in that same boat!

As I have visited several Granges up and down I-5 and over to the Coast and back, this is a common statement.

Now, how do we change this? A

organization. We must continue to review our programming and update it as needed. We cannot cling to outdated ideals or programming that holds us from growth. With the assistance, teaching, and respect of veteran members, we are able to train and develop our members who will one day be the officers, delegates and leaders of the Order. This is our future and it is our responsibility to ensure that it endures forever. *Adopted 11/12/15*

NG Policy Statements

This is the last of the Policy Statements adopted at the 149th Annual Session of the National Grange held in Lincoln, Nebraska that will be printed in the paper. Ones from this year's convention start next issue.

million-dollar question it is. Before you continue to read, there is no one answer, but many that either fits to your community or fits to another's.

May I suggest a few things that are simple and might just make a difference?

- 1) Do you have membership applications in eye site around your Grange? Does it have your Grange name on it?
- 2) Are you opening your doors on a regular basis and inviting the community to come see what you are doing? If so, do you have a greeter to welcome them?
- 3) Do you have someone attending other community meetings in your area?
- 4) Do have a friendly competition with another Grange on membership growth? Jay Sexton has started this at his Grange and wow, great results!
- 5) Are you partnering with other organizations in your community?
- 6) On the outside of your Hall, is there contact info?

PARTNERSHIP

Definition: Noun - a person who takes part in an undertaking with another or others, especially in a business or company with shared risks and profits.

Pomona - To help other Granges within your county. If you don't participate, how can you say no one helps us? Four meetings a year is not much extra time in your schedule now is it?

Associate - Business Associate Members, are you asking?

Recruit - Booths set up with information and membership forms

at community farmers markets, summer concerts and County Fairs. **Team** - Some folks are better at certain tasks than others, so team them up for all things you do!

Nourish - Find members that are 10-15 years younger than yourself and assign them jobs. Why would they join if they have nothing to do?

Encourage - Sugar is better than salt. (*I need a reminder on this one!*) And folks that get a wee bit of recognition will shine.

Relationship - Try to invite friends with common community goals and always keep the doors open to the 'new' ways and ideas.

Social - Have fun, keep a smile and enjoy the company of all.

Help - Volunteer in your community and help nurture others to do so too!

Image - Do you wear Grange logo clothing? Name tag? Cling Grange emblem in your windshield? The more folks see our logo, then the easier it is for them to associate and for you to ask them to join.

Press - Get the word out via your community papers, radio stations, Facebook and flyers. Don't forget the Bulletin and the www.orgrange calendar.

What to expect? Members and much more!

1. Increase funding
2. Expand donor base
3. Connect to new business partners
4. Attract in-kind donations
5. Provide professional development for members
6. Attract new volunteers, members, pro bono services
7. Increase brand recognition
8. Increase media coverage
9. Connect leaders with community thought leaders
10. Develop earned income, fundraising opportunities

Lastly, there are many tools that can help you at the ORGrange.org website as well as the NationalGrange.org. Don't get stuck in a rut. Upcycle and keep trying. You will soon see the rewards in your community!

London Grange Hosts Neighborhood Watch



London Grange hosted their community's newly formed Neighborhood Watch. A large number of London residents met at the London Grange with Lane County Deputy Sargent Carrie Carver to gain knowledge of the program. This was in response to recent criminal activity in the community. London Grange member Alice Nowicki is the contact person.

Veterans

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First of all thank you Susan for this appointment as Director of the Oregon State Veterans Committee and to State Grange members for electing me OSG Gatekeeper.

As the new Director, my goals are to establish a Grange communication system whereby we can inform rural communities and the Veterans that live there of the needs that exist and the solutions that are either available or are being worked on. Our world and communities are not perfect, or sometimes even close to it, but the Grange can work together to make it better.

I would like to introduce you to your Veterans committee district chairs:

- District #2 Lee Cornforth
Goldson Grange
- District #3 Alan Becker
Warren Grange
- District #4 Kim Schettig
Beavercreek Grange
- District #5 Richard McDonnell
Little Deschutes Grange
- District #6 Roger Wilson
White Eagle Grange

The district chairs will be trying to establish an email chain with their Pomona chairs and in turn the Pomona chairs with their Subordinate chairs. I really appreciated the help the State Master provided me in establishing the district chairs and I am sure that any recommendations Masters could provide on their level in filling vacant positions would be a welcome input.

VETERANS (Armistice) DAY November 11 each year

Commemorating the 11th hour, the 11th day, the 11th month, of 1918. Each year our nation recognizes and

honors military personnel, past and present for the service they have rendered. I know that this might be a little early for most, but by the time the next Grange Bulletin is printed and delivered, Veterans Day may be over. My point is that communities have ceremonies planned in advance and if the Grange is going to be part of the leadership, not just an observer, then we need to start sooner than later.

The Grange has historically attempted to bring all age groups closer together. What better way than encouraging our community leaders (*mayors, principals, civic, religious*) to have our veterans visit school children in their classrooms and relating to each other. Not just 70-80 year old veterans, but how about 20-30 year old veterans with 2nd and 3rd graders. It happens where I live.

Some good resources for members and the community in general are available online. One that I find worthwhile is the newspaper put out by the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs, called VET NEWS.

Contact information for is as follows:

Phone (503) 373-2390

Address: ODVA Vet News

700 Summer St NE

Salem OR 97301-1285

odvapublicinformation@odva.state.or.us
www.oregon.gov/odva/info/vetsnews.shtml

This publication often features events, legislation, and personal interest articles. Every time there is a list of contact info of the Veteran Service Office in your area.

Morning Star Grange Supports Albany's Veterans Day Parade

Albany's Veterans Day Parade is the biggest Veterans Day celebration west of the Mississippi. Morning Star Grange #311 in Linn County has been a proud sponsor for many years by providing financial support toward parade expenses. With hundreds of entries and thousands of spectators, the parade is a town-wide patriotic extravaganza every November and the center of Oregon's Veterans Day celebrations.

For 65 years, Albany has been honoring veterans with a parade on Veterans Day. Every year, floats include military color guards, distinguished veterans, classic cars, scout troops, and a motorcycle honor guard leads the way.

The parade is held on or near Veterans Day every year (*this year it is on the 11th*) and begins at 11 am. The route loops through downtown Albany. Parade watchers start lining the streets early, bringing chairs to stake out their favorite spots.



Honor Flight Network

Honor Flight Network is a non-profit organization created solely to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices. The mission is to transport America's Veterans to Washington, DC to visit those memorials dedicated to honor the service and sacrifices of themselves and their friends.

Honor Flight began in May of 2005 when the inaugural flight of six small airplanes left Springfield, Ohio with 12 World War II veterans. By August the demand was so great that commercial air travel was necessary. The Honor Flight Network was formed when Honor Flight joined with HonorAir of Henderson, North Carolina.

Today the Network consists of 127 Hubs operating out of 41 states. Oregon has four of those Hubs. They are South Willamette Valley Honor Flight serving veterans in Benton, Lane, Lincoln and Linn counties, Honor Flight of Oregon serving veterans in Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson and Josephine counties, Honor Flight of Portland serving veterans Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Hood River, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill counties and Honor Flight of Eastern Oregon serving all counties east of the Cascades.

Each of the Hubs operates independently and is governed by a board of directors. Within parameters set by Honor Flight Network each board of directors makes decisions about how the Hub will operate including length of each Honor Flight, memorials visited, costs incurred and what service period(s) beginning with World War II that the Hub will accept veteran applications for travel on an Honor Flight. Veterans should check with the Hub located in the area they live to determine eligibility.

Priority is given to veterans of World War II and terminally ill veterans of any conflict followed by Korean War, and Vietnam War Veterans fly at no cost to them.

In most cases the veteran will be accompanied by a guardian. While the guardian is there to enjoy the experience with their veteran, the first priority of the guardian is the safety of their veteran. It is a working trip as the guardian is responsible for

seeing that all of the veterans needs are met. Guardians must pay their own way through the Hub. There is no geographical requirement for guardians.

Most Hubs prefer that the guardian be a non-spousal family member but no veteran will be kept from going on an Honor Flight for lack of a guardian as all Hubs have volunteer guardians who will accompany a veteran and become their family member for the duration of the trip.

Honor Flights from Oregon include two days of travel plus one to two days of touring in the Washington DC area. Memorials seen when in Washington DC include World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Lincoln, and Arlington National Cemetery for the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Other memorials usually seen include Franklin Roosevelt, Navy, Air Force, Marine, Women in Military Service to America. Other possibilities include the US Capitol, Air and Space Museum, Martin Luther King Memorial.

The Honor Flight Network is able to send the veterans on their Honor Flight at no cost to them due to the support of individuals, organizations and businesses. they are able to keep the costs low due to the business support from companies like Southwest Airlines, Alaska Airlines, and Shilo Inns.

Hubs really need three things to keep this amazing program alive and well: 1) Applications from veterans; 2) Applications from guardians; and 3) the continued generous support of individuals, organizations and businesses.

If you are interested in helping us thank our veterans for their service and sacrifice for the United States contact your local Hub. Among other things you can do are write a letter to a vet(s) thanking them for their service and sacrifice, come to the airport and join in on a raucous, loud, heartfelt welcome home reception. This could be one of the most amazing events you ever participate in, or when you see a veteran, any veteran, thank them for serving all of us.

Additional information about any of the Oregon Hubs may be found on their website or Facebook page.

Oregon Youth to National Conv.

Alexa Suing

Alexa Suing, Oregon’s 2016-17 Youth Ambassador has qualified for the National Grange Horizon Leadership Program in Washington, DC in November. She is the current Steward of the Oregon State Grange; the first female to hold that position.

She is a members of Crow Grange #450 in Lane County along with her parents, Dan and Connie Suing, and her brother and sister. She serves as Lecturer. A fourth generation Granger, she has been active for eight years and has served as an Oregon State Grange Youth Officer and as delegate to state convention. Last year she represented Oregon in Grange Jeopardy and in Impromptu Public Speaking at the Western Regional Youth Conference. Previously she had been a Youth Officer at the National Grange Convention in 2011 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where she received the 7th degree.

Alexa received her Associates of



Arts Transfer Degree this spring from Lane Community College. Interested in lanuages she will be returning to LCC this fall to take a class in the local native language for the Willamette Valley called Chinuk wawa (Chinook speak) before transferring to the U of O for winter term where she will major in Early Childhood Education with a minor in languages, including Spanish and Japanese as well as German and American sign language.

Jessie Jo Guttridge



Jessie Jo Guttridge, of Springwater Grange #263 in Clackamas County has been selected to serve as Youth Ceres during the 2016 National Grange Convention in Washington, DC in November.

Sister Jessie Jo is the daughter of Don and Tami Guttridge and the granddaughter of Wilma Guttridge, all members of Springwater Grange.

Maggie Swartzendruber

Maggie Swartzendruber of Riverdale Grange #731 in Douglas County has been selected to serve as the National Grange Youth Lady Assistant Steward. She joined the Grange in 2015. She is Lecturer at Riversdale and Douglas Pomona Chaplain. She was Steward on the 5th degree team at the 2016 State Grange convention. Additionally she was a delegate for Riverdale Grange at this year’s onvention.

Maggie is a med aide at River Grove Memory Care in Eugene and will be attending Lane Community College winter term taking prerequisites for



the LPN program and becoming a CNA/CMA.

Grange Youth & Young Adults



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Greetings from your Oregon State Grange Youth and Young Adults Department,

I want to thank Joyce Parker and Suzy Ramm for being there for our Youth and Young Adults at the Western Regional Conference in Wilsonville. It looked like everyone had a lot of fun and that it was very educational. Thanks to Jessie Jo Guttridge and Orrin Schnetzky, who represented Oregon. Orrin took part in workshops and helped lead the Drill Team presentation while Jessie Jo took part in the Drill Team presentation and led the inspirational time on Sunday morning, which I heard, was very good.

Jessie Jo also won the Jeopardy Challenge, so she will represent the Western Region in the National Grange Youth Jeopardy Challenge. Congratulations Jessie Jo!!!

I know many of our youth worked at County Fairs, helping set up displays, volunteering, entering products, showing animals, and working in food booths. Keep up the good work guys!!

Thanks to the following Youth who volunteered at the Log Cabin at the State Fair this year: Alexa Suing,

Jessie Jo Guttridge, Carly and Nick Itami, Nicole Gubrud and her friend Chris, Elias Utt, and Elizabeth Williams. Also thanks to Susan and Sandra Noah, Joyce Parker, Sam Keator, Brenda Hoag, Aaron and Randi Embree, and Roger Williamson who worked on Youth Day. The Log Cabin is a great venue at the State Fair to talk with visitors about the Grange.

I’m not sure we will have a fall conference as our committee hasn’t had a chance to meet and talk about it yet. If we do, I will send out a mass email.

I’m looking forward to traveling to the National Grange Convention with Alexa Suing as our Horizon Ambassador, Jessie Jo Guttridge as our Jeopardy Challenge winner and Maggie Swartzendruber, a National Youth Officer.

Please let me know what our Youth and Young Adults are doing across our great state. I’d love to give them the kudos they deserve. Send me photos and articles to share. Send them to me in or attached to an email at YOUdir@orgrange.org. Thanks so much.

Remember to “Ask a Youth to help. I know they will Be Delighted.”

Youth and Young Adults at the 150th National Grange Convention

In addition to Alexa, Jessie Jo and Maggie, 25 other Youth and Young Adults from across the country will be participating in Youth department programs at the National Grange Convention.

National Youth Officer Team

- Master - Phil Vonada, Pennsylvania
- Overseer - Jacob Gwin, Washington
- Lecturer - Jordyn Moyes, Iowa
- Steward - August Howerton, North Carolina
- AS - Derek Snyder, Pennsylvania
- LAS - Maggie Swartzendruber, Oregon
- Chaplain - Evan Hill, North Carolina
- Treasurer - Morgan Browning, Washington
- Secretary - Katie Leonard, North Carolina
- Gatekeeper - Alexis Kudsk, Washington
- Ceres - Jessie Jo Gurttridge, Oregon
- Pomona - Leah Bardal, Washington

- Flora - Lillie Griffin, North Carolina
- Executive Committee
- Josh Bethany, Florida
- Adam Terrell, New Hampshire
- Landon Woolard, North Carolina
- Samantha Moyes, Iowa

Horizon Leadership Program

- Youth Ambassadors
- Steven Tully, Massachusetts
- Bennett Yeargen, North Carolina
- Asa Houchin, Ohio
- Darby Madewell, North Carolina
- Olivia Yost, Ohio
- Alexa Suing, Oregon
- Alexia Gegare, Wisconsin
- Kennedy Gwin, Washington

- Outstanding Young Patrons
- Matt Horton, New York
- Mandy Bostwick, Kansas

John Trimble Legislative Experience

- Gail Switzer, Pennsylvania



OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - June 2, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 8:42 am by Worthy Master Susan Noah. A prayer was given by Don Sether. Present were Master Susan Noah, Overseer Celia Luttrell, Secretary Alice Nowicki, members of the Executive Committee Malcolm Trupp, Don Sether, Roger Wilson and Oregon State Deputy, Carol Everman. One guest, Scott Barker from Barker Wealth Advisors was also present.

Minutes of the April 30, 2016 meeting were read and reviewed. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Financial Reports:

- Celia Luttrell had nothing new to report since our last meeting.
- Scott Barker from Barker Wealth Advisors presented the current investment reports. The End of the First Quarter investment report was reviewed and discussed. Our current yield year to date was 2.9%. The board discussed distributions and contributions for the next 6 months. Scott has agreed to do a presentation at the 2017 State Session.

Unfinished Business:

Western Regional: The meeting will be at the Holiday Inn Wilsonville Exit. We need to promote this event at State session. Items discussed were the cost of the room, meals, and registration fee. Guests that will be coming for this event will be National Grange Youth and Young Adult Director, Charlene Shupp Espenshade, National Grange Leadership/ Membership Director, Joe Stefenoni, National Grange Junior Grange Director, Lillian Booth and National Grange Lecturer, Amanda Brozana.
2016 Oregon State Session: The Worthy Master Susan Noah will be having a phone conference with David Marshall regarding set up at the Talent Middle School. A discussion was held regarding the upcoming session.

New Business:

Spence Scholarship Recipient: Two scholarship applications were received and reviewed. Anthony Vincent Papol was voted as the Spence Scholarship recipient.
Assigned Resolutions: Resolutions were reviewed and assignments made to specific committees. They were assigned as follows:

Resolution Title	Committee
2016 Oregon Energy Bill	Utilities
Protect Livelihood from Wolves	Natural Resources
Delisting Wolves	Natural Resources
Economic Impact to Eastern Oregon	Natural Resources
State Supervisory Power Over Public Lands	Federal Affairs
Lottery Funds	Veterans
Must be Physically Present to Vote in Grange Meeting	Good of the Order
State Funding Support for Early Childhood Education	Education
Require Civics Course for High School Diploma	Education
Oregon State Grange Promise of Oregon Support	Education
Raising Mileage Reimbursement Rate	By-Laws
Convention Facility	Good of the Order
Digest Amendment: Voting	Good of the Order
Speed Limits in Oregon	Transportation
Support Oregon State Department of Education	
Matching Bond Program	Legislative
Wapato Facility	Health & Welfare
Preferential Election Ballot for State Officers	By-Laws
Notifications of Amendments made to Subordinate	
By-Laws	By-Laws
Cape Kiwanda Safety	Legislative
Emergency Clause	Legislative
Master’s Salary for the Oregon State Grange	By-Laws
Restricting OR Dept of Human Services/Children’s	
Services Div Actions Against Minor Children	Health & Welfare
Removal of Oregon Grange Policies	
Opposing Same-Sex Marriage	Good of the Order
Support for Age Divisions of the Grange Youth	Grange Programs & Activities
Support for the Labeling of GMO Salmon	Agriculture
Support for Assist. to Fixed Income Households	Legislative
Increased Time to Prepare for	
Voting on Resolutions	Good of the Order
Publicize State Grange Resolutions by Issuing a	
Post Session Press Release	Good of the Order
The United States Justice Department is	
Investigating Climate Skeptics	Federal Affairs
Stop HR #2546, a Mandatory Gun-Owner Liability	

Insurance or \$10,000 Fine	Federal Affairs
Meeting Quorum for Subordinate Granges	Good of the Order
To Destroy America and Establish an Islamic	
Nation “Under Allah and Shariah”	Federal Affairs
Election of State Officers	By-Laws
Reporting Insurance Policy for Grange Halls	Good of the Order
Reduce Quorum for Regular Meetings	Good of the Order
Cape Kiwanda Safety	Legislative
Against Gene Splicing GMO	Agriculture
Support of Cross Breeding GMO	Agriculture
Minimum Wage	Legislative
2016 Oregon Energy Bill (House Bill 4036)	Utilities
Revise Oregon State Grange By-Laws to Conform	
with National Digest with regard to Alcoholic	
Beverages (Late Resolution)	By-Laws
Amend OSG By-Laws section 4.17.6 Regarding	
Inactive (dormant) Grange Funds	By-Laws
(Late Resolution)	

Budget: The Oregon State Grange 2017 Budget was presented to the Board. The 2017 Budget was complied by Master Susan Noah, Overseer and bookkeeper Celia Luttrell and Oregon State Treasurer Sarah Kingsborough. The Budget was reviewed line by line and discussed.

Lunch Break: The meeting broke for lunch at 12:02. The meeting was called back to order by the Worthy Master at 12:40 pm.

Budget: The review and discussion of the 2017 Budget continued. Don Sether made a motion to present to the State Session Delegates the 2017 Budget as presented by the budget committee. Roger Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Request from Fruitdale Grange #379: A trust fund request for \$12,666.00 was received from Fruitdale Grange #379 for hall improvements and repair of the parking lot. Don Sether made a motion to allow Fruitdale Grange #379 their request for \$12,666.00 for their projects. Malcolm Trupp seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Request from Boring-Damascus Grange # 260: A trust fund request was received for funds to finish the elevator lift and materials. They needed \$8,400.00 to complete this work. Roger Wilson made a motion to approve the \$8400.00 for the lift improvements. Malcolm Trupp seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Audit Recommendations: The Moss Adams Audit Team presented a list of audit recommendations. A discussion and review was held regarding these recommendations. The following will be implemented:

- As part of the review process for the restricted funds schedule the OSG Master should tie out the Net Assets. Beginning of the year balance to the prior year ending balance.
- Manually sign off or initial on the monthly closing packets by the OSG Master to confirm official approval.
- Implement a formal time entry process where the hourly employees enter their time and have the OSG Master approve by physically signing off or initialing on the timesheets.
- Incorporate hardware or software process to develop an offsite data storage routine for recovery and restoration in the event of disasters or other incidents that could interrupt the ongoing conducting of business.
- Manually sign off or initial on the annual fund activity recap by OSG Master prior to the annual meeting convention to confirm official approval.
- The Board should designate someone to review The OSG Master’s receipts and match them to the credit card statement prior to payment. This person will be an Executive Board Member.
- The client should consider upgrading to a different general ledger and accounting software which would maintain fund balances, but be more efficient for financial reporting purposes and would also have technical support.
- The Board should evaluate the Employee Handbook and update as necessary.
- An annual review of the employee job performance be documented and discussed with employee as a best practice.
- The Board should review the lease annually and consider bumping up the payment per the previously agreed upon schedule.
- The Board should evaluate Contract Receivables annually to determine of the Allowance to Uncollectible amounts is necessary.

OSG Ex. Comm. Minutes *continued*

New Program from the National Grange: The Board received information on a new program called AirMedCare Network. A discussion and review of new program was held. It was determined that we didn't have sufficient information about this program. Master Susan Noah will find out more information about program and report back to the Board.

Donation of money to the Communications Fellows program at National Grange:

Communications Fellows program was discussed and their request of a donation/contribution to the program. It was felt that the recipient of this program should make a presentation at the State Session and that we need to promote this program. Malcolm Trupp made a motion to contribute \$1000.00 to the Communications Fellow Program. Alice Nowicki seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Decisions made by email:

- Agreement to allow South Fork Grange #605 to withdraw \$6,898.44 from their trust funds for flooring painting and texturing the walls.
- Approval for the Subordinate/Pomona Investment Application and guidelines.
- Agreement to allow Bellview Grange #759 to withdraw \$9,600.00 from their trust funds for stage lighting and encroaching dirt problems around the foundation.
- Agreement to approve the draft audit as presented by Moss Adams.

Grange Reports:

The Worthy Master Susan Noah reported on the following Granges:

- **Goshen Grange# 561:** An update and discussion was held regarding their status.
- **Sixes Grange #856:** A discussion was held regarding the river access.
- **Tillamook Pomona # 9:** An update was given on their future organization.
- **Junction City #744:** A discussion was held concerning their rental problems.

Other:

District 2: There has not been any decision as to venue for the 2017 State Session. The committee has sent out three possibilities listing the pluses and minuses of each location. But they have received very few responses. The three locations were Florence Convention Center, Polk County Fairgrounds and Marist Catholic High School.

Banner for 150th year: The Board reviewed and discussed Banner samples and prices from Vista Print submitted by OSG Treasurer/Communications Director Sarah Kingsborough.

Deputy and State Officers Reports:

Franklin: Malcolm Trupp reported that he is performing the necessary upkeep on the property.

OSG State Deputy Carol Everman reported on the following Granges:

- **Rickreall # 671:** An update was given on their situation.
- **Mapleton #584:** Their membership is low but very active. Carol plans on a visit to perform a Welcome Ceremony.
- **Pleasant Valley #348:** An update on their membership and situation was given.
- **Elk City Grange:** An update was given on the property and pictures were presented of its condition.

A huge thank you was extended to Don Kingsborough for his assistance with the landscaping around the OSG Office Building. It has vastly improved the looks of the grounds.

The next meeting of the OSG Executive Committee will be on July 30th at 9:00am.

Respectfully Submitted, Alice Nowicki, Oregon State Grange Secretary



The flag is raised each morning at camp.

Liberty Grange and the OSG Foundation Send a Junior to Camp

Liberty Grange was pleased to be able to award a camp scholarship to Elijah Wilks, 11, of Enterprise to attend Camp Wooten at Pomeroy, in the southeast corner of Washington. The scholarship was made possible through a program of the Oregon State Grange Foundation who has several Junior Grange camp scholarships available each year but without a Junior Grange Camp in Oregon they haven't been used.

This past year the Washington State Grange invited Oregon Granges to send their Junior members to the Washington Junior Grange camps and Liberty was the first to take them up on the offer. When Washington found out Oregon has no Junior Grange Camps they said, 'We'll help you with that', said Liberty Grange Secretary Jane Curry.

Grange campers enjoy all of the usual summer camp experiences in addition to learning about the Grange and being encouraged to become leaders. It is not necessary for the camper or their parents to be members of the Grange to attend camp.

The daily schedule at Camp Wooten is similar to all the Washington Junior Grange Camps. Each morning starts with raising the flag. Followed by breakfast and for some of the cabins KP where they helped clean-up the mess hall or washed dishes while others helped with hall set-up or had free time. A Junior Grange meeting is held each morning. Other morning activities that the campers had the opportunity to participate in included archery, hiking, canoeing, fishing, crafts and a daily camp newspaper.

After lunch is rest time when campers go to their cabins and rest on their bunks. The bell rings and it is a round robin of practices for Visitors night. Each camper participates in one or more of the following: serving as an officer for opening or closing of the Junior Grange, Drill, Dance, Chorus and/or Talent. If campers are not practicing they can go swimming, play games (sports, etc.) or take their daily shower. When practice is over it is time for one of the highlights of the day; the exciting cabin competitions. Each day the cabins participate in a competition which the counselors have planned. This year they were: a Scavenger Hunt, Jell-O Tug of War, Counselor Torture Relay, and Box Car Relay Race. The campers, counselors and leaders have a great deal of FUN during this activity.

Evenings include dinner and clean up, lowering of the flag, and campfire activities. Thursday evening is Visitors night where campers and counselors show off what they have learned and practiced during the week.

Liberty Grange was happy to be able to send Elijah to Junior Grange camp, has been working on rejuvenating membership and will continue a focus on giving more children the chance to enjoy the Grange Camp experience, Jane Curry said.



Above: Making S'mores was one of the popular campfire activities.

L: 106 Juniors attended Camp Wooten this year.

Bailey Barks!



Elections are in the air, and apparently that is just as bad as the smell in the backyard when Dad has been too busy to.... well you know. We dogs are known for following leaders, hence the saying "leader of the pack." But did you know that the common myth is that dogs need a bully boss. However research shows that dogs prefer to follow leaders who provide safety, security, well-being and play (especially play.)

It's also important how we respond to a leader. Do we put them on pedestals, only to throw them under the bus when they make a mistake? Or do we resist leadership, or follow unquestioningly? And do we dare to be leaders ourselves? Beyond the national elections that are heating up the media how about the Grange

elections? Are you ready to be the leader of the pack, the one who sets the pace, or are you the wheel dog with strength, steadiness and ability to guide, or would you prefer to be in the sled all bundled up? That of course is where I as a Setter want to be.

Just to make the elections seem more fun this year, imagine the leaders you know as dogs. What kind of dogs are they, and what are their packs like? And if you see yourself as the "lead" dog, dare to get out there, because remember if you are not the lead dog the scenery never changes! Just a little pack humor!

Woof,
Bailey



L-r: Eddie Melin, Emily Russell and Dorothy Key sell snow cones for Goshen Grange fundraiser.

Creswell and Goshen Granges Participate in Creswell's 4th of July

4th of July in Creswell is the city's largest annual event, during which the population of the town nearly doubles. Creswell Grange #496 and Goshen Grange #561, both in Lane County took advantage of Creswell's location on the parade route, to raise funds for Creswell Grange. Goshen Grangers sold snow cones and Creswell Grange sold hotdogs and other food items.

The parade passed right in front of the Creswell Grange Hall and the Grange's porch in the shade is a popular place for watchers to hang out. The parade entailed a variety of spectacles for everyone in the



Stan Garboden, Creswell Grange member, rides his Ford tractor in the parade.

family: decorated horses, blaring fire trucks, hotrods, marching bands and a magnificent fly-over by F-15's, compliments of the 114th Fighter Squadron located at Kingsley Field in Klamath Falls, Oregon.



Grangers watch the parade from the front porch of Creswell Grange.

Poke-WHAT?

By Joe Stefenoni
National Grange Leadership/
Membership Director

Since the beginning of July, a new app has been sweeping the country enthralling many people across the generations, but especially those of the Millennial and Generation X groups.

Pokémon GO is an augmented reality game based off the popular 1990's card game. The game is designed to get users outside exploring their area and a key feature is that users must walk around the area they are in to advance in the game.

These Poke Stops are typically local landmarks, points of interest and historical spots that one might not normally visit in their daily explorations. It just so happens that our National Grange headquarters building in Washington, DC is a Poke Stop and although I have not confirmed it yet, it is safe to assume that there are other Grange related Poke Stops throughout the country.

How does this relate to Grange membership though?

If your Grange Hall is a Poke Stop, you have an opportunity to share the Grange with potential members.

Even if your Grange isn't included in this new wave of millennial tech, you as a Grange should evaluate if your Grange Hall is serving you as best as it can.

With this mass of potential members coming near your Grange Hall, take a minute to look at your building and see what, if any, information is outside to tell someone how to join the Grange. Is the name of your Grange prominently displayed where the public can see it? Does your Grange have a marquee or sign board where you can share upcoming events and list contact



information? Is there somewhere on or near the building that lists your Grange website, social media links and the basic contact information if not on a sign? All of these things are easy and inexpensive ways for your Grange to increase the possibility of a potential member becoming a member.

One of the main keys to developing a healthy and successful relationship with the community you serve is communication. Your Grange must communicate who you are and how to become a part of the Grange. Consider putting some new paint on your Grange sign or putting your next Grange event in the local newspaper.

Or possibly... find out what Pokémon are hanging around your Grange Hall, tell the local youth/young adult community and invite them to come learn about the Grange at the same time.



Umatilla-Morrow Pomona Holds Picnic

Umatilla-Morrow Pomona Grange #26 held their annual picnic on Saturday, August 27th at the Boardman Marina Park with Greenfield Grange #579 serving as the host Grange. Joe Rupe, Greenfield's Master, manned the grill providing everyone with hamburgers and hotdogs. The wind was blowing, as usual, with unexpected gusts transforming some filled plates into flying saucers; causing some embarrassment and much laughter for the 20 members and guests in attendance.

Your Name: _____	Moving? Let Us Know.
Old Address: _____	New Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____	City/State/Zip: _____
Email: _____	Phone: _____
Grange Name/Number: _____	
Please provide name of any Subordinate/Community Grange office/Committee Chairman positions currently held.	
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