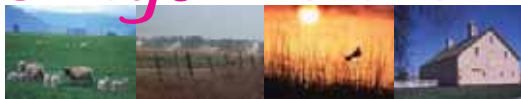




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Left: OSG Officers, Committee Directors and District Chairmen met with State Master Susan Noah on January 21st at Walterville Grange in Lane County to learn about the Grange Connections 2018 program. Below is the Grange Connections 2018 logo. It is available on the OSG website.



Members: Granges: Communities:

## Grange Connections 2018

This year's membership campaign is a continuation of the GrangeUp'17 program. While we do not have all 4th quarter reports, it appears we have realized a membership gain for 2017! The winners of the three cash prizes and the six ice cream socials will be notified before the end of the first quarter, and the final results will be announced in the April Bulletin.

An increase in numbers allows each Grange to better serve their own members and their communities. So this year we want to concentrate on the Connections we make that allow our Granges to grow and thrive. The Oregon State Grange Committee Directors discussed and decided on four steps within this campaign.

### Connections With The State Grange

As always our goal at the State Grange is to encourage each Grange to be the very best it can be, to serve its community, its members and to further the Grange mission. As a State Grange we are striving to be of any help that we can in all of your endeavors. We want to make sure that each and every Community Grange is aware of what the State Grange can offer. Whether it is in sharing of information through various publications like the Bulletin or programs designed to help Community Granges through some

financial support, like the Grant program, the loan program, the sign program or help with legal work, the State Grange office and the officers are here to support and aid our Community Granges.

### Connections With Your Members

Next is the connection that each Grange makes with its own members. In order to have a productive and growing Grange, members need to connect with each other. This does not mean we all have to think alike, but a healthy Grange will have members who are open to new ideas and new challenges and who readily discuss ideas and come to an agreement after listening to all thoughts.

### Connections With Other Granges

The next connection is the one each Grange makes with the other Granges around them, and around the State. The exchange of ideas, the fellowship enjoyed and the awareness of our individual Grange qualities are just a few of the reasons to connect with each other. To encourage this connection is a visitation program with rewards. Any Grange that participates will be in the running for a box of promotional items, specialized for your Grange. More information is available with this packet.

### Connections With Your Communities

Finally the Connection that is most incredibly important is the one we make with our communities. The Granges around the state that are growing are a focal point in their community. If we are not connected in our communities, how will we grow and sustain the organization? If we are not connected, how will we know what the community needs? If we are not connected, where will the next generation of Grangers come from?

Like last year, every Grange will receive a visit from an OSG Officer, Committee Director or District Chairman. Each will be bringing a packet to your Grange. Several items in the packet are to aid each member in promoting your Grange. Use the Grange pen, put the window cling in your car or home and use the State Grange mission statement card to facilitate conversations about the Grange. If you need more items, please let the State office know and we will get them out to you. We want to continue building our membership so that our 150th year ends on a high note!

Finally there will be monetary rewards for Granges who show an increase in membership. Any Grange, who shows a net gain as of the end of 2018, will receive \$5 per

member for all of the new members gained in the 2018 year. You must show a net gain to participate in this reward, but if you do you will receive the \$5 per member for all members gained, not just those who allowed you the net gain. Suppose your Grange brings in five new members, but four leave or pass away during the year. Since you had a net gain of one, you would receive \$5 for each of the five new members gained - that's \$25. This should level the playing field for all Granges since it is not based on percentage of gain.

So many of our Granges took the time to celebrate the 150th anniversary, which tells me we have a lot of pride in our organization so I know that our continued growth will be assured. Keep up the great work and plan on celebrating with your fellow members at the convention in Astoria this year.



Directors and District Committee Chairmen picking up the packets.

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## The Master's Column

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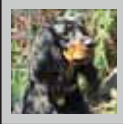
President ~ Oregon State Grange

Another Grange year has come and gone. 2017 is now part of our history, and we are on our way to the next 150 years. One difference between 1868 and 2018 is that in 1868 you probably would not have heard members talking about the "old days" when the Grange was full of life and everything was perfect. They were looking ahead to what could be accomplished. They had a vision for the future, and they worked toward it. In doing so, they started the organization that we have today.

A lot has changed in the world since those first members worked together in 1868, but what remains the same is the need to look forward, to have a vision for your Grange and to work toward it. In our Installation Ceremony, the Installing Officer points this out to the Master, *"Encourage improvement: remember that Nature's motto is onward; she never goes backward."*

In 2017 the State Grange offered a challenge to our Community Granges to all show a net gain in membership. And while not every Grange made this happen, enough did that we are now showing a net gain in membership of over 200! Compare this to the last few years where we lost approximately the same amount, making this more of a 400 member swing from what had become our status quo.

We still have Granges to report and a few more days before we can tally final gains and see which Grange will win the top prize! The top three Granges will be presented with their cash rewards before the end of the first quarter. The winners of the ice cream socials will also be notified and will be given time to decide on a plan for their use.



## Bailey Barks!

Mom tells me that there is another Grange program coming out this year called Grange Connections, which encourages members to connect with each other, their Grange and their community. But I think one connection was left out, the connection with your dog! You know that petting your dog helps reduce stress, and taking them for walks gives you needed exercise, but have you thought about the ways you and your dog can make a difference in your community?

- **Team up with your dog for therapeutic visits.** Lift the spirits of people in nursing homes, hospitals and detention facilities.
- **Give Blood.** Dogs can give blood, too-at special pet blood banks.
- **Walk for a good cause.** Sign up for a charity walk or run that allows dogs to participate.
- **Foster a shelter animal.** Help a prospective pet feel more comfortable around people and other dogs.

See, lots of ways to connect to the community that involve your best friend! Good luck with the new program and remember the canine connection!

Woof, Bailey

### Grange Connections

I hope that we can build on this change in direction. We want the new status quo to be one of continued growth and development. New members bring new ideas, new strengths, and refreshed help. Together we can continue building on what was started on December 4, 1867. To aid in our continued growth, the State Grange is kicking off another year of challenges to become better connected to each other, to the Grange at all levels, and to the community you live in.

Sometime in the next couple of months each Grange will be visited by a member of the State Grange leadership team to introduce you to the **Grange Connections** program. The State officers, Program Directors and their District Chairs are all committed to bringing this program to your Grange.

There will again be a cash incentive to Granges showing a net gain, but this time the prize will be available to any Grange who ends the year with a **net gain**. I know that even Granges who are constantly taking in new members experience losses. But to sustain our Grange we need to not only replace those who leave or pass away, we need to continue to grow.

The incentive this year is that any Grange who finishes the year with a net gain will receive a \$5 dues reimbursement for all members gained during the 2018 year. If a Grange brings in ten new members and loses nine, that Grange will receive \$50, since they finished the year with a net gain. This should also even the playing field for the larger Granges who had a hard time with the percentage program. The program has other incentives for both Granges and individuals. This year is all about making Connections!

### Grange 101

Have you ever wondered why the Master has that box of miniature agricultural implements on his/her station? Do you wonder where the names of the officers come from? Do you know what steps a Grange must take to initiate a new member, and how dues are apportioned? What is the difference between the Obligation Ceremony, Welcoming Ceremony and the first Four Degrees? How many members does it take to make a quorum, and when can the Executive Committee make decisions for the Grange? From discussions I have had with various members around the state, it seems there is a need for going "back to the basics."

My conferences this year will be a discussion of everything Grange. The schedule will be mailed to each Grange and all members are encouraged to come and participate. This year's conference is not aimed at an office or membership growth; it is designed to answer those nagging questions like why does everyone answer questions with "I'd be delighted," and then laugh, or why is there an owl on the Gatekeepers staff, or what is a spud anyway?!

### One final thought

As some of you may know a very dear friend of mine passed away early in January. Guy was my co-worker for 17 years. At his funeral I had a chance to read "A Gentle Reminder from Pope Francis." I am not Catholic, but these words struck me and I wanted to pass them on.

*"This life will go by fast. Don't fight with people, don't criticize your body so much, don't complain so much. Don't lose sleep over your bills. Look for the person that makes you happy. If you make a mistake, let it go and keep seeking your happiness. Never stop being a good parent. Don't worry so much about buying luxuries and comforts for your home, and don't kill yourself trying to leave an inheritance for your family. Those benefits should be earned by each person, so don't dedicate yourself to accumulating money. Enjoy, travel, enjoy your journeys, see new places, give yourself the pleasures you deserve. Allow dogs to get closer. Don't put away the fine glassware. Utilize the new dinnerware; don't save your favorite perfume, use it to go out with yourself; wear out your favorite sport shoes; repeat your favorite clothes."*

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It's the start of a new year. Make it wonderful!



# Grange Hall Dance

Presented by  
Swampgrass & Alsea Hope Grange

## February 17, 2018

8pm-11pm

Entrance: Age 13 and up — \$10.00  
Age 12 and under — free

Treats and drinks will be available  
in kitchen 50 cents-\$1.00

An acoustic guitar, "Recording King  
Englemann spruce top with maple  
back and sides", will be up for  
**auCTION** around 10pm.  
Comes with a case, tuner and strap.



Find us on Facebook :Alsea Hope Grange 269

## Crow Hosts Thanksgiving Potluck

Crow Grange #450, Lane County, held its annual community Thanksgiving Potluck and Open House on Thursday November 16th at their hall. Around 60 friends, neighbors, and Grangers enjoyed turkey, stuffing, potatoes and gravy provided by the Crow Grange. The community brought assorted side dishes and desserts to round out the meal.



Connie Suing gave a talk on the history of the Crow Grange and the 150 years of the Grange. Linda Wetzell from Goshen Grange provided the gathering with a nice selection of holiday tunes on the piano. A great evening was had by all.

Milwaukie Grange is sponsoring a

# Community DANCE

Saturday, February 24, 2018  
Dancing commences at 7:30 pm

Free Will Offering accepted at door  
Snacks and beverages available

## Everyone Welcome

Keep watching  
this page for  
more information




## The Lecturer's Column

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Lecturer ~ Oregon State Grange

Brothers and Sisters,

As I sat down to write something witty and informative my aching head and blurry eyes from a second cold in less than a month won over. So the long and short of it, if you haven't had a flu shot get one. Some protection against those germs out there is better than none at all. As I learned many years ago frequent hand washing with soap and water protects you and those around you from passing bugs back and forth. If you are coughing please cough into your elbow/arm, so many people think that it's okay to cough into their hand and then pick up a newspaper or cup and never wash that hand.

When you're well continue to reach

out in your community and invite them to join the Grange. Pick up the Program and Activity Booklet and research all the contests and get started on photos, poems, paintings. Before we know it June will be here and we'll be connected in Astoria and will be sharing all our talents.

Congratulations to Suzy Ramm, Springwater Grange, for earning 1st place nationally for her program on the Super Bowl in the National Lecturer's Program in a Box contest. Sadly, after two years, this program will not be continued in 2018 because of lack of participation.

Back to that cold, I just sneezed all over my keyboard and am off to find the alcohol spray bottle.

## Eagle Point Holds Concert Series

Eagle Point Grange #664, Jackson County, presents another in its series of concerts on February 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the Grange Hall in Eagle Point. This time Bob Haworth, a former member of the Brothers Four and the Kingston Trio, and John Hollis, a popular Northwest / Rogue Valley singer and guitarist, will perform as the Akoostikats. They bring together tales and tunes from the Folk Music era, traveling back to the 1950's and '60's with songs such as "It Takes a Worried Man," "Greenback Dollar" and "Scotch and Soda." Tickets are \$20 and available at <http://eaglepointgrange.bpt.me> or 541-826-9673.

This will be the second concert in

the span of a year for the Eagle Point Grange. On October 8, 2017, the sweet, funky, folk and blues music of Nina Gerber and Chris Webster filled the Eagle Point Grange Hall. Gerber's soulful and honest acoustic guitar skills were smokey, precise and full of the licks all love to hear. Webster's powerful and passionate voice covered everything from gut-wrenching torch songs to gentle ballads, reminiscent of Linda Ronstadt. For more than 20 years Gerber and Webster from the Bay area have been performing a delicious mix of blues, country, pop and R&B. Eagle Point Grange members and guests in the audience felt lucky they were able to enjoy their performances.

Akoostikats

# Tales and Tunes From The Folk Music Era

WITH  
**HAWORTH  
AND  
HOLLIS**

Feb. 24th \$20 Eagle Point  
Grange Hall  
5 South Shasta Ave.

Snacks and Beverages  
will be sold by Boy  
Scout Troop 88 at  
intermission

Doors open at 6:30  
Concert starts at 7:00

Tickets are available at  
<http://eaglepointgrange.bpt.me>  
or call 541-826-9673  
Tickets available at the door

Bob Haworth is a former member of  
The Brothers Four and The Kingston  
Trio. He has come home with local  
music and outdoor folk music, who  
is popular around the Northwest for  
their live concert to remember.

There will be a meet and greet  
event after the concert.



## The Chaplain's Corner

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Already 2018 – another year. I can't believe time flies so fast. Did you make a New Year's resolution? Most people do. They resolve to eat better, exercise more, diet and lose weight. All of these are great goals. People want to improve their physical selves so they can feel better, live longer and be healthier. The question is, did you make a resolution to improve your spiritual health? There is no doubt God is all for us treating these wonderful workings of bodies he gave us with care and respect, but He certainly needs us to improve our spiritual health and develop the minds, heart and spirit he also gave us so we can have a better relationship with Him.

To lose weight and get in shape many people join a gym. To improve your spiritual health, join a church. To grow and improve you need to be around others for support and to get fed a regular dose of strong biblical practices on which to base your faith.

You need to improve your prayer life. Even Jesus prayed. The night before Jesus was crucified he went to Gethsemane where In Matthew 26:39 he prays "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will but as you will." Ephesians 4:14-19 states "For this reason, I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being. So that

Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." The Bible teaches us to pray constantly without ceasing. I don't think this means that God wants us to spend all our time on our knees, but it is easy to keep God in a running conversation. I realize He is always with me, so no matter what I am doing, I talk to God –sometimes whispering and sometimes out loud. What better counsel could we keep? I also talk with God when I am walking – good for the spirit and the body.

The third thing we can do to improve our spiritual health is to read the Bible. The Bible is our roadmap. It tells where we came from, our history and where we are going in the future. It was given to us so that we may have the life that God wants us to have. Deuteronomy 8:3 tells us that "man does not live by bread alone but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord". It's what establishes our morals and our laws.

So by all means, look at 2018 as a year to improve yourselves physically but don't forget that is only a part of you. Feed your spirit and improve every aspect of your life. I wish you a happy and abundant new year.

## Scappoose Woman Awarded 'Volunteer of The Year' For Lifetime Of Community Service

By Courtney Vaughn Tuesday, December 19, 2017

Eva Frost is sixth generation Grange member, CERT volunteer and community event planner Eva Frost may be the embodiment of community volunteerism.

The Scappoose woman has been a nearly lifelong Warren Grange member, having recently been awarded a six-generation Grange award in Spokane last month. She currently serves as the president of the Warren Grange, and the community service chair of the Grange at the state level, in addition to being an avid volunteer with the Community Emergency Response Team and a member of the Columbia County Citizen Corps Council.

Frost is also a key planner and organizer of the annual mEGGa Easter Egg Hunt at the Columbia County Fairgrounds.

Frost was honored for her decades-long history of serving and playing an active role in her community when she was named the Columbia County Retired Senior Volunteer Program volunteer of the year for 2017.

"I love helping people," Frost told RSVP staff when she was awarded earlier this month. "I love doing things. It's in my nature to keep going."

According to RSVP staff, Frost put in more than 100 volunteer hours with CERT in 2017 alone. She also volunteered during Spirit of Halloweentown festivities, and was the 'go to' CERT representative for Halloweentown during the peak of anticipated tourist visits on Oct. 14th.

Frost's dedication doesn't stop at t

## In Memoriam

Betty Bauers  
Boulevard #389

Phyllis Corliss  
Buell #637

Walter Barnes  
Charity #103

Virginia Rose  
Charity #103

Daryl Bailey  
Chetco #765

Grace Willkison  
Elmira #532

Floy Withham  
Fern Hill #592

Les Roberts  
Goldson #868

Grant Laiblin  
Hope #269

Earl Restorff  
McMinnville #31

Raymond Andrieu  
Midland #781

Louise Sly  
Pine Valley #815

Florence Bolen  
Redland #796

Miller Marjorie  
Sandlake #546

Donna Simmons  
Sandlake #546

Frank Walling  
White Clover #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.*



the community level.

"Family means a lot to Eva, and in her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her two great-grandsons," Monica Cade, director of RSVP, noted of Frost, calling her "a great asset to our community."

Above: Eva Frost (center) is awarded the Volunteer of the Year award by Columbia County RSVP. Pictured left to right: My Fair Lady Princess Alta Lynch, Frost, and My Fair Lady Princess Claudia Eagle. Photo courtesy of Columbia County RSVP

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Above: Dorena Grange members Bill Anthony and Steve Barnes did most of the 'heavy lifting' for the barrel Garden project.

## Dorena Grange Promotes Gardening in Barrels

Last year there were a few more folk than usual putting their gardens to bed in the fall.

These gardens are actually half barrels that were prepared and delivered by Dorena Grange #835, Lance County, members back in June. The lucky recipients were able to transplant and care for their own lettuce, radishes, tomatoes, herbs, and beneficial flowers, in their yards or patios, thanks to seedling donations from Log House Nursery and Gayle at The Bookmine.

Sustainable Cottage Grove purchased twenty used 55-gallon food grade barrels from Glory Bee and the potting soil at a 50% (donated) discount from Boyce & Sons. Because of initial grant funding from Regence Medical through the Oregon Food Bank, this is the second year in a row that these fine establishments have generously made mini gardens possible. Some of the recipients have never had the opportunity to work in their own garden because they live in apartments, have limitations that prevent them from working in the

ground, or their soil is contaminated; these gardens are helping to feed families.

Kids and adults alike celebrated as they worked in the soil with Bill Anthony and Steve Barnes, while Carolin Pettit, Susan Carver, Jimmy Shaper, and Beth Pool—all Dorena Grange members—organized the mini garden distribution ranging from Creswell through Cottage Grove and into Drain. This effort could not have happened without support from institutions like London Elementary School, South Lane Mental Health, Family Relief Nursery, and food security activists Crystal Fawn Johnson, Gayle Kahane, and Johanna Nowak.

One person helping another strengthens the community ties and enriches all their lives.

You can learn more about securing the local food system in the South Willamette Valley by visiting Sustainable Cottage Grove's website at [SustainableCottageGrove.org](http://SustainableCottageGrove.org) or calling 541.942.2360.

## Ada Grange Turns 100

Ada Grange #570, Lane County will be holding an Open House on Saturday March 3rd from 1-3 pm at their hall 82457 S Canary Rd, Westlake. They will be celebrating 100 years as a Grange. Cake, ice cream and beverages will be served.



## The Agricultural Report



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Spring is a busy time for the Agriculture Committee. We help staff tables at the OSU Small Farms Conference, the FFA State Convention, and Ag Fest at the State Fairgrounds in Salem. Each of these events has hundreds to thousands of visitors and Oregon Grange interacts with these people in different ways. At Ag Fest we are raising the visibility of Grange with families, and promoting a connection to the soil by showing how our food grows, especially for the children that visit our large booth.

At the FFA State Convention we talk to thousands of high school FFA members and tell them about Grange. Many of these young adults will ultimately live in rural areas where they may become Grange members.

The OSU Small Farms Conference is a gathering of energetic young farmers who are thirsting for knowledge. The Oregon State Grange is a Silver level sponsor of this very popular event. At our Oregon State Grange table we talk to these people and describe the social connections and networking that Grange can provide in rural areas, face to face. We encourage them to visit their local Grange and describe the Grange tradition of encouraging personal growth in Grange members, and supporting

each other as we pursue our dreams.

We of the Agriculture Committee are looking forward to visiting Granges across the state as part of the Oregon State Grange Connections outreach tour. I will visit some of the Granges I went to last year and some new ones. It is always fun to meet new Grangers and see the halls that are all-so-different, and yet, so-the-same.

On another tack, if you are interested in learning a little more about how the Oregon State Grange operates outside the four walls of your home Grange, the Agriculture Committee needs two district chairs to be "fully staffed" – District 5, which includes the counties of Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Lake, and Klamath, and District 3, which includes the counties of Columbia, Clatsop, Tillamook, Washington, and Yamhill. A district chair is the contact person for the Agricultural Committee in your district. You should be interested in Agriculture, willing to occasionally visit other Granges to represent both the Committee and the Oregon State Grange, and be enthusiastic about Grange. And the pay! ..... Is entirely that great feeling you get from helping the Oregon State Grange and your fellow Grangers.

Think about it. We would love to have you on the committee.

## Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

<b>March 1</b>	Grassroots Activism Award Application must be submitted to National Grange Legislative Director
<b>March 31</b>	2017 Honor Grange tracking form must be received at the State Grange office by 5 pm
	State Youth Office Applications Due to OSG state office
	State Junior Officer Applications due to OSG state office or Directors
<b>April 20-22</b>	State Youth and Young Adult Retreat ~ Clackamas County
<b>April 28 &amp; 29</b>	Oregon Ag Fest - Oregon State Fair Grounds, Salem, Oregon
<b>April 30</b>	1st Quarter Reports Due
<b>May 1</b>	State Grange & Foundation Scholarship applications must be postmarked
<b>May 5</b>	Ballots for State Officers must arrive at state office by 5pm
<b>June 23-28</b>	Oregon State Grange Convention - Clatsop County Fairgrounds, Astoria
<b>August 3-4</b>	Western Region Leadership and Youth Conference



## Community Service

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Involvement Director

Success is based on how we use the time available to us every day. Most of us still use the old fashioned pencil and paper method for our "to do" list, but some are clever enough to make their list on their phone. Whatever works, remember to check your list frequently so nothing drops off. Don't just work on tasks randomly but identify the most important goals and plan your day around these goals. One key is to eliminate procrastination. Don't wait until tomorrow because tomorrow may slip away too. Truly successful people get to the point quickly and then move on to the next task. As always, it is easier said than done, but planning our personal lives and our Grange activities can make the task at hand much easier. A well thought out plan means "success," and we all want to succeed.

Do you have your Grange plans for your 2018 **Annual Community Service projects**? Do you have

new ideas? I **challenge** each Grange to create and execute one new Community Service project this year. Email me (or snail mail me) about your project and how you plan to execute it in your community. Partner with another organization in your community or with another Grange on your project. Your Community Service projects should include as many of your members as possible. Share your passion about your values and continue to tell your Grange stories to others.

If you need help or have questions with filling out your annual report, please contact me or your District Community Service chairperson. You can download the report form from the State Grange website or I can email you a copy. I would love to see more reports and Yearbooks at the 2018 State session.

Thanks for your service in the community.



*The Morales Villafan family*

## Sunnyside Grange Adopts A Family

During the holiday season Sunnyside Grange #842, Clackamas County, always has a food drive! Over the years they have delivered thousands of pounds of food to the Food Bank. This year they asked themselves "How can we, as a community, do more?"

There were several different ideas tossed around, a few harder to do than others, and in the end it was decided to adopt a family in their neighborhood. The Grange reached out to an organization called Christmas Family Adoption. From there they got to pick from a long list of families in need. Finally they chose the Morales Villafan Family. This amazing

family of seven consisted of the parents, grandparents, and three children.

The youngest child was a four years old with a rare disability that leaves her unable to speak, sensitive to sounds, seizure prone, and without some of her fine motor skills. She is only one of two children in Oregon have this disease. The Grange members also learned that the grandfather and father both have roots in Clackamas County in the farming community going back many years. The family shared a picture of the area around the Grange where they had worked the land. It was exciting to see the community before all the development.



## American Red Cross

*Give blood.* Help save lives.



## Blood Drive Pacific Grange - Warrenton Pacific Grange Hall Community Room

90475 Hwy 101  
Warrenton, OR 97146

**Monday, February 12th  
1:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

To schedule your appointment  
or for more information,  
please call Tracy Farless  
at (503) 791-3266

or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
sponsor code: PacificGrange

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## Creswell Grange Created Holiday Fruit Baskets for Area Seniors

Thirty six Christmas Fruit Baskets were assembled by members of Creswell Grange #496, Lane County, for the Creswell Meals on Wheels.

The seniors of the Creswell area received a wonderful fruit basket filled with apples, bananas, oranges, tangerines, nuts, candy, and some small Christmas gifts in each basket. The baskets were assembled on Thursday, December 14th. It took approximately one and a half hours to put together 36 baskets, lined, wrapped, and tied with ribbons.



*Thirty six Christmas Fruit Baskets waiting to be delivered.*



*L to r: Stan Garboden, Martin McClure, Louise McClure, and Linda Wetzell show off some of the assembled baskets.*





## Deaf Awareness and Family Health

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## Deadline Is Fast Approaching!

A fund was developed within the National Grange Foundation for the purpose of supporting deaf activities within the Grange. Because funds are still available, this grant program is being offered to assist states with funding various deaf awareness activities. In the past these grants helped Granges in Idaho, Iowa, Michigan, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Washington. If you would like to know more about these projects please go to [www.grangefoundation.org](http://www.grangefoundation.org).

### Eligibility

Any State Grange is eligible to apply for a grant to assist with a worthwhile project that may be planned within the state. Community Granges can apply through their State Grange.

### Timeline

Grant applications will be due on May 4, 2018 to the National Grange Foundation. If you are mailing it please send to National Grange Foundation, Attn: Deaf Grant, 1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006 or e-mail it to [swilkins@nationalgrange.org](mailto:swilkins@nationalgrange.org).

### Guidelines

Grants up to a maximum of \$500.00 will be awarded to each approved application, and will be awarded to the State Grange. The State Grange will have the option of transferring those funds to the Community or

Pomona Grange conducting the deaf activity included in the grant application.

A maximum of three grants will be awarded in 2018.

Grants may be awarded for any project that enhances deaf education. Creativity and uniqueness of the projects will be factored into the selection process. The Grange Foundation is looking for projects with not only an impact on deaf education but plans that involve members working with deaf community in some way. The Foundation will give preference to Granges who are doing more than fundraising.

### Requirements

This should be in document form and include the following information:

- Name of State Grange
- Name and Address of Contact Person
- Date of Submission
- Name of the Project
- Description of the Project
- Anticipated number of people involved
- Anticipated impact on the Grange (State and/or Local)
- Anticipated impact on the Community or State
- Other anticipated results of the project



## Walking Our Talk On Deaf Awareness

There are many gray-haired Grangers, and in our typical membership are people who have lost hearing through age and work-related changes. Our fraternity considers itself uniquely supportive of the Deaf and hard of hearing community, so I've been studying some terminology.

D/deaf, deafened, and hard of hearing describe distinct conditions that affect interaction with a hearing world. The medical term "hearing impaired" excludes deafness. It is rejected as a collective term by the Deaf community and considered insulting by many who are hard of hearing.

With a lower-case d, "deaf" is a medical term that describes a person with little or no functional hearing.

People who identify as Deaf (with a capital D) have a vibrant culture based on Sign language and social conventions that give access to everything our visual environment can provide. They may also use speech when needed with the hearing community, but consider themselves different from "oral deaf" people who prefer speaking and lip-reading.

"Deafened" is a term for total hearing loss that occurs to a formerly hearing person. Deafened adults often feel particularly isolated by not knowing

Sign language or being skilled at lip-reading.

"Hard of hearing" describes hearing loss from mild to profound in a person whose usual means of communication is speech. The loss can be present from birth or acquired.

I've taken a broad view of my committee's role on deaf awareness as support for hard of hearing and deafened people, probably even more than for the Deaf community of which I honestly have little knowledge. Obviously, hearing loss can't always be overcome by hearing aids, public address systems, or surgery. Even more important, people dealing with deafness or hearing loss communicate well in other ways. We can help with the simplest courtesies of standing when speaking to a group and maintaining sight lines so people know where to focus their attention. Oregon DHS suggests including a highly visible email address as well as a phone number when you provide contact information. Let people know if texting is possible as an alternative to talking by phone. Let's make the Grange as welcoming as our resources (and our ingenuity!) allow.



## Long-Standing Grange Partner Gets Makeover

For many, Dogs for the Deaf has been a great organization to which their Grange has donated over the years. However, as of November 1, Dogs for The Deaf is no more. The organization remains but with a makeover, rebranded as Dogs for Better Lives.

A new video about the organization and continued opportunities for partnership is available. We encourage you to use this as a new tool to get members involved with Dogs for Better Lives. This video is available online to all Granges and Grange members and is approximately 2 minutes in length.

This video can be found at <https://vimeo.com/237404571/abe603574f>

During the 151st Annual National Grange Convention in November, Michelle Erwin, Media & Outreach Specialist for Dogs for Better Lives, and Monica Schuster, Marketing & Communications Specialist for the organization, spoke during the community service workshop.

The two long-standing partner organizations have built even greater bonds thanks to a shared face. 2016-17 National Grange Youth Ambassador Shannon Ruso has volunteered to be an ambassador for the Dogs for Better Lives and you may soon see information coming from her to Granges about the organization, its mission and positive impact for people and dogs that work through this organization.

For more information on Dogs for Better Lives please visit [www.dogsforbetterlives.org](http://www.dogsforbetterlives.org) or call Michelle Erwin (541) 826-9220 ext. 347.



2016-17 National Grange Youth Ambassador Shannon Ruso now serves as an ambassador for the Dogs for Better Lives.

## Salmon River to Hold Sale

Salmon River Grange #516, Lincoln County, will be hosting a Arts, Crafts and Collectibles Show and Sale on February 16th, 17th & 18th, 2018 from 10 am to 4 pm.

A wide variety of vendors will be present with items such as jewelry, minerals, metal work, Native American arts and crafts and a wide variety of collectibles.

Vendor space is still available. For information contact Jim Fredrickson at (541) 992-0560 or email at [chefjames331@gmail.com](mailto:chefjames331@gmail.com).

Salmon River Grange is located at 5371 Salmon River Hwy, Otis and is on your way to or from the coast.





## The Education Committee

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Last June at the 2017 Oregon State Grange Convention Resolution ED #3: High Stakes Testing was passed and sent on to the National Grange where the resolve that "the National Grange to lobby the U.S. Congress and administration to overhaul the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (currently known as the "Every Child Succeeds Act"), reduce the testing mandates, promote multiple forms of evidence of student learning and school quality in accountability, and not mandate any fixed role for the use of student test scores in evaluating educators" was adopted as National Grange Policy.

In December Valerie Strauss of the Washington Post saw the press release from National Grange on the adoption of said policy. Upon her inquiry with them she was referred to Oregon State Grange Master Susan Noah. In addition to responding directly, Susan referred Ms. Strauss to the writer of the resolution, Paul "Pat" Eck of Multnomah Grange #71, and the District 4 Chairman on the OSG Education Committee. Her question was "I am interested in knowing how the resolution came up and how the author won support for it." Here is his response

Ms. Strauss,

This has been a 17 year trip for me as a staunch advocate of public education, so this will take a little time.

I spent my career as a public school educator in rural Idaho. My early retirement was due to the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). At the time, I was the principal of the Bovill Elementary School and managed the Albertson's Early Childhood Ed. Grant as well as the Whitepine School District 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant. I helped set-up the testing program for the Whitepine School District, had certification as a school psychometrist and school counselor as well as practical experience utilizing test results. The test and punish dictates of NCLB were unacceptable to me as a professional and resulted in my early retirement and the start of my educational justice activism.

About 3 years ago, I ran across the Resolution on High Stakes Testing championed by 16 persons/organizations (e.g. - Diane Ravitch, NAACP Legal Defense and Ed. Fund, Asian American Legal Defense and Ed. Fund, FairTest, United Church of Christ Justice and Witness Ministries, etc.) based on a resolution adopted by over 360 Texas School Districts.

My wife, Jan and I started AGAHST [aka—Angry Grandparents Against High Stakes Testing—an informal group with Dr. David Berliner (educational psychologist and bestselling author; Dean of the Mary Lou Fulton Institute and Graduate School of Education at Arizona State University) and Dr. David Crandall (CEO of Learning Tools for Leaders) as part of the membership]. We helped establish the Parents Across America Oregon Chapter and start the Peace and Justice Ministry at the Parkrose Community United Church of Christ (note: the United Church of Christ Justice and Witness Ministries co-authored the resolution on high-stakes testing we championed). We also joined the Oregon Retired Educators Association, the Multnomah Grange and the Oregon State Grange, as well as the Multnomah Democrats Educational Study Group to help promote our efforts to get our leaders to stop high-stakes testing which we deem as weakening our public schools by wasting time and having a negative cost-to-value of high proportions.

The Oregon Retired Educators Association formally endorsed the resolution in May of 2016 at its annual convention in Salem. This was the result, in part, of getting two of our 10 active units to endorse the resolution prior to the convention.

The campaign to get the Grange to consider endorsing the resolution began in the summer of 2016. The Grange is a bottom-up organization so we started with presenting the resolution at the Multnomah Grange #71. The resolution was not accepted to begin with and was presented again in the fall of 2016 whereby the resolution was adopted and submitted to the Oregon State Grange for consideration at their annual convention in June, 2017. I was selected as a delegate from the Multnomah Grange, tasked to participate in the deliberations at the convention whereby:

1. All resolutions were assigned to committees for study, amendment,

## Tigard Grange Delivers Dictionaries

On December 1 Tigard Grange #148, Washington County, delivers Dictionary to several third grade classes at Metzger Elementary School in the Tigard-Tualatin School District as part of the "Words for Thirds" program. After receiving their dictionaries, the students wrote personal handwritten thank you notes to the Grange.



Metzger third graders proudly show off their new dictionaries.

or dismissal (our resolution was amended with a recommendation to adopt as amended)

2. Our resolution then was presented at the delegate assembly for consideration, debate, amendment or dismissal
3. Our resolution was accepted as amended and was forwarded to the National Grange for consideration at their annual convention in Spokane where a similar process was conducted and our resolution was accepted as amended.

The major positives to the resolution's passage are seen as:

1. Now the Grange lobbyist at the state and national level will be lobbying the legislators on the issue of high-stakes testing.
2. The education of the Grange members and the public-at-large on the practice of high-stakes testing will be enhanced.
3. Hopefully, the public will unite to demand leaders to amend their policy to better serve our educational process.

Some background information on the Grange:

1. There are currently Granges operating in 37 states representing more than 150,000 members
2. There are rural, suburban and urban Granges
3. National Grange policies are born from the local and state Granges across the country.
4. Legislative proposals, called resolutions, are brought forth by members and debated at State Granges.
5. Those that pass the state level are brought before the National Grange Convention and debated, with passing resolutions becoming National Grange Policy, available in the Journal of Proceedings and Legislative Policy Books.
6. Policy at the National Grange is developed by the membership and implemented by staff in a truly grassroots fashion.
7. The Grange is committed to an issue-based grassroots mechanism which allows the Grange to support civic leaders based on policy rather than local politics.
8. The Grange does not support individual candidates.
9. The Grange strongly encourages members to engage in local politics and elections that can better the communities they serve.
10. In regard to education, the Grange:
  - a. Strongly supports lifelong learning. Each subordinate Grange has a Lecturer whose role is to help educate the members on a variety of timely topics
  - b. The Grange "Declaration of Purposes" has a section that states, in part: "We recognize the necessity of experimentation to develop new and better methods of education, be we caution against the widespread adoption of these innovative and experimental methods until they have been proven effective."

Hopefully the above is helpful to you. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if you have further questions. Brother Eck can be reached at 503-262-4970 or pauleck@q.com for more information.



## The National Grange 2017 Education Policy Statement

A quality education opens minds to new possibilities and encourages students to think for themselves. While the Grange commends those who have followed the traditional path for higher education, we need to encourage those who fall outside the term "traditional student" to look at the educational opportunities available offered by vocational or trade schools or other nontraditional degree programs to expand their personal and professional lives. We implore the students of the technological age to pursue studies in the agricultural implement field due to the increasing complexity of the machinery. The purpose of education is to open the minds of young people to the world around them, to the lesson of the past, and the possibilities of the future. An understanding of the past is a part of education that is too often neglected. These important facts are even more powerful and useful when an understanding of their context and background are taught. The Grange will continue to promote the teaching of American Civics in our educational system. One of the core values of the Grange is the right to free expression and the respect of differing opinions. We especially see these as relevant in educational institutions.

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

The National Grange offers its continued support of OCRE (Organizations Concerned about Rural Education), the National School Boards Association and other educational associations as well as supporting the efforts to reduce the pupil to teacher ratio at all levels of education through 12th grade. The National Grange supports the idea of more study in regards to Common Core to determine the educational benefits.

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The Grange urges educators at the primary, secondary and undergraduate levels to include basic knowledge of agriculture in their curriculum. Agriculture is man's basic interaction with the environment. Every farmer learns to adapt and work with nature in order to be successful. The most simple and basic lesson, such as water is needed to grow crops, is critical for every American to understand. The National Grange supports legislation requiring education on prevention and handling of bullying of adults and children to be administered by employers and schools. We strongly encourage Grange members nationwide to play an active role in their local school systems and communities. It is essential for our members to invest in our children's education through volunteering. Some examples of this are the donation of school supplies (such as the Words for Thirds dictionary program) and exposure to volunteerism and community service. These contributions will help us remain positive role models for school children and increase the awareness of our organization. The National Grange encourages individuals to become educated consumers. Consumers, using modern technology, should research their purchasing and borrowing options carefully and make decisions that positively benefit their future and that of their community. The National Grange renews its historical commitment to free primary and secondary education, affordable higher education and support of the arts, music and athletics, recognizing their value in elevating the standard of social and intellectual life.

## Ada Grange Collects Items for Siuslaw Outreach

Ada Grange #570, Lane County, recently collected 130 lbs. of food and toiletries, a \$25 gift card, sixty-six pair of socks, twenty-three pair of gloves, thirteen hats and nine other items which were donated to Siuslaw Outreach Services, (SOS) a local agency that helps families and individuals in need.

SOS is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization which began serving Western Lane County in 1986. Located in Florence, Oregon, SOS provides a wide variety of free services for individuals, specifically including Domestic Violence and Emergency Aid Assistance, and a Safe House Shelter.

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The Awards, Contests and Scholarships booklet has been mailed, hopefully, you have received yours and have started thinking of which contests you will enter this year. GWA has changed some contests so be sure to read this booklet carefully. There are new contests in the Baked Goods and Candies, Canning and Crafts. There is a category in some of the baking and canning contests for sugar-free. Any questions you have please let me know.

I read an article written by Barbara Damrosch in the "The Four Season Farm Gardener's Cookbook" that was interesting and thought it a good idea for brightening up the winter months. If you are impatient to get started planting a garden, a mini kitchen garden may be the answer. Now is the time of year when common biennial root crops such as beets, turnips and carrots that you might have left in your garden are sending up green leaves and eventually a flower stalk, in order to make seed. If you pot these roots in sand or potting soil and give them warmth and light they will sprout green foliage that's tender enough to be snipped for salads or sautéed for flavor. Roots purchased at a store will work fine if they're organic and not treated with a sprout-inhibitor. You may want to experiment with different roots but avoid potato sprouts as they are toxic. This could be a fun way to introduce children to gardening and a row of forced roots can brighten a room.

Here are some of the holidays and other National Observances in the months ahead that your GWA could plan an activity around.

February is: American Heart Month, Children's Dental Health Month and American Pie Month

February 14 - Valentine Day  
February 17 - Random Acts of Kindness Day  
February 26 - Pistachio Day.

March is: Craft month, Nutrition Month, Frozen Food Month

March 1 - National Pig Day  
March 18 - Quilting Day  
March 26 - Spinach Day.

April is: Grange Month, Keep America Beautiful Month, Stress Awareness Month and Pecan Month

April 1 - Easter & April Fools' Day  
April 19 - Garlic day  
April 20 - Volunteer Recognition Day

Spring is coming!!



*Socks in all sizes and colors were donated.*



## Oregon Junior Grangers

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The National Junior Grange Director has developed a 12 Month Meeting Guide to help Junior leaders plan their year. Each issue of the Bulletin we will be printing one or more of the suggestions to help with your planning. Each month's suggestions include badges to work on, a low-cost craft you could do, a suggested project or Grange related activity and many other ideas.

The month of April is GRANGE MONTH! So let us celebrate the Grange!

### Badge: GA10- Public Display

Encourage your Juniors to celebrate the Grange and grow your Junior Grange membership! Together work on a display showcasing Junior Grange.

### Hands-on: Growing the Junior Grange

Use this time to discuss how you can grow Junior Grange membership and promote the Junior Grange within the community. Use your displays to set up in your church hall, outside the Grange Hall, school building, library, etc.

**Craft:** This year's theme is "Standup and Speak Out for the Junior Grange" Have each Junior trace several handprints and decorate them. Each handprint should have written on it how they can stand up for the Grange or one reason why someone should join the Grange.

### Grange: Grange Songs

Learn any Grange song from the Junior Grange Songbook.

## Juniors Help With Christmas Party



Ada Grange #570, Lane County, Junior members Terry and Taylor Elliott along with their Junior Leader Heather Elliott helped decorate for Ada's Community Christmas Party. Food, crafts, and a visit from Santa Claus was enjoyed by all at the party on December 9th.

*Left: Heather, Terry and Taylor helped decorate the trailer for the hay rides. Below: Taylor Elliott gets a boost to put the star on the top of the tree*



### Subordinate Granges

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

Also every Grange that has Juniors needs to appoint a Junior Leader.



### State Junior Officer Application 2018

Mail completed form By March 31 to:  
643 Union Street NE, Salem, OR 97301  
or email to: elizabethwilliams2010@hotmail.com

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Grange: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Grange activities I have participated in this year: \_\_\_\_\_

First Choice of Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Why I would like to hold this office: \_\_\_\_\_

(add an additional sheet if you need more space)

Second Choice of Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Third Choice of Office: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that it is my responsibility to memorize my assigned part prior to the beginning of state session and I am committed to achieving this expectation.

Junior Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that my child is required to memorize his/her part prior to the start of State Grange Convention. I also understand that my child will need to attend State Grange Convention for the entire week as well as meet the dress codes for the conferral of the degree on Tuesday, June 26. If I have any questions or concerns I will reach out to the Elizabeth and Kegan Williams prior to the start of State Grange Convention.

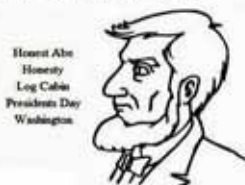
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## PRESIDENT'S DAY WORD SEARCH

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February  
George Washington  
Hatchet



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Honesty  
Log Cabin  
President's Day  
Washington



## The National Grange 2017 Labor And Judiciary Policy Statement

### Labor

The Grange has long fought for the rights of both employers and employees to live and thrive, understanding that worker protection and prosperity are not in conflict with company success and solvency. We believe that the hardworking men and women of America's workforce deserve the opportunity to earn a fair wage in a safe work environment and the guarantee that their pensions and subsequent benefits will be protected and preserved. We encourage businesses across the country to be proactive in ensuring the future growth and stability of employee pension benefits and to guard against their loss in the unfortunate event of a company merger or bankruptcy.

The National Grange supports the Agriculture Guest Worker (AG) Act of 2017 for the establishment of the H-2C visa program administered by the USDA. This act will provide an option to both seasonal and year-round labor needs, recognizing that not all agriculture jobs are the same or require the same level of skill or experience. The H-2C visa program better understands the unique needs of the American farm and ranch operations, and the challenges of processing raw, perishable commodities. The AG

Act will offer workers and employers more choices in their employment arrangements, with more flexibility and less bureaucratic red tape than the H2A visa program.

The global economy has allowed American businesses to reach markets once inaccessible and has increased the demand for many of our goods, including our agricultural products, in far regions of the world. The Grange continues to be an advocate for the implementation of fair free trade agreements that encourage international commerce while also incentivizing domestic job growth and economic output for American companies. We do not; however, support the bailout of any country, state, or territory that has engaged in wasteful spending and behaved in a financially irresponsible manner.

### Judiciary

Since the Grange was organized in 1867, it has been a staunch defender of our Constitution and the rights and privileges it protects for each and every citizen. We are a nation of law and order and as such must work to draft, pass, and maintain legislation aimed at ensuring a peaceful society and a fair judicial system. Our first responders work hard and serve bravely on a daily basis to maintain this order. The National Grange will forever strive to grant them the support and respect they deserve.

The Grange understands that citizens and the officials they elect are the best candidates to write the laws by which we will be governed, and that administrative agencies, commissions and other unelected governing bodies should be prohibited from drafting and implementing such regulations that dramatically impact our daily lives. We urge elected officials at all levels to periodically review and purge outdated laws and reduce burdensome and unnecessary regulations that stifle economic growth and fundamentally impede the free market system.

We vehemently oppose the use of eminent domain to confiscate such private property for commercial use or any project that does not directly benefit the general citizenry.

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## Legislative Update

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OSG Legislative Director



The Oregon Legislature will meet in their alternate-year short session starting February 5 and adjourning on March 11. The deadline for introduction of new bills was January 16. There isn't much information about pending legislation right now on the Oregon Legislative Information website <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/201711> but you will find current committee assignments. Look up your own senator or representative, find out what committees they are on, and check on the agenda for those committees as the session starts to roll out, so you can see what legislation is being worked on and what your legislators are doing.

Does everyone in your Grange know what district they are in, who is their senator and representative, how to contact those people, what committees they are on and what issues those committees might be addressing during this session? Offer to provide a Lecturer's Program at your next meeting. Be informed, be proactive, be connected to what is going on—that's the Grange Way.

While you are busy being more connected to legislative goings-on and communicating with your own Grange, don't forget to stay connected within the larger Grange community. Email or call your Pomona or District legislative chairman/director about issues important to you and your Grange,

or send information to your State Legislative Director (me) for possible inclusion in this column. Ask questions about legislation or Grange policy or resolutions, we'll help as much as we can. Look for The National Grange's 'View from the Hill, Policy Updates and Issue News' email publication and share it with your Grangers.

Now is a good time to be thinking about resolutions so feel free to ask your District Chairman or Legislative Director for help. Resolutions approved by your Grange can be sent to your Pomona for additional consideration, but may also be sent directly to the OSG office for the June convention. Time-sensitive issues can be addressed immediately by your Grange but if there is no current policy at the State or National Grange levels then be careful to identify your resolution or letter as only the opinion of your Subordinate/Community Grange. Check with the OSG office if you have questions about Grange policy.

It is with sadness that we announce the resignation of our lobbyist Craig Loughridge. Craig did a great job for us but his other responsibilities have grown and he no longer had the time for the lobbyist role. I hope to convince him to stay on as an at-large member of the Legislative Committee, and State Master Susan Noah is seeking his replacement as lobbyist.



Plan to take action!

Set your 2018 travel schedule to include a trip to Washington, D.C., for the National Grange Legislative Fly-In during the sesquicentennial celebration year.

Join Brothers and Sisters from around the nation to promote Grange policy priorities and get advocacy training so you can better present your community's concerns to elected officials and their staff.

The schedule includes issues briefings, agency meetings, and Hill appointments to meet with your Senators and Representatives in Congress.

The Fly-In is one of the greatest ways members can engage in Grange advocacy and remind legislators and regulators of the unique grassroots way in which the Grange policy is developed. Participants help tell the story of an organization still relevant and vibrant that speaks from America's hometowns.

Event Hotel  
Quality Inn Tysons Corner  
1587 Spring Hill Rd., Vienna, VA



## Notice of 2018 Annual Policyholders' Meeting

The Annual Policyholders' meeting of the Grange Insurance Association will be held on Monday, March 19, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Grange Insurance Association  
200 Cedar Street  
Seattle, Washington 98121.

All Grange Insurance Association policyholders are welcome to attend.

Signed at Seattle, Washington this 14th day of December 2017.

Rodney A. King, CIC, AFIS  
Corporate Secretary  
Grange Insurance Association

## Celebrating 150 Years of Grange



### National Grange Gala Washington, DC December 4th, 2017

*Above: At Susan's left was Julie Anna Potts, Executive Director of the Farm Bureau; at Mark's right was Justin Discigil, Communications Director for Representative Greg Walden of Oregon's 5th district; across from them was former Secretary of Agriculture John Block and next to Justin is National Grange Legislative Director Burton Eller.*

*L: National Grange Pomona, Susan Noah and her husband Mark represented Oregon at the National Grange Gala on December 4th, the birthday of the Grange.*



### Oregon State Grange Gala Salem, Oregon ~ December 10, 2017

The Oregon State Grange celebrated 150 Years of Grange with Gala Open House on Sunday afternoon December 10th at the Willamette Heritage Center. It was a wonderful afternoon of fellowship and festivities.

Via video, Grangers had the opportunity to hear Congressional Representative Greg Walden Congratulate the Grange on a 150 years and its importance in Oregon. He also thanked the Grange for the recognition as a Champion of Rural America.

Oregon also celebrated being named a Distinguished State Grange by the National



Grange. Additionally, as part of the program, State Master Susan Noah presented certificates to the five Subordinate/Community Granges in Oregon who were recognized by the National Grange as 2016-17 Distinguished Granges. They were Redland Grange for the eighth consecutive year; Springwater Grange for the third consecutive year; Chetco Grange for the second consecutive year and two newcomers to the award, Dorena Grange and London Grange. All but Chetco were present to receive their certificates.

### Fern Hill Celebrates With A Water Toast From Their New Well

Fern Hill Grange #592, Columbia County, Open House and 150th celebration featured a Native American blessing from Grange member Mary Anne Curtis. She blessed the visitors, members, the Grange hall, and their new sign and well, with a smudging ceremony. The ceremony was reverently received by those in attendance who gathered around the new sign.



A toast, using water from their new well, was given by Bruce Wallace, Master. He toasted "150 years of Grange in America," and also the members and friends who contributed to the well project and the building of their impressive new sign. The sign is constructed of cedar that was grown and milled on Fern Hill. It is a symbol of new strength and life for Fern Hill Grange.

Special thanks were given to the OSG for providing a matching grants

for drilling the well and building the sign. Members Frank Curtis and Marilyn Van Natta were recognized and thanked for serving as managers of the well project. Members of the sign committee were also recognized for their dedication and efforts.

Forty members and friends gathered after the ceremony to enjoy pizza and beverages provided by the Grange. Delicious homemade cakes were provided by members, Roxanne Wallace and Irene Dorie.

### Oregon's 2016-17 Distinguished Granges



*Left: Ken Schwiager accepted the certificates for London and Dorena Granges from Master Susan Noah.*



*Above: Redland Grange members accepted the certificate from Master Susan Noah.*



*Springwater Grange members accepted their certificate from Master Susan Noah.*



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### Dorena Holds Open House With Dinner

Sunday evening, December 3rd, Dorena Grange #835, Lane County, celebrated the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Grange with an open house that included a free spaghetti meal and birthday cake to about 55 Grangers and community members. A display of historical information about the local and national Granges was put up to decorate the hall.

On November 27<sup>th</sup>, at the Cottage Grove City Council meeting, Mayor Jeffery Gowing read a proclamation recognizing December 4<sup>th</sup> as "Grange Day". Those who attended learned some facts about the National Grange and the local newspaper ran a picture and a brief explanation.

*R: Cindy Becker(r) helped present donated blankets and teddy bears to Abby Olson director of the Columbia County Foster program.*



*Above: Billy the traveling goat checked out the giant Grange birthday cake.*

Fifty plus Grangers and friends of Clackamas County Pomona Grange #1 assembled on December 4th, the birthday of the Grange at Molalla Grange to celebrate and present awards. Program items included a reading "The Farmer Feeds Them All" and the singing of "The Yellow Corn," an early Grange song.

Service awards were presented to Don Sether and Ruth Newman for their long time service to the Pomona Grange.

### Goshen Celebrated on December 4th



A special 150 Years of Grange party was held on the afternoon of the Grange's Birthday by Goshen Grange #561, Lane County. The "Sharps and Flats" a seniors singing group, performed.

### A Potluck Breakfast

Mohawk Valley Community Grange #922, Lane County, celebrated the Grange's birthday with a potluck breakfast.

The Grange cooked pancakes, eggs, and bacon and the guests brought other breakfast dishes. It was quite a feast!



### Warren Grange's 150th

Warren Grange #536, Columbia County, celebrated the National Grange's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 10<sup>th</sup> with Deer Island, Beaver Homes, Quincy and Fern Hill Granges. This special birthday/Christmas party had 42 in attendance. 65 blankets and 34 teddy bears were collected and donated to the local CASA Foster kids program. The local Church started a special program that gives the Foster parents a night out, once a month, while the kids are being cared by trained guardians. The blankets and teddy bears were given in support of that program.

### Clackamas Pomona Celebrates to the Tune of Yellow, Yellow Corn



### Mosier Celebrates With Biscuits and Gravy

Mosier Grange #234, Wasco County held an open-house with a Biscuit and Gravy Breakfast for the local community on December 2, 2017. Mosier Grange members fixed and served a delicious breakfast including homemade biscuits and sausage gravy along with



a variety of egg dishes, homemade applesauce, local apple cider, coffee and Grange Birthday Cake! The event was timed to coincide with the annual Mosier Christmas Fair held at the Mosier Community School and to coincide with events being held across Oregon and the nation as the National Grange celebrated the 150th year anniversary of the organization.

Around 40 – 50 guests were served,



enjoyed fellowship with community



*Above: Joan Hudson prepares to make biscuits.*

members and out of town visitors and providing information on the Grange; it's programs, service to community and historical place in the development of their community and nation.

*Right: Grange members Lynn Simon and Marty Holdsclaw show of new welcoming bench.*



### New Bench Welcomes at Upper Rogue

Upper Rogue Grange #825, Jackson County, invited current and past members to join together on December 5th. All were greeted by the banner hung at the front gate that then led them by the new outside bench that reads WELCOME.

The dining tables were covered with white tablecloths and set with mismatched china cups, saucers, and dessert plates. The beautifully decorated cake read: *Grange 150 Years Strong (not old)*. The theme for the day was borrowed from the Grange display at the Southern Oregon Historical Society which they were part of.

They shared informative bits of Grange history by making a game of the crossword puzzle that appeared in the October Bulletin. The event was a success by any measure.



## Membership Matters

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OSG Membership Directors

"Grange Connections 2018" will be coming to your Grange soon! We are excited to see that many Granges met the Grange Up '17 challenge and gained at least two new members or more! We want the "Gaining new Members" momentum to keep going and that's where "Grange Connection 2018" comes into play. Each Grange will again be visited by a State Grange Officer, Director, or Committee Chairperson. They will be explaining more about the program and delivering useful, fun items for each member in attendance.

Every member is vital to our organization. The question is, "How can each member help, even if they do not always attend?" First of all, we need Grangers that support the Grange financially. They may not be able to attend meetings often or not at all due to work constraints, family responsibilities, health issues etc. but they want to support the Grange as they feel it's worth supporting.

- Is your Grange worth supporting?
- Is your Grange known in the community?
- Is your Grange welcoming to others?
- Does your Grange host events?
- Is your Grange active?
- Do your Lecturer programs educate your members?
- Have guest speakers from various groups, schools, organizations been invited to speak at your Grange on an important topic?

Hopefully you can say "Yes!" to these questions. You want your Grange to be so inviting and active that no one wants to miss attending a meeting and being included in planning Grange activities. Ask members to help with events they can attend. Engage them so that they can support the Grange in other ways even if they can't attend the meetings. This is "The Grange Way!" including all members (active and inactive) to help out with Grange functions. Personal calls, emails, mailing notes to members that can't attend are important to keep them involved and feel a part of the Grange. Communication, Communication, Communication!

Why should members attend your Grange meetings?

- Are they fun?
- Are they informative?
- Do members engage in the meetings or are they texting on their phones?
- Do your committees come prepared to give a short report?
- Are the reports relevant to your members?
- Is respect shown to each member?

These are important questions to ponder. If you can answer "Yes" then why shouldn't members want to attend your Grange meetings? Instead of members saying, "I have to go to Grange tonight", you will hear members saying, "I can't wait to go to Grange tonight!"

Let's try to make 2018 an even bigger year for Growing our Granges! Let's connect with nonmembers to become Grange members. "Grange Connection 2018" is coming to your Grange soon - watch for it!



Grange Secretary Alice Nowicki presented Dennis Chapman with his 65 year membership certificate and pin.



## London Grange Honors Members

At their Thanksgiving Potluck and Open House on November 19 London Grange #937, Lane County, presented membership and Grangers of the Year awards.

Receiving her Silver Star certificate for 25 years of membership was Gayle Kahane. Dennis Chapman received a certificate and pin marking 65 years of Grange Membership. Also Elaine and Dennis Chapman were honored with London's 2017 Grangers of the year award.

A large crowd enjoyed turkey, potatoes, gravy and stuffing provided by the Grange as well as music by local musicians.



## What is 'The Grange Way'?

During the 2017 National Grange Convention in Spokane, Washington, National Grange Master Betsy Huber announced the 2018 Grange Month theme: "That's the Grange Way."

April is Grange Month, so what are your plans for showcasing "That's the Grange Way"?

Grange Month is an annual event in April where every member and every Grange is encouraged to engage their communities and share the Grange with others and it will be here before you know it. So all should be making plans NOW for an event at your Grange to attract the attention of your community.

State Masters have been challenged to set a goal this year to get the Grange name better recognized and known in your state, and Grange Month gives a good opportunity for press coverage. "That's the Grange Way!" What does this mean to you?

It should bring to mind many different things.

- Family
- Service to the community
- Respect for others
- Honoring our 150 year history and our ancestors who made the Grange the great organization it continues to be
- Good citizenship

- Leadership training
- Fun activities
- Faith, Hope, Charity and Fidelity
- American Values. Hometown Roots.
- Traditions
- Civic participation
- Interest in legislation and our government, from local to national
- Using our hands to make things for others
- Teaching others how to make or grow things
- Trying new things, but staying true to the Grange's roots and ritual.

Your Grange wants to tell the world what "the Grange Way" means, and why they should care, why they should want to join your Grange and help with efforts to improve lives from the grassroots up.

Just like last year, it is hoped you use the theme to help prompt discussions in and outside your Grange about the organization you love, what it means to be a Granger and why the Grange is relevant today.

Grange Month material has been mailed to each Grange in Oregon. The material is also available on the Oregon State Grange website. Links to this information is listed under the Members' Info dropdown for Subordinate/Community Grange.

## Grange Month - Social Media

The National Grange has provided the above graphic which is sized to be used as a cover photo for your FaceBook page. It, of course, can also be used on many other things including invites, flyers and Grange websites.

Since it is a digital file it needs to be downloaded and is available on the Oregon State Grange website on the Subordinate/Community Grange Information page and is labeled as a Graphic.



Right: Gayle Kahane received her Silver Star certificate from Grange Secretary Alice Nowicki.





American Filipino Choir sang Christmas Carols to a full house at Walterville Grange.

## Holiday Dinner and Open House Held at Walterville Grange

On December 12, 2017 Walterville Grange #416, Lane County, held their Holiday dinner and open house. Over 100 Grangers and guests were in attendance and a nice buffet style dinner with turkey, ham and all the fixings was provide with members bringing their favorite side dish, salad or dessert.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by the American Filipino Choir who sang Christmas Carols and encouraged everyone to sing along. Even Santa Claus showed up for all the children.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of awards. Rowena Miller,



The 2017 Citizen of the Year award was presented to Darren Bucich, McKenzie Fire Chief by Grange Lecturer, Rowena Miller.

Walterville Grange Lecturer presented awards for Citizen of the Year and Granger of the Year. The 2017 Citizen of the Year award was presented to Darren Bucich, McKenzie Fire Chief. He has been the chief since 2009 and under his leadership has launched a student program and in January 2016, for the first time in district history, McKenzie

Fire and Rescue began providing 24 hour coverage, 7 days a week. In addition, Chief Bucich, serves as 1st vice President of the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association.

The Granger of the Year award was present to two ladies, Louise Austin and June Carlson. Sister Louise has been a member for over 55 years, first joining the Grange in 1962 along with her now deceased husband Wendell. Sister June received her Golden Sheaf certificate in 2016 recognizing 50 years of Grange membership. Both ladies took advantage of the opportunity to sit on Santa's lap.



L: Grange Sisters Louise Austin and June Carlson shared Walterville Grange's 2017 Granger of the Year award presented by Lecturer, Rowena Miller. R: Following the program both Ladies enjoyed sitting on Santa's lap.

## Veterans

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A new year, a new beginning. A time of looking forward while reflecting on the past. Not to weep over our failings, but to garner wisdom from our experiences. Our manual guides us toward an emphasis on Religious awareness and activities. I am not suggesting that we hang out on the local street corner preaching doctrine, but rather to reflect on why our founders of not only our country but of the Grange itself placed such an emphasis on GOD and spiritual matters. We open meetings; ask for guidance, special blessings, honor departed, all in the name of GOD.

This brings me to the point of this paragraph. Our military Chaplains have been the brunt of unjust accusations and harassment for a couple decades simply for doing what their job title defines them as. Attitudes and technology are swinging in a different direction and our service members are embracing this change. Micro SD cards, or bible stick as they are called, the size of your small fingernail that can be inserted into a cell phone and contain the entire bible, worship music and study material are coming on the market. If you know of someone interested – google bible stick.

Memorial Day or what started as "Decoration Day" this year will be on Monday May 28. It is a time to

honor (or remember) those who have preceded us in death. Will your Grange connect with your community; your banner or a wreath at a nearby cemetery proclaiming "\_\_\_\_GRANGE remembers those buried here." Think outside the box, get involved, and let the world know that we are doing good things in this community.

### OSG Convention in Astoria June 23-29, 2018

A Veterans committee tour of the USCG air station about a mile from where the convention is being held will be on Friday June 22 [the day prior to the start of session]. Anyone interested please let me know your desire to participate by contacting me or sending in the coupon below. We will need to arrange transportation and base access. If only a dozen or so want to go we can use vans, 30 or more we will need a bus and more tour personnel.

### Oregon State fair August 24 – September 3, 2018

The dates for state fair have been posted and Veterans usually get in free on the last Monday. I expect each committee will have one day to host the Log Cabin. Veterans and those interested in helping the Veterans committee mark your calendars for Monday September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018 at the state fair.



### State Grange Veterans Tour Friday June 22

Leave the Clatsop County Fairgrounds at 12:30pm  
Visit the USCG Air Station in Astoria

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## Grange Youth & Young Adults



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How do we communicate? This question truly depends on who you ask. This is a very open ended topic with many answers. There are so many forms of communication these days - e-mail, text, snap chat, twitter, Instagram, FaceBook, mail in your mailbox, cell phones or land line phones. With so many options, how do we know what is the best way to communicate?

With our ever changing world I think the actual point is to keep the lines

of communication open, in whatever form is best for you. When I communicate with the Youth/Young Adults of the Oregon State Grange, my best responses come when I use the OSG Youth Facebook page. When I communicate with the Youth/Young Adult committee, my best responses come when I use their e-mails. Use what works for you and your peers just remember to communicate. Also, remember to ask a Youth, I'm sure they will be delighted.



## Keeping Oregon Warm Delivers

On November 25th some of the boxes of hats, gloves, scarves, socks and mittens were delivered by Lane County Granger to homeless and low income people in their area through the Hope House Soup Kitchen. Items were collected by the Oregon State Grange Youth and Young Adults at the State Convention in June as part of the Keeping Oregon Warm project. They project will be undertaken again this year with collected items going to Granges in district 3 for distribution.



Above: Judy liked her new hat, just in time for Christmas Season

Left: Johnny received a new hat.

## Oregon State Grange Youth Officer Application Due to the State Office by March 31, 2018

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age (on January 1, 2018) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Grange: \_\_\_\_\_

Pomona: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

What, if any, financial aid do you request from the Oregon Youth Activity Fund? *(Depends upon the availability of funds. Any financial aid acceptance implies you will participate in ALL youth activities.)*

Will you accept banquet meal tickets? ☐ Yes ☐ No

At this time, have you been designated as a delegate by your Grange? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you available to help install the Juniors on Sunday morning ☐ Yes ☐ No

To assist the state youth team in making youth officer assignments, please share your preference for which offices you wish to be considered for

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly explain your first choice.

List current Grange Office(s) or Committee(s) held. Include Subordinate and Pomona, please acknowledge any committee chairs.

List previous Grange office(s) or committee(s) held. Include Subordinate and Pomona, please acknowledge any committee chairs.

What Grange contests/activities have you or are you planning to participate in?

What National Achievement Awards have you or are you planning to accomplish? *(Applications submitted with a completed National Trivia Challenge or two national achievement awards will receive preference in office assignments. OSG financially supports the youth officers and, in turn, youth need to support the program at large.)*

*I agree that if I am selected to be a Youth Officer, I will attend all scheduled practice sessions and be prepared to open State Grange Convention on Wednesday morning. I further agree that if I have a speaking part, I will have it fully committed to memory upon arrival at the State Grange Convention. I will also wear the proper attire for the opening of the Oregon State Grange on Wednesday morning. Dress code for the men includes: slacks, button-up shirt, jacket, tie and dress shoes. Dress code for women includes: floor length dress (preferably with straps) and dress shoes. (Military dress uniform is allowed/encouraged if serving on active duty.) If you need help finding these items, please contact the Youth Director. You are expected to participate in the youth activities (but delegate work is the priority) and lend a helping hand to any task requested.*

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

*I affirm the first four degrees or Welcoming Ceremony had been received when this application was signed (Your initials) \_\_\_\_\_*



## Youth Community Service Award

New this year to the Youth and Young Adults program is the Youth Community Service Award, a national program to recognize a Grange youth or young adult between the ages of 14 and 35, who has performed outstanding service in their community. A group of Grange youth may also receive this award.

The Grange nominating the youth needs to:

- Describe the community service activity that was conducted
- Who benefited from it
- Was this a new or old activity?
- What was the impact or result

of the activity?

- Who else was involved and what was their contribution?

The entry form can be downloaded from [www.orgrange.org/youth](http://www.orgrange.org/youth). It must be sent to the State Grange Youth Director postmarked no later than **June 1**.

The State Grange winner(s) will receive a certificate and be recognized at the National Grange Convention during Youth Leadership Days. The National Grange Community Service and Youth Departments will organize a committee to select one overall winner, who will receive a plaque in recognition of their achievements.

## Oregon State Junior Grange Officer Installation Team

Youth are needed to help with the Oregon State Junior Grange officer installation on Sunday morning June 24th. If you are interested please check the box on the Youth Officer Application form.

Participating in this activity will not interfere with your duties as a state youth officer. If you are not applying to be a youth office but are interested in helping out with the installation team please drop a note to the state office by March 31, 2018. Those participate in this activity will earn the Ruby seal for the Aaron B Grosh Mentoring National Grange Youth achievement Award.

Here is an opportunity for you to be a mentor and role model to our young members.



Youth and Young Adults participated with the Lane Pomona Granges annual float in the Springfield Christmas parade on Saturday December 2nd. Pictured from r-l are: Brianna Herrick, 1+ Junior Noah Strasheim, Lexie Suing and Olivia Suing and her son Beau Strasheim. Missing from the picture but also on the float was Cameron Herrick.



Pictured l-r: Taekwondo participants Sophia Rock, Cody Sherman, Tony Papal and Sidney Schreier with their canes.

## Cane Clinic at White Eagle Grange

On January 4, 2018 Vito's School of Taekwondo held a Cane Clinic at White Eagle Grange #683, Umatilla County. Participants in the clinic learned how to use a cane for self-defense. After proper warm up, nine self-defense techniques were taught. Cost for the instruction was the cost of the cane (\$25) which the students got to take home with them.

The clinic was put on by Certified ATA (Cane) instructor Vincent Papal with the help of Tony Papal who helped organize and instruct the students. Vincent and Tony are active

members and officers at White Eagle Grange. Tony Papal recently became a Certified ATA (American Taekwondo Association) instructor and works alongside his dad, Vincent, when he is home from Brown University where he is a junior.

Vito's Taekwondo holds classes at White Eagle Grange one day a week and has special clinics (board breaking, cane techniques, etc) throughout the year. The clinic didn't start out as a fund raiser but they raised \$25 that they presented to White Eagle Grange.

## Youth/Young Adults Retreat In April In Clackamas County

Oregon State Grange Spring Youth and Young Adults Retreat will be held on the weekend of April 20-22 at Warner Grange #117 in Clackamas County.

Tentative schedule has the retreat starting on Friday evening about 7 pm and concluded on Sunday morning after clean-up by 11 am. There is a \$5 fee for the weekend. Meals include dinner on Friday night, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and brunch Sunday morning. Plans for the weekend include an Iron Chef Soup contest, a scavenger hunt, workshops on the National and State Grange Youth/Young Adults program and other opportunities for participation at state, regional and National Grange events.

At this point, items to bring include sleeping bag, air mattress or pad, pillow and personal care items. Youth are encouraged to bring music instruments, etc. to share their talents and board games/cards to play on Friday night. Watch the OSG Youth Facebook Page, the OSG website and the April Bulletin for more information.

### Oregon State Grange Spring Youth/Young Adults Retreat Registration

Pre-registration strongly encouraged by April 8, 2018.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Grange \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

When will you be arriving: \_\_\_\_\_ Friday night \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday morning

Do you have any special dietary requirements?

Please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out one form per person and mail/email to:

OSG Youth Director, Connie Suing  
4557 Spring Meadow Ave ~ Eugene OR 97404  
[csuing@hotmail.com](mailto:csuing@hotmail.com)

You can mail your \$5 with your registration or bring to the retreat.

OSG Permission slip/medical treatment form must be signed by parents for those under 18 and is available on the OSG Youth Facebook page and the OSG website. Please print and send with registration or bring to retreat.

## 2016-2018 Oregon State Grange Officer Nominations

The Oregon State Grange elects officers in even years. Below are the **names of the members** who were nominated for offices by Subordinate/Community Granges followed by **their Grange and number** and the **Granges who nominated them**. To accept a nomination for an office, nominees must file a written statement (and optionally a current photograph) with the State Grange office no later than 5 pm on March 1. No member may be a candidate for more than one office. Statements and pictures will be published in a special election issue of the Grange Bulletin that will be mailed in mid-March. Subordinate/Community Granges shall vote on State Officers at any regular meeting in April and send their results to the State Grange office no later than May 5. An Election Committee will tabulate the votes, and the results will be published in the June Bulletin.



**Susan Noah - Mohawk McKenzie #747:** Abernethy #346, Beavercreek #276, Boring-Damascus #260, Fairmount #252, Frogpond #111, Greenacres #834, Lake Creek #697, London #937, Marys River #685, Midland #781, Mohawk McKenzie #747, Molalla #310, Silverton #748, Springwater #263, Sunnyside #842, Waltherville #416, Warner #117, Warren #536, Willamette #52

**Malcolm Trupp - Spencer Creek #855:** Forest Grove #282, Hurricane Creek #608, Phoenix #779, Riversdale #731, White Eagle #683

**Phil Van Buren - Midland #781:** Creswell #496, Goshen #561, Thurston #853

**Carol Everman - Beaver Valley #306:** Beaver Homes #518



**Jay Sexton - Marys River #685:** Abernethy #346, Boring-Damascus #260, Clarkes #261, Marys River #685, Midland #781, Mohawk-McKenzie #747, Rockford #501, Silverton #748, Springwater #263, Sunnyside #842, Waltherville #416, Warren #536, Willamette #52

**Celia Luttrell - Boring-Damascus #260:** Fairmount #252, Frogpond #111, Lake Creek #697, Thurston #853

**Orrin Schnetzky - Tigard #148:** Creswell #496, Goshen #561

**John Fine - Riversdale #731:** Beavercreek #276

**Louise Holst - Midland #781:** Hurricane Creek #608

**Sam Keator - Winona #271:** London #937

**Don Kingsborough - Warner #117:** Greenacres #834

**John Knox - Forest Grove #282:** White Eagle #683

**Mark Noah - Mohawk-McKenzie #747:** Phoenix #779

**Malcolm Trupp - Spencer Creek #855:** Molalla #310

**Phil Van Buren - Midland #781:** Riversdale #731



**Linda Helm - Central Point #698:** Clarkes #261, Beavercreek #276, Creswell #496, Fairmount #252, Greenacres #834, Lake Creek #697, London #937, Marys River #685, Midland #781, Riversdale #731, Santiam Valley #828, Springwater #263, Sunnyside #842, Waltherville #416, Warren #536, White Eagle #683

**Ann Rawlins - Mohawk-McKenzie #747:** Goshen #561, Thurston #853

**Cookie Trupp - Spencer Creek #855:** Mohawk-McKenzie #747, Phoenix #779

**Jeanie Force - Sunnyside #842:** Frogpond #111



**Alexa/Lexie Suing - Crow #450:** Clarkes #261, Creswell #496, Fairmount #252, Goshen #561, Greenacres #834, London #937, Marys River #685, Springwater #263, Sunnyside #842, Thurston #853

**Phil Van Buren - Midland #781:** Hurricane Creek #608, Lake Creek #697, Mohawk-McKenzie #747, Phoenix #779, Santiam Valley #828, Waltherville #416

**Don Kingsborough - Warner #117:** Boring-Damascus #260, Frogpond #111

**Alex Coe - Phoenix #779:** Warren #536

**Orrin Schnetzky - Tigard #148:** Beavercreek #276

**Maggie Swartzendruber - Riversdale #731:** Riversdale #731

**Malcolm Trupp - Spencer Creek #855:** Midland #781

**Cole Wilson - White Eagle #683:** White Eagle #683



**Phil VanBuren - Midland #781:** Beavercreek #276, Fairmount #252, Greenacres #834, Hurricane Creek #608, London #937, Thurston #853, Warren #536

**Tim Dehne - Willamette #52:** Marys River #685, Rockford #501, Sunnyside #842, Willamette #52

**Wayne Cabler - Central Point #698:** Mohawk-McKenzie #747, Phoenix #779

**Jeff Dehne - Waltherville #416:** Midland #781, Waltherville #416

**Brandon Anglin - White Eagle #683:** White Eagle #683

**Jim Clute - Forest Grove #282:** Goshen #561

**Allan Naylor - Clarkes #261:** Springwater #263

**Orrin Schnetzky - Tigard #148:** Molalla #310

**Jay Sexton - Marys River #685:** Creswell #496

**Richard Wanker - Redland #796:** Frogpond #111



**Louise Holst - Midland #781:** Beavercreek #276, Fairmount #252, Greenacres #834, Hurricane Creek #608, London #937, Riversdale #731, Thurston #853, Warren #536

**Maggie Swartzendruber - Riversdale #731:** Forest Grove #282, Sunnyside #842

**Margaret Clute - Forest Grove #282:** Goshen #561

**Elizabeth Dehne - Waltherville #416:** Midland #781

**Misty Gorbett - White Eagle #683:** White Eagle #683

**Linda Helm - Phoenix #779:** Mohawk-McKenzie #747

**Susie Kroeker - Crow #450:** Phoenix #779

**Annette Naylor - Clarkes #261:** Springwater #263

**Julie Schnetzky - Tigard #148:** Molalla #310

**Connie Suing - Crow #450:** Waltherville #416

**Annette Wanker - Redland #796:** Frogpond #111



**Peggy Fine - Riversdale #731:** Creswell #496, Fairmount #252, Goshen #561, Greenacres #834, Hurricane Creek #608, Lake Creek #697, London #937, Phoenix #779, Riversdale #731, Santiam Valley #828, Sunnyside #842, Thurston #853, Waltherville #416

**Louise Holst - Midland #781:** Abernethy #346, Midland #781, Mohawk-McKenzie #747,

**Jessie Jo Guttridge - Springwater #263:** Forest Grove #282, Winona #271

**Maggie Swartzendruber - Riversdale #731:** Springwater #263, Warren #536

**Gail Wilson - White Eagle #683:** Beavercreek #276, White Eagle #683

**Randi Embree - Macleay #293:** Marys River #685

**Daniel LeBrun - Eagle Creek #297:** Frogpond #111



**Paula Herrick - Waltherville #416:** Abernethy #346, Beavercreek #276, Creswell #496, Fairmount #252, Goshen #561, Greenacres #834, Hurricane Creek #608, Lake Creek #697, London #937, Marys River #685, Midland #781, Mohawk-McKenzie #747, Phoenix #779, Riversdale #731, Santiam Valley #828, Springwater #263, Sunnyside #842, Thurston #853, Waltherville #416, White Eagle #683

**Joyce Parker - Springwater #263:** Frogpond #111

**Malcolm Trupp - Spencer Creek #855:** Warren #536





**Sarah Kingsborough - Sandlake #546:** Abernethy #346, Beavercreek #276, Creswell #496, Fairmount #252, Forest Grove #282, Frogpond #111, Goshen #561, Greenacres #834, Hurricane Creek #608, Lake Creek #697, London #937, Marys River #685, Midland #781, Phoenix #779, Riversdale #731, Sandlake #546, Springwater #263, Thurston #853, Waltherville #416, Warner #536, White Eagle #683

**Carol Everman - Beaver Valley #306:** Mohawk-McKenzie #747, Winona #271

**Celia Luttrell - Boring-Damascus #260:** Clarkes #261



**James Clute - Forest Grove #282:** Beavercreek #276, Creswell #496, Fairmount #252, Greenacres #834, Hurricane Creek #608, Lake Creek #697, London #937, Mohawk-McKenzie #747, Phoenix #779, Riversdale #731, Sunnyside #842, White Eagle #683

**Dennis Chapman - London #937:** Abernethy #346, Warren #536, Winona #271

**Orrin Schnetzky - Tigard #148:** Midland #781, Springwater #263

**Jay Sexton - Marys River #685:** Goshen #561, Thurston #853

**Ed Luttrell - Boring-Damascus #260:** Frogpond #111

**Richard McDonnell - Little Deschutes #939:** Little Deschutes #939

**Mark Noah - Mohawk-McKenzie #747:** Waltherville #416

**Cole Wilson - White Eagle #683:** Clarkes #261



**Liz Dehne - Waltherville #416:** Clarkes #261, Beavercreek #276, Creswell #496, Fairmount #252, Goshen #561, Greenacres #834, London #937, Marys River #685, Midland #781, Mohawk-McKenzie #747, Phoenix #779, Riversdale #731, Thurston #853, Waltherville #416, Warren #536

**Jessie Jo Guttridge - Springwater #263:** Abernethy #346, Frogpond #111, Springwater #263

**Myrna Colvin - Terrebonne #663:** White Eagle #683

**Jeanie Force - Sunnyside #842:** Boring-Damascus #260

**Grace Hayes - Abernethy #346:** Sandlake #546

**Kiri Schnetzky - Tigard #148:** Winona #271

**Cookie Trupp - Spencer Creek #855:** Hurricane Creek #608



**Mikela Heimuller - Warren #536:** Abernethy #346, Beavercreek #276, Clarkes #261, Fairmount #252, Greenacres #834, Hurricane Creek #608, London #937, Marys River #685, Midland #781, Mohawk-McKenzie #747, Phoenix #779, Riversdale #731, Springwater #263, Thurston #853, Waltherville #416, Warren #536, White Eagle #683

**Bev Bush - Clarkes #261:** Frogpond #111

**Stacy Clute - Forest Grove #282:** Creswell #496

**Leila Dumolt - Beavercreek #276:** Boring-Damascus #260

**Louise Holst - Midland #781:** Goshen #561



**Eva Frost - Warren #536:** Abernethy #346, Beaver Homes #518, Beavercreek #276, Clarkes #261, Creswell #496, Fairmount #252, Goshen #561, Greenacres #834, Hurricane Creek #608, Lake Creek #697, London #937, Marys River #685, Midland #781, Mohawk-McKenzie #747, Riversdale #731, Santiam Valley #828, Sunnyside #842, Thurston #853, Waltherville #416, Warren #536, White Eagle #683

**Louise Holst - Midland #781:** Springwater #263, Phoenix #779

**Suzan Sether - Molalla #310:** Frogpond #111



### Position #1

**Jeff Dehne - Waltherville #416:** Beavercreek #276, Clarkes #261, Creswell #496, Fairmount #252, Goshen #561, Lake Creek #697, London #937, Marys River #685, Mohawk-McKenzie #747, Sunnyside #842, Thurston #853, Waltherville #416, Warren #536

**John Fine - Riversdale #731:** Phoenix #779, Riversdale #731, Santiam Valley #828, White Eagle #683

**Vernon Herrick - Waltherville #416:** Hurricane Creek #608

**Ken Hetsel - Silverton #748:** Silverton #748

**Peggy Jillson - Irving #377:** Frogpond #111

**Jessie O'Dell - Santiam Valley #828:** Springwater #263

**Ken Schwieger - London #937:** Midland #781

**Phyllis Wilson - Greenacres #834:** Greenacres #834

### Position #2

**James (Jim) Dumolt - Clarkes #261:** Abernethy #346, Beavercreek #276, Boring-Damascus #260, Clarkes #261, Forest Grove #282, Molalla #310, Springwater #263, Sunnyside #842, Waltherville #416



## Sunnyside Grange And Local Girl Scouts Help Each Other



**Don Sether - Molalla #310:** Fairmount #252, Frogpond #111, Greenacres #834, Lake Creek #697, London #937, Santiam Valley #828

**Sam Keator - Winona #271:** Goshen #561, Riversdale #731, Thurston #853

**Don Kingsborough - Warner #117:** Hurricane Creek #608, Warren #536

**Celia Luttrell - Boring-Damascus #260:** Mohawk-McKenzie #747, Sandlake #546

**Jeanie Force - Sunnyside #842:** Midland #781

**Ed Luttrell - Boring-Damascus #260:** White Eagle #683

### Position #3

**Roger Wilson - White Eagle #683:** Creswell #496, Beavercreek #276, Fairmount #252, Frogpond #111, Goshen #561, Greenacres #834, Lake Creek #697, London #937, Phoenix #779, Thurston #853

**David McBride - Hurricane Creek #608:** Abernethy #346, Hurricane Creek #608, Riversdale #731, Springwater #263, Warren #536, White Eagle #683

**Dean High - Midland #781:** Clarkes #261, Midland #781, Sunnyside #842

**Louise Holst - Midland #781:** Mohawk-McKenzie #747, Santiam Valley #828, Waltherville #416

**Richard McDonnell - Little Deschutes #939:** Little Deschutes #939

Sunnyside Grange #842, Clackamas County, donated \$200 to their local Girl Scout Troop at their December Christmas meeting.

The Girl Scouts volunteered their time and helped the vendors move items into and out of the Grange hall during the Holiday Bazaar held in November and the Grange wished to show their appreciation.

Left: Sunnyside Grange Master presents a check from the Grange to the Girl Scouts

## OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - October 15, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 1:05pm by Master Susan Noah. Additional members present included Jeff Dehne, Don Sether, Roger Wilson, Celia Luttrell, and Sarah Kingsborough.

Minutes from the previous meeting on July 23rd were read and approved.

### Financial Reports

- Celia's accounting reports were reviewed. We are almost current with the financial reports.
- Jan's office reports detailing Subordinate Grange quarterly reports including past due balances were reviewed.
- GrangeUp reports show a net gain of 58 members year to date. Wooahoo!
- Investment reports from our advisor, Scott Barker, were reviewed. Our YTD rate of return is 7%.

### Unfinished Business

- North Howell property sale went to mediation and has still not been resolved. This will continue to be worked through our attorney.
- Evergreen property has sold for \$145,000.
- The accounting program software upgrade is still in process. Old issues have been corrected.
- Employee handbook revision was presented to the staff. Additional documentation is being worked on for the office staff including job duties and office procedures.
- GrangeUp '17 is showing great traction, keep encouraging activity in the 4th quarter to drive our membership and meet budget goals.
- Director's retreat was held the weekend of September 22. Annual planning took place and a new mission statement was created. The next phase in our GrangeUp '17 program will be focused on Grange Connections! Look for more activities taking place in 2018.
  - Don moved to allocate up to \$5000 in promotional items for the Grange Connections program in 2018. Roger seconded and motion approved.
- Backpacks were given out at the state fair. We did not give out as many as anticipated. Leftovers are available for sale in sets of 30 backpacks for \$30. Volunteers who won the visa cards were Kim Schettig and Rowena Miller.
- Roxy Ann Grange was reorganized September 26th with 24 new members.

- Library exhibits have been placed in 13 libraries around the state. Nine more are scheduled, including the Multnomah County library next spring with a kickoff event on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

### New Business

- Ada, Mapleton, Smith River - could need redistricting for Pomona since Coos/Curry/West Coast has dissolved.
- Don moved to move Ada and Mapleton into Lane Pomona and Smith River into Douglas Pomona. Jeff seconded. Motion passed.
- Pomona Task Force met on October 7th to discuss strengths and opportunities for Pomona Granges. Additional meetings are set for February 3rd and March 17th.
- National Grange Celebratory Gala
  - Jeff moved to send \$50 as a sponsor for the Celebration. The motion died for lack of second.
- Fernwood property - request for easement from the Werth family.
  - Jeff moved that we respond to the easement request to have a meeting with the Werth family and understand their request more. Roger seconded. Motion passed.
- State Masters conference is being hosted in Oregon in March 2018.
  - Don moved to sponsor the meals for the weekend out of the Master Convention fund and National convention fund. Sarah seconded. Motion passed.
- 150th Celebration will be December 10th at the Willamette Heritage Center.
  - Don moved to fund the 150th celebration including facility, food, invitations, decorations, etc. Roger seconded. Motion passed.
- GROW club is working on a 5th degree team for Wallowa County.
- 2019 convention in district 4, plans are underway. They have proposals from several venues.
- Ag in the Classroom Program has their annual fund raiser dinner and auction is October 21st
- OSG Loan Policy proposal per audit recommendation.
  - Don moved to approve the loan policy presented, to be added to the loan criteria on the OSG website. Roger seconded, motion passed.

- National Grange schedule was reviewed and raffle tickets are available for sale.
- Community Service project for Western Region is "Animal Husbandry" or pet products. Encourage Granges to donate for National Convention.
- Grant Committee report was reviewed. Roger moved to approve the committees report as amended, for \$41,720.94 in grant funds. Don seconded. Motion passed.
  - Fairfield \$4959
  - Sunnydale \$5000
  - Kellogg \$1778.12
  - Redmond \$2825
  - Silverton \$4972.18
  - Skyline \$4267.64
  - High Desert \$2000
  - Coburg \$5000
  - Pacific \$4419
  - North End \$1500
  - Pine Valley \$5000

### Decisions made via email

- Agreement to accept \$50,000 for the sale of Crowfoot Grange
- Agreement on possible additional loan to the National Grange for repair of their HVAC
- Agreement to allow Fruitdale to withdraw \$1,733.15 from their trust funds for additional painting.
- Agreement to counter the potential buyer on the Franklin property to \$60,000.
- Agreement to sign over one acre parcel on a Grange that went dormant in the 30's. The family that has been working this land have asked for a quit claim deed.
- Agreement to counter the

offer of \$50,000 on Mud Springs to \$95,000.

- Agreement to again counter the new offer on Mud Springs of \$75,000 to \$80,000. Mud Springs sold.
- Agreement to again counter the offer of \$50,000 on Franklin Grange to \$55,000.
- Agreement to move to a new storage unit across town.
- Agreement to allow Riversdale Grange to accept \$5,000 less on Evergreen Grange due to termite damage.
- Agreement to sell the Grange back packs left over from the State Fair.
- Agreement to allow Terrebonne to withdraw \$8,000 from their trust funds to replace heating system, replace curtains on the stage and putting down laminate on the stage.
- Agreement to allow Lexington to withdraw the remainder of their trust funds to partially pay for an upgrade in electrical.

Jeff moved to ratify all agreements made via email. Roger seconded. Motion passed.

### Grange Reports

- Creswell- other members from Lane county are supporting membership growth.
- Roxy Ann - reorganized in September with 24 people.
- Salmon River- latest visit was very positive.

Next meetings: Saturday January 20th at 9am, Saturday April 21st at 9am.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05pm



## Lake Creek Grange Adds Banner

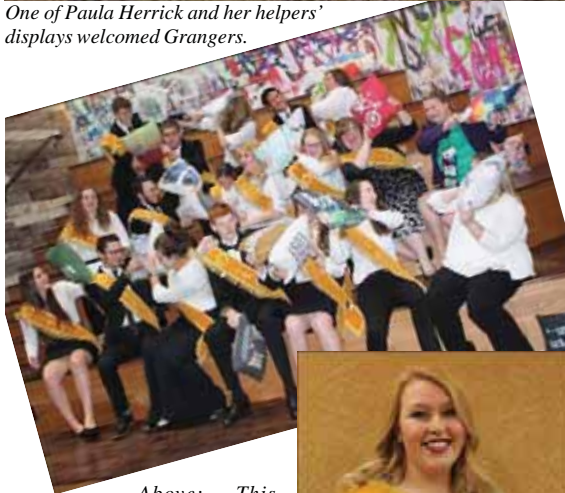
Lake Creek Grange #697, Jackson County added a banner to their Farmer's Market area with the new OSG mission statement. Local market vendors are welcome to set up a table at no charge whenever the Grange is serving Breakfast.



## 2017 National Grange Convention ~ Spokane, Washington



One of Paula Herrick and her helpers' displays welcomed Grangers.



Above: This staired seating area at convention was very popular for group pictures. The National Youth officers had a pillow fight with the pillows on it while waiting for thie photo.

R: Maggie Swartzendruber serving as Lady Assistant Steward on the National Youth officer team.



L: Hannah the Black Bear attended the GROW Club dinner.



Below: Washington State Grange provided the Rose Drill for the sixth degree made up off these young people.



The states of the Western Region (Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho Montana and Nevada) served as hosts at the 151st Annual Session of the National Grange in Spokane, Washington in November.

Oregon was well represented at the National Grange convention in Spokane with close to 65 members in attendance throughout the week. The sixth degree was a joint effort between Oregon and Washington with Oregon's State officers exemplifying the degree and Washington providing an all youth team for the Rose Drill.

Many Oregon members were involved in the actual production of the convention. Sister Paula Herrick agreed to do the decorations and with her helpers setup decorations and table center pieces through the convention. Sister Louise Holst saw to the 7<sup>th</sup> degree laundry which requires washing and pressing many of the costumes used in the degree work. Sister Connie Suing oversaw Oregon's day (Wednesday) in the hospitality room.

Each of these dedicated Grangers in turn recruited friends and family and pretty soon there were Oregon helpers everywhere from the Junior program, setting up for the sixth degree and setting up display items in the Showcase room. Additionally, during the week several members took the opportunity to follow Oregon's resolutions and to take part in the conferences being offered and many availed themselves of the opportunity to be initiated in the seventh degree.



A b o v e : Connie Suing, Tim Dehne and Jay Sexton serving visitors in the hospitality room while Mark Noah checks out the food. Others helping out were Sen Speroff, Suzy Ramm, Maggie Swartzendruber; Jeff and Liz Dehne, Phil Van Buren, Jeanie Force, Eva Frost and Marilyn Reiher. Below: The hospitality room w a s always a very b u s y place.



2018 National Youth Team was announced Friday during the Evening of Excellence. L-r: Male Y o u t h Ambassador Jacob Gwin, Washington, Outstanding Young Patron Jennifer Nauss, Pennsylvania, and Female Youth Ambassador Tessa Taft, New York.



# 145th Annual Oregon State Grange Convention



## “Rediscover the Grange at the End of the Trail”

Astoria is a town full of history and adventure and will be the site for this year's State convention at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds. The convention will begin on Saturday June 23 and end on Thursday June 28<sup>th</sup>. The large exhibit hall will be used for the main meeting room, the exhibits, the breakout committee meetings and lunches served by local Granges. There is an unlimited amount of dry camping available with limited electricity plus handicapped spaces closer to the exhibit hall. If you need special arrangements contact Eva Frost at [evafrost1038@comcast.net](mailto:evafrost1038@comcast.net). They will soon assign a Wagon Master to help with all camping arrangements.



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The convention will follow the same format as last year's State session and all meals tickets must be purchased by June 1. Plans are being made for an extra lunch meal on Saturday, June 23, that will be hosted by the Junior Grangers and their committee. Also new to the agenda, will be a tour of the local area with the Veterans committee on Friday afternoon. Look for details on the Veterans tour on page 15. More convention details including information on meal tickets will be in the next Bulletin. The schedule will be in the June/July paper.

The first four degrees will again be on Saturday and the fifth and sixth degrees will be on Sunday. District #3 is looking for youth and young adults to take part in the Rosebud drill. The week will be filled with fun and adventure and District #3 is excited to host this year's convention.

## Make Your Reservations Now

The 2018 State Grange Convention will be on the coast again. District #3 is planning as good weather as we had last year. The bad news is that non-members are planning to head for the beach in late June too. This means that finding a place to stay may be challenging. And prices, well, it's all about supply and demand.

Rather than list every possible room configuration, the rate in this chart is intended to let you know whether the property fits your budget. TripAdvisor reported the rate assuming that two people share a room and check in June 22 and check out June 29. The rate does not include AAA, AARP or another discount. If you are not staying the whole week, your rate may be more or less since some properties charge more for weekend nights.

We suggest that you call the motel or RV park directly to discuss your needs. That way you will know exactly what you're getting for your money.

**Grange Convention Rate:** We have secured a block of rooms at the Comfort Inn for June 22 through 29 at a rate of \$129 per night Sunday through Thursday and \$159 for Friday and Saturday. Call the hotel (503-325-2000) and ask for the Grange Convention rate. These rates are good until June 1. If you encounter a problem, email [m\\_reiher@comcast.net](mailto:m_reiher@comcast.net) or call 503-430-8582.

If you don't find these motels and RV sites to your liking, other options are:

- Bed and breakfasts: See [www.travelastoria.com/stay/bed-breakfast-inns](http://www.travelastoria.com/stay/bed-breakfast-inns).
- Extended stay units: See [www.travelastoria.com](http://www.travelastoria.com). One of our state officers reports that she's rented a motor home in Hammond, Oregon for a very reasonable price.
- Vacation homes: Check out VRBO: Vacation Rentals by Owner, HomeAway, Holidu, Vacasa, or Airbnb.
- Also Seaside is 20 miles south and Long Beach, Washington is 20 miles north.



## Oregon State Grange Convention June 23-28, 2018

**Clatsop County Fairgrounds**  
**92937 Walluski Loop**  
**Astoria, Oregon**

Hotels	Distance	Rates	Pool	Pets	Cont'l Breakfast	Elevator	Notes
<b>Columbia Inn</b> 495 Marine Dr Astoria, OR 97103 503-325-4211	4.4 miles	\$79				1-story	some rooms smoking
<b>Motel 6 Astoria</b> 288 W Marine Dr Astoria, OR 97103 503-325-7111	5.2 miles	\$88					
<b>Astoria Rivershore Motel</b> 59 W Marine Dr Astoria, OR 97103 866-322-8047	4.7 miles	\$90					Some kitchens
<b>Atomic Motel</b> 131 W Marine Dr Astoria, OR 97103 503-325-4051	5.4 miles	\$82					
<b>Astoria Crest Motel</b> 5366 Leif Erikson Dr Astoria, OR 97103 503-850-2041	6.3 miles	\$108		some +10 			Family room \$137
<b>Best Western Bayfront</b> 555 Hamburg Ave Astoria, OR 97103 503-325-2205	4.8 miles	\$139					
<b>Comfort Suites Columbia River</b> 3420 Leif Erikson Dr Astoria, OR 97103 503-325-2000	4.8 miles	\$129 Sun-Thurs \$159 Fri-Sat					Ask for Grange Convention rate
<b>Astoria Riverwalk Inn</b> 400 Industry St Astoria, OR 97103 503-325-2013	4.8 miles	\$155					Some family rooms
<b>Shilo Inn Suites</b> 1609 E Harbor St Warrenton, OR 97146 503-861-2181	6.8 miles	\$162					Some kitchenettes
No availability: Norblad Hotel & Hostel, and Commodore Hotel Rates for Cannery Pier Hotel, Hampton Inn, & Hotel Elliott are \$175 or more per night.							
RVs, Cabins & Tents	Distance	Rates	Other information				
<b>Clatsop Cty Fairgrounds</b> 92937 Walluski Loop Astoria, OR 97103 503-816-8904	0	Dry camping on pavement adjacent to building or across road \$30/day with power \$20/day w/o power	Men's & women's showers nearby				
<b>Ft Stevens State Park</b> 100 Peter Iredale Rd Hammond, OR 97121 800-452-5887	6.8 miles	174 Full hookup @ \$34/day 15 Yurt \$48 (7 pet friendly) 6 Tent sites \$22, 6 Cabins \$92 5 Pet friendly cabins \$102	<a href="http://oregonstateparks.org">http://oregonstateparks.org</a>				
<b>Kampers West RV Park</b> 1140 NW Warrenton Dr Warrenton, OR 97146 503-861-1814	9.5 miles	160 RV sites 12 tent sites Call for rates 3 Cabins - sleep 4 @ \$52	<a href="http://www.kamperswestcamping.com/">http://www.kamperswestcamping.com/</a>				
<b>KOA</b> 1100 NW Ridge Rd Hammond, OR 97121 800-562-8506	12.2 miles	Full hookups: pull thru or back in, 30 or 50 amps Cabins w/ and w/o bathroom Tent spaces w/ or w/o water/electricity	<a href="https://koa.com/campgrounds/astoria/">https://koa.com/campgrounds/astoria/</a>				



## Oregon Granges Celebrate the Holidays



### Wolf Creek Grange Holds Santa Sale

Wolf Creek Grange #596, Union County held a Santa Sale on December 19th. More than sixty children went shopping for gifts for their family members. Each child was given the equivalent of \$5 in 50 cents coupons to purchase items.

Once the gifts were purchased they could be wrapped at the gift wrap table. Then the children could take a hay ride with Christmas carol singing, enjoy hot chocolate and popcorn and even talk to Santa. A good time was had by all.

It takes a lot of volunteers to make this event happen and Wolf Creek Grange is grateful for all their members and community volunteers that make it such a hit.

### OSG 2018 Master's Conferences Grange 101 - Back to the Basics

The State master's conferences this year will be a discussion of everything Grange. Every day Grange stuff we should all know but were afraid to or didn't know who to ask about.

- That set of miniature agricultural implements on the Master's station
- Why are the officers named the way they are
- Steps need to initiate a new member
- The differences between the Obligation Ceremony, the Welcoming Ceremony and the first Four Degrees
- How are dues are apportioned
- Number of members to make a quorum and which offices must be filled
- When can the Executive Committee make decisions for the Grange

All members are encouraged to come and participate. This year's conference is not aimed at an office or membership growth; it is designed to answer those nagging questions like why does everyone answer questions with "I'd be delighted," and then laugh, or why is there an owl on the Gatekeepers staff, or what is a spud anyway?!

Effort has been made to include all of the counties with Granges and have "assigned" them to a particular date and place, but if that does not work for you feel free to attend any of the sessions.

### Conference Schedule

Pomona/County	Date	Time	Host Grange
Coos/Curry	February 18th	1pm	Chetco
Polk/Marion	February 24th	10am	Oak Grove
Benton/Linn	February 25th	1pm	Fairmount
Hood River/Wasco	March 10th	10am	Parkdale
Tillamook/Lincoln/Clatsop	March 11th	1pm	Salmon River
Jackson/Josephine/Douglas	April 7th	10am	Fruitdale
Lane	April 8th	1pm	Creswell
Deschutes Pomona counties	April 14th	10 am	TBA
Washington-Yamhill/Columbia	April 15th	1pm	Warren
Baker/Malheur/Grant	April 21st	10am	Missouri Flat
Umatilla/Union/Morrow/Wheeler	April 22nd	1pm	Columbia
Wallowa/Union	May 19th	10am	Rockwall
Clackamas	May 20th	1pm	Abernethy



### Families Gather at Morningstar

Morningstar Grange #311, Linn County, held their annual Christmas party on Saturday December 16th. Santa paid a visit. They had a great turnout with several families. Special guests included members of Fairmount Grange in Benton County with some of their Junior members.

### Thurston Enjoyed "Shipwreck"

The Thurston Grange #853, Lane County, Christmas party was held on Friday, December 15, 2017. A ham and turkey dinner prepared by Kent Lemanque, Ruby Jones, and Mary Lambert was served to those in attendance.

The band "Shipwreck" which included a guitar playing Santa entertained the crowd and provided music for Christmas Carols singing.



The Band "Shipwreck" warming up before playing for the Grange.



### 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	May 5	10:30 AM	New Bridge Grange
Benton #36	Apr 15	10:00 AM	Summit Grange
Clackamas #1	Feb 24	6:00 PM	Maplewood Grange
Columbia #18	May 5	10:00 AM	Deer Island Grange
Deschutes #25	Feb 10	11:30 AM	Terrebonne Grange
Douglas #13	Apr 28	6:00 PM	Riversdale Grange
Jackson #27	Apr 14	10:00 AM	TBA
Josephine #20	Mar 31	10:00 AM	Illinois Valley Grange
Lane #14	Apr 14	10:00 AM	Elmira Grange
Lincoln #10	Feb 17	10:30 AM	Siletz Valley Grange
Linn #12	Apr 14	10:00 AM	Lacomb Grange
Marion #4	Apr 9	6:00 PM	TBA
Polk #3	Apr 21	10:00 AM	Buell Grange
Tillamook #9			TBA
Umatilla-Morrow #26	Feb 24	10:00 AM	Columbia Grange #867
Wallowa #22	Apr 14	10:00 AM	Liberty Grange
Washington-Yamhill #2	Apr 28	10:00 AM	Aloha Grange

## Oregon Granges Celebrate the Holidays



### Columbia's Angel Tree

Christmas was a lot brighter for two Corbett families (*one family with 7 children, and one family with 5 children*) in need of help with gifts for their children. Members of Columbia Grange #267, Multnomah County, pulled together gifts and food boxes. The Grange did an

"Angel Giving Tree" at their December dance/chili feed. Following ideas from the Salvation Army Angel Tree website for the tree tags each (angel) child was asked to list three gifts they would like.

One 9 year old boy wished for a fishing pole. (*That's the long wrapped "tube" in the picture.*) He not only received a new rod, but also a tackle box, reel and lures! One family listed only clothing, but a phone call to the parents confirmed that toys and crafts would be very much appreciated, too.

At the Christmas party more than \$250 was happily donated for the gifts. So many local people stepped up and gave so generously! The Corbett area is such a great community of kindhearted and caring people. The two families the Grange helped were overwhelmed with gratitude.

### Creswell Honors Members at Christmas



Creswell Grange #496, Lane County, held their Annual Christmas Dinner and Open House on December 16, 2017. There was a nice crowd with over 50 in attendance and enough food leftover to feed another 50 people. Most of the leftover food was repackaged and given to needy families in the Community.

Linda Wetzell, Grange Secretary, presented four special awards to Creswell members who were "Outstanding Grangers of the Year."

Recognized were Stan Chapman for Personal Donations, Stan Garboden for Best Helper, Vickie Weathers-for Outstanding Leadership and Martin McClure for Stepping Up.

Creswell Grange also gained another two new members, Mike and Joanne Cantrell, pictured above.



### Springfield Christmas Parade

The Lane Pomona Granges participated in the annual Springfield Christmas parade on Saturday December 2nd. Members from Waltherville, Mohawk McKenzie, Crow and Irving Granges braved the rain and walked and passed out candy and dog snacks along the two mile parade route. Even Bailey Noah, Mark and Susan's faithful companion, helped pass out snacks.

### Santa Visits Terrebonne Grange



Terrebonne Grange #663, Deschutes County, held their annual Christmas dinner on December 16<sup>th</sup> with a program that featured all the youth taking part in poems, readings, and musical numbers. A history lesson was given about the beginning of the Grange organization with some questions to the audience of how many founders there were and listing of those seven people. Some history was given on Oliver Kelley, as the first one to gather the group and begin the organization. Some information was given on the other

founders also. There were about 30 members and guests attending but some dodged the picture.

Santa made his appearance at the end of the program with gifts for all the young people and goody sacks for everyone. He was helped by elves, Mary Brott and Nathan Brott.



### Vernonia Grange Hosts "Spirit of Christmas in Vernonia"

The annual "Spirit of Christmas in Vernonia" was hosted by Vernonia Grange #305, in Columbia County. The event is actually many smaller events and contests all on one day. A town favorite is the gingerbread house contest, pitting amateur architects against one another for bragging rights and a small cash prize. Another is the cookie contest, where kids judge kids, and adults judge adults, on those sweet confections. The Vernonia Grange hall is the perfect venue for these events, bringing together the community for a test of Christmas spirit in a delightful and spacious setting.

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