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## Redland Grange Receives Distinguished Grange Recognition for the Fifth Consecutive Year

SANDUSKY, OHIO – The Redland Grange #796 received the prestigious Distinguished State Grange Award at the 148<sup>th</sup> National Grange Convention, held in Sandusky.

The award, which recognizes local and state Granges that faithfully uphold their duties for the year, was given at a special reception held on Wednesday, November 12.

Oregon State Grange Master Susan Noah accepted the award on behalf of the members of the Grange. "This is the fifth consecutive year they have received this honor and I am very proud of them" said Noah.

*Photo by Lindsay Shroeder, DCI Communications Fellow*



OSG Master Susan Noah accepts the plaque on behalf of Redland Grange from National Master, Ed Luttrell at the Distinguished Grange Award Reception held Wednesday evening at the National Grange Convention.

*At right: Hannah takes an up close look at the plaque.*



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## Oregon State Grange Holiday Open House & Party

**Sunday, December 14th 1-4pm**

**643 Union St. NE ~ Salem, Oregon**

**Everyone Welcome!**

**Refreshments will be served**

**Please join us!**



**Juniors, come join the fun!**

**Hot Chocolate & Snacks**

**Make mini-gingerbread houses**

3pm *Sing Christmas Carols*  
*Hear "The Night before Christmas"*  
3:30pm *Santa will drop in for a visit & photos*



*The Junior department is collecting new and gently used stuffed animals and baby blankets for SAFE Oregon*



[stuffedanimalsforemergencies.org](http://stuffedanimalsforemergencies.org)

## Conferences Scheduled

The Communications, GWA, Lecturers, Community Service and Membership committees will be having joint conferences in 2015. Look for your district scheduled below. These conferences are open to all Grange members. Each will start at 10am and a light lunch will be provided.

- District #1, Sat. Feb 21 @ Greenacres Grange
- District #2, Sun. Feb 22 @ Salmon River Grange
- District #3, Sat. Jan 17 @ Beaver Valley Grange
- District #4, Sun. Jan 18 @ Sauvie Island Grange
- District #5, Sat. Apr 11 @ High Desert Com. Grange
- District #6, Sun. Apr 12 @ White Eagle Grange

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## The Master's Column

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**Master ~ Oregon State Grange**

The holidays should be a time for rejoicing and enjoying friends and family, but instead I'm wondering why I'm hearing of so many interpersonal problems within our membership. The constant thought in my mind is "Why can't we all just get along?"

I know this problem exists in every organization, but I wonder if I'm seeing and hearing of more instances now than 20 years ago. I have high hopes for the Grange because we are family. No other organization makes that claim. No other organization is as multi-generational as we are. No other organization tries to live the life lessons we learn from working together.

There was a time when we heard the obligation from the first degree frequently. Most Granges put on their own degree work for their new candidates every few months so we all had a chance to hear "I will not knowingly wrong or defraud a Brother or Sister of the Order or allow it to be done by another if within my power to prevent it." The official Obligation Ceremony also contains this line, but the Welcoming Ceremony does not. And unfortunately I would guess that most of our Community Granges use the Welcoming Ceremony over the other two.

The Thesaurus offers the words "harm, insult or offend" for "wrong" and "cheat, trick or deceive" for "defraud" to put into more common speech. And while I'm sure most of us do not feel that we have deceived, or cheated our Brothers and Sisters, can the same be said for harming or insulting them? During one of my Lecturer's conferences a few years ago we had a guest speaker talking about the effect our words have on each other. She likened a crumpled up piece of paper to hurtful words. No matter how much you try to smooth out the paper the wrinkles remain, and no matter how much you try to smooth over hurtful words their effect will always remain. I have never forgotten what a visual impact that demonstration made.

Just as I put the words into more common speech, let me remind you of a more common way of we have of insulting our fellow members, or others. We no longer have to be face to face, where we might be reminded more of the common courtesies taught us by our parents. Now days we can post on Facebook, send

tweets, or emails and not have to face the other person. But the hurtful words still have power and we are still diminished by the action.

Our Declaration of Purposes also contains a passage that I would encourage all members to read and read often.

*We propose meeting together, talking together, working together, and in general, acting together for our mutual protection and advancement. We shall constantly strive to secure harmony, good will, and brotherhood, and to make our Order perpetual. We shall earnestly endeavor to suppress personal, local, sectional, and national prejudices, all unhealthy rivalry and all selfish ambition. Faithful adherence to these principles will insure our mental, moral, social and material advancement.*

If we do not strive for harmony and good will, how will we make our Order perpetual? Would you want to join a Grange where the members are not working together? How would you feel walking into a situation where the Master is at odds with the Secretary or with the Executive Committee? How about if your Lecturer invited a great speaker but never checked with the Master to ensure there would be time for the presentation? Who loses in that situation, the members certainly, but also the speaker who made time to come and be part of the meeting? In this case we take our problems and differences into the community. I come back to my question, would you want to join a Grange where members are at odds and cannot work together to accomplish their goals?

I have seen Granges where a few members would not work together and made it so uncomfortable for everyone else, especially new members, that the Grange died for lack of members. This is just another example of not working together "to develop a better and higher manhood and womanhood."

So when members tell me that the degrees and our ceremonies are out of date, I wonder what they are doing in their own Grange to impress these lessons and to encourage each

other to look upon one another with respect and appreciation. This is not a problem I see in any specific Granges; rather it is one I see in quite a few Granges. As State Master I field a fair number of calls from members who feel they have been "wronged" by another member and calls from members who are complaining about others in their Grange. At the end of the day I always fall back on our written work that consistently says to treat each other well, to take care of each other and to treat other members like family. Family members argue, but they usually respect and love one another.

I know we all have different opinions, but we should feel free to express those opinions at a Grange meeting or with another Granger without feeling afraid we will be treated with disrespect because of our opinions.

Having just returned from the National Grange session, I had a chance to witness at close hand the incredible workings of our order. We are made up of large states, small states, and everything in between and not once during the week did I see anyone not being respectful of other viewpoints and information. As you can imagine we have resolutions from all types of Granges and Grangers, but each viewpoint was given serious consideration. And while I know we have been facing some large challenges this year, all the delegates were considerate and kind to each other.

So as we go forward into next year, take the time to remember our lessons, read through the Declaration of Purposes, read or reread the first four degrees and remember those lessons when difficult questions come up. Treat each other with respect and embrace the differences in all of us. It would be a dull Grange if we all thought alike and no one had new ideas or information. So work together to make a better Grange, listen to new ideas and remember that we were all new members at one time, with new and crazy ideas and someone gave us a chance.



*Hannah the Black Bear spent a good share of National Grange convention hanging in Pomona's cornucopia. From there she had a view of the whole floor. She also got a fluff and grooming session and a new blue Grange sash.*

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## Oregon Junior Granges

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Junior Director's ~ Oregon State Grange



I am constantly in awe of these young people. I volunteered for this position because I wanted to help build the Junior Program so that it could be experienced by this generation. However, I find that I regularly benefit from being a part of this program. These kids are smart. They have brilliant ideas. They are untouched by the pessimism that we adults see every day. I strongly recommend that as these young people join your membership make sure to get their input on upcoming events and activities. I have no doubt that they will add to the health of the Granges they join.

I am happy to say that our first two Junior Jamborees were a great success. We had five kids at Warner Grange and sixteen at Keizer Grange. I want to sincerely thank both Granges for not only donating the use of their halls, but for being so welcoming to our groups. I also want to thank Sunnyside Grange for the generous donation that helped make these events possible. Every dollar donated is going right back into serving the Junior Program. Most importantly I want to thank all the kids who came. Big group or small we had a lot of fun! Special

thanks to Terry Elliott from Ada Grange, who led the charge in our placemat decoration. He inspired his fellow Juniors around him to work hard so that we could donate over 150 placemats to Canby Adult Center and Meals on Wheels for Halloween Day.

We have a lot of activities coming up. In December the Junior Committee will be present for the Oregon State Grange Open House and Holiday Party. We encourage all Juniors to make the trip and enjoy some hot chocolate and treats. We will have ornaments to decorate and mini-gingerbread houses to build. From 3:00p.m. to 3:30p.m. we'll have singing and enjoy a reading of "The Night Before Christmas." If we're all on our best behavior we might even get a visit from Santa!

Also be on the lookout for information for our next jamborees and other events. Join us on the Oregon State Junior Grange Facebook Page to get current information on what we're doing. Remember, we are still looking for volunteers for a few of our open committee chairs. Contact me directly if you are interested.

## Junior Grange Program Looks to the Future

By Suzy Ramm  
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The Junior program has had a great year celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the Junior Grange but now plans are being made to move beyond into the future.

This week Lillian Booth, National Grange Junior Director announced the new theme for 2015 is "Join Us Now In Our Red Tennis Shoes." Programs are being developed to teach Juniors "how to ask others to join the Grange" said Lillian. Through these programs Juniors will learn critical thinking skills as well as develop confidence and ability in public speaking.

Additionally, the programs will be able to be adapted to the needs of the individual states and the individuals Granges/members within whether they are a chartered Junior Grange or 1+ members of a subordinate Grange.



2015 National Junior Grange theme.

Furthermore, development of Junior Grange leaders is key to the success of the program. To that end a Junior Leader enrichment event will be rolled in the spring of 2015, starting in Oregon. This will be a "hands on, interactive activity for Junior Leaders and potential leaders" said Lillian. "It will provide direction and skills for those working with our Juniors" she added.

Additionally, the Junior Grange department will be actively looking for sponsors and grants for activities and contests. And looking to partner with other groups who share similar goals.

## Goldson Grange Adds Two 1+ Junior Members



On October 12, 2014 Goldson Grange #868 took in two new 1+ Junior Members. Master Richard Wyatt gave Kara Gebb and Breanna Jones the Junior obligation. They were supported by their parents during the ceremony.

## Halloween Jamborees



*The carved pumpkins from the Jamboree at Warner Grange greeted visitors that came for dinner.*



*Pumpkin carving, cupcake decorating, costume contest, making bird feeders and placemat making for the Canby Adult Center and Meals on Wheels were some of the activities at the Jamboree. The same program was done at both Jamborees.*



*The Juniors made skeletons using their names for the bodies.*

## More Junior Jamborees Being Planned - Dist. 3 and 6 Up Next

The Junior Committee is busy trying to find halls for the next set of Jamborees. The next two will be in districts 3 & 6. The first one is scheduled for Saturday, January 31st and the second one the following Saturday, February 7th.

Please contact Junior Director Charlotte if your Grange is willing to host and keep your eyes open for an announcement on the website & Facebook and elsewhere for where they will be held.



Benton Pomona  
meets 3rd Sunday ~ 1pm  
Fairmount Grange  
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Washington-Yamhill Pomona  
meets 3rd Sunday ~ 2pm  
Leedy Grange  
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Lane Pomona  
meets 2nd Saturday 1-3  
Mohawk-McKenzie Grange  
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## WA Junior Granger Selected as 2015 National Grange Junior Ambassador

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Morgan Browning of Mossyrock Junior Grange #366 in Mossy Rock Washington has been selected as the 2015 National Grange Junior Ambassador.

Morgan just recently turned 13 and is a fourth generation Granger. She joined Mossyrock Junior Grange in 2005. She is also a member of Camp Moorhead Junior Grange #401 and the Washington State Junior Grange.

When asks why she wanted to be a



Morgan Browning, 2015 National Grange Junior Ambassador.

## Juniors Visit Newport Aquariums

Thanks to the Benton Junior Grange (and the generous support of Benton Pomona), Juniors from across the state met in Newport November 16th to visit the Oregon Coast Aquarium and the Hatfield Marine Science Museum. The Juniors had a wonderful time and are excited for their next adventure.



Have a great idea for a Junior activity? If you are a member of a Junior Grange stand up and make a motion! If you are member of a Subordinate/Community Grange reach out to the Junior Committee!



Junior Ambassador she wrote "I have been a Granger since I was born" and continued "I feel like I am very good at mentoring the younger kids."

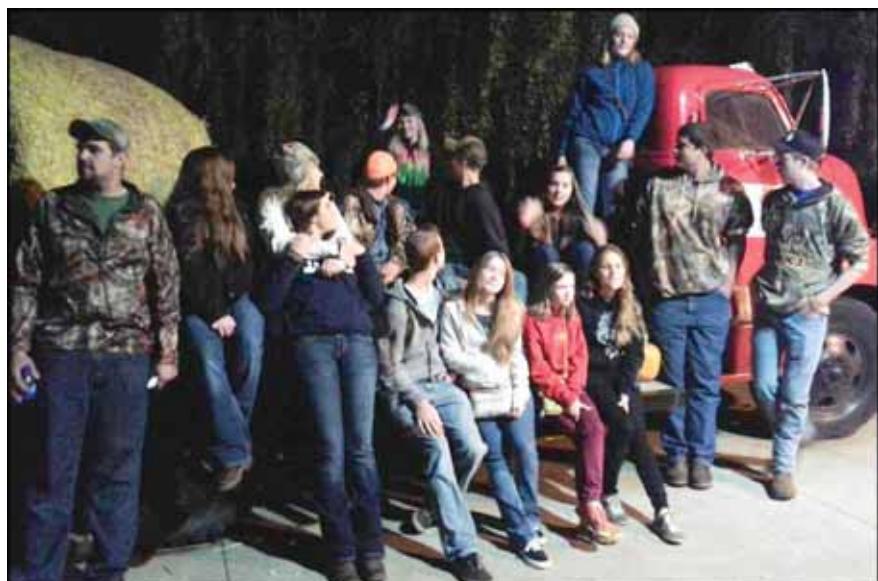
According to Morgan she has "held almost every office, entered contests and attended state convention." Additionally, she served as Pomona for the 2007 National Grange Junior Officer Corp.

She has earned 19 Junior Grange merit badges, 11 Achievement awards through the youth department and in 2013 passed the Super JG test.

Tom Gwin, Director of Camp Moorhead, in his letter of recommendation for Morgan said, "Many of our younger campers look to her as a role model and mentor." And Darell Myers, Master of Mossyrock Grange #355 wrote about Morgan "She is very passionate about her activities, especially when it involves Grange."

*This is the fifth year in a row that Washington has had a Junior Ambassador. Now with the 1+ program Oregon should have some Juniors eligible to be Ambassadors in just a couple of years.*

## Clackamas Pomona Grange Youth Invited Friends to Halloween Outing



Clackamas Pomona Grange Youth invited members and friends to the Wooden Shoe Pumpkin Fest on Saturday night October 18th. Three youth members and eighteen youth age guests had a great time going through the haunted maze and zombie paintball course. OSG Youth Ambassador Lacy Johnston spent the evening selling the Grange to all those potential new members.



## Washington State Youth Invite Western Region to Participate Region Wide Community Service Project

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Washington had eight youth attend the 2013 National Grange Convention in New Hampshire. There they saw the large Christmas tree covered with scarves, hats and mittens collected for those in need and decided it was a project that they could introduce in their state.

The state youth committee in cooperation with the State Grange Community Service Department collected stocking caps, mittens, gloves, scarves, socks, etc. both purchased and homemade for distribution to the less fortunate in the host district for state convention. A lot of the senior ladies of the Grange put their sewing and knitting skills to work in support of the project.

The project was promoted in the State Youth Directors column in the state Grange paper. And the state Lecturer, under whose jurisdiction community service falls in the Washington State Grange promoted it at his conferences held around the state.

Donations were delivered to the State Grange Convention and the youth displayed them. The donations were then divided equally among the eleven counties that made up the host district for them to distribute in their counties. Leah Bardal, Washington State Youth

Ambassador said "There were 2672 items brought to state session and it was great to see all counties in the state participate in the project."

Plans are already in place to do this again for 2015. This summer, campers at the Camp Morehead Junior Grange Camp made fleece stocking caps; one for them to take home and one for donation to project.

Additionally, at regionals in August, the Washington State Grange Youth invited the other states in the Western Region to join them in the project which will be retitled "Keeping the West Warm."



Washington State Grange Youths' Mitten Tree at their 2014 state convention.

## Grange Youth & Young Adults

*Scot & Clare Jacobson*

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*Youth Directors ~ Oregon State Grange*



"I'd be delighted...to serve" As we enter this holiday season, excitement fills the air with anticipation of all the activities that abound within our communities. We hope that your Grange is active within your community in one way or another. A holiday community dinner, with proceeds that go to a local community food bank or perhaps your Grange is holding a "supply party" for the local domestic violence shelter. Listen to the suggestions of your membership, and move forward and implement your ideas. Make it a point to have your Grange try something new, or bring back something that has been done in the past. Remember, within the Grange, your vote is just as important as the next member's. Please let us know what activates your Grange decided on, and what you are doing within your community.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce to you to our 2014-15 OSG District Youth and Young Adult Chairmen who have accepted their appointments:

District #1 **Heather Elliott**  
who lives in Florence

District #3 **Linda Dorland**  
of North Plains

District #3 **Mikela Heimuller**  
of St Helens

District #4 **Joyce Parker**  
who lives in Colton

District #5 **Vanessa Trittipone Ford & Meriah Ford**  
of Terrebonne

District #6 **Jesse Stiltner**  
who resides in Baker

In addition to these Chairmen, we also have our OSG Youth Ambassador, Lacy Johnston. You

will be able to find the contact information for our team on the OSG Website. We are planning to have a committee meeting soon. Please let them know if you have information to share. We are still seeking someone from District #2.

One of the changes within the Youth and Young Adult Program is to establish the Youth Officer Corp earlier within the program year. These officers will represent the Grange throughout the state and in your community. All members, age 15 to 35 are eligible to hold an OSG Youth Office. Officers will be selected during the month of March, and will serve throughout the year, not just at State Session. Some suggestions of service would be as a speaker at your Grange events or community happenings. Other participation might be: Parades, County Fairs, Conferences, Workshops, and Membership Recruitment. Applications will be available after the first of year on the Youth page of the OSG website and in the February Bulletin.

Grange Youth and Young Adult Chairmen: I would encourage you to make a report at your Grange meeting each month, even if it just to recap the highlights within our column. It is important that you share information with YOUR Grange rather than just be a name in the roster. Please send us your email contact address. Send it to: *youdir@orgrange.org*. If you do not have an email address, we will use the address listed in the roster to send you correspondence.

Always delighted to serve.....

## Oregon Youth Shine at National Convention



*Below: Thomas Parker represented the Western Region at the Evening of Excellence with his speech "Social Media Through the Eyes of a Teen."*

*Photo by Jim Grafton, Ohio*



*Above: OSG Youth Ambassador Lacy Johnston of Warner Grange #117 did an outstanding job representing the State of Oregon.*

*Thomas Parker of Springwater Grange served as National Youth Steward.*



*National Youth Officers: Master - Jennifer Lanstrum, OH, Overseer - Justin Leonard, NC Lecturer - Robin Cozad, WA, Steward - Thomas Parker, OR, Assistant Steward - Emma Edelen, IA, Lady Assistant Steward - Heather Druckenmiller, PA, Chaplain - Josh Bethany, FL, Treasurer - Jan Jones, NC, Secretary - Lexie Smith, WA, Gatekeeper - Trevor Gervais, CT, Ceres - Emily Harris, NC, Pomona - Maddie Griffin, NC, Flora - Essie Robinson, MN, Ex. Com. - Jamee Varda, MN, John Neff, IN, Melanie Fitch, OH & Lexi Gegare, WI.*

*Photo by Jim Grafton, Ohio*

## State Youth Ambassadors and Young Couples at National Grange Convention



*Left to right: Youth Ambassadors Missy Mueller - NC, Rory Neer - NC, Brett Johnson - MA, Clyde Mooney - ID, Leah Bardal - WA, Aaron Gwin - WA 2013-14 National Youth Ambassador; Derek Snyder - PA 2014-15 National Youth Ambassador; Cassidy Cheddar - PA 2014-15 National Youth Ambassador; Montana Wrigley - NC 2013-14 National Youth Ambassador; Corey Shiltz - OH, Lacy Johnston - OR, Nick Oliver - WA, Angela Stevenson - OH. Young Couple Theresa & Roger Hogue - OH.*

*Photo by Lindsay Shroeder, DCI Communications Fellow*

**GWA**

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*Grange Workers Activities Director ~ OSG*

Dear Grangers,

The youth motto of "I would be delighted" seems to come to mind right now. Master Susan Noah called me in August and asked if I would take the directorship of GWA. Jim and I were just getting ready for a 5 week trip to New Zealand to see our daughter, Stacy and I said sure and off we went. We had a great time with Stacy and she says "Hi" to all her Grange family. I have served on the State Education Committee as a District chair for a few years and participate in GWA at the local and Pomona levels so this will be an adventurer and learning experience.

Our families have been involved in the Grange since the early 50s where we were members on a Washington county drill team. We belong to Forest Grove Grange #282. As second generation Grangers we raised our three sons and daughter in the Grange and went to Iowa as Young Couple of the Year in 1980. Three of our four children have been Youth Ambassadors. Our sons and their wives are members and one of the four grandchildren is a Junior member and the others will be soon. Jim and I just received our 50 year pins.

I met with our past chairman Mary Parrott in October. Mary, thank you for doing a great job and for the information about our programs you

provided me. Reminder we support families in our Grange and neighborhoods as much as we can through programs of education, health, food preparation, gardening and decorating and anything else one can think of. Our programs support Foster Families, Cancer Research and the Abused Children Project.

Mary reported that the GWA collected \$139.92 from the pull tabs that were turned in at State Grange this past June.

I am working on the contest booklet now, reading over the rules and contacting the sponsors. I hope to have a few new contests this coming year. I received the National Grange Quilt Block contest rules and have sent it to the district chairmen. I want to thank the following ladies for being delighted to serve as district chairmen: Dist. 1 **Linda Pugh**; Dist. 2 **Jan Hallman**; Dist. 3 **Julie Schnetzky**; Dist. 4 **Diane Parrott**; Dist. 5 **Becky Cholin** and Dist. 6 **Val Richmond**.

Many of our Granges are having bazaars and Christmas parties this month; be sure and decorate your halls for the season. Simple decorations make for a warm feeling for our guests and ourselves. May you all have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to meeting you at one of the conferences this coming year.

**Snickerdoodle Cookies**

*Glen Harter - Ada Grange #570 1st place in Drop Cookies*

Ingredients

1 cup butter room temperature  
1 1/2 cups sugar  
2 large eggs  
2 3/4 cups flour  
2 teaspoons cream of tartar  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1 cup Hershey's cinnamon chips  
3 tablespoons sugar  
3 teaspoons cinnamon

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350F
2. Mix butter, 1 1/2 cup sugar and eggs in large bowl
3. Combine flour, cream of tartar, baking soda and salt in separate bowl
4. Blend dry ingredients into butter mixture
5. Add cinnamon chips and mix
6. Chill dough and an ungreased cookie sheet 10 to 15 minutes in refrigerator
7. Meanwhile mix 3 tablespoons



sugar and 3 teaspoons cinnamon in a small bowl

8. Roll dough into 1 to 1 1/4 inch balls and roll in sugar-cinnamon mixture
9. Place on chilled ungreased cookie sheet and bake 10 minutes. Leave room between dough balls. They spread out.

Remove from sheet immediately when done.

*Glen's notes: Recipe says 24 cookies but I get about 36. I keep a second cookie sheet in the refrigerator while the first one is in the oven.*



*The Parkdale Grange GWA and the Upper Valley OSU Home Extension Study Group baked 700 blueberry muffins on Veterans Day for the vets at the Oregon Veterans' Home in The Dalles.*

**Parkdale Grange Honors Veterans on Their Day**

For the last several years, the Parkdale Grange GWA in a joint project with the Upper Valley OSU Home Extension Study Group has been baking more than just blueberry muffins on Veterans Day. Included in the special muffins are thanks, gratitude and a way to honor those who have served our country.

"We started this five years ago, mainly because we have several in our group that have parents at the Oregon Veterans' Home in The Dalles," said Grange member Joanne Ehl. "We started talking about food; I had a lot of blueberries and suggested we make blueberry muffins for the veterans. Now the muffins are part of their tradition and they really look forward to getting them on Veterans Day."

The ladies started baking the batches of mini-muffins on Tuesday, November 11th at 9am at the Parkdale Grange Hall. Members of

both groups as well as others in the community who wanted to help were invited and encouraged to bring extra mini muffin pans.

"While we make the muffins, we put on a big pot of 'stone soup' with a chicken broth base for lunch," said Ehl. "Everyone is invited to bring an ingredient or two to add to the pot, except pasta."

In addition to the muffins, Columbia Gorge Fruit Growers donated a couple cases of pears and apples so the vets enjoyed fresh fruit with their muffins. Once the muffins were done, some of the Grange members deliver 700 freshly-baked muffins and the fruit to the Oregon Veterans' Home in The Dalles.

This is one event both groups look forward to with everyone having fun. The Grange ladies say the smile on the faces of the vets enjoying their muffins was the best part of the day.

**An Oregon Granger Places Again in The National Quilt Block Contest**

Congratulations to Linda Knifong of Hurricane Creek Grange #608 in Wallowa County whose quilt block entry received third place in the National Grange Quilt Block Contest. This year's design was the flower basket pattern in pastel colors. This is the second year in a row that an Oregon block has placed at National.

The National Grange Quilt block



contest is being promoted to celebrate the 150th Annual Session of the National Grange in 2016.



*Linda's winning square displayed at the 2014 National Grange convention.*

*For next year the pattern is a Northumberland star in red, white, and blue representing summer. A sample is pictured above. So start looking now for fabric and may a block from Oregon place again.*

## We Need Your Story In Pictures

Help us tell the Grange story next year during the State Fair at the Log Cabin. We are creating PowerPoint presentations that will be narrated to introduce non-members visiting the log cabin to the Grange. The lofty goal is to create a separate story board for the Junior program, youth program and subordinate Granges.

We want ALL Granges across the state to be represented. Our community Granges are very diverse and we want that diversity highlighted.

We need quality pictures of events and activities that your Grange is involved in: car shows, roadside cleanup, parades, haunted houses, and the list goes on. Pictures from Junior Jamborees, youth campouts, state convention, and Pomona activities are sought.

Please forward digital pictures with a brief description to assist in creating the narration to Cat Thomas cat.kitty.thom@gmail.com.

We would appreciate all pictures no later than January 31, 2015.

## Your Grange's Master Plan

By Michael Martin  
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Do you have a master plan for your home and family? You likely have a household budget; you know how much you'll need for food, utilities, rent or mortgage and insurance, charitable giving, etc. Depending on the generation when you raised your family, or are raising one now, you may have planned for a specific number of children? How about decision-making; who makes the decisions regarding vacations, new major purchases, educational opportunities? It is likely that you, as a family, sit down and discuss these major issues together.

What about for your Grange? Does your Subordinate Grange have a master plan? What is your goal for membership? How many new members will you need each year to sustain your Grange and replace losses through attrition or death? How many resources, human and financial, will your Grange need this year, or this decade, to accomplish your goals in the community and within your hall? Who will lead your Grange in the next year or decade? Are you preparing your next group of Masters, Secretaries, Lecturers, fundraising committee chairs, etc.?

Granges that have been successful

for a century or more have not gotten to where they are by happenstance. They have made major decisions as a group. They have an idea, looking ahead, as to how much money they will need for dues, maintenance and utilities, insurance, community support, etc. Successful Granges continually scan their current and new members for skills and talents. They nudge people toward positions where they can contribute best. Not every Granger needs to become Master or President. Not every Granger is qualified to oversee the finances. Some Grangers are eminently suited to command the kitchen. Others are good at mowing and painting. Some have a talent for raising money; others for budgeting for today AND tomorrow.

Remember our ritual says, "In our fraternity there is work for all, and the idler has no place among Patrons of Husbandry."

An important part of the work of a Grange is planning ahead for the future of our organization. If you have devoted a lifetime to building a strong community Grange, surely you want to ensure its vitality into the future. As the saying goes, "Plan your work and work your plan."



*Membership Directors ~ Oregon State Grange*

*This issue's column written by Cat Thomas, District 4 Membership Chairman*

As you read this article, 2014 will shortly be a memory and we'll be creating our New Year's Resolutions. I surely hope one of your resolutions is to grow the Grange. The subject matter is going to change multiple times in this article so read to the end to see how all this is going to tie together.

In the member forum on Facebook, there was a dialogue on how a Grange must be active to be growing. They felt that the lack of other activities (besides meetings) does not encourage community involvement. They were also looking for a simple way to keep this thought in front of their members. To this end, a poster was created. Have you ever seen the commercial (sorry, can't remember the product being advertised) that uses the expression '*A body in motion, stays in motion*'? The poster states 'A Grange in motion, stays in motion' and creatively lists some adjectives to drive the thought home.

It's always been my belief that our Granges need to build relationships with their community members and other organizations in the area. Bridges are created by viewing our community relationships as an ocean tide that comes in (we benefit) and goes out (others benefit). Let's run through some ideas for Granges to reach out into their community.

- Candidates' forum - serve a simple, inexpensive meal prior to event to draw the public in (meal should be free of charge).

- Invite crafters (quilters, knitting, crocheting, jewelry etc) into your hall to craft together, share ideas and techniques, the more experienced can maybe share their expertise with the less experienced. Put on a pot of soup, or have simple desserts to share with participants. It's a social event.

- Host an event where people bring the excess from their garden and exchange their vegetables for vegetables others grew (summer event).

- Invite veterans to your hall to tell their story. It will educate the community as tell tell of their experiences at war. Through the therapeutic power of storytelling (thus talking about their experience) we may help returning vets by providing them with an emotional outlet. It will also allow civilians to demonstrate their personal involvement.

## The Membership Game

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- Offer activities for kids in the community and a snack to allow parents some 'couple time'. This would be particularly beneficial during the holiday season for parents to Christmas shop in peace. Be sure to advertise at your local schools.

- Offer classes on various related health issues: GMO effects, GMO labeling, canning, food allergy awareness, learn healthy eating, gardening.

- Ice cream social, along with games for the kids.

- Caroling at your local assisted care homes during the holiday and pizza afterwards, mix the fun and community service.

- Sponsor a contest at your local county fair; scarecrow contest, horseshoes, children's art, floral arrangements made at the fair with supplied materials, etc. Also consider helping a local artisan pay any fees to have a demonstration during the fair.

- Get a group together and participate in a relay or walk-a-thon for cancer, diabetes or any interest you wish to support.

Sandi Ludi had an idea which was given form and test driven at a recent community event. The idea was to highlight one member sharing their story and why they value their Grange membership along with a list of upcoming community events. Harding Grange created a poster which will be updated quarterly, highlighting a different member on each poster. The idea could easily be a dedicated bulletin board in your hall that is updated regularly. The poster received positive feedback from the public viewing it at Harding's Turkey Dinner.

How does a member's story, encouraging our Granges to stay active and finding meaningful activities to engage with our community all tie together? They are aspects of growing our Granges. Together and with some effort, we can strengthen our Granges and make them the 'go to' place in our communities across Oregon.

The Membership Committee will be part of the upcoming conferences on the calendar for 2015. Look for the schedule on the front page of this month's paper.

## Harding Grange

*~where community comes together*

### Upcoming Events

You Shop, We Watch the Kids  
December 13th, from 10am to 3pm  
We'll watch the kids. With childcare provided  
parents can get some Christmas shopping done or just  
enjoy some quiet time. Providing games, music  
and lunch. No charge

Cottage Knit Night  
3rd Wednesdays of the Month, 8:30pm to 10:30pm  
January 21, 2015  
February 18, 2015  
March 18, 2015

We'll just come give you and welcome crafters of all  
levels. Bring your projects we'll provide while we  
craft. Hopefully the less experienced gain tips from  
the more experienced. Just a fun gathering to share  
techniques and catch up with everyone



Follow us on Facebook  
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*A copy of the poster Harding Grange has created to highlight a different member on each quarter as well as upcoming events.*

## From Water, Fire and Old Age, Granges Across the



*With the check from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund, left to right, Christine Chute, Phyllis Corliss, Bailey Trussel, Jerry Corliss, and Grange Master Dorothy Lucas.*

### Buell Grange Does Hall Upgrades

Buell Grange recently remodeled two out-of-date restrooms, thanks in large part to grant funding and donations of cash and labor by many volunteers. The Polk County Cultural Coalition; Lowe's, Inc.; the Oregon Community Fund; and other donors provided cash for the project, which was called ‘Project ‘Gotta Go.’’ Volunteers donated time to manage the project, to demolish the existing restrooms, haul away construction debris, and to paint the finished restrooms; in fact, volunteers completed nearly all of the remodeling work on one of the two restrooms.

Grange Master Dorothy Lucas credited the Grange’s members, friends, and neighbors for work on the restrooms. “Thanks to everyone who helped;” said Lucas. “We were overwhelmed by the generosity of

our funders and our volunteers, and very pleased with the results.”

The new restrooms provide ADA access for people with mobility limits and updated the décor that was groovy in the 1970s, but did not seem quite so groovy in 2014.

The kitchen also got some upgrades. The Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund gave Buell Grange a grant to replace its aging cooler with two new refrigerators and to purchase a new commercial coffee maker. The new equipment is energy-efficient and saves room in the kitchen.

Overall, Buell Grange has had a busy and productive 2014 and members are looking forward to crossing more items off the seemingly endless “to do list” in 2015!

### Lake Creek Grange Fixes Chimney

The Lake Creek Grange #697 has been through a lot of repairs in the last year. The most recent was the repair to their original chimney. The top was dismantled and rebuilt using the original bricks, then a 35 foot stainless steel liner was installed. With completion of this project they will have a well heated hall for all of

Lake Creek Grange activates and community use as well.

They have funded the work in part with a monthly breakfast and farmers market the second Sunday of every month. They are also selling raffle tickets for a guided fishing trip in the spring.



### From Water Damage To Job Well Done

On Saturday September 27th, members of the Warner Grange #117 celebrated its reopening, seven months after a broken water pipe damaged the hall. “The damage occurred during a snowstorm in February,” said Sarah Kingsborough, a member of Warner Grange.

Jim Dale, the rental manager, was walking someone through who was interested in renting the hall. He and his visitor found six inches of water standing on the basement floor that February day. A pipe had burst in the third floor bathroom and water worked its way down through ceilings, floors, walls and duct work and generally made a mess of everything.

Not only did the water damage affect the Grange, causing it to meet in other locations, it also affected the Girl Scouts who had rented the hall every other week and the exercise classes held in the hall.

**Renovating the damaged hall**

### South Fork Grange Plans To Rebuild

You may remember that this membership lost their building last February 8th; it was a very sad day for the entire Wallowa County but the South Fork Grange, of Lostine, is fighting back.

On Saturday, April 26th, a National Grange Month event originally scheduled to be held in their Lostine hall instead was held at the Hurricane Creek Grange, and all proceeds from that festive day-long occasion was earmarked for the South Fork Grange. At the time both South Fork Grange Master Ben Boswell and Lecturer June Colony said “the 33-member group’s intent was to rebuild, although likely on a different site.”

Boswell, who says Grange awareness and membership recruiting were the key elements of the Grange Month gathering, remarked, “The Grange is not a building. The Grange is a people. We still need to perform public service.”

At the April meeting of the OSG Executiver Committee, South Fork members requested permission to sell their property to an adjacent property owner. The fire, earlier this year, completely destroyed the Grange hall and current zoning and building codes will not allow the hall to be rebuilt. The request was approved.



*Thanks to a loan and lots of hard work, Warner Grange is back in their hall.*

was a considerable undertaking. An insurance mix-up complicated matters. First the damage was covered but then after the Grange brought in a cleaning crew, it wasn’t. So members rolled up their sleeves and went to work cleaning up the mess. With a loan from the OSG work began on the repairs. They now have a repaired hall with upgrades to several things including the electrical and the addition of many outlets.

Now they just need renters to return to help pay the bills and repay the loan.

### South Fork Grange Plans To Rebuild

On Friday, November 6th Barbara McCormack and Clarann Witty attended their business meeting. They had fourteen members present. They are currently meeting in the Lostine Community Center and are working together to secure property for their future Grange site. They have not lost their Grange Spirit and they also have gained some new members. The sale has been completed on the lot their former building sat on to the adjoining business.

The art group that was using the Grange hall has grown from seven to over twenty and is also using the Lostine Community Center. On November 22nd, in Wallowa’s Community Connection building, the Grange continued with their annual harvest dinner. In the past the Lostine hall was packed and this year was no exception even though the site had changed. Clarann says “believe me it’s an event not to miss.” On December 6th, the Grange members are going to decorate the town of Lostine for Christmas with the help of local young people. Hot chocolate, coffee, tea and cookies will be available.

This group makes a person feel good about being a Granger; yes they are still having moments of looking for lost items but it has not hampered them from their goal to build again. Barbara and Clarann left feeling very good about them and of course were glad to be there.

## State Rebuild and Repair



*Joe Krenowicz, executive director of the Madras-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, shared information on the Ash Butte Grange during the kickoff of the Jefferson County Centennial Celebration held on the grounds where rebuilding has started.*



*Photo by Jeff Wilson for the Madras Pioneer - reprinted with permission*

### Ash Butte Grange Breaks Ground on New Hall

Just a few days past the second anniversary of the fire that left Ash Butte Grange homeless, ground was broken to rebuild the hall.

As you may remember on Easter morning April 8, 2012 a fire destroyed the Ash Butte Grange hall. Grange members were busily preparing for the Easter service that was to be followed by a potluck brunch. One of the helpers discovered smoke pouring out of the eaves of the hall. Members started removing what little they could but the fire quickly consumed the entire wooden frame structure. The few items that were saved included an antique piano, the charter, flags and some wall plaques. Instead of observing the glory of Easter morning, the Grangers and community members watched with sadness as flames destroyed the building that had been built over 120 years ago.

Shortly after ground breaking, Jefferson County kicked off its centennial celebration in Ashwood, the home of Ash Butte Grange, on Saturday May 10th. The Madras Kiwanis Club served a hot dog picnic on the Ash Butte Grange property and Joe Krenowicz, executive director of the Madras-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, discussed the Ash Butte Grange and their plans. An estimated 50 people turned out for the event.

A traveling exhibit featuring digitalized early-day photos of

Ashwood was set up at the picnic, located next to the new Ash Butte Grange Hall.

Great progress has been made on the new hall. Ashwood community volunteers are rebuilding the Grange Hall themselves, donating materials and are still accepting donations from others for the project. Donations may be made for the rebuilding process through the Oregon State Grange Foundation.

They are looking forward to holding their meeting in their new hall and for it again to be the local gathering place for birthday celebrations, weddings and funerals.

*The Ash Butte Grange hall, pictured below in mid-October, has moved right along since ground breaking in April. Members hope to have it closed in before winter.*



### OSG Awards Inaugural Grants

At the OSG Convention this past June a matching Grant Program for Subordinate/Community Granges was rolled out with the goal of addressing external appearance and functionality of Grange halls and property. Twenty-five Oregon Granges completed the grant applications by the September 15th deadline and of those twelve were recommended by the grant committee to the Executive Committee for their approval.

Master Susan Noah was pleased in mid October to inform these twelve Granges that they had received matching grants for their proposed projects. Grants ranged from a high of \$5000, the maximum, to a low of \$1219 for a total of \$43,586.59 in grants for the 2015 year. Projects ranged from landscaping to replacement of windows, roofs and everything in between. The twelve Granges are spread throughout the state.

**Eagle Valley Grange #656, Baker County** received a grant to replace picnic tables in the Grange Park which they use for Grange and community events as well as rent out for weddings and family reunions.

**Elkhorn Grange #908, Baker County** received a grant to replace roofing and flooring in their storage room, replacement of some of the windows in the meeting room and miscellaneous work on the wiring and, siding as well as adding insulation in attic.

**Fairview Grange #273, Tillamook County** received a grant to add gravel to the existing parking lot as well as extend the parking lot to provide more parking. They are also going to repair and replace, as needed, fencing around the parking lot, refurbish landscaping and add new signage.

**Greenacres Grange #834, Coos County** received a grant to replace windows.

**Hurricane Creek Grange #608, Wallowa County** received a grant

to upgrade the hall appearance by adding groundcover and bulbs to the planting beds, then covering them with bark mulch or decorative rock. They will also be painting the front porch and its new railings.

**Illinois Valley Grange #370, Josephine County** received a grant to repair the exterior of their Grange Hall including painting, roof repair, replacement of wheelchair ramp, replacement of emergency exit door, repair of hall signage as well as to build a storage shed and add to their edible landscaping.

**Junction City Grange #744, Lane County** received a grant to help replace their roof.

**Lorane Grange #54, Lane County** also received a grant to replace their roof with a new metal one.

**Pacific Grange #413, Clatsop County** will be using their grant to replace damaged windows; replace existing toilets with handicap ones, repair front entry and porch, install a handicap ramp, and paint the repaired areas.

**Rockford Grange #501, Hood River County** plans to use their grant to rebuild their handicap ramp and bring it up to code, replace railings leading to exit, replace porch lattice with siding and upgrade lighting.

**Silverton Grange #748, Marion County** will be giving a facelift/remodel to their kitchen cabinets, updating lighting and electrical outlets and replace faucets to get their kitchen ready for commercially certification.

**White Clover Grange #784, Tillamook County** received a grant to reroof 1/2 of their roof.

Watch for follow up stories on these projects over the next year and see how they proceed. Remember the grant program will again be accepting applications starting July 1, 2015 and completed applications must be received in the state office by Sept. 15, 2015.

## The Agricultural Report

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The November Election had two issues directly relating to agriculture. A new record of over 28 million dollars was spent to influence voters concerning the labeling of foods containing genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and the resulting count showed voters almost evenly divided on this emotional issue. Further, a new crop was legalized in Oregon – marijuana – another hot button issue sure to get a passionate response from almost anyone you ask. Both these issues show that the public is engaged in agricultural issues and that the Oregon Grange has a role to play in the public debate on these, and other agricultural issues.

Another interesting Oregon agricultural product is the draft final report of the Governor's Task Force on Genetically Engineered Seeds and Agricultural Products Report. This task force was made up of the full breadth of stakeholders on this issue, and it was tasked, not with finding consensus, but with framing the discussion, as well as discovering areas of agreement and disagreement. This is a very interesting look at a complicated issue. This document can be read at <http://www.oregon.gov/gov/GNRO/Documents/Draft%20GE%20Task%20Force%20report%20for%20public%20comment.pdf>

Thanks to Sister Marilyn Reiher of Winona #271 for bringing this to our attention.

One role of the OSG Agriculture Committee is to explain how our historical interest in agriculture has shaped the Grange, and in this vein I wanted to call your attention to a historical program trying to document and preserve heritage barns. This program by Restore Oregon is intended “to find ways to preserve these structures, and to retain and enhance their usefulness in today’s agricultural environment.” The website below details the goals

of this program and a heritage barn form. <http://restoreoregon.org/heritage-barns/>

Thanks to Brother Jason Couch of Phoenix #779 for this information.

This Committee also strives to inform the public about the importance of agriculture. In this regard there is a state wide organization that is a natural partner for Granges in connecting with schools called Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC). This organization is hosted in the College of Agricultural Sciences at Oregon State University (OSU) and helps teachers develop curriculum for their students emphasizing agriculture, environment, and natural resources with free teaching materials. AITC impacted more than 100,000 students across the state during the last school year. AITC works with public, private and home school teachers, as well as after school programs. Cooperating with this group will help your Grange connect with teachers and students in your area schools. <http://aitc.oregonstate.edu/>

In the next OSG Bulletin article I will list the members of the new Agriculture Committee. At this printing I am still looking for a chair in district 4 and 6. If you are interested in Agriculture and would like to help the Oregon State Grange connect with Grangers and the public, promoting the importance of both agriculture and the Grange please contact me by phone 541-929-5452 or email and I can tell you more.

Lastly I would like to encourage Grangers to apply for the Agriculturalist of the Year Award. One Granger is honored each year for their achievements in agriculture, and the winner is announced at State Session in June. Details and the application form can be found on the OSG website.



Mark Noah mans the booth at the Grow the Coast. It included work-

## The Legislative Report

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*This issue's column written by Mark Noah, District 2 Legislative Chairman*

Resolutions—we write them, debate them, adopt or reject them and maybe send them to another Subordinate Grange or to our Pomona or State Grange for further consideration.

At the very least, we're exercising our right to free speech in a safe forum where such expression is encouraged and protected by rules of conduct and order. If others agree with us, our united voices are stronger. If we change some minds because of facts we've presented in our resolution, we gain even more voices. If we change a policy or create a new policy on a State or National level, then the single voice that stated the original resolution has been magnified many times.

Will something happen? Will a law be enacted or removed, will food labels be changed, will oil trains be safer, will livestock get more beer-making byproducts for feed? The only sure thing is that nothing will happen if nobody tries. Your resolutions may not change the world, but they are the vessels that sail your ideas out into the world where they can be heard, and if we hope and persevere then maybe we can make something happen after all. No matter the end result, it is still a big step up from just sitting at home thinking that ‘somebody oughta do something’.

We are Grangers, and we care enough to try.

Oregon sent 13 resolutions to the just-completed National Grange session in Sandusky Ohio and our ideas went over quite well for the most part, as only two were rejected outright. There will be a more complete ‘scorecard’ next issue. As ‘First Dude’ and second delegate from Oregon, I served as secretary of the Session Agriculture Committee and we had a good cross-section of views and opinions around our table. We met for a full day plus several additional sessions during the week. Some committees met until midnight most of the week. I am always impressed by the effort the delegates put into consideration of our resolutions and policies.

As this column is written, it appears the vote on Measure 92 is so close that an automatic recount will be triggered. But pass or fail, everyone who voted thought at least for a little while about the food we eat, how it is grown, who supplies the seed, who grows it, what is in there, is it good for us? This is what the Grange wants—for consumers to know about their food, to know where it comes from, to have respect for Agriculture.

## Grow the Coast 2014



Master Susan Noah talked Grange at Grow the Coast. as a handout on each of the eight Granges in Clatsop and Tillamook counties including a picture of the Grange Hall, contact information for the Grange as well as any upcoming events if they provided the state office with the information.

Master Susan Noah and her husband Mark manned the Oregon State Grange display booth. This is the second year the Oregon State Grange has had a display there. The Grange booth had both general information about the Grange as well

If you have something similar going on in your area and would like the State Grange to be there, please share that information with Master Susan Noah. Every effort will be made to attend.



## The Lecturer's Column

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Dear Grangers,

I hope you are enjoying this Fall weather.

Your Lecturer's committee is busy working on a new Lecturer Handbook. We will have these available at our conferences starting next year. Here are the dates of the conferences.

District #3

Sat Jan 17 Beaver Valley

District #4

Sun Jan 18 Sauvie Island

District #1

Sat Feb 21 Greenacres

District #2

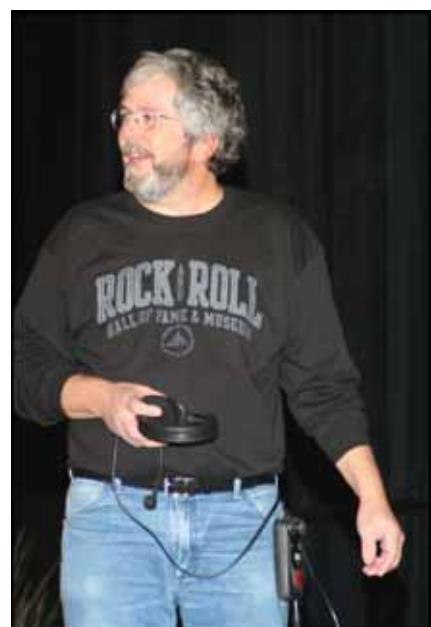
Sun Feb 22 Salmon River

District #5

Sat Apr 11 High Desert

District #6

Sun Apr 12 White Eagle



Oregon's "First Dude" was busy working as a stage hand during the "Evening of Excellence" at the National Grange Convention.

Other Committee Chairmen that will be at this conference are: Communications, Membership, GWA and Community Service.

Please get these dates on your calendar; 2015 is just around the corner! Please plan on attending a conference. There will be a lot of information available. Plus it is a great place to connect with other members, learn new things and make new friends. Grangers have a wealth of knowledge and wisdom and it is always wonderful to share with other members.



Mary Parrott, a member of Parkdale Grange #500, and Oregon's Talent Contest winner performed at the "Evening of Excellence" on Friday at the National Grange Convention. A winner in the variety division at state, she told a story "Adventures with Uncle Clark." She was accompanied to Sandusky, Ohio by her sister, Diane Parrott.



John Fine is presented with his Golden Sheaf certificate and pin by his daughter Kris and grandson Austin VanHouten.

## Riversdale Grange #731 Honors Members at Open House

Riversdale Grange presented several awards and honored its members at an open house held October 19, 2014. Community member Dale Farmer was presented with a plaque for the Community Citizen Award and certificate for honorary membership in the Grange.

Brother John Fine was presented

with his Golden Sheaf certificate and pin recognizing 50 years of continuous membership. He first joined Dorena Grange #835 in Lane County in 19654 and after several Granges demitted into Riversdale Grange #731 in 2004. He is a member of the G.R.O.W. Club and has served in several Oregon State Grange offices including Master.



Dale Farmer presented with a plaque for the Community Citizen Award and a certificate for honorary Grange membership.

## Boring-Damascus Grange #260 Hosted Candidates Forum



A full house enjoyed spaghetti dinner before Candidate's Forum.

On October 3, 2014 Boring-Damascus Grange #260 conducted a very successful East Clackamas County Candidate forum. Attending were all the candidates for three Oregon House of Representative districts and two Oregon Senate districts and the county clerk candidates. About 90 people attended the forum which was preceded by a free spaghetti dinner for all attendees.





## The Chaplain's Corner

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Chaplain ~ Oregon State Grange

The Christmas season is upon us with all the hustle and bustle this time of year brings. Shopping with a limited budget for people who already seem to have everything. Cleaning the house to "company" standards. Trying to have a calm, peaceful day with family only it seems that certain factions enjoy causing a scene or stirring up trouble. Baking and cooking for days. Is this what your Christmas looks like? What pressure. It doesn't seem like a lot a fun yet this is the reality for millions of Americans. Can you imagine this kind of Christmas repeated all year long, every day, 365 days a year?

This is not what Christmas is about. It is the time to celebrate God, to praise Him for sending his son to become one of us, to be born a baby, to work as a common laborer, to be questioned, belittled, beat and then crucified – all for us. That is what Christmas is about. It is a celebration, a day when we should sing as the angels, to go in search of the wondrous birth as the shepherds did, to follow the light as the magi did – a day we should prepare for with great expectation. A day that we should be so thankful for the gift that was given above all other gifts – our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. My hope for you is that you have a wonderful time choosing or making gifts, a great day with friends and family, doing nice things for people unexpectedly and wishing the spirit of Christmas could last through the year. As I end this column, I would like to share with you a wonderful poem from Helen Steiner Rice.

### Let Us Live Christmas Every Day

*Christmas is more than a day  
at the end of the year,  
More than a season  
of joy and good cheer;  
Christmas is really  
God's pattern for living  
To be followed all year  
by unselfish giving ...  
For the holiday season  
awakens good cheer  
And draws us closer  
to whose we hold dear;  
And we open our hearts  
and find it is good  
To live among men  
as we always should...  
But as soon as the tinsel  
is stripped from the tree  
The spirit of Christmas  
fades silently  
Into the background  
of daily routine*

*And is lost in the whirl  
of life's busy scene  
And all unawares  
we miss and forgo  
The greatest blessing  
that mankind can know...  
For if we lived Christmas  
each day, as we should,  
And make it our aim  
to always do good,  
We'd find the lost key  
to meaningful living  
That comes not from getting  
but from unselfish giving  
And we'd know the great joy  
of peace upon earth  
Which was the real purpose  
of our Savior's birth  
For in the glad tidings  
of the first Christmas night  
God showed us the way  
And the truth and the light.*

Have a wonderful Christmas and remember the real reason for the season.



John Fine presents Maggie Swartzendruber with the Douglas County Outstanding 4-H member award.



## In Memoriam

Marjorie Belcher  
Aloha Grange #773

Joanne Horton  
Garfield Grange #317

Beth Christiansen  
Aloha Grange #773

Joyce Freudenberg  
Liberty Grange #613

Lillian Robinson  
Aloha Grange #773

Karen Freude  
North Bayside Grange #691

Mary Louis Lires  
Beaver Homes Grange #518

Jim Beyer  
Pine Forest Grange #632

Mildred Gressley  
Boulevard Grange #389

Laura Beaubien  
Redmond Grange #812

Ester Mose  
Central Point Grange #698

Jannis Bolken  
Redmond Grange #812

Betty Livingston  
Chetco Grange #765

Doug Hartzell  
Redmond Grange #812

Jacque Eccles  
Clarkes Grange #261

Dayton Herron  
Redmond Grange #812

Areta Schmidt  
Columbia Grange #267

Earnestine Heaton  
Sunnydale Grange #877

George Hecker  
Eagle Creek Grange #297

Alice Sisco  
Terrebonne Grange #663

Nadine C Liebertz  
Eagle Creek Grange #297

Henry Jaeger  
Woodburn Grange #79

Virgil W Nelson  
Eagle Creek Grange #297

David Brissett  
Yankton Grange #301

*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.*

## Douglas Pomona Grange Presents 4-H Awards

Douglas County Pomona Grange presented the Outstanding 4-H member award and the Small Animal award at the annual Douglas County 4-H recognition festival held October 18, 2014. These awards have been sponsored by the Pomona Grange for many years and are intended to recognize the most outstanding 4-H member in the county and support the continued growth of a member's small animal project.

The Tom Findlay Outstanding 4-H member award is presented to a member who through their application, exhibits exceptional citizenship, involvement in community activities, commitment to the 4-H program and an exemplary record book. The 2014 award was presented to Maggie Swartzendruber who has been a delegate to National 4-H congress, a member of the State Fair teen staff and the county teen staff for the year.

She received a folding director's chair with the award and year embroidered on the back.

The Mel Bohme small animal award is \$50.00 to be used to improve and expand a 4-H member's small animal project. Austin VanHouten was selected for the 2014 award. In his application, he told about a person giving him a rare and endangered breed of chickens. He plans to acquire more of this breed of chickens, in the desire of presenting birds to other members in the future. The members of the selection committee made special note of the quality of Austin's record book in the selection.





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



Greetings to all Grange Members and your families. I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer and now it's time for football, the Holidays and of course colder winter weather.

In this article I would like to share some thoughts about protecting your home by investing some time and a little money in the form of regular inspections of your property along with repairs identified through scheduled maintenance and those repairs associated with normal upkeep.

It might interest you to know that one of the major reasons you would need to file an insurance claim is because of water damage to your home. Also within the exposure to damages resulting from water damage, failure of the plumbing system is the greatest concern as demonstrated by a report published by The Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety regarding "Plumbing System Failures" which contains the follow information:

- Plumbing supply system failures are the leading source of residential water losses, with 48% greater losses (in terms of total payouts) than the second leading source.
- 65% were caused by a failure of the plumbing material, while 18% were caused by frozen pipes.
- Homes that were 16 to 40 years of age represented a larger proportion of supply system material failure (based on the sample for the report)

Finding failures of plumbing material early greatly reduces the costs associated with water damage. So here is a checklist for your annual inspection to help identify concerns with your plumbing system and other water damage related exposures.

Walk through your home and look for:

- Signs of water damage in hidden areas such as under the sinks, around the water heater or in the basement. Look specifically for signs of standing water, dripping or discoloration on floors or walls near plumbing.
- Check hoses of all appliances that use water such as washing machines, dishwashers, ice makers and so forth. Look for signs of aging, cracking or leaking and replace hoses immediately. Consider replacing the hoses that came with your washing machine with heavy

duty reinforced hoses. A ruptured hose from a washer can dump hundreds of gallons of water into your home in just a few hours.

- And don't forget that interior pipes can freeze if the thermostat is turned too low. If you plan on being away from your home for several days leave the thermostat at a temperature sufficient to prevent freezing, open cabinet doors to allow warm air to reach pipes and consider turning off the water supply while you are away to avoid extensive damage if a leak occurs while the home is unoccupied.

While looking for potential plumbing problems you should also check to make sure moisture in the form of rain or snow cannot damage your home.

Walk around your home and look for:

- Damaged siding which could allow moisture to invade your home.
- Clogged gutters and drain spouts that could allow water or ice to backup under shingles.
- Drain spout outlets that are damaged and/or don't disperse water at least 3 feet from the foundation.
- Window caulking that is damaged or in need of replacement,
- And if you are able to safely get onto your roof; check the caulking around skylights and vent caps as well as the overall condition of your roof including possible damaged shingles or areas that are showing more wear. By far the safest way to handle this inspection is to have a professional climb up and check your roof for you.

When you're ready to winterize your property disconnect all the garden hoses and drain outdoor pipes to prevent damage during the winter. Wrap or cover all outside outlets or exposed pipes including those near vents or other openings in your foundation.

By protecting your home you are protecting your investment and preventing unexpected costly repairs.

I want to thank all Grange Members for the many ways you help out and give back to your communities, and I want to send my personal wishes that you all have a wonderful Holiday Season.



## The Secretary's Column

**Phyllis Wilson**

*Secretary ~ Oregon State Grange*

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How secure is your Grange hall? I have heard of several Grange halls recently being broken into, burglaries and even a homeless person moving into a dormant hall. A Grange here in Coos County had the oil barrel emptied resulting in a loss of about \$400.

At least two Granges have RV trailers on site with people living in them to provide more protection for the hall. Make sure your insurance company is aware of this and have some kind of a written agreement with the on-site volunteers.

### Quarterly Reports

Please remember that when members are shown as being dropped on a quarterly report, you cannot deduct the cost of their dues on the same report. This frequently happens and causes extra work for the office staff and really can complicate your membership totals for the next quarterly report.

The totals shown on a quarterly report are based on the membership totals from the previous quarterly report. (Example: Your 1<sup>st</sup> quarterly report (Jan., Feb., March) shows a total of 30 members. These totals were based on information provided on your 4<sup>th</sup> quarterly report. Any

decreases in membership for any reason have no bearing on the CURRENT report you have received.

Information on any member dropped or added is reported by you on the back of the quarterly report form. These adjustments will be made by the state office when your report is received and will be reflected on the NEXT report.

Clear as mud?? Just call or email me for clarification. When I first became a secretary it took me almost a year to get the hang of these quarterly reports. And one more reminder about these reports – no member can be dropped for non payment of dues (NPD) on the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report.

### Dues Reminders

Time to get them sent out as our current dues are paid only through December 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Holiday Wishes

May your holidays be joyous and blessed. I hope your 2015 year will be filled with happiness and many Grange opportunities. Thank you for your arduous work as a secretary in maintaining the history of your Grange.



## Master's Instruction and Training Sessions Planned for Spring

Starting in late January a series of training sessions for new and returning Masters/Presidents will be held throughout the State. Invitations for both the Master and Overseer of Community and Pomona Granges will go out by the end of December. Topics to be covered will include: Parliamentary procedure, by-laws, use of the traditional or alternative Manual, being the facilitator of the meeting and dealing with difficult situations. Whether you are a brand new Master/President or a seasoned one State Master Susan Noah believes you will find information available to help you and your Grange. Tentative dates are listed for your convenience so mark your calendars for the event nearest you.

Pomona/District	Date	Time	Grange
Clackamas/Multnomah	January 25th	10am	Sunnyside
Washington/Yamhill/Columbia	January 31st	10am	Leedy
Tillamook/Lincoln/Clatsop	February 7th	10am	Fairview
Polk/Marion	February 8th	10am	Scotts Mills
Benton/Linn	February 15th	10am	Marys River
Hood River	March 7th	10am	Rockford
Deschutes/Pomona Counties	March 8th	10am	Little Deschutes
Coos/Curry/West Coast	March 14th	11am	Greenacres
Lane	March 15th	10am	Mohawk-McKenzie
Jackson/Josephine/Douglas	March 28th	1pm	Fruitdale
Wallowa	April 18th	10am	Hurricane Creek
Baker/Malheur	April 19th	10am	TBA
Umatilla/Union/Morrow	May 2nd	10am	TBA



## Deaf Awareness and Family Health

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Have you ever herd of Cellulitis? It is an infection of the skin and the tissue beneath it, occurring most often in the arms and lower legs. Cellulitis is caused by bacteria that enter the skin through cracks or cuts.

The symptoms are redness and warmth, swelling and tenderness of the skin. Treatment involves taking

## Scholarship Awarded by Ada

Ada Grange is pleased to announce they were able to award a second \$500.00 scholarship this year. The recipient is Mapleton High School graduate Sonya Lang who is attending Western Oregon University studying Special Needs Education.

Ada Grange gives a big thank you to everyone who donated and supported the annual Scholarship Fundraiser.

## Azalea Grange #786 Plans Soup Potluck

On Saturday, January 17, 2015, Azalea Grange will have their fun soup potluck. Bring your favorite soup to share with everyone as well as your own bowl or bowls. The Grange will provide rolls, dessert and drinks. Eating begins at 6:00pm.

## Walterville Grange Supermoon Celebration & Holiday Dinner

On September 9<sup>th</sup> Walterville Grange celebrated the Super-moon with an ice cream social including DJ Karaoke entertainment provided by Caught-In-The-Act Productions. This was the Grange's way of saying thank you to their Grangers and the Community for all their support. Coming up at Walterville is the annual Holiday Dinner and Open



Walterville Grange celebrated the Super-moon with an ice cream social and Karaoke.

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antibiotics. It is very important to follow a physician's instructions for home care and seek further medical care if symptoms return.

Do you have a health issue you would like to see a column on? Please let the committee know and they will see what they can come up with.



## Deschutes Pomona to Vote to Change Meeting Time

Deschutes Pomona will vote at their February 14th meeting at Little Deschutes in LaPine to change their meetings to begin with a potluck lunch at 11:30 with the business meeting to follow.

Four Granges had representatives at the November 8th Pomona meeting in Redmond. A wedding, a trip to Mt. Bachelor, a breakfast, flea market, Swiss dinner benefit for Crooked River Ranch Fire Department, a soup dinner, and a two-night Halloween program were reported as having taken place in the various Grange halls this last quarter. Christmas Dinners are planned at Terrebonne and Midland Granges.



## Legislature

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### Looking to 2015

There is some hope, after the elections, that gridlock in Washington D.C. on several important issues will be managed better and that other issues will vanish! There is also hope for improvement of international relations, trade issues and international security for U.S. interests. We expect more immediate concern for and response to national security issues along with the immediacy of economic development. Economically, we are a long way from being out of the woods.

However, at home here in Oregon the 2014 elections have provided us some new challenges. With the

balance of power (House: 35 Ds to 25 Rs – Senate: 18 Ds to 12 Rs) moving even further in favor of one party there will be the possibility of increased tax and spend concepts and increased environmental law and employer regulation on the business community. As I have written before, the ruling party has entertained the idea of a carbon tax to punish those carbon emitters, like you and me, and like your electricity providers (Cooperatives and PUDs) and the trucking industry and anything else in the future that emits too much CO<sub>2</sub>.

The Governor and a few Legislators will want to continue down the road of reducing carbon emitting fuels used by the internal combustion engine, also. More and more ethanol must be added and blended into the fuels used in Oregon to meet their intended goals and it doesn't seem to matter that the petroleum industry

can't find enough ethanol for blending or have the capability of blending for Oregon needs. The Western States Petroleum Association recently told Oregon DEQ and the Environmental Quality Commission that the standards the Legislature intends to establish will be a country mile ahead of the available blended fuels and the automotive technological advancements needed to properly operate on those fuels.

However, on the brighter side of things, there may be a successful effort to increase the Highway Fund to replenish revenues for city, county and state roads, streets, and bridges that are past due necessary maintenance.

There will also be some tug-of-war between the Rs and Ds on such things as increased minimum wage levels and required paid sick leave days. Furthermore, we must not forget that the battle over pesticides and required labeling for all things containing Genetically Engineered products will once again be renewed with the 2015 Legislative Session.

Now, for those who wish to pass legislation, they had better be prepared for an up-hill push. No matter what happens there will be plenty of theatre and plenty to write about.

### Mark your calendar!

Legislative Day at the Oregon State Legislature  
**Wednesday April 22, 2014.**  
 Watch upcoming issues for more details.



*The Oregon delegation at National Convention standing from left to right: Suzy Ramm - DCI Communications Fellow, Marilyn Reicher, Sandi Ludi, Mary Parrott - Talent winner, Jeanie Force, Susan Noah - National Pomona, Diane Parrott, Celia Luttrell, and Lacy Johnston - Youth Ambassador. In front: Mark Noah - delegate with Hannah on his shoulder and Jacob Luttrell. Missing were National Master Ed Luttrell who was in a meeting and Thomas Parker, National Youth Steward who let his phone die and didn't get the message.*

# OSG Executive Committee Minutes - July 1, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m. on the above date by Master Susan Noah with Overseer Celia Luttrell, Secretary Phyllis Wilson and Executive Committee members Malcolm Trupp and Don Sether in attendance. Absent was Roger Wilson. A quorum was declared. Also attending was State Deputy Carol Everman. The opening prayer was led by the Secretary.

**MINUTES:** Malcolm moved, Celia 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2014 meeting as corrected. Motion carried. Malcolm moved, Celia 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the minutes of the Friday, June 27, 2014 State Session Journal as corrected. Motion carried.

## FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Current Reports – Financial reports for the period ending April 30, 2014 were distributed along with the Balance Sheet, Fund Balance Reports and Interest Distribution recap. A transfer of \$400,000 was made from checking into the Wells Fargo investment accounts. Funds will be moved from Wells Fargo, LPL and T Rowe Price by Moss Adams into Charles Schwab investments. Completion of the 2013 audit is being delayed by the former audit firm.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bandon Reorganization – After two attempts, the reorganization hopefully will take place on Tuesday, July 15.

Lexington Reorganization – The reorganization was successful July 10<sup>th</sup>. The first meeting will be August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Moss Adams Investments Update – Scott Barker joined us and provided information on the consolidation of our investments into Charles Schwab and how to manage our investments. The discussion covered a “speculative” approach, historic and present approach, investment income into our annual budget, special Grange individual fund accounts and revising our current Investment Policy. Malcolm moved, Celia 2<sup>nd</sup> to proceed with changing our Investment Policy to allow a 50/50 split between equities and fixed income. Motion carried. Malcolm moved, Celia 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the Moss Adams resolution to change the T Rowe Price account to correct the signatures so that Susan can transfer money as necessary and to authorize the secretary to sign the resolution. Motion carried.

Rockford Grange – The fire department and the Grange signed the papers this past week for the building purchase and ground lease. Escrow and title search have to be completed.

GWA Donations – Discussion centered on donations made for

contest awards and scholarships and disbursement of such. This will all be resolved when a new GWA Director is appointed.

## NEW BUSINESS:

National Grange “Communications Fellows Grant” – Suzy Ramm is applying for this grant, but the grant does not cover travel expenses. This would be an educational experience for her. Phyllis moved, Malcolm 2<sup>nd</sup> to allow airfare for two (2) people with funds to come from the Leadership/Membership Fund.

Western Regional Van Rental to Montana – Three (3) youth are going – possibly four (4). Charlotte Taylor and Ed Luttrell (the driver) will be traveling with the youth, so need a van to hold seven (7) people. Regionals will be held August 1st, 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup> with those attending leaving on Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. Jeanie Force and Sandi Ludi are also going. Malcolm moved, Celia 2<sup>nd</sup> to authorize OSG to rent a van to take people to Western Regionals in Missoula MT. Motion carried.

Funding for Lexington – This Grange consolidated with Willows and eventually Willows became dormant in 2010. OSG received \$48,000 from the recent sale of the Willows property. The Lexington building will need a new roof and the outside painted. Malcolm moved, Celia 2<sup>nd</sup> to take 50% of the consolidated Lexington/Willows dormant Grange fund balance as of June 30 and move into a trust for Lexington. Motion carried.

Updating Data Base with National – A considerable amount of information needs to be put into this and it needs to be done soon. We also need to update our policy handbook. Susan recommended that we hire Steve Kroeker to assume this work. Malcolm moved, Celia 2<sup>nd</sup> to allow OSG to hire Steve to update the National Grange database. Motion carried.

Youth Activities Fund – Balance of this fund is only \$6,577. The sale of Goodie Basket tickets is decreasing and youth expenses at State Session increasing. Discussion only at today's meeting; no suggestions or decisions made.

## DECISIONS MADE BY E-MAIL:

None

## MASTER'S REPORT:

Crow – The first quarterly loan payment was received on time.

Elmira – County Deputy Dennis Chapman has been working with them. Work party needed to help clean up the hall.

Goshen – The agreement with Steve Stewart has been signed and work completed except for the grass seeding on the slope.

North Fork Property – A title search will be conducted on this property. OSG attorney has been asked to

contact First American Title. Need to find out if there is any agreement on providing water to the Grange from neighboring property.

North Howell – This Grange has been declared dormant. Property needs to be cleaned up. Former renters are still seeking return of their deposits. Malcolm moved, Celia 2<sup>nd</sup> to refund any deposit money – about \$250. Motion carried.

South Fork Property – Requirements have been met in order to sell property. One of their members, an attorney, has completed a quick claim deed for the sale of the property. OSG attorney is reviewing this deed.

Willamette – Property may be turned over to the Grange by the Willamette Grange and Community Association but it could be a lengthy process.

## OFFICER/DEPUTY REPORTS:

### Carol Everman –

Bellview was visited – only five (5) in attendance. Secretary and Overseer positions are vacant.

Lookingglass – Eleven (11) members present at meeting. Has a farmers' market each week. Has a Facebook page and working on website.

Malcolm Trupp – Continues to see that grass is cut at Franklin. He moved, Celia 2<sup>nd</sup> to lower asking price of \$225,000 to \$195,000. Motion carried.

Phyllis Wilson – No report

Don Sether – No report

## OTHER BUSINESS:

Membership Report – Provided by staff member Jan Oleson. Reviewed, no discussion.

Thank You Cards – Received from Phil and Maureen Prelli, our NG delegates and from Rockford members Linda Short and Mark England.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m. The next meeting will begin at 9 a.m. on either Saturday, October 11th, or Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. The January, 2015 meeting will be either Saturday, the 17<sup>th</sup>, or Sunday, the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis A Wilson, Secretary



Sweetie Louise,

Roses are red  
Violets are blue  
It's been 20 years  
And I'm still in love with you.

Smooches, Phil

## 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	February	7 10:30 AM	Eagle Valley #656
Benton #36	January	17 10:30 AM	
Clackamas #1	January	24 10:00 AM	Sunnyside Grange #842
Columbia #18	February	7 10:00 AM	Beaver Homes #518
Coos-Curry-West Coast #30	January	24 10:00 AM	North Bayside #691
Deschutes #25	February	14 10:00 AM	Little Deschutes #939
Douglas #13	January	24 6:00 PM	Myrtle Creek #442
Jackson #27	January	10 10:00 AM	
Josephine #20	January	31 10:00 AM	
Lane #14	January	10 10:00 AM	London #937
Lincoln #10	February	21 10:30 AM	
Linn #12	January	10 10:00 AM	
Marion #4	January	10 10:00 AM	
Multnomah #15	January	18 3:00 PM	Sauvie Island #840
Polk #3	January	17 10:00 AM	Rickreall #671
Tillamook #9	April	18 10:30 AM	
Umatilla #26	February	28 10:30 AM	White Eagle #683
Wallowa #22	January	10 10:00 AM	Hurricane Creek #608
Washington-Yamhill #2	January	24 10:00 AM	Kinton #562



## Bailey Barks!

Happy, Happy Holidays! You know how you are always getting your Dog something for Christmas (you do don't you?), and you may wonder what he/she is getting you in return. Well here is the answer! Your dog is giving you the keys to a great life, as in "Everything I need to know I learned from my Dog!"

Be loyal.  
Run, romp and play daily.  
Play hard and sleep hard.  
Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.  
When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.  
Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.  
On warm days, stop to lie on your back in the grass.  
On hot days, drink lots of water and lay under a shady tree.  
If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.  
Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.  
Be friendly to everyone even if it's not reciprocated.  
Take naps and stretch before rising.  
Eat with gusto and enthusiasm. Stop when you have had enough.  
Never pretend to be something you're not.  
When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.  
When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and muzzle them.

Have a wonderful holiday season with your loved ones, be they furry or not, and remember there are lots of dogs and cats looking for their forever home – maybe it could be with you?

Woof, Bailey

## Abernethy Grange #346 Collects School Supplies For Local School



Abernethy Grange #346 holds a school supply drive annually, along with the BnB Square Dance group who uses their hall on a weekly basis. The donated supplies go to the local school, Holcomb Elementary. The items received included a couple backpacks, calculators, notebooks and notebook paper, spiral binders, crayons, glue, pens and pencils, pouches, paints, rulers, erasers, and much more.

The membership and dancers are very generous, and supporting the school through this effort is something they look forward to every year. Abernethy Grange also has adopted the Holcomb School Library to which they donate annually for the last several years. They feel we can support many students over a long period of time through this program.

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

## Columbia Grange #267 Adds Thirteen Members

Columbia Grange #267 located in Corbett near the beautiful Columbia Gorge, met November 11th and elected a new slate of officers for the coming year. About forty people attended the meeting, even though it was a cold windy night; and eleven new members were welcomed to the Grange and two more reinstated.

Cat Thomas, Special Deputy for Multnomah County, assisted



*Columbia Grange Officers from left in back row: Carol Mollet, Lecturer; Tim Calderbank, Treasurer; Callie Uleners, Secretary; Maureen R. Michelson, Grange Master; Sonia Arion, Steward; Donna Hardman, Chaplain, Tina Crawford, Asst. Steward, Donna Bierer, Flora, Gary Spoerle, Gatekeeper. Front row from left, Katie Coppoletta, Overseer; Carolyn Oakley, Ceres; and Pam Arion, Lady Asst. Steward.*

## Buell Grange #637 Has Successful Fall Market

Buell Grange #637 had a busy 2014. In addition to monthly community breakfasts, one of Buell Grange's major projects included the third annual Fall Market.

This year's Fall Market brought together more activities than ever before, including a food cart, homemade desserts, local produce, a garage sale, and flea market vendors. About 200 people from around the area attended the two-day event in September. Profits from the market allowed the Grange to contribute nearly \$300 in cash

and several canned food items to the Grand Sheramina Food Bank, which serves the West Willamette Valley area.

According to market chairperson Beth Crowe, "We were very happy with the huge increase in attendance this year compared to last year and even happier to be able to make a significant cash contribution to the food bank." Crowe bubbled something about "even bigger plans for next year's market," but her fellow Grange members turned and fled in panic.



*Buell Grange Member Sue Wetzel (right) presents a check to Sharon Kulick (left) of the Grand Sheramina Food Bank. Buell Grange shared profits of its Fall Market with their local food bank.*