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Oregon State Grange  
Open House & Holiday Party  
December 13th, 2015  
1pm to 4pm  
***Everyone Welcome!***  
*Juniors come join the fun and celebrate the  
Holidays  
with Hot Chocolate and Snacks!*  
**THERE WILL BE ACTIVITIES AND FUN  
FOR ALL AGES!**  
*Bring your Holiday Spirit!*  
**3:00 SANTA WILL DROP IN FOR A VISIT  
AND PHOTOS!**

*Refreshments will be served  
Please Join Us!*

## National Grange Delegates Elect First Female Master

Lincoln NE – During the 149<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the National Grange, November 10-14, the delegates elected a new slate of national officers. Leading the group is Betsy Huber, newly elected Master/President, the first woman to hold that office in the history of the organization.



Ms. Huber is currently employed by the Pennsylvania State Grange as the Government Relations Director where she works to advance the policies of the Grange within the Pennsylvania State Legislature. She is a member of Chester-Delaware County Pomona Grange #3 and Goshen Grange #121. Betsy started her Grange involvement at a very young age as a member of the Juvenile (now known as Junior) Grange. She has held numerous positions with her local Grange and with the Pennsylvania State Grange, including serving eight years as President, the first woman to hold that position.

Association. She has also held various positions in the agricultural community which included serving on the boards of the Pennsylvania State Council of Farm Organizations (President 2011-12), the Governor's Census 2010 Advisory Panel, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Fertilizer Advisory Committee, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Ag Advisory Board (Chair 2007), and Pennsylvania Farm Link. She was employed as district aide to State Representative Arthur D. Hershey from 1992-2002.

"I'm honored and humbled to be chosen by the delegates to lead the National Grange and excited at the opportunities to advance the work of the organization. I look forward to serving the Grange in this new role", commented Huber immediately following the election results.

As the National Grange President, Ms. Huber will work with the National Grange staff to advance Grange policies in Washington D.C.; as well as oversee the day to day operations of the organization. The Grange, legislative work and agriculture have always been an important part of her life. She previously served as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Grange (2007-14) and is also the executive secretary for the Pennsylvania Young Farmers

She has also served her community as township supervisor for Upper Oxford Township for 24 years, chairman of the Township Agricultural Security Area Advisory Committee, treasurer of the Chester County Association of Township Officials and as member of the PSATS Land Use Committee and Resolutions Committee. She has also served the Avondale Presbyterian Church as Elder, Deacon, Trustee and choir member.

Ms. Huber was elected to the Penn State Board of Trustees by the delegates from agricultural societies in 2005 and serves on the Committee on Outreach, Development, and Community Relations and the Governance and Long Range Planning Committee.

## Oregon's Master Susan Noah Re-elected National Pomona

Oregon State Grange Master Susan Noah was re-elected National Grange Pomona at the 2015 National Grange Convention in Lincoln, Nebraska. Most of the other officers were re-elected for another two year term including those from the Western region, Christine Hamp, Washington as LAS and Marie Nicholson of Montana as Flora.

In addition to the Master, the only other change was in the position of Lecturer. James Tetreault asked not to be elected to another term. Elected Lecturer was Amanda Brozana. She served as the non-

voting delegate for Potomac Grange No. 1 in Washington, D.C. at this year's convention. She serves as Steward at Potomac, recently joined New Market Grange No. 362 in New Market, Maryland, and was a charter member of Hawk Mountain Grange No. 2109, Orwigsburg, Pennsylvania, her hometown. Amanda formerly served as the Director of Communications for the National Grange from 2011-14. In 2012 she attended the Oregon State Grange convention in Seaside.

*More National Grange Convention highlights and photos can be found on pages 18, 19 & 24.*

***Hotels for the 2016 OSG State Convention will be listed in the February Bulletin but it has been suggested that you not wait to make reservations, especially if you want to stay in Ashland.***

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## The Master's Column

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Another year has almost come to an end, and after a long weekend of watching Christmas movies and decorating for the Holidays I seem to be filled with the Christmas spirit! I think from the time we are small children we try to be the best we can be just before the holidays and of course that is a good thing, but what about the rest of the year? Should we forget the warmth that comes from being with family and friends, the feeling of helping others and the appreciation we have for those that lend us a hand?

I read a quote by John F. Kennedy that stated, *"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."* So as we go forward into 2016 remember these words and strive to treat others with the respect and care that you expect, take the time to look at both sides of a question, help those who need a hand and if needed, allow others to help you. Keep the spirit of this season alive all year in your heart and in your deeds.

One thing I forgot in the last paper was to thank Sister Charlotte Taylor for all her excellent work and effort with State Junior Program. Sister Charlotte has made the decision to step down as the Junior Director, but

still keeps busy with her own two Juniors taking part in the Benton County Junior program. Charlotte put in many hours and is responsible for really getting the 1+ program off the ground here in Oregon. The Junior Department is a large undertaking for anyone, especially with trying to develop a new program, and Charlotte certainly deserves a hand for her job. Please join with me in thanking her and her district chairs for a "job well done!"

As of this paper I am still looking for a new Dir Director, so if you are interested please let me know. I know the job sounds big, and it is, but plenty of help will be available.

It has been a busy fall for Mark and me. We were able to visit the Indiana State Grange Convention in October where I was honored to be their National representative. Along with meeting many Grangers and making new friends, I came back home with some ideas for our next State Session as well. A few weeks following their session we were off to Lincoln, Nebraska as your delegates to the National Grange Convention. A report of what happened to the Oregon resolutions is included in this Bulletin, as well as several stories of the different events. We were very well represented by our Talent Winner,

June Colony, as well as Jessie Jo Guttridge as a National Youth Officer. Other Oregonians making the trip were our Bulletin Editor, Suzy Ramm, Youth Directors, Scot and Clare Jacobson and South Fork Grange Master, Scott Colony.

This session was very special to me. My first National Session was 1973 in Lincoln, Nebraska. We were even at the same hotel, although it has been remodeled since then. I was representing Oregon as the Youth Ambassador, or as we were known in those days "Outstanding Young Granger." So it was very special to me to go back as the Oregon State Grange Master and the National Pomona. In both cases I couldn't have been representing a better State! This also reminds me to encourage our youth and young adults to take part in these programs. When I attended the National Session in 1973 it was just a great trip and a lot of fun to meet others from around the country, but obviously my time in the youth program gave me some insight into what a great organization we have and the leadership abilities I learned there have allowed me to accomplish many things in my life. So I encourage all youth to take advantage of opportunities the Grange offers to increase your leadership skills and to widen your horizons. You never know where you might end up!

Have a wonderful Holiday Season and an especially great New Year! I'm looking forward to 2016 as the year when the Oregon State Grange has a net gain in membership!

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## Bailey Barks!



It's the time of year when dogs and cats all over the world have to act like we enjoy wearing Christmas lights and fancy collars and posing for the endless pictures! Don't get me wrong we do like it, especially when the person on the other end of the camera has lots and lots of snacks to hand out! It's also the time of year when I get to walk in the Springfield Christmas parade. Every year I help to hand out the candy to the kids and the dog treats to my furry friends. I get lots of love from the children along the route and I love being a part of the Lane County Grangers.

The State Grange Holiday Open House is also coming up on December 13th, and Santa has agreed to stop by for a visit. Last year I must have been a really good dog as he gave me a very nice toy, and each of the children there also

received a sack of goodies. Everyone got a chance to sit in his lap, even me!

Each year at Christmas Mom gets out all the Christmas books and reads to me, my favorites are *"A Dogs Night Before Christmas"*, *"The 12 Dogs of Christmas"* and especially *"Christmas is Good, Trixie Treats & Holiday Wisdom"* by Trixie Koontz, Dog. I want to leave you with a bit of Trixie wisdom: *"If gifts for the family cat number more than gifts for the family dog, rethink your priorities. If gifts for the family dog are too many to fit under tree, get a bigger tree."*

Merry Christmas and Happy, Happy New Year!

Woof, Bailey

## Masters, Secretaries & Treasurers Conferences This Spring

OSG Master Susan Noah will again be traveling the state and hosting conferences. This year she will be focusing on the duties and obligations of the positions of Masters, Secretaries and Treasurers.

If you are a Master, Secretary or Treasurer *or would like to be one*, please plan to attend. Dates and locations will be printed in the February Bulletin as well as on Facebook and the OSG Website.





## 2016 Conferences Planned For Around The State This Spring

Beginning the end of January and continuing through mid-April, district conferences will be held. There will be a total of twelve conferences, two in each district. Six different State Directors (or their district committee chairman) will be at each of the conferences with every Director attending one conference in a district. Please try to attend both conferences in your district. They will be informative and a great place to get ideas for your Grange. Below is the schedule as well as a brief description of what each director will be covering during their part of the conference. Conferences will start at 10am and last until approximately 3pm with a light lunch provided.

Conference Schedule		Conference Topics
<p><b>District 1 - February 21st</b>  <b>Mapleton Grange</b>  <b>- Western Lane County</b>  <b>10880 E Mapleton Rd,</b>  <b>Mapleton</b>            State Lecturer            Community Service Director            Communications Director            DAFH Director            Education Director            Youth Directors</p>	<p><b>District 4 - February 20th</b>  <b>Abernethy Grange</b>  <b>- Clackamas County</b>  <b>15745 S Harley Ave</b>  <b>Oregon City</b>            State Lecturer            Membership Directors            GWA Director            Communications Director            DAFH Director            Agriculture Director</p>	<p>Here is a general idea of the subjects each director will be covering during their portion of the conference. Actual topics covered will depend on time spent in discussion and questions.</p> <p><b>Agriculture</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities of Agriculture Committee – Ag Fest, Ag Luncheon, Oregon FFA State Convention, OSU Small Farms Conference</li> <li>• Grange Roots in Agriculture</li> <li>• Outreach about Importance of Agriculture</li> <li>• Urban Granges/Agriculture</li> <li>• Issues today</li> </ul> <p><b>Communications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4-corner game</li> <li>• How team can support Granges</li> <li>• Ways to communicate</li> <li>• Promo kit about Grange</li> <li>• Bulletins available</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Service</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ideas – booklet to share</li> <li>• Reports – Fill out as a group or small groups</li> <li>• Group brainstorm community service ideas &amp; activities</li> <li>• Discuss relationship of non-profit status and community service</li> </ul> <p><b>Deaf Awareness/Family Health</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cochlear implants</li> <li>• CapTel phones</li> <li>• Mental health</li> <li>• Nutrition</li> <li>• Grief resources</li> <li>• Autism/special needs</li> <li>• Eye care</li> <li>• Kitty Thomas Fund handout</li> </ul> <p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dictionaries</li> <li>• Another item to promote? Kindles</li> <li>• How to interact with State Legislature – handout</li> <li>• College grants/scholarships</li> <li>• Encourage volunteering in schools</li> <li>• Resources to get what you need</li> </ul> <p><b>GWA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nutrition</li> <li>• Contests</li> <li>• Hands-on activity</li> <li>• Foster families and other agencies that donations go to</li> </ul> <p><b>Juniors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1+ program</li> <li>• Need to have a Jr Grange chairman</li> <li>• Support for Juniors in your Grange</li> <li>• Background checks for leaders or chaperons</li> <li>• National Grange merit badge program</li> </ul> <p><b>Junior member Obligation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contests – promote them</li> <li>• Long lasting friendships</li> <li>• Network with other states</li> <li>• Connecting kids activity to the community</li> </ul> <p><b>Lecturer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities - (Skit, game etc.)</li> <li>• Break out groups will discuss planning programs for the year</li> <li>• Involving/including members, officers, community in programs</li> <li>• Contests</li> <li>• Lecturer Handbook</li> </ul> <p><b>Legislative</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educate members on legislative issues and the State Grange's position</li> <li>• Changes you would like to see happen - deadlines</li> <li>• Resolution writing: how to write and deadlines</li> <li>• Candidates' forum: who can you invite?</li> <li>• Educate members</li> <li>• Announce Legislative Day, etc.</li> </ul> <p><b>Membership</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to plan an event</li> <li>• Using Membership Idea Booklets 1 &amp; 2</li> <li>• Encourage visiting other Granges</li> <li>• Ideas to help Granges get new members</li> <li>• Promo kit on display – take orders</li> </ul> <p><b>Veterans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resources for VA – handout</li> <li>• Special projects Granges are doing – lap robes; bags to carry items</li> <li>• Thank you dinner free for veterans; partner with other groups</li> <li>• Resources for PTSD</li> <li>• Jobs for volunteers</li> </ul> <p><b>Youth</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facebook demo</li> <li>• Attitudes regarding youth in the Grange</li> <li>• How to get young people into the Grange</li> <li>• Promote contests – ambassadors, youth officers</li> <li>• Game – What was it like when you were young?</li> <li>• Give youth opportunities to be involved: officers, committees</li> <li>• Highlight youth program</li> <li>• Travel opportunities</li> </ul>
<p><b>District 1 - April 2nd</b>  <b>Fruitdale Grange</b>  <b>- Josephine County</b>  <b>1440 Parkdale Dr</b>  <b>Grants Pass</b>            Membership Directors            GWA Director            Agriculture Director            Legislative Director            Veterans Director            Junior Program</p>	<p><b>District 4 - March 6th</b>  <b>Maplewood Grange</b>  <b>- Clackamas County</b>  <b>25480 S Hwy 99E, Aurora</b>            Community Service Director            Education Director            Legislative Director            Veterans Director            Youth Directors            Junior Program</p>	
<p><b>District 2 - January 30th</b>  <b>Buell Grange - Polk County</b>  <b>5970 Mill Creek Rd</b>  <b>Sheridan</b>            State Lecturer            GWA Director            Community Service Director            Communications Director            DAFH Director            Education Director</p>	<p><b>District 5 - March 20th</b>  <b>Little Deschutes Grange</b>  <b>- Deschutes County</b>  <b>51518 Morson St, LaPine</b>            Membership Directors            DAFH Director            Community Service Director            Education Director            Legislative Director            Youth Directors</p>	
<p><b>District 2 - April 3rd</b>  <b>Elmira Grange</b>  <b>- Lane County</b>  <b>88764 Sprague St</b>  <b>Elmira</b>            Membership Directors            Agriculture Director            Legislative Director            Veterans Director            Youth Directors            Junior Program</p>	<p><b>District 5 - April 16th</b>  <b>Terrebonne Grange</b>  <b>- Deschutes County</b>  <b>8286 11th St, Terrebonne</b>            State Lecturer            GWA Director            Communications Director            Agriculture Director            Veterans Director            Junior Program</p>	
<p><b>District 3 - January 31st</b>  <b>McMinnville Grange</b>  <b>- Yamhill County</b>  <b>1700 Old Sheridan Rd</b>  <b>McMinnville</b>            State Lecturer            Membership Directors            GWA Director            Communications Director            DAFH Director            Junior Program</p>	<p><b>District 6 - March 19th</b>  <b>Rockwall Grange</b>  <b>- Union County</b>  <b>71562 Middle Rd, Elgin</b>            Membership Directors            DAFH Director            Education Director            Legislative Director            Youth Directors            Junior Program</p>	
<p><b>District 3 - March 5th</b>  <b>Beaver Homes Grange</b>  <b>- Columbia County</b>  <b>31105 Beaver Homes Rd</b>  <b>Rainier</b>            Community Service Director            Education Director            Legislative Director            Agriculture Director            Veterans Director            Youth Directors</p>	<p><b>District 6 - April 17th</b>  <b>Pleasant Grove Grange</b>  <b>- Union County</b>  <b>67218 Hunter Rd</b>  <b>Summerville</b>            State Lecturer            GWA Director            Community Service Director            Communications Director            Agriculture Director            Veterans Director</p>	



## The Agricultural Report

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Granges are rooted in Agriculture and in the betterment of our rural communities. Education, especially about agriculture, has a long and noble history in the Grange, and this characteristic survives in our Lecturer programs, our outreach to schools, and our engagement in the issues of the day, especially agricultural issues.

Many Granges, once filled with farmers, embedded in farmland, have seen cities grow about them, include them, and now surround them, a rural remnant in an urban environment. Our membership, especially in some of these less rural locations, may have few or no members who actually farm. But, this does not mean that our Granges have no educational role to play in reminding and educating our fellow citizens about the importance of agriculture in our lives.

Oregon State Grange creates a popular booth at the Oregon Ag Fest at Salem's State Fairgrounds each year, where thousands of people plant vegetable and flower seedlings in peat pots to take home. Children and adults experience the growth and production of plants given to them by the Grange. This effort is powered by enthusiastic Grange volunteers in late April each year, and we would welcome your company.

Individual Granges can provide Agricultural Education in their communities. Farmers markets, seed and seedling swaps, and educational programs of interest to gardeners and consumers can bring potential Grange members into our halls. There are many films of interest to community members which focus on agricultural issues and encourage thoughtful discussion. Check out

farmers, "Plant this Movie" about urban farming, "Dirt! the Movie" about soil fertility, "The Real Dirt on Farmer John" about CSA's and "Queen of the Sun: what are the bees telling us?" about bee decline.

The OSU Extension Service, in most counties, are helpful in providing experts able to present programs on gardening, food preparation, and other topics, and our halls are excellent locations for this sort of learning. Oregonians are interested in these topics, hearing about them in the Grange gets them in the door, and some of them will become members. The more members you have, the more active members you will have. Almost all the new members you get will be different from your old members. They will have new ideas and concerns, but it is their hands into which you will entrust your Grange; and the torch will be passed, the torch must be passed, or it will burn out. And who wants this light to be lost?

Our Grange recently was given a perpetual plaque with the names and years of all our Masters in the 88 years of our existence. I'm grateful to those that have passed this Grange and hall onto us, today, and I look at the blank spots on the plaque, after my name, and I wonder whose names will be written upon them. Some have yet to be born, some have not yet heard of the Grange, but, I want them to look back, thankfully, and then look forward to the needs of the Grange in their day.

OK, enough philosophy. On a practical note I want to welcome Jim Serrill as the new volunteer District 3 chair for the OSG Agriculture Committee. Jim is active in community gardens and will bring welcome energy to this position.



## FREE Ag. Chemical Collection Event

The Medford Water Commission and Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District are staging FREE Agricultural Chemical Collection event on Friday, March 4 in Grants Pass and in Medford on Saturday, March 5, 2016.

This event is for small and large farms or farm contractors who have agricultural pesticides and/or containers for disposal.

Anyone who wishes to dispose of

agricultural chemicals at this event will need to pre-register and make an appointment. Details will be provided through the Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District Website: [www.jsvcd.org](http://www.jsvcd.org) or contact Amy Patton at 541-690-9983 with questions.

Anyone within traveling distance is invited to participate in this event, including residents of Jackson, Josephine, Douglas and Klamath Counties.



## Walterville Grange Holds Comm. Fair

The Walterville Grange hosted the "Shake Waddle and Roll To The 65<sup>th</sup> Walterville Fair" on September 12th. The fair included a 5K Waddle, vendors, displays of garden produce, canning, baking, sewing, arts and antiques, a chicken Bar-B-Q dinner and children's games. Two parades were held including one for dogs. Proceeds from the event go to maintain the George Millican Memorial Community Center.

## Friends of Family Farmers Schedules Listening Sessions

### - Looking for Host Sites -

Friends of Family Farmers wants to hear from Oregon's family-scale, socially and environmentally responsible farmers, about the issues that matter to them. If this sounds like you, you are invited to find a session listed below then sign up on their website.

#### FAQ's:

Q: Who is invited?

A: Any and all family-scale, socially and environmentally responsible farmers who would like to participate.

Q: I'm not a farmer, how can I participate?

A: While they are focusing on farmers for the actual listening sessions, they still want YOUR valuable input. If you are a food system organizer, a devoted local foods consumer, or a food business owner or operator, please help out by taking their stakeholder survey located on their website.

Q: I'm a farmer, but I can't make it to any of the sessions listed below. How can I make sure my voice is heard?

A: You can take their farmer survey on their website to let them know what you think about the issues.

Q: How can a Grange become involved?

A: They are looking for groups to help host these events. Several Granges have already signed up to co-host. Here is an opportunity to introduce prospective members to the Grange.

#### Locations

If you are a farmer, please see the list in the next column to find the listening session closest to you.

#### South Willamette Valley

Philomath – Dec 9, 2015 Co-hosted by Marys River Grange 6-8pm

Cottage Grove – Dec 14, 2015 - Co-hosted by Dorena Grange 6-8pm

Salem/Keizer – Dec 16, 2015 Co-hosted by Geer Crest Farm 6-8pm

#### February/March

**N Willamette Valley & Coastal**  
Locations and dates – TBD  
Portland, Forest Grove, Canby, McMinnville, Woodburn, Bandon, Newport and Manzanita/Nehalem.

#### March/April

**Central & Southern OR**  
Locations and dates – TBD  
Roseburg, Central Point, Klamath Falls, Bend and Terrebonne.

#### April/May

**Columbia Gorge & NE Oregon**  
Locations and dates – TBD  
Hood River, La Grande and Lostine.

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*Friends of Family Farmers strives to build a strong and united voice for Oregon's independent family farmers, food advocates, and concerned citizens who are working to foster an approach to agriculture that respects the land, treats animals humanely, sustains local communities, and provides a viable livelihood for family farmers. It is their belief that every person — urban and agrarian, farmer and eater — has the ability to make choices that can help regenerate the food system.*



Grangers and guests enjoyed Very Berry Pancakes and music by the Old Time Fiddlers.

## How Many Pancakes Would A Pancake Eater Eat If A Pancake Eater Would Eat Pancakes?

Spencer Creek Grange #855 hosted its 9<sup>th</sup> annual Very Berry Pancake Breakfast Sunday August 16<sup>th</sup>. For the second time in as many years, the morning started off with no power until 8:30am for an event that started at 8am. Perhaps the Grange needs to check with the power company before setting a date for next year. The locally sourced ingredients for the breakfast included: a variety of berries (some hand-picked by Grangers!) with hand whipped cream, local buttermilk, goat milk, whey and whole wheat pastry flour. Cornmeal and eggs were hand blended to make spectacular pancakes. "These are the best pancakes I have ever had..." boasted one patron of the event.

For those of you who MUST know the details, check out the stats: of the 200+ customer served, the average person enjoyed 2.25 pancakes (they were really big too), 95% of the orders included berries and whipped cream, and 7 orders of wheat-free pancakes were served. 40% of the orders were for 3 pancakes, and at least 4 people had seconds, one person - who shall remain nameless (you know who you are) had two orders of 3 pancakes each! The men who attended gobbled 2.4 pancakes each and the women averaged a reasonable 2.11

cakes each. The most common men's name was Mike, and for the women it was Mary. Table #8 was the most popular with 25 people enjoying the meal at that location, however, it was table 11 that took the title for most pancakes per person at 2.75 each! The Grange estimates over 1 pound of raw ingredients per person was consumed with 71% originating in Lane County and 90% from within Oregon; 44% was certified organic.

Spencer Creek Grange was happy to donate a portion of the proceeds from the event to the local community service organization - Positive Community Kitchen who, every week, with the help of volunteer teen & adult chefs, come together to prepare organic healing meals for community members fighting a life threatening illness.

Their annual Very Berry Pancake Breakfast is a popular fund-raising event - staffed with eager volunteers and relies exclusively on the generosity of the attendees served, as only donations are accepted for the meal. They look forward to serving all the smiling faces again next year. Who knows, there might even be a pancake eating contest for those who like "seconds".



Shoppers found lots to stock their pantries for winter at Rockford Grange.



Rockford Grange members were thrilled with the turnout.

## 'Fill Your Pantry' Market Debuted November 7th at Rockford Grange #501

A full parking lot greeted shoppers at the 'Fill Your Pantry' market held at Rockford Grange #501 in Hood River County. Both Grange Master Mark England and market originator Bonnie Cox mentioned being "thrilled with the turnout". A Grange never knows what will happen when trying something new; this event was successfully beyond any of the members' expectations.

When Bonnie Cox, secretary of the Rockford Grange moved to Hood River from Corvallis about three years ago, she noticed something was missing: a "Fill Your Pantry" market. She'd participated in such markets while living in the Willamette Valley, both as a shopper and a vendor, and saw the lack in her new town as an opportunity for the Grange she had recently joined. She brought it up at a meeting last winter and the members liked it. Cox and fellow Grangers Linda Short and Aera Atkins jumped right in and worked on planning the November market. Their goal to "connect local food with local eaters, strengthening their own local food system, and preparedness for winter," Cox said.

Early on they met with Gorge Grown, a local food network that supports local farmers and the staff at the local OSU Extension office. Through Gorge Grown they were able to reach farmers from a wider range of farms and products. Their goal to have the broadest selection of storable food products they could, emphasizing those grown in the gorge. Only two of the farms came

from outside of the gorge.

In addition to the Grange and Gorge Grown, the 'Fill Your Pantry' market was co-sponsored by several other groups including SNAP, EBT, and Veggie Rx, so shoppers were able to use food stamps and vouchers.

Items available included: honey potatoes, onions, garlic, assorted root crops, winter squash, carrots, cabbage, dry beans, wheat flour, wheat berries, rye flour, flour corn, pancake mix, jams, jellies, beef, pork, lamb, fresh and dried fruit, frozen berries, dried herbs, herbal tea blends, infused vinegars, soaps, salves, and lotions.

Lots of vendors sold out of their stock by the end of the day. Many had even called back to their farms to have more brought in.

Shoppers enjoyed the music of bluegrass trio Spring Creek Band and there were even fun activities for the children.



Below: Grangers Linda Short (l-r), Aera Atkins and Bonnie Cox had been planning the 'Fill Your Pantry' market since last winter. This photo was used in their pre-event publicity.





## Sustainability Summit Great Success

The 6th Sustainability Summit was held at the Bellview Grange #759 in Ashland on October 23-25. It was a rousing success. Over 50 people attended from a variety of Oregon and California Granges.

Activities started on Friday when Bellview member and local farmer Chris Hardy held a seed saving workshop that was attended by 25 people. A Seed Celebration was open to a very appreciative public. It included vendors, seed cleaning demos courtesy of George Stevens of Synergy Seeds, a free seed exchange and a ceremony for initiating a Seed Club to promote the sharing and growing of heirloom and GMO-free seeds.

Saturday morning Summit attendees were treated to a play reading based on Vicki Robin's "Transformations" adapted by Bellview Grange Lecturer Pete Cotton and directed by Richard Heller, Bellview Grange Master and Director of Theatre Convivio. Speakers, discussion sessions and strategic planning and action items were conducted all day Saturday and most of Sunday. A panel discussion included Oregon State Grange Agricultural Director Jay Sexton and Bellview Grange member Leif Brecke discussing Grange traditions, strengths and history and conducting a question and answer time with the audience.

Saturday night's keynote address by Elise Higley, Director of local farm organization Our Family Farms Coalition was an inspiring report of her trip to DC to oppose HR1599, a bill that would preempt states' rights to label GMOs and nullify local biotech regulations. Elise presented a brief summary of Jackson and Josephine County GMO crop ban history and the current lawsuits. Questions and discussion ranged from ensuring a safe and uncontaminated seed supply, to the economic viability of small local farms, to the role Granges can play in farming's future.

Many relevant topics were discussed throughout the Summit. Willits Grange member and Director of the Willits Farm School gave an inspiring and informative talk on "How to Attract Intergenerational

Participation in Granges". Viable future as well as tradition and history were frequent topics at the Summit.

On Sunday morning presentations by Rogue Climate on climate change, Rising Tide on opposing the Jordan Cove LNG pipeline and an art narrative by Catie Faryl, a backcast vision called "A View from 2050", rounded out information on regional views, issues and actions. Summit participants had a choice of three break-out sessions followed by the convening of a full circle to decide on the next action steps.

Many ideas were offered on how to keep Granges viable and relevant in a climate of corporate investing and lobbying and expansion of monoculture and industrial farming, as well as opportunities for expanding healthy local food systems and preserving and increasing non-GMO seed growing sanctuaries in regions like Jackson and Josephine County where a huge portion of the world's natural seeds are grown.

After gathering a wealth of information, videos and photos Bellview Grange will be busy processing and gaining consensus of possible directions to bring to the June 2016 State Grange Session at Talent, Oregon.



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## Lexington Grange Holds Pumpkin Picking Party



*L - These two boys look like they stepped right out of the western frontier.*



*A young party goer enjoys a pony ride.*

The Lexington Grange hosted its second annual Pumpkin Picking Party Sunday October 25th. Events at the Pumpkin Party included pumpkin decorating, pony rides, pumpkin bowling, haystack diving,

broomstick hockey, and much more. The Heppner High School FFA were at the Grange with apples and a cider press to make cider. It was great weather and a great time for family fun.

## Oregon's Resolutions Do Well At National Session

By Mark Noah, Dist. #2 Leg. Chair

Oregon sent nine resolutions forward to the National convention in Lincoln, Nebraska and only one was rejected. This article references the resolution numbers assigned by the National Grange, so look for your title to identify which one originated in your Grange.

Any resolution sent to National should have some application to the Grange at that level or to policy positions of a national scope. One of ours, AG002 'Aggregate Removal on Class 1 and Class 2 Farmland', was ruled a State Issue so no further action was required at the National Grange level.

One of our resolutions was reported unfavorably by the committee, LJT706 'Executive Orders Can't Become Law'.

Resolutions adopted without amendments were AG018 'Oppose Non-Transparent Trade Acts' and EH408 'Mental Health Day'. GL609 'Grange and Drugs', EH425 'WWII Veterans and Mustard Gas Exposure' and CT205 'Eliminate Requirement that USPS Pre-Fund

Retiree Insurance Benefits' were all adopted with amendments.

Another optional action by the National Grange is to include the intent of a resolution in the annual Policy Statement for each committee. The Policy Statements are summaries of current positions and are most likely to be distributed to members of Congress. Oregon resolutions CT208 'Keep Gateway Postal Facility Open' and EH401 'Acupuncture Pain Relief' were incorporated into their respective committees' Policy Statements, which have just been received from the National Grange.

Resolutions adopted, or amended, will be printed in the Proceedings of this National Grange convention which should be available soon.

*Editor's notes: here are the corresponding 2015 Oregon Resolution numbers referred to in the above article.*

AG002 - AG #1, LJT706 - FA #2  
AG018 - Ag #3, EH408 - HW #1  
GL609 - GO #1, EH425 - VT #1  
CT205 - FA #3B, CT208 - FA #3A  
EH401 - IN #1

## National Grange Policy Statement - Audit and Budget

The members of the Audit and Budget Committee thank the National Master, Executive Committee and National Grange staff for presenting us with a budget.

Dues on all levels of the Grange are the lifeblood of our Order and it is imperative that Granges on all levels and in all states make a sincere serious effort to attract new members while working to retain our existing members.

Our National Grange headquarters is a real asset to the Order. The income generated by the rentals provides us with much needed funds to support our programs. The building should be maintained so that future generations of Grangers will be able to utilize and enjoy it as we have.

Please remember that all donations to the Grange Foundation are tax deductible as the Foundation has 501(c)(3) tax status. We encourage members and non-members to continue their financial support of the Grange Foundation.

We encourage all members to continually monitor the many member benefits that are listed on the National Grange website. We recommend that the members take advantage of these programs. We

continue to support that the membership of the Order assume responsibility for shipping and handling expenses of all Grange store and seal and certificate products purchased from National Grange.

Few organizations give such value for the small monetary contribution from its membership. The Grange membership should consider sending contributions to the National Grange office to assist in helping to resolve the current financial situation.

Adopted November 13, 2015

### National Grange Policy Statements

The above is the first of several Policy Statements adopted at the 149th Annual Session of the National Grange held in Lincoln, Nebraska. Over the next several issues, as space allows, additional statements will be published in the paper with the hope of having them all published before our state convention in June. These include Agriculture; Citizenship and Taxation; Conservation; Education and Health; Grange Growth and Development; Grange Law and Labor, Judiciary and Transportation.

## Legislative Update

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OSG Legislative Director



Happy Holidays Patrons:

With the New Year approaching we have a change in the Legislative Department. Our lobbyist, Jim Welsh, has resigned and at this time we do not know who will be taking his place. However, if you see him please thank him for his many years of service to the Oregon State Grange.

The Oregon Cattlemen's Association asked us to get behind them on delisting of wolves in Oregon. I know this may be a hot topic for some of our members and fine with others, however the Oregon State Grange policy is "OSG is opposed to introduction and migration of wolves and wolf hybrids in Oregon" (NR.04.00, NR04.03, Pg. 56). The Cattlemen's Association wants the Department of Fish and Wildlife to hear the policy in the delisting of wolves. On November 9<sup>th</sup> I attended a meeting to speak on behalf of the OSG and voiced our policy.

In February 2016 there will be a month long session of the state legislature to deal primarily with budgetary issues for the State of Oregon. Always remember, to have your Grange heard in the state legislature, take the opportunity to develop resolutions for the 2016 State Grange Session. Your state legislative committee is always willing to write resolutions to help benefit your community and local Granges. Just give us a call!

Next year the Legislative Committee will be part of the state conferences offered in each district around the state. Please keep your eyes out in the Bulletin for the dates, time and locations. I would like to fill the halls with members and guests to be heard.

Again, I would like to like to say THANK YOU to Jim Welsh from my committee and myself for the hard work he has done for us.

## 2016 NG Legislative Fly-In

Keeping with a Grange precedent set several presidential elections ago, the 2016 National Grange Legislative Fly-In will be February 4-7 in Concord, New Hampshire. Mark your calendar, save the dates and start making plans now. Plan to arrive on Thursday, February 4. Bright and early on Friday morning Grangers will go to the New Hampshire Statehouse for briefings, discussion and the history of presidential primaries. They will spend Saturday working directly on the candidate's campaign of their choice, then return home on Sunday, February 7.

The New Hampshire Grange is the host and they have a fantastic event planned that few folks have the opportunity to experience. This would be a huge experience for your young leaders and students. See you in New Hampshire!

### Thursday, February 4

- Arrive at Manchester Airport or drive to Manchester
- Evening – Welcome, itinerary, discussions

### Friday, February 5

- Concord – New Hampshire State Capitol – Transportation will be provided
- Morning meeting at the Statehouse with NH Secretary of State Bill Gardner, who will brief attendees on the First in the National Presidential Primary.



- Afternoon tour of the New Hampshire Statehouse that has been continuously occupied by the legislature longer than any other statehouse in the country
- Evening – Dinner together

### Saturday, February 6

- Breakfast – New Hampshire State Grange Building with guest James Pindell, Political Reporter for the Boston Globe
- Meeting with the on-site press corps to discuss the media's role in presidential campaigns
- Grangers split off to campaign headquarters of the Presidential candidate of their choice, meet with representatives of the Democratic and Republican Parties to talk about their roles in the process, participate in a campaign event of their choice (i.e. – stuffing mailers, phone banking, visibility, canvassing, etc.)

### Sunday, February 7

- Return home

See National Grange website for hotel information. [www.nationalgrange.org](http://www.nationalgrange.org)



## The Education Committee

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 OSG Education Director

As I was deciding what to put in this issue's column we were dealing with the shock of the Umpqua Community College shootings. Since this issue will be arriving in your mailboxes around the anniversary of the Sandy Hook shootings I felt it was appropriate to share.

A Sandy Hook Parent's Letter to Teachers  
 By Nelba Marquez-Greene

As another school year begins and old routines settle back into place, I wanted to share my story in honor of the teachers everywhere who care for our children. I lost my six-year old daughter Ana Grace on Dec. 14, 2012, in the rampage at Sandy Hook Elementary School. My son, who was in the building and heard the shooting, survived.

While waiting in the firehouse that day to hear the official news that our daughter was dead, my husband and I made promises to ourselves, to each other, and to our son. We promised to face the future with courage, faith, and love. As teachers and school employees begin this New Year, my wish for you is that same courage, faith, and love.

It takes guts to be a teacher. Six brave women gave their lives trying to protect their students at Sandy Hook. Other teachers were forced to run from the building, stepping over the bodies of their friends and colleagues, and they came right back to work. When I asked my son's teacher why she returned, she responded, "Because they are my kids. And my students need me now more than ever." She sent daily updates on my son's progress, from his behavior to what he'd eaten for lunch. And four months later, when my son finally smiled one day after school, I asked him about it. His response? "Mom, my teacher is so funny. I had an epic day."

While I pray you will never find yourself in the position of the teachers at Sandy Hook, your courage will support students like my son, who have lived through traumas no child should have to. Your courage will support students who are left out and overlooked, like the isolated young man who killed my daughter. At some point he was a young, impressionable student, often sitting all alone at school. You will have kids facing long odds for whom your smile, your encouraging word, and your willingness to go the extra mile will provide the comfort and security they need to try again tomorrow.

When you Google "hero," there should be a picture of a principal, a school lunch worker, a custodian, a reading specialist, a teacher, or a bus monitor. Real heroes don't wear capes. They work in America's schools. Being courageous requires faith. It took faith to go back to work at Sandy Hook after the shooting. Nobody had the answers or knew what would come tomorrow, but they just kept going. Every opportunity you have to create welcoming environments in our schools where parents and students feel connected counts. Have faith that your hard work is having a profound impact on your students. Of the 15,000 personal letters I received after the shooting, only one stays at my bedside. It's from my high school English teacher, Robert Buckley. But you can't be courageous or step out on faith without a deep love for what you do. Parents are sending their precious children to you this fall. Some will come fully prepared, and others not. They will come fed and with empty bellies. They will come from intact homes and fractured ones. Love them all.

When my son returned to school in January, I thought I was going to lose my mind. Imagine the difficulty in sending your surviving child into a classroom when you lost your baby in a school shooting. We sent him because we didn't want him to be afraid. We sent him because we loved him to understand that while our lives would never be the same, our lives still needed to move forward.

According to the 2011-12 National Survey of Children's Health, nearly half of America's children will have suffered at least one childhood trauma before the age of 18. They need your love.

A few weeks before the shooting, Ana Grace and I shared a special morning. Lunches were packed and clothes were picked out the night before, so we had extra time to snuggle. And while I lay in bed with my beautiful caramel princess, she sensed that I was distracted and asked, "What's the matter, Mom?" I remember saying to her, "Nothing, baby. It's just work." She



Community members enjoying dinner and music by CinderBlue

## A Successful Lenore Walters Scholarship Dinner And Auction At The Barlow Gate Grange

Lenore Walters, an historic and beloved community member in South Wasco County, would have had a festive evening at the annual dinner and auction named in her honor. On Saturday, September 12, Barlow Gate Grange hosted a pulled pork dinner "with all the fixins" and put on a silent and live auction. This year, the wonderful addition of live music, performed by CinderBlue from Central Oregon, had folks clapping and dancing before the bidding on auction items took place.

Auctioneers Ellie Webb-Timinsky and Shawn Wilkinson created a lively event and helped the Grange raise almost \$17,000 for next year's scholarships.

The event could not have happened without the help of both their Grange

members and generous community volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes and donated goods and services for the event. In fact, dozens of community members pitched in to supply home baked cobblers that were the hit of the meal!

Thanks goes to all of those who donated gift certificates, cash and wonderful items for the auction, including items from Lenore Walters' estate, donated by the family of 75 year Grange member Nedra Faught.

The dozen students who volunteered their time are an example of the caliber of scholarship applicants that the Grange sees each year. For the 2015-2016 academic year, \$22,000 in scholarships were awarded. The Grange expects to be able to award a similar amount for 2016-2017 year.



South Wasco County High school students and graduates serving dinner

looked at me for a very long time with a thoughtful stare, then she told me, "Don't let them suck your fun circuits dry, Mom."

As you begin this school year, remember Ana Grace. Walk with courage, with faith, and with love. And don't let them suck your fun circuits dry.

Nelba Marquez-Greene is a marriage and family therapist and the mental health and relational wellness director for Sandy Hook Promise, a nonprofit organization that supports those affected by the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., and advocates policy changes related to mental health and gun violence. Ms. Marquez-Greene's 6-year old daughter, Ana Grace, was killed in the Sandy Hook shooting in December 2012.

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## Hurricane Creek Grange Gives Dictionaries In Wallowa County

Hurricane Creek Grange #608 has completed their Words for Thirds program for the year 2015. They distribute to all third grade students in Wallowa County. One of their newest members (Betty Whitehead) participated in handing out the dictionaries at the Wallowa School surprising her granddaughter who is a third grader this year.

The students get really excited because some of the teachers include how to use a dictionary in their curriculum beforehand so the students are aware of all the good information the dictionaries contain.

A lot of the students enjoy telling the Grangers that their older brothers and sisters had gotten one also.

The Grange funds this program with a Bunco tournament that involves the whole community. They delivered dictionaries to schools in Joseph, Wallowa, Enterprise, Imnaha, 7th day Adventist, Troy and Flora as well as home school students. This year Flora only had one third grader and fellow Grangers Don and Sandy Mallory from North End Grange delivered it. This is a very well received program in the county and very well supported.



3rd Graders in Joseph were excited to receive their dictionaries.

## Grange Insurance Association Announces Scholarship Program For School Year 2016-2017

Grange Insurance Association (GIA) Chairman of the Board, D. Thomas McKern, is pleased to announce that GIA will again fund 25 scholarships for the 2016 – 2017 school year, totaling \$33,500. In addition, GIA is honored to award the \$1,000 Paul and Ethel Holter Memorial Scholarship, funded by a gift of Mrs. Holter's estate, and the \$1,000 Dee and Ina McKern Memorial Scholarship, funded by a gift from the McKern family.

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

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

1. Current GIA policyholder (or children of GIA policyholder)
2. Children of current GIA company employees
3. A previous recipient of a GIA scholarship

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

These scholarships may be used at any institution offering courses leading to a certificate or a degree in a recognized profession or vocation,

including: community colleges, business colleges and technical institutes. Vocational scholarships are aimed specifically for those students not pursuing a college diploma, but seeking further education and/or training in a vocation often not covered by more traditional colleges or universities.

The committee will base its awards on the following:

- Complete and legible application
- Scholastic ability (official grade transcript required)
- Handwritten or typed essay by applicant

~ Please tell us about yourself, your family and your future goals

~ Also include any leadership or volunteer-related programs or projects in which you have been involved in high school, in the community, or elsewhere

~ What college, university, or trade school do you plan to attend and how will this scholarship assist you

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

Please complete this request form for an application for a Grange Insurance Association Scholarship:

**Application forms can also be downloaded at th OSG website:** [www.orgrange.org/scholarships](http://www.orgrange.org/scholarships)



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

## Water Damage Insurance Claims

I hope that all of you had a wonderful summer full of fun family activities. In this article I want to share information regarding three types of home insurance claims caused by water damage. This information was compiled by the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety based on water related claims from a multi-company study. Included in this information are some tips on how to prevent or reduce the severity of losses caused by the rupture of piping material, water heater failure and washing machine leaks.

A review of ruptured pipe claims shows that homes 16 to 40 years of age represented the largest proportion of piping material failure. While frozen pipes resulted in more severe losses, failure of the piping material is the most frequent cause of loss. The best prevention for reducing frequency and severity of these losses is closely monitoring water bills for excess usage and visually inspecting wall, ceiling and floor areas for visible signs of moisture. This is especially true in areas such as basements and under sinks. Reduction of frozen pipe losses is best attained by properly insulating exposed pipes and removing hoses from outside faucet bibs.

The study on failed water heaters shows that 75% of the claims occurred on appliances that were less than 13 years old. There is a steady rise in the number of claims by age group starting at age 5 with appliances with longer warranties lasting longer. Since a major reason

for bursting or rupture of the tank is rust and corrosion, one method of reducing losses is to have a plumbing professional inspect the anode rod annually or semi-annually once the manufacturer's warranty expires. These rods can be replaced to increase the life of the appliance. Flushing your tank every six months will also aid in reducing the sediment that can lead to tank failure.

Washing machine related water losses were most commonly caused by leaking or the complete failure of the hoses connecting the appliance to the home water system. Proper installation combined with routine inspections of supply lines and areas around the appliance are the best ways to deter claims. It is recommended that supply lines be replaced every five years. Hoses with blisters, stress cracks or loose connections that cannot be tightened should be replaced immediately.

Observation and planned maintenance of the water supply system in your home can prevent insurance claims and the inconvenience that occurs with having costly repairs made. For more information on this topic or other risk hazards of home ownership please visit [www.disastersafety.org](http://www.disastersafety.org)

We, at Grange Insurance Association, are very pleased to serve the needs of all of our policyholders, and we hope that some of this information will be helpful in keeping your property safe and protected from potential loss.

Type of Water Loss	Ranking of all Water Related Causes of Loss	Average Loss Amount per Incident	Interesting Fact
Unexpected and sudden rupture of pipes	Highest ranked water damage cause of loss	\$5,092 After Deductibles	65% of rupture was failure of material vs frozen pipes
Water Heating Failure	In the top 5 causes of loss	\$4,444 After Deductibles	The average age of a failed Hot Water heater is 10.7 years
Washing Machine Failure	In the top 10 causes of loss	\$5,308 After Deductibles	Average age of hose that caused loss was 8.7 years

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## The Chaplain's Corner

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 Chaplain ~ Oregon State Grange

Everyone knows what happened in Roseburg on October 1, 2015. We were in the national news and joined an exclusive club that few are part of and no one wants to be a member. Our community is still torn, battered and bruised. Lives will never be the same. We live in such a small community that everyone knew of someone that was directly or indirectly affected that day by the shooter. As our pastor told the congregation a few days later that on Monday morning things were not going to be o.k., not that Monday or many, many more days to follow. For some the loss of a loved one is

so raw and as we approach the time of year that we are grateful for what we have and are looking forward to spending the holidays with our families, there is something greatly amiss here. There are the victims that survived, their families, the families of those who didn't survive, the UCC staff and students and the first responders that need the comfort that only God can provide. I am asking all of you this season to remember those in your prayers. I know the calls and e-mails we received from our good Grange friends out of state gave us great comfort.

### Heart Gifts

*It's not the things that can be bought that are life's richest treasures,  
 It's just the little "heart gifts" that money cannot measure  
 A cheerful smile, a friendly word, a sympathetic nod  
 Are priceless little treasures from the storehouse of our God*

*They are the things that can't be bought with silver or with gold  
 For thoughtfulness and kindness and love are never sold  
 They are the priceless things in life for which no one can pay.  
 And the giver finds rich recompense in giving them away...*

*Helen Steiner Rice*

## In Memoriam

Rick Farkas Azalea Grange #786	Verna Liehart Morning Star Grange #311
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Virgil Koehn  
 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.*

## National Grange Bids Final Farewell to Edward Andersen

Edward Andersen, Past National Master, passed away in his home on Friday, October 16, 2015, at the age of 89. He was the son of Hans P. and Minnie (Sorensen) Andersen, born on June 6, 1926 in Omaha, Nebraska.



He enlisted in the US Army where he spent much time guarding and transporting Federal prisoners across the country.

In November 1947, after returning home from the service, Ed married Darlene Denker. Shortly after, they started operating the family dairy farm south of Valley, where they raised their family of four children; Robert, Susan, Nancy and Peggy.

Ed was dedicated and committed to the Grange organization for 60 plus years; while serving as Master of the Nebraska State Grange, he was elected Overseer of the National Grange and in November of 1979, he was elected Master of the National Grange. They moved to McLean, Virginia for eight years working in the National Grange office. While in D.C., Ed was appointed and served on numerous national advisory committees and boards. Peggy and her husband, Kent took over the farm at the time of Ed and Darlene's move to Washington D.C., and continue to operate the family farm.

Upon returning to Nebraska in 1988, they built their current home adjacent to the farmstead.

## Past OSG Steward Moves On To The Great Grange Above



Wayne Johnston. Past Steward of the Oregon State Grange passed away on Wednesday October 28, 2015. Born September 11, 1932, Brother Wayne joined Ankeny Grange #540 in 1946 at the age of 14 and demitted in 1968 from Ankeny when it closed after their hall burned to Keizer Grange #785 where he went on to serve as Master for many years. A life member of the Oregon State Grange, he served as OSG Steward from 1996-2004.

Ed is survived by his wife Darlene, son Robert (Jackie) Andersen, daughters; Susan (Terry) Gilfray, Nancy (John) Prestia, Peggy (Kent) Meryweather, 10 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, brother Nels (Opal) Andersen, sister-in-law Marge Grabow, and brother-in-law Howard (Lois) Denker of Elkhorn.

The family would like to say "Thank You" for your support, prayers, and your friendship.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 20 at Bethany Lutheran Church, Elkhorn, Nebraska with military honors. Private interment at Prospect Hill Cemetery in Elkhorn.

### Cards and Condolences may be sent to:

Darlene Andersen  
 102 S 264th Street  
 Waterloo, NE 68069

*Master Anderson visited the Oregon State Grange session three times during his tenure as National Master: 1980, 1981 and 1985.*

Wayne lived and farmed all his life.

Wayne leaves behind his wife of 61 years, Catherine, three sons, Blayne of Albany, Dana and Marc of Jefferson and one daughter, Nicola Bauman of Tangent. Daughters-in-law Sue, Kim and Starla; and son-in-law Andy. Grandsons Levi Thomas of Portland, Blayne D. and Nicholas Bauman of Lebanon, granddaughters, Sherry Workinger of Albany, Ami Bosley of Lebanon, Brandy of Jefferson, Brittney of Tempe, AZ and Kourtney of Jefferson, Brittney Hanson and Ashlee Ellefson of Albany, 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister and brother and a granddaughter Ashley, of Jefferson.

A Celebration of Life was held November 7, 2015 at the Talbot Community Center followed by a potluck lunch. Donations in his name can be made to the Oregon Leukemia Association or the Oregon State Grange Foundation/Scholarships.



More than eighty people danced the night away and tasted 27 different pies at Columbia Grange #267 "Pie Baking Contest & Dance."

## Pie Baking Contest and Dancing Held At Columbia Grange #267

Columbia Grange #267 held its first Annual Pie Baking Contest, along with a rockin' dance, on October 10, 2015. It was a huge success with about 80 people attending, including three generations of community members and Grangers. Everyone got to taste the 27 pies and cast their votes for favorites. Kids, teens, and adults danced to music by Rattletrap Ruckus, a fabulous band from Washington playing fiddle tunes, polkas, waltzes, and tangos.

Grange Ceres, Caroline Oakley and Grange member Emily Alderaen, organized and produced this special evening of dance and pie tasting, along with several Grange volunteers. Caroline is a professional musician who was awarded a \$5,000 grant from The Regional Arts & Culture Council in Oregon to produce *The Columbia Grange Dance Project*, bringing a variety of music to the Grange's rural community in Corbett, Oregon. This dance series has been a huge success, bringing many people together, and increasing the Columbia Grange membership.

Pie Baking Contest categories included: "Best of Show," "Marilyn Monroe" (best lookin' pie), "Most Sublime Crust," "Yum Yum" (tastiest), "Like Grandma Made," "Flabbergasted" (most surprising), "Not Your Granny's Pie" (alternative pie), and "Honorable Mention."

## Quincy Grange Holds Crafting Event



Three of the top winners were teens, including Tatum Hill, age 11, for "Most Sublime Crust," Eden Conti, age 11, for "Yum Yum," a chocolate delight, and Sophia Freeman, age 12, for "Like Grandma Made," a good ol' fashion apple pie. Grange member Emily Alderaen's strawberry rhubarb, gluten-free pie won Marilyn Monroe, and Michelle Gregory won "Best in Show" with a chocolate hazelnut pie with google eyes.

Columbia Grange #267 plans to hold its "Second Annual Pie Baking Contest" in 2016—it was all so tasty, and too much fun to pass up next year!



*Pies, pies, pies!!! Twenty-seven unique and delicious pies were submitted for the Columbia Grange #267 Pie Baking Contest and dance.*

Quincy Grange held their first Crafting Open House event on Saturday October 3. They advertised on Facebook, flyers were placed around key points in town and by word of mouth. Those that attended had an interest in paper crafting. They did receive comments from numerous people who were unable to attend that they would like the Grange to schedule another date and are thinking about having another crafting day in December to make holiday cards.

## GWA

Margaret Clute  
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OSG Grange Workers Activites Director

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

I'm sure you are all busy getting ready for the holidays whether that be baking or sewing or finishing craft projects. I would encourage you to enter one or more of these in the contests come June 2016. However, you might have to re-make the baked item so save your recipe.

Thank you to the sponsors, who responded to the letter that I sent out, and especially to those who have sent in their money. The pin cushion contest is still in need of a sponsor. If interested, please let me know.

Here's an idea for you as an individual, your family or your Grange to do for those who are homeless or are having a hard time. If you have a purse you don't want anymore, fill it with snacks, sanitary and hygiene products. The next time you see a homeless woman, give it to her. I would think a homeless shelter would be glad to receive

these too. This would be a nice way to encourage those around us and serve our communities.

**Dear Soldier** is another worthy project. An individual, family or Grange could adopt a deployed soldier and send them cards, letters and/or packages. The Chaplain who distributed our "Pillowcases for our Troops" will match you with a soldier who receives no communication from his family or hometown. For security reasons, we can't publish the address so if interested please contact Gail Wilson (g.wilson@q.com 541-310-9655) or me (GWAdir@orgrange.org 503-357-3300). You may become a pen pal to a soldier. How great would that be for both of you and the soldier!?!?

Conferences will begin in January. I will be in District 2 January 30th and District 3 January 31st. I look forward to meeting with each of you.

May you have a blessed Holiday Season!!



## Eggnog Tea Cookies

Recipe provided by Nancy Slagle from Parkdale Grange #500, Hood River County; 1st place in the Fancy Holiday Cookies - Winter division at the 2015 OSG GWA Contest.

### Ingredients

2 cups all-purpose flour  
2 tsp ground nutmeg  
1/2 tsp salt  
2 sticks unsalted butter - softened  
3/4 cup sugar  
1 egg  
2 tsp vanilla  
2 cups powdered sugar  
2 Tbsp unsalted butter, softened  
1 Tbsp milk  
1/4 tsp light rum (or rum flavoring)  
Red and green gummy candy or candied cherries

Preheat oven to 350.  
Whisk flour, nutmeg and salt together. Set aside.  
Cream 2 sticks butter and sugar together in another bowl with a mixer until smooth.  
Add egg and vanilla.  
Beat until incorporated, then mix in flour mixture just until blended.



Cover and chill dough for at least 1 hour or up to 24 hours.

Roll dough into 1 1/2" balls.  
Place on cookie sheets lined with parchment paper 2" apart.  
Bake 10 minutes or until firm to the touch and light brown on the edges.  
Transfer to a rack to cool.

Whisk powdered sugar, 2 Tbsp. butter, milk and rum together for the icing.  
Frost cooled cookies.  
Cut the green candies into slivers and the red candies into tiny bits.  
Place 3 red pieces in the center of each cookie - so they look like berries.  
Place 3 green slivers so they emanate from the 3 red pieces - so they look like leaves.  
Very festive looking.  
Makes 3 dozen cookies.

## OSG Awards 2016 Matching Grants

At the OSG Convention in June 2014 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. Twelve Granges received grants in the inaugural year. Some of their stories appear on this page and the next one.

The 2015 Matching Grant Review Committee met on Friday, October 16, 2015, and reviewed twenty-five grant applications. The Committee recommended awarding grants to eleven Granges, for a total of \$47,666.76. These grants were approved by the Executive Committee at their October 25, 2015 meeting.

Master Susan Noah was pleased in mid-October to inform these eleven Granges that they had received matching grants for their proposed projects. Grants ranged from a high of \$5000, the maximum, to a low of \$1833. Projects ranged from floors to roofs and everything in between. The eleven Granges are spread throughout the state.

**Aloha Grange #773 - Washington County** received a grant of \$5000 for roof repairs and replacement.

**Ash Butte Grange #802 in Jefferson County** received a grant of \$5000 to use on the new hall they are building after a fire.

**Barlow Gate Grange #157 in Wasco County** received a grant of \$4448.76 for exterior painting and window repair.

**Bridge Grange #730 in Coos**

**County** received a grant of \$3970 to repair a water leak, range and doors and buy a new refrigerator.

**Deer Creek Grange #371 in Josephine County** received a grant of \$5000 for roof repair and replacement as well as exterior painting.

**Enterprise Grange #489 in Jackson County** received a grant of \$3665 for flooring, siding, and windows.

**Marys River Grange #685 in Benton County** received a grant of \$5000 for work in their restrooms and kitchen repairs.

**Pleasant Grove Grange 475 in Union County** received a grant of \$5000 for repair and replacement of siding, paint, and new furnace installation.

**Santiam Valley Grange #828 in Linn County** received a grant of \$5000 to repair and replace their roof.

**South Fork Grange #605 in Wallowa County** received a grant of \$3750 towards replacement of the roof on their recently purchased building that they are converting to a Grange hall.

**Tigard Grange #148 in Washington County** received a grant of \$1833 so they can wash the exterior of their hall and paint.

Remember the grant program will again be accepting applications starting July 1, 2016 and completed applications must be received in the state office by September 15, 2016.

## Fairview Grange #273, Tillamook Co.

Fairview Grange received a grant to add gravel to the existing parking lot as well as to 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.

To date they have worked on the parking lot by grading and leveling the main parking lot, moving a soil berm to enlarge the parking area and cleaned-up rotted railroad ties and added 20 yards of ¾" minus rock to the parking lot. Additionally, they have removed debris by the southwest corner of the parking lot; there is still more to do there.

At one point they had to tear up an area of the parking lot while locating the septic system, so it was necessary to repair that area and change the parking in that area. This is partially completed. On May 17th, a local

4-H group, the Double "S" Herders, spent an afternoon clearing up weeds in the Grange parking lot. The activity was performed in support of the 4-H Pledge of their "hands to larger service" for their community, and as a "thank you" to the Fairview Grange where they hold their meetings.

They have removed old fence posts with a tractor in the back area, and replaced the fence boards around the parking lot. They removed weeds and trimmed roses in the landscape area and made, painted and hung a Fairview Grange sign on the building.

The Grange is in the process of getting a bid to replace some exterior windows that were broken during a wind storm last spring. That was not in the original grant proposal, but a very necessary repair.

## From Water, Fire and Old Age

*Twelve Granges received grants from the Oregon State Grange for the 2015 year. Of those, eight have provided follow up stories and photos for this issue of the Bulletin.*

### Elkhorn Grange #908, Baker County

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

They reported that with the grant money and what they could raise they were able to put in some new windows, a vent over the stove in the kitchen and get a new door upstairs. They also added egress stairs from the upstairs and from the basement. They have a Mennonite

school using their hall and these projects helped bring the Grange hall up to code, making a building inspector happy.

Future projects including upgrading an area in the back of the Grange that was used as a coal bin many years ago, but now is open and only has weeds growing there. They have an local Boy Scout that wants to do his Eagle project at the Grange and pour cement in the back and paint the stairs. Eventually they would like to get the area enclosed and use it for storage.

### Hurricane Creek Grange #608, Wallowa County

Hurricane Creek received a grant to upgrade the appearance of their hall by adding groundcover and bulbs to the planting beds, then covering them with bark mulch or decorative rock. They were also painting the front porch and its new railings.



With the grant money, they did a lot of sprucing up around the Grange hall. A lot of weed pulling and rototilling was done to get the soil enriched and ready for planting. They had a lot of support from the community by them sharing starts of

plants such as daffodils, irises and perennials that had already been proven to be winter hardy in this area. One item they would do differently next time is provide protection to the plants from the wildlife.

A cement foundation under the porch was added before planting around the porch so that the plants would not have to be disturbed at a later date. The Grange ordered winter hardy plant starts and purchased trees that had been at the local Alder Slope Nursery to ensure their survival. Four loads of gravel were added to the parking lot making it more functional.

The project looks good.



*Several young people of the local 4-H group, the Double "S" Herders, who meet in the Fairview Grange hall, spent an afternoon clearing weeds in the Grange parking lot.*

## Granges Across the State Rebuild and Repair With Grants From the OSG

### Greenacres Grange #834, Coos Co.

Greenacres Grange received a grant to replace windows. Windows that easily slide open and shut! Windows that can be touched without fear of having them fall out of their wooden frame! Windows that prevent the cool, winter breezes slithering from the outside into the hall! What a concept!!!!



The grant helped pay for the replacement of six narrow and tall windows in the main hall. New trim, repairing some serious dry rot, paint and new curtains really added to the appearance of the hall. In addition to the grant the Grange had dedicated proceeds from raffles held at its four Country Flea Markets in 2014, received some cash donations and had some money set aside to help with the expenses to make the windows happen.

Three hard-working members removed several "firmly attached" theatre seats so that the old windows could be removed and new windows installed. They spent a total of 63 hours for "in kind" work on this project. Ripping, tearing, hammering and sawing kept them busy. The only casualty was ruining the hammer that Master Cathy Mann claims was "her favorite hammer". She just did not know how strong she was when she attacked the steel frame of one of the theatre seats to yank it out of the wooden floor! Her husband, James, was on hand to help and a new member, Janelle Jones, was introduced to the Grange theory of "I'd Be Delighted" when asked to help with a Grange project.

The improvements really motivated the members to be more proud of their hall and to continue with other needed repairs. They were recently featured in the local Coos Bay paper with an article entitled *What Makes Greenacres Grange so Successful?* The article was great, but the photographer's picture made them realize how badly the exterior of the hall needs paint. The work is just never done!



### Junction City Grange #744, Lane Co.



Junction City Grange received a grant to help replace their roof. They had been actively raising money for the past six years to replace their leaky, failing roof. Last year, the Secretary and a couple of Executive Committee members began an aggressive fundraising campaign to seek support within their community to accomplish the goal of replacing the roof in 2014. Fortunately, combined with the generous grant opportunity from the Oregon State Grange, the goal became a reality before the end of the year!

The Grange ended up having to pull a demolition permit to remove the chimney that was pulling away from the side of the building, and a second

chimney that protruded through the roof at the north side of the building in the week before the roof was replaced. Fortunately, the contractor who provided the demolition work donated the cost of the labor – which would have been an additional \$1,000!

They have many members of their Grange and folks within the community utilize the Grange on an almost daily basis. Everyone – from the Jazzercise students who helped fundraise with them, to the Jazzercise instructors, to the Martial Arts staff and students, to the church members who get to use the Grange a couple of times a week for services, and every single renter at least once or twice a month on the weekends – has had the unanimous response of grateful praise that the roof no longer leaks! The roof replacement has enabled the Grange to vigorously attack the damages that have been created over the last six years.



### White Clover Grange #784, Tillamook County

White Clover Grange received a grant to reroof 1/2 of their weather worn roof. They had needed a new roof for several years but never had enough in their building fund to replace it. The thought of raising enough money to cover a roof replacement was overwhelming. Every year they would lose a few more shingles and worry that this year it

would start leaking. The situation became even more urgent when they had to change insurance companies and the new company would not insure their old roof. The State Grange matching grant program gave them a critical boost. Community fundraisers and requests for donations provided the additional funds needed to match the grant.

### Lorane Grange #54, Lane County

Lorane Grange received a grant to replace their existing roof with a new metal one.



### Illinois Valley Grange #370, Josephine County

Illinois Valley Grange received a grant to repair the exterior of their Grange Hall including painting, roof repair, replacement of the wheelchair ramp, replacement of the emergency exit door, repair of hall signage as well as building a storage shed and adding to their edible landscaping.

They pressure washed and scraped the building in preparation for painting. Then primed and painted both the siding and the trim. They



Front before & after



Back before & after



also replaced damaged boards on the roof, jacked up the heater room and made it level. Additionally a new cement wheelchair ramp was installed and a new exit door and steps for emergency exit were added. The final touch to the building was adding awnings to all three doors and installing gutters.

Local FFA members helped spruce up the landscape and planted new edible landscaping.



## The Lecturer's Column

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Lecturer ~ Oregon State Grange

I visited a Pomona Grange recently; one of the members in attendance told me about the wonderful Lecturer's programs at her Grange. She said all the members look forward to the Lecturer's program because their Lecturer took some time to prepare in advance.

Many people and Granges have bought our 2016 calendars. They make great holiday gifts and each Grange should get at least one for their hall. Order forms were sent to your Secretary last month and a form is included below. 2016 will be here before you know it.

Lecturers: Do you have a program at each meeting? Do the members look forward to seeing what your program will be? Do you plan ahead for the next meeting, or wait until the night before to decide what your program will be? Your program should be the highlight of the Grange meeting. You do not have to do it yourself. Plan ahead, delegate or ask for help. Our committee is here to help you.

Beginning in January and through April, district conferences will be held; a total of 12 conferences, two in each district. Different chairmen will be at each of the conferences. Please try to attend both conferences in your district. They will be informative and a great place to get ideas for your grange. Hope to see you at one of these conferences. See dates and schedules on page three in this bulletin.

## Remember To Order Your 2016 Grange Calendar

The OSG Lecturer's Department and Membership Team have joined forces to bring the membership a new tool to promote the Grange. The calendar highlights the talents of Grange members and their photography. The calendar also captures important holidays and Grange dates where Grange member participation is valued, such as the Annual FFA Convention and Ag Fest where we get to promote the benefits of Grange membership to the public at large.



Inside of calendar

Thirteen stunning photographs selected from the Lecturer's photography contest at the 2015 Convention in Pendleton grace the pages of this wall calendar. The cover features Stacy Clute's "Best of Show" photo that represented Oregon at this year's National Grange convention.

To order, complete the form below and mail along with your payment to our State Lecturer, Jeanie Force, 9365 SW Palouse Ln, Tualatin OR 97062.

### ORDER FORM - 2016 Calendar

Featuring Oregon Grangers' Stunning Photography

Ship to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street/PO \_\_\_\_\_

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

Number of Calendars \_\_\_\_\_

Cost of each calendar X \$12.00

Total Due \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to the "Oregon State Grange"

Mail order form and payment to:  
Jeanie Force 9365 SW Palouse Ln. Tualatin OR 97062

## Marys River Grange Holds Movie Night

For those wondering what's coming next for Marys River Grange Movie Night here's the schedule through February, with additional shows potentially being added based on the level of response from the community...ahem...cough\*hint\*...cough... so the more of the community that turns out, the more screenings they will do.



- December 10 - **His Girl Friday** (1940) starring Cary Grant, Rosalind Russell
- January 7 - **And Then There Were None** (1945) starring Barry Fitzgerald, Walter Huston, Louis Hayward, based on the classic Agatha Christie mystery
- January 21 - **Royal Wedding** (1951) Fred Astaire, Jane Powell, Peter Lawford

- February 11 - **Charade** (1963) Cary Grant, Audrey Hepburn, James Coburn, Walter Matthau
- February 25 - **My Favorite Brunette** (1947) Bob Hope, Dorothy Lamour, Peter Lorre

The show always starts at 7pm with about 20 minutes of newsreels and cartoons and then the feature comes on after that. Marys River Grange is located at 24707 Grange Hall Road in Philomath.

### OREGON

## Oregon Blue Book Cover Photo Contest

*Become a part of Oregon history on the cover of the Oregon Blue Book*

**About the book:**  
The Oregon Blue Book is the state's official almanac and fact book, published every two years since 1911. It contains listings and descriptions of government agencies and educational institutions. The book also features an almanac, maps, facts about Oregon history and elections, as well as information on the arts, media, and other cultural institutions in Oregon.

**About the contest:**  
Winning photos will be published on the front and back covers of the print version of the 2017-2018 Oregon Blue Book. The contest is open to amateur photographers of any age who are Oregon residents. Photos must be original images taken by the entrant and may not have been previously commercially published. The cover photos must be in color and represent some aspect of Oregon such as landscapes, buildings or events.

**Enter by email or postal mail:**  
Simply complete an entry form and attach it and your photos to an email or use postal mail. The deadline is October 12, 2016.

**Enter now!**  
Learn more and enter the contest at: [bluebook.state.or.us](http://bluebook.state.or.us)  
...or email us at [bluebook.changes@state.or.us](mailto:bluebook.changes@state.or.us)  
...or call us at 503-378-5199

## Wolf Creek Grange Hosts Book Signing

Wolf Creek Grange #596 in Union county hosted local author, Clair Button, for a reading and a book signing on Sunday October 11th. Many from the local community showed up and purchased books; refreshments and laughter were shared.



His books are of the area, so many knew of his trails, and with the added adventures made it a good read. His books include Coyote Staircase, Cow Cookies and Quicksand Plot. Clair is a retired BLM wildlife biologist and his characters live in settings that come from his life experiences wandering the outback on public lands from Colorado to Arizona to Oregon in these modern western historical mysteries.

**Show Your Grange Spirit**

Quality Polo Shirts  
ONLY 2 mediums remain  
\$30 each

Contact Membership Directors  
Sandi or Bob Ludi  
to purchase Grange Wearables



**Grange Wearables for Sale**



**Grange for Life T-Shirts**  
Crew Neck • Short Sleeves  
Available S • L • XL • 2XL  
\$15 each



*Pictured from l-r are: Susan Wagner, Springwater Grange; Betty Chipps, Maplewood Grange; Claudia Handcock, Harding Grange; Terry Homm, Parkdale Grange and Donald Anderegg, Redland Grange.*

## Clackamas County Pomona Degree Day

Redland Grange hosted the semi-annual Clackamas County Pomona Degree Day on Sunday September 27th. Members from five Granges and two counties were initiated in the first four degrees.

Clackamas County Pomona will be holding 2016 degree days on Sunday February 21 at Beaver Creek

Grange and Sunday September 18th at The Sandy Grange. Degrees begin promptly at 2pm. Granges are asked to have their candidates arrive between 1:15 and 1:45pm. Those Granges outside of Clackamas County are welcome to bring their candidates for initiation. Just please RSVP to the Clackamas Pomona Secretary at least 2 weeks ahead.



*Pictured above is Clarkes Grange Master Scottie Dickson who presented Zola Low with her 70 year pin and seal at their regular meeting on September 19th. Also pictured with her is her son, Stan Low.*

Membership Matters



*Bob Ludi - memdir1@orgrange.org*  
*Sandi Ludi - memdir2@orgrange.org*  
*OSG Membership Directors*

### Membership Tips

It is the end of another year and just like we prepare for tax season we should be preparing for New Member Season. Take the time now to evaluate how your Grange did this past year and plan on making changes to do better next year. If you have Holiday Events coming up you may have time to work on some new ways to reach out in your community to attract new members.

Here are some tips to use in your evaluation and planning:

1. Driving down the road,
  - a. Is your hall identifiable as a Grange hall?
  - b. Do the grounds & hall reflect well on your members?
  - c. Is there contact information on a sign, in the window or on a piece of paper by the door?
2. If your Grange story is, "we need new members or we'll have to close", it won't get you far. *Who wants to join any organization that is dying and openly says it?* Better to say, "With more members we could do so much more in our community".
3. Successful Granges do different things throughout the year.
  - a. **Education** – words for thirds, candidate forum, speeches by FFA members
  - b. **Grange Activity** – minor league ball game, picnic at park (know us socially and see us as fun)
  - c. **Do Fundraising** – supports your action in the community such as scholarships or food pantry
4. Who's in your hall? Don't just take their checks, create a relationship. Give them a reason to take that step to membership.
  - a. Jazzercise?
  - b. 4-H or FFA?
  - c. Square Dancers?
  - d. Church?
5. Dinner for 8 or 10.
  - a. Identify some people in your community that would make good Grangers.
  - b. Invite them to the hall for a meal. Give them a *short* spiel on Grange.
  - c. Say "We're taking applications this evening" ***You may have new members at the end of your evening.***
6. You invited them to be a member. Once they accept and become a member, you

must include them. Don't push them to the sidelines, invite them to participate. This may mean you must be ready and willing to look at an idea through a different filter or from a viewpoint other than yours.

Final thoughts:

1. In your Grange do you have a designated Membership Chair? Help them out because getting new members is everybody's responsibility.
2. Get to know your District Membership Chair. They can help you with additional information and TIPS; Business Cards, Website, Newsletters, etc.
3. If you indicated on the quarterly report that you wanted help with membership, you should have received an Idea Book. Look it over and choose one of the ideas that fits your Grange and then call your District Membership Chair for help with the planning.
4. There is also help and good ideas from Granges close to you or your Pomona.
5. If your Grange is doing fine and has lots of members to support your Grange then reach out and help a Grange next to you that may not be doing so well.
6. Remember another way to support Membership and Lecturer Programs is to buy the wonderful calendars that can be ordered from OSG Lecturer, Jeanie Force.
7. And finally, check out the Ad for T-Shirts in this issue so you can be a Grange Ambassador.



*This issue's column is by Jeff Dehne, District Two Membership Chair.*





Ross VanHouten presents the Riversdale Grange Community Citizen Award to Randy Chitwood.

## Riversdale Grange Holds Open House

Riversdale Grange hosted community members and Grangers at their annual open house October 18, 2015. The program included entertainment from a Riversdale Grange member and Junior member, presentation of the Community Citizen, Grange Member of the year, Grange Member for Public Service, Firefighter/Police Officer Community Service Awards and the presentation of a 25 year membership pin and certificate and two 50 year membership pins and certificates.

Randy Chitwood was selected to receive the 2015 Community Citizen Award in recognition of his support of activities, especially for children, in the central Roseburg area. As a local businessman, Randy contributes immeasurable time to his church and the Little River Christian Camp. He has volunteered for thirty one years providing manpower to assist with security for the week of the Douglas County Fair. In recognition of his efforts Randy was presented a plaque and a one year honorary membership in Riversdale Grange.

In recognition of her ongoing efforts on behalf of Riversdale Grange, Rose Gauer was selected as the Grange Member of the Year. Rose serves as the Steward of Riversdale Grange and co-chairman of the



Rose Gauer presented with the Grange Member of the Year award from Myra Boyd.

membership committee. She is also instrumental in the organization of the Grange sponsored Antique Sale and the annual Garage Sale. Rose is also valued for her assistance at the Grange breakfasts and the tri-tip dinner.



Kris VanHouten presented the Riversdale Grange Award for Public Service as well as her certificate for 25 years of continuous membership.

The Grange Member for Public Service award for 2015 was presented to Kris VanHouten. Kris was recognized for her years of service to others in the Grange and the community. She has served the Grange at every level and in enumerable capacities. She has also served the community as a 4-H leader, youth pastor of her church, small animal Superintendent at the Douglas County Fair. She also volunteers coordinating the exhibit and judging of 4-H exhibits at the Oregon State Fair and serves on the State 4-H program committee. Since the tragedy at Umpqua Community College, she has organized efforts to bake items for local fire departments, law enforcement personnel and other first responders affected by the tragedy. She is always available to assist when there is a need.

Douglas County Sheriff John Hanlin was presented with the Firefighter/Police Officer Community Service for 2015. Sheriff Hanlin was recognized for his leadership



Receiving their certificates for military service are from l-r Taylor High (WWII), Raymond Andrieu (Vietnam) and Phillip Van Buren (Vietnam).

## Midland Grange Honors Members

On November 4th, Midland Grange #781 in Klamath County honored three of its members for their military service. As part of a new program with the National Grange Veterans Committee, certificates were ordered and then presented to the members by the Subordinate Grange. Honored were: Taylor High who served in World War II in the Navy; Raymond Andrieu, who

served in the Air Force in Vietnam; and Phillip Van Buren who served in the Navy in Vietnam.

Also that evening two members were honored for their longevity with the Grange. Between these two members they have served 100 years. Receiving a 40 year seal was Gary Houck and a 60 year seal was awarded to Raymond Andrieu.



Midland Master Louise Holst presented Gary Houck with his 40 year seal.

following the shooting a UCC. He made special emphasis on focusing on the victims of the tragedy and not on the shooter.

She continues to be active in her local Grange.

Kris VanHouten was presented with her Silver Star Certificate and pin recognizing her 25 years of continuous Grange membership. Kris began her Grange career at two weeks of age including involvement in the Junior program and Youth program at the State and National levels. She has also served as the Flora of the Oregon State Grange.

Peggy Fine presented Michael Adevai and Clarence De Camp with their Golden Sheaf Certificates and pins in recognition of "those who have devoted a half century of service to the Order...to Agriculture...and to Mankind." The honor is based on 50 years of continuous membership. Clarence was also presented with the 55, 60 and 65 year seals for his Golden Sheaf Certificate.



State Chaplain, Peggy Fine presented 50 year certificates to Clarence De Camp and Michael Adevai.





## Sauvies Island Grange # 840 Celebrated Eighty Years

Monday evening, October 12th was a fun evening with a full house marking the celebration of Sauvies Island Grange #840 80th, "the Oak," anniversary.

Following a plentiful potluck, sister Mabel Dudley, their last surviving charter member, cut the cake celebrating both the anniversary and marking her 80th year of Grange membership.

National Master Ed Luttrell was one of the speakers. He shared some remarks including his memories of helping Sauvies Island Grange dedicate their new hall in 1999 and he helped present membership awards.

Also present was Oregon State Grange Master, Susan Noah, who presented Sister Mabel Dudley with a letter from the OSG recognizing her 80 years of Grange membership.



*OSG Master Susan Noah presented Mabel Dudley with a letter from the OSG after which Mabel shared how the Grange helped bring basic amenities like power and telephones to the island.*



*Above: Evelyn Vetsch received her 70 year seal from her daughter Pam Vetsch, current Sauvies Island Grange Master and National Master Ed Luttrell.*

*Right: Helen Cholick receiving her 60 year seal from National Master Ed Luttrell.*



*Mabel Dudley cuts her cake.*

Other members receiving awards were:

- Evelyn Vetsch - 70 Year seal
- Richard Vetsch - 70 year seal
- Helen Cholick - 60 year seal
- Lynn Trupp - 55 Year seal
- Richard Holmason - Golden Sheaf Certificate for 50 Years

40 year seals were given to:

- Donald Anderson-
- Kathy Anderson
- Betty Newton
- Frank Newton
- Gregory Sprando
- Mary Trupp

Silver Star Certificate for 25 years were presented to:

- Lora Creswick
- Ronald Creswick
- Mark Gruetter
- Corrine Gruetter
- Julie Holmason
- Heidi (Trupp) Keller
- Mark Trupp

In addition to her Silver Star Certificate for 25 years of continuous membership, Judith Reeder was presented with a certificate for 40 years non-consecutive membership.



## London Grange Recognizes "2015 Grangers of the Year"

One always hears of how new members bring in new ideas and energy. Some Grangers believe this and some Grangers let this idea dissipate into the wind.

London Grange has two new members, Jennifer Bryant and Ethan Noah who have hit the doors with a big burst of energy and creativity! They have organized a 4-H group, London Springs Community 4-H, which meets at the London Grange Hall. They have eagerly volunteered and made creative suggestions for the Grange's projects and events. They enthusiastically designed and constructed a Grange display booth at the Lane County Fair. It had been a good 25 years since London Grange had exhibited a display booth at the fair. At the same time, they also showed over 50 goats at the Lane County Fair.

The biggest event that they completed was the London Grange House of Terror. In six days, they created a 12 room, each with individual themes, haunted house. It was amazing what could be accomplished with PVC pipe and black plastic. This event drew about 200 community members into the Grange for an evening of fun, fellowship and food.

The "can do" attitude of Jennifer Bryant and Ethan Noah has reaffirmed why a Grange needs new members. The London Grange and community have greatly benefited from their involvement in the Grange. This is why they were the recipients of the London Grange "2015 Granger of the Year" award at London's Thanksgiving open house and potluck.



*Oregon State Grange Directors met with State Master Susan Noah October 2-4 to discuss programs, goals and the upcoming conferences. Pictured in back row standing l-r are: Orrin Schnetzky and Bob Ludi; in front standing: Mark Noah, Iva May Van Noy, Susan Noah Marilyn Reither, Eva Frost and Mark Schnetzky; sitting: Lyle Utt, Julie Schnetzky, Sandi Ludi, Margaret Clute, Jeanie Force and Suzy Ramm. Behind the camera was Jim Clute.*

## Changes Enacted For 2016 Oregon State Grange Annual Session

In the 2014 Good of the Order Address, Oregon State Grange Master Susan Noah discussed suggested changes to the format of our state convention. With this year's session in June Grange members will see the implementation of these discussions. For members that only come for specific parts of the session it better defines the week to make their time more productive.

The big shift is a Saturday start with the Ag Tour, first four degrees, the kickoff banquet, the talent contest, Public Speaking and Sign-a-song competitions. Sunday will include the ceremonial opening of the Oregon State Grange, the Master's address, Church/Memorial Service

and the 5th and sixth degrees. For a lot of us currently attending the Oregon State Grange convention the 6th degree has always been on Wednesday night. So for at least half century we have done it "that way." Now we are going to try it another way.

There is still some tweaking going on to the schedule for the 2016 convention. Over the next issue or two of the Bulletin you will see updates on schedule changes for this year's session.

If you have a question about the timing of a specific event or activity, please contact the state office and we can help you.

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## Washington-Yamhill Junior Grangers Share Halloween Fun

Washington-Yamhill Junior Grangers decorated pumpkins at their October 18th meeting at Leedy Grange. Once the meeting was over the pumpkins were donated to the Elite Care facilities at Fanno Creek in Tigard. The Activity Coordinator there was thrilled with them. A big thanks to Yvonne Clarke of Leedy Grange for providing the pumpkins and paint.

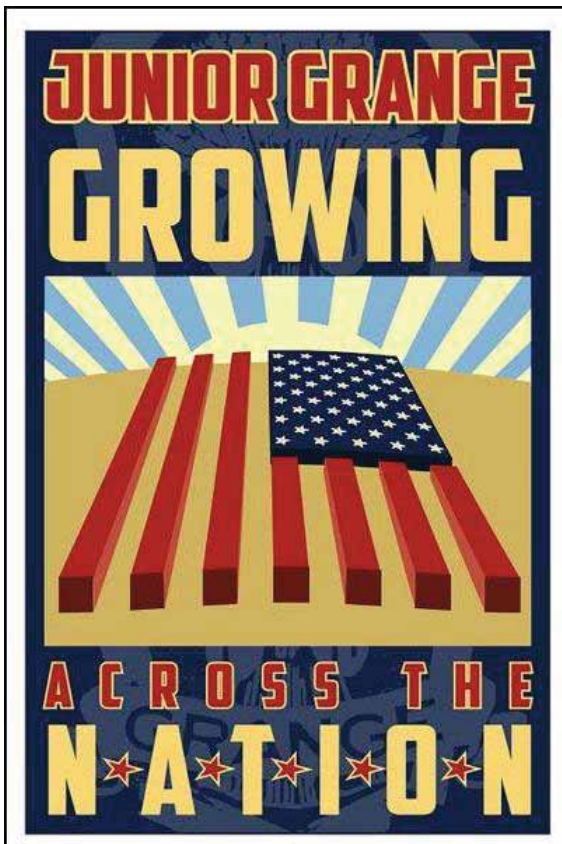


Four painted pumpkins waiting to be shared.

## 2016 Junior Grange Theme Introduced at National Convention

Lillian Booth, National Grange Junior Director announced the 2016 Junior Grange theme during the National Grange Convention in Lincoln, Nebraska. "Our Red Shoes are starting a new journey for 2016!!" said Lillian. "Our new theme for the year is: JUNIOR GRANGE - GROWING ACROSS THE NATION!"

The theme was developed by Morgan Browning, the 2015 National Junior Grange Ambassador who is from the state of Washington. The image was designed by Ian Styer, who also did the 2015 design.



Riversdale Grange Junior member Austin VanHouten and youth member Maggie Swartzendruber busy making cookies.

## Riversdale Juniors Bake to Say "Thank You"

October 1, 2015 was a very long and emotional day for those in the Roseburg community. Some prayed, lit candles, shed tears. Some suggested making cookies so the Junior Grangers at Riverside Grange did just that. They made close to 20 dozen cookies. Then loaded a van and helped deliver the cookies to a couple fire stations, Mercy ER and the Oregon State Police. While standing beside an officer, one young Junior noticed a tear running down his face and was concerned; he said "these are happy tears sweetie, thank you for caring."

A smile and thank you goes a long way.

Over the next week the Juniors made several more deliveries of baked items to others giving of their time. They wanted to express their thank yous to those who were making the sacrifice for their community, doing without their family members and loved ones because they were pulling extra shifts. This project was also therapeutic for the kids; helping them to understand the recent events and share grief in their own way.



Junior members Audrey VanHouten and Aurianna VanHouten package up the cookies.

## Oregon Junior Places 2nd In National Junior Art Contest

Riley Reynolds, a Junior member at Santiam Valley Grange placed second in the Junior Creative Art Contest in the 8-10 year old age group. The art work was to be based on the 2015 Junior theme "Join us now in our red shoes".



The Juniors drew or painted a picture showing what the theme meant to them.

Riley's artwork will be on display at the state Headquarters during the open house on December 13th.





Oregon's National Youth officer Jessie Jo Guttridge and Clare Jacobson, OSO Youth and Young Adult Co-Director received Oregon's Youth Achievement certificates from the 2015 National Grange Youth Ambassadors at the National Grange Convention.

## Oregon Grange Youth Receive NGYA Awards

Twenty four Oregon youth qualified for 2015 National Grange Youth Achievement Awards. These awards were earned for activities and projects from July 2014 through August 2015. They represent seventeen Granges scattered throughout the state, some from each of our six districts. Some of the awards were for Grange activities, others for were earned outside of the Grange by those who exhibited at their county fair, participated in local talent and theater productions, and other community activities. In general the higher the level the contestant competes at or more complex the project, the higher the color of the award, starting with Sapphire, then Emerald, Silver, Ruby and Gold.

### William Saunders Agricultural Achievement Award

Entries at fairs and State Grange GWA and Lecturer's contests

Cole Wilson - Emerald  
Heather Elliott - Emerald  
Jessie Jo Guttridge - Emerald  
Mary Brott - Emerald  
Stacy Clute - Emerald  
Thomas Parker - Emerald

### John Trimble Legislative Achievement Award

Silver - those that served as delegates from their Granges to state convention. Ruby - participated in Legislative Day

Alexa Suing - Silver  
Cole Wilson - Silver  
David Wallace - Silver  
Elias Utt - Silver  
Lacy Johnston - Silver  
Maggie Swartzendruber - Silver  
Mikela Heimuller - Silver  
Orrin Schnetzky - Silver, Ruby  
Quinton Coe - Silver  
Stacy Clute - Silver

### John Thompson Ritual Achievement Award

State Youth Officers

Alexa Suing - Gold  
Alexander Coe - Gold  
Briauna Herrick - Gold  
Cole Wilson - Gold  
Elias Utt - Gold  
Grace Hays - Gold  
Jacob Yost - Gold  
Jessie Jo Guttridge - Gold  
Maggie Swartzendruber - Gold  
Mikela Heimuller - Gold  
Orrin Schnetzky - Gold  
Patrick Anderson - Gold

Payton Miller - Gold  
Quinton Coe - Gold  
Stacy Clute - Gold  
Thomas Parker - Gold

### Drill Achievement Award

Emerald - Youth Officer opening and closing drill, Rosebud drill or Memorial Service drill team.

Silver - regional youth drill team  
Alexa Suing - Emerald, Silver  
Alexander Coe - Emerald  
Angela Hascall - Emerald  
Austin Ancheta - Emerald  
Briauna Herrick - Emerald  
Cole Wilson - Emerald  
Elias Utt - Emerald  
Grace Hays - Emerald  
Jacob Yost - Emerald  
Jessie Jo Guttridge - Emerald  
Lacy Johnston - Emerald  
Maggie Swartzendruber - Emerald  
Mikela Heimuller - Emerald  
Orrin Schnetzky - Emerald  
Owen Ancheta - Emerald  
Patrick Anderson - Emerald  
Payton Miller - Emerald  
Quinton Coe - Emerald  
Stacy Clute - Emerald  
Thomas Parker - Emerald, Silver

### Caroline A. Hall Achievement Award

Sapphire - Grange plays, Emerald - community service projects, Silver - Grange or community talent contests

Alexa Suing - Emerald  
Briauna Herrick - Emerald  
Heather Elliott - Emerald  
Jacob Yost - Emerald  
Jennifer Souders - Sapphire, Emerald  
Jessie Jo Guttridge - Sapphire, Emerald

## Grange Youth & Young Adults



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OSG Youth Directors



Greetings for the Holiday Season!

As we enter into November, we wonder where has the time gone? Already it is time to begin thinking about the upcoming year and to start making plans for the new Grange year. Are you prepared? Do you have all the information you need? Start thinking about attending one of the State Conferences that will be held throughout the state. This will be your opportunity hear about programs, not only within the Youth Department, but all the Grange departments. Here will be an opportunity for you to take action and start planning on where you would to see yourself go for 2016.

We are looking for Youth Officers, Youth Ambassadors, District Chairmen, and others who are interested in making the Youth Department a success. YOU can be a part of that success. Don't just accept the Youth Chair of your Subordinate Grange and be a name on the page. Be ACTIVE, be RESOURCEFUL, be DETERMINED, and above all else, be A LEADER.

There are so many opportunities within the Grange to be successful. Make the most of these opportunities. Tell your Subordinate Master of your willingness to be on the Youth Committee for your Grange, or that you would like to be the Youth Chairman. Develop and plan some opportunities for your members to get together and have some fun and contribute to your community. We know of several Granges that the Youth truly make the difference in the life of the Grange. Without their Youth, there would be no Grange.

If you are interested in becoming a Youth Officer, or a Oregon State Youth Ambassador, Scot and I (Clare) would love the opportunity to speak with you about it. Please send us an email, give us a call (541.278.0615), or write us a letter. YOU are the most important part of the Grange. You are NOT the future, but rather, you are the present and most needed members of the Grange. Let us help you.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Hall.

## 2015 National Grange Youth Officers



Oregon was represented in Lincoln, Nebraska by Jessie Jo Guttridge of Springwater Grange who served as Ceres.

Patrick Anderson - Emerald  
Payton Miller - Emerald  
Quinton Coe - Silver  
Thomas Parker - Silver

### Aaron B. Grosh Mentoring Award

Sapphire - worked with Juniors at Jamboree, Silver - Junior Grange camp counselor, Ruby - Worked with Juniors at State Grange  
Elias Utt - Sapphire  
Maggie Swartzendruber - Ruby  
Orrin Schnetzky - Ruby  
Quinton Coe - Ruby  
Thomas Parker - Silver, Ruby

### Oliver Hudson Kelley Public Speaking Achievement Award

Silver - participation in State Grange public speaking contest, Ruby - participation in regional public speaking contest  
Alexa Suing - Silver, Ruby  
Thomas Parker - Silver, Ruby

### Francis McDowell Trivia Challenge Award

Completion of Trivia test with at least 80% score  
Jessie Jo Guttridge  
Thomas Parker



## Community Involvement

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OSG Community Service and  
Involvement Director

As we wrap up our 2015 year of activities, I trust you are making notes for your **Annual Community Service Report**. It is exciting to see the different articles and pictures of your Grange's activities in the Bulletin and on Facebook. Good job! 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. I would love to see more reports and Yearbooks at the 2016 State Session.

For the **Volunteer of the Year** program your Subordinate Grange needs to send your nomination to the Director (me) for judging. I hope to receive more applications for Volunteer of the Year for 2016. I know we have some amazing volunteers in our Granges. Start thinking about who you would like to nominate for Volunteer of the Year.

National Grange introduced a NEW program this past year, the "Dick Patten Community Service Person of the Year Award," to recognize a **Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) and Firefighter (FF) of the year**.

Warren Grange (yes, my Grange) was the only entry that I received so it was sent to be judged at the National Grange Convention.

For the **Annual Food Bank Drive**, I challenge each Grange to help alleviate hunger in your community by supporting your local food bank. We can't meet the needs of the world, but one bowl or one bag at a time we can help feed the hungry in our own community. Your Grange should track the **money, time and/or pounds of food** your members donate to your local food bank. The Grange with the highest donations logged on their 2015 Annual Report will be recognized at the 2016 State Grange Convention.

Most of us, as Grangers, donate or volunteer hours of service within our community. This is a good way of, "Giving back to the Community" and expanding your involvement within your community.

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

PO Box 1453  
Scappoose, OR 97056

## Oregon's National Grange Dick Patten Community Service Nominees

Oregon nominated two people for the National Grange Dick Patten Community Service Person of the Year Award.

The first, in the Firefighter category, was Jay Tappen, Fire Chief at the Columbia Fire and Rescue Dept.

After 20 years serving in the US Air Force as a Flight Line Officer, Jay joined the Columbia River Fire and Rescue Department in St. Helens, in 1996. In 2004, Jay was promoted to Fire Chief. He enjoys working with the community and helping people.

Jay is an active member of the local St. Helens Kiwanis Club, which supports numerous community events and fundraising. He is an Instructor for a unit section of the St. Helens CERT Training (Community Emergency Response Team), as well as helping to facilitate the "mock simulated emergency" for the CERT graduating classes.

Jay is the Chair for the local CEPA (Community Emergency Preparedness Association) which meets monthly and is comprised of many county agencies and local businesses working together to ensure community safety and preparedness. He also helps facilitate the Toy & Joy program each year for community food baskets, toys for local families and program



Terry Moss

Terry Moss has been a Police Officer for 24 years, and the St. Helens Chief of Police for the last two years. Terry enjoys working with the community to solve issues and problems, as well as working with the local High School students and Staff He is the Lead Instructor and Facilitator for the St. Helens CERT Training (Community Emergency Response Team), and has seen over 200 adult as well as high school participants through graduation of the program.

Terry is an active member of the county CEPA (Community Emergency Preparedness Association), a Facilitator of the Community Monster Dash, and a participant in the Community Reindeer Run that raises money for the local Food Bank, Toy & Joy and the Police Academy. Terry also participates in the community program "Coffee With a Cop," where the public has an opportunity to enjoy coffee and friendly conversation with local law enforcement personnel.

Terry is a positive role model in his community, and always willing to listen as well act upon continuing to improve the City of St. Helens. He is easy to work with and is always supportive of the community.



fundraising.  
Jay Tappen

The second person representing Oregon, in the Police Officer category, was Terry Moss, Chief of

Both were nominated by Warren Grange #536 in Columbia County. This was the first year for this award. While neither was selected for the national award the Oregon State Grange is proud to recognize them.

### Teddy Bear Toss Time Again

#### Clackamas Pomona Grange #1

members, friends and families will be attending the

### Portland Winter Hockey Game

### Saturday December 12th @ 7pm

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

The breakdown of costs is as follows:

Ticket to game	\$21.00
Bus Ride	\$ 8.00
Total	\$29.00
Food Package	\$ 7.00 additional

To order tickets contact  
 Don Kingsborough - kingsborpops@aol.com 503.636.2544  
 Annette Wanker - netty1941@gmail.com 503.631.4687

Tickets must be ordered ahead of time. If you leave a message for either Don or Annette make sure you get a return confirmation.

*Since we are playing a team from Canada, The Prince George Cougars, we will get to hear the Canadian National Anthem, "Oh Canada" as well as our own National Anthem.*

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



Left: Connie Suing, Louise Host and Vickie High provided the backup motions to the "I'm A Little Teapot" song at the 2015 OSG convention. Brother Ben Boswell (pictured sitting) started the tradition by using the song during a microphone check at the 1994 state convention.



The large crowd attending the benefit breakfast for UCC kept the young people busy serving.

## Riversdale Grange Does Breakfast Benefit for UCC

On October 1, 2015, the confidence of the greater Roseburg area was broken with the tragic shooting that occurred at Umpqua Community College. Since that Thursday, the community has come together to grieve and recover. The citizens of Douglas County and others throughout the United States have joined in a substantial effort to raise funds to assist those that have been affected by this heartbreaking incident. Umpqua Bank and Greater Douglas County United Way were the initial organizers of the fundraising effort.

To do their part to assist easing the suffering of so many in the County, Riversdale Grange organized a breakfast held October 17, 2015. The Grange received outstanding support from the local newspaper providing public notices of the breakfast. They set out two buckets and collected any donations people

wanted to contribute. When the final count was completed, the Grange had collected over \$1900 for this much deserving cause. A special thanks to all the members who worked so hard.

This successful project was made possible as a result of the Douglas County 4-H Teen Leadership, the Heavenly Ranchers 4-H Club and the Westside Christian Church Youth Group. These young people were absolutely vital in their role of serving the breakfast.

A statement from the Grange said, "Everyone in our community has been affected by the tragic event at UCC on October 1. Please continue to pray for students and families, college personnel, first responders, counselors and medical professionals, and especially for those who lost friends and loved ones."



### Deaf Awareness and Family Health

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OSG Deaf Awareness ~ Family Health Director

A new finding concerning blood pressure indicates that elevation of the top number may cause reduced gray matter (the important part) in the brain at a much younger age than previous research had shown. This seems to happen insidiously and basically makes the brain age prematurely. So what do you do? Along with decreasing salt, decreasing stress, and exercising, get your blood pressure checked regularly and take prescribed medication if necessary.

Fellow Grange members, as your Director I am always looking for subjects that will interest the membership. Please notify me of any subjects that would be of interest for discussion at future conferences or

articles in the paper.



Here's part of the crew with 3100 pounds of food for the Jefferson Fire Department Christmas Food Basket Program.

## Morning Star Grange Holds Haunted House - Collects Food For Holiday Baskets

The Morning Star Grange, in partnership with the Jefferson Rural Fire Protection District, held a highly successful, eight day, Haunted House Fundraiser in October. Grange members, Fire Dept. personnel and volunteer friends sent 1886 people (60 more backed out being too afraid!) through the Haunted House in 29 hours. For \$5 or 4 unexpired food items, the public enjoyed a good scare!

The event brought in a total of 3762 lbs of food. 3100 lbs went to the Fire Department's annual Christmas Food Baskets along with \$1453.95 for perishable foods and toys. Another 520 lbs of food dated before the 2016 date, went to the Albany Gleaners, 121 lbs was given to a family who lost their motor home and most of their home to a fire on Morning Star Road and 21 lbs was given to a Grange family in need.

The GWA refreshment table received \$201.28 in donations. The Grange itself received \$2907.90 for Grange improvements.

Morning Star Grange gives many thanks to Prehistoric in Lincoln City for the rental of their animated baby T-Rex. Prehistoric have also offered a gift basket of items to the JRFDP Christmas Basket Program.

The only downside to the event was the visit by the Deputy State Fire Marshal! This is a heads up to any

other Granges who put on a Haunted House! In the code is a schedule K which relates to the operation of Haunted Houses. Please get a copy and read!

With two days to go, they had to tear down and rebuild in less than 12 hours! If black plastic is used, it has to be non-flammable. Any blankets or sheets and even hanging decorations must also be non-flammable. Exits must be lighted and marked as well as clear of any obstructions. Electrical connections also have a code to follow.

The crew managed to find and redo about half of the event to get the go ahead for the last two days. It wasn't easy! Many thanks goes to Home Depot in Albany and JoAnn Fabrics in both Albany & Salem for helping us out at the last minute.

Even with this setback, the group pulled together to get it all done and are looking forward to next year's event.



Doug of Prehistoric in Lincoln City with his animated baby T-Rex.



Morning Star's Haunted House Crew for 2015. They sure scared a lot of people!

# OSG Executive Committee Minutes - August 5, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by the Worthy Master Susan Noah and opened with a prayer by Don Sether. Members present were Master Susan Noah, Overseer Celia Luttrell, Secretary Alice Nowicki, Executive Committee members Malcolm Trupp, Don Sether and Roger Wilson.

## Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and corrected. A motion was made by Malcolm Trupp to adopt the minutes as corrected. It was seconded by Don Sether. The motion was carried. The Minutes of the Oregon State Session's last day July 3, 2015 were reviewed and corrected. A motion was made by Malcolm Trupp to adopt the minutes of the Oregon State Session's last day as corrected. It was seconded by Don Sether. The motion was carried.

## Financial Reports

### Current Financial Report

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

### Barker Wealth Management

Scott Barker updated the board on the Oregon State Grange investments. A comprehensive portfolio report was reviewed and discussed. Susan Noah reported that \$325,000 was transferred from OSG checking to OSG Investments.

### Staff Report

Jan Oleson submitted a financial report. The report was reviewed. A discussion was held regarding Subordinate Grange's membership totals, quarterly reports, and Loans.

## Unfinished Business

### • Restraint of Title Work

The restrictions on transfers are prepared for each county. A spreadsheet was reviewed and discussed on these restrictions of transfers. This was determined to be an on-going project. First American Title is sending the titles to be filed to the appropriate counties.

### • Sunnyridge Sale

There has been no communication on the sale since before state session. Discussion was held regarding the property and sale.

### • Copier

A new copier was purchased for the Oregon State Grange Office.

### • Boring-Damascus

Boring Damascus has sold their annex for the amount of \$141,865.75. This sum will be delivered to the Oregon State Grange to be placed in their Trust Fund.

### • Carver Mountain

The sale of the property closed and the money totaling

\$166,428.63 was delivered to Oregon State Grange. A report from the buyer stated that there is a leaking oil tank on the property. Don Sether will assess the leak. Susan Noah will be speaking to the attorney as to our liability with this issue.

## New Business

- A request was submitted from New Pine Creek Fire Department to purchase the Eastside Grange land for \$10,000.00. A discussion was held. Malcolm Trupp recommended that we have this property appraised before accepting this bid.
- Request to possibly purchase the Fair Oaks Grange in the Sutherlin area was received from David Crowe. The property is currently not on the market. A discussion of the future of this Grange was held. A Motion to place this property on the market after sending letters of intent to the Douglas County Granges regarding this sale was made by Malcolm Trupp. It was seconded by Roger Wilson. Motion was carried. Grange items will be removed from the Grange.

## Lunch break

The meeting was called back to order by the Worthy Master Susan Noah. New business continued.

- Barbara McCormack of Hurricane Creek inquired if we could allow the Subordinate Granges as investors. A discussion was held on the necessary criteria that would need to be written. The investment criteria would include a risk factor statement, minimum investment amount of \$2500, twice a year transactions without a transaction fee, otherwise a transaction fee of \$25.00 for every transaction will be assessed, if the investment falls below \$500.00 cash out/account closed, adding money in \$500.00 increments. These conditions may be changed as needed and would apply to all monies submitted.
- Sixes Grange request for survey assistance due to river access question. Don Sether made a motion to pay half of the survey fee of the Grange property. It was seconded by Malcolm Trupp. Celia Luttrell made a motion to amend the motion to pay the fee as stated as outlined in the proposal dated Aug 4, 2015. The amended motion was seconded by Susan Noah. The amended motion was carried. The Reverted Grange fund will be drawn on to pay for the partial

survey as an improvement.

- New bank signature cards, adding Alice Nowicki and removing Phyllis Wilson have been filled out.
- Air conditioning for the State Fair Log Cabin was discussed. Malcolm Trupp made a motion to buy up to \$500.00 a portable air conditioner and sealer/spray for the log cabin. It was seconded by Don Sether. The motion carried. Money to pay for the necessary equipment and supplies will be drawn from the building maintenance fund. This fall, Don Sether will spray the sealer on the log cabin.

## Decisions made via email

- Agreement to allow Fruitdale to reimburse themselves \$9000.00 for a pumping system from their trust fund. This was an emergency donation to assist the Raptor Creek Farms/Josephine County Food Bank.
- Agreement to change resolution #27. This repealed the Beverage Container Act, into Environment and Ecology instead of Natural Resources.

## Grange Reports

The Worthy Master Susan Noah presented a report on the following Granges:

- **Central:** The Grange has encountered water rights issues with the Fern Ridge School District. They have requested that Oregon State Grange's attorney, Nancy Murray write a letter on their behalf. They are not receptive to granting water rights to the school district at this time.
- **Goshen:** No agreement has been established at this time with the neighbor. This agreement needs to be in place. The mediator's cost for the day was nearly \$1900.00 which was Goshen's expense. Their neighbor has hired an arborist and has specified over \$5000.00 of work to be done. Goshen has been offered a loan from the Oregon State Grange to assist them in paying their expenses. They have not acted on this to date.
- **Goldson:** The Grange will be voting on allowing alcohol use for their renters. They have been informed what this means to their fundraising and that they cannot be the sponsoring group. They have been advised to also review the by-laws and their insurance policy regarding use of alcohol in their hall.
- **North Fork:** There has been no movement on this property. The contract with the realtor has been extended for a month or two. The neighbors continue to offer between \$10,000 to

\$15,000 for this property. A discussion was held regarding adding a water tank, changing to a new realtor, reassess and change current sale ad for the property, possible listing on Craig's list.

- **Roxy Ann:** Repairs have been completed. The water has been turned on so that repair work can be checked.
- **Sixes:** They have some issues with the new neighbors. For years, Sixes has been the start of a path to the Sixes River, the new neighbors want to cut off this access.

## Other Business

- **District #2** Letters will be sent to all District #2 Granges to organize an initial start up meeting.
- **AG 2017 Luncheon** In February, we will be setting up a small event serving cookies and desserts to the legislators at the State Capitol. At this time, we will set up a date for the 2017 Ag Luncheon.
- **Western Regional** The Western Regional was held in Coeur d'Alene at Camp Lutherhaven. Oregon had 10 people in attendance, including the Youth Directors and Membership Director. Oregon is expected to host next year. Scot Jacobson is looking into facilities in Portland for this event.
- **State Masters** The State Masters from Idaho, Washington, Montana, California and Oregon met briefly and settled on Karen Jackson of Washington as the 2017 National Session chair with Diane Holbart of Idaho as the Vice Chair. Ed Komski of California is checking with Lillian Booth to be the Secretary. They are seeking suggestions for Treasurer. Perhaps someone from Oregon would fill this position. The committees should be filling in soon.
- **State Fair** We are looking for volunteers to work at the Log Cabin. Our theme this year is "We're in your neighborhood." The Directors decided on a "bean bag toss" event. Susan Noah will contact Norpac to inquire about getting canned goods donated. A discussion was held regarding the prizes for bean bag toss (pens, canned food and a back pack). Don Sether made a motion to order 250 back packs. It was seconded by Malcolm Trupp. The motion carried.
- **Directors Retreat** The next Directors Retreat will be held on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. This retreat will emphasize the plan to have

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## Secretary's Column

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Secretary ~ Oregon State Grange

*"Oh what a day, I will make it a holiday!" Dr. Suess*

This is the time of year that we count our blessings. So the following is a list of a Grange Secretary's Blessings.

**B**e an accurate record keeper of your Grange's important documents and proceedings. Update your "Last Man Standing Book" (Important Documents Binder) to include a list of who has keys to your building.

**L**et your members know how important their membership is to your Grange by recognizing the time that they have served as a member. Use your holiday open house and dinner to honor them with certificates, letters of congratulations, seals and pins. Please check your Secretary's handbook for the complete criteria and guidelines for these recognitions.

**E**ncourage your Grange to purchase the National Bonding Insurance. The premiums are due in January. This insurance covers the loss of Grange funds.

**S**ubmit your Secretary books to your Grange Audit committee for an annual audit.

**S**end your Grange's Roster information to the Oregon State Grange Office. This list should include the names, emails, mailing addresses, and phone numbers of your Master, Overseer, Lecturer, Chaplain, Secretary, Treasurer plus Committees. This is extremely important information to provide to the State Grange. The Roster is a valuable communication tool to be utilized by all Granges. Please double check your Grange's mailing address.

**I**nform the Oregon State Grange of nominations for state officers by **February 5, 2016**. This is an election year for our Oregon State Grange Officers.

**N**otify your Grange members of their dues 30 days prior to January 1, 2016. Please review your handbook for the correct procedure for notifying and reminding your members of their dues. Remember that the State office has reminder notices if you need them. Feel free to create a more personal reminder for your members.

**G**ather your membership dues by **December 31, 2015**. Be sure to fill out a NEW membership card for each of your members. A reminder for you is that a member **cannot be dropped for non-payment on the Fourth Quarter Report**.

**S**it back and enjoy the Holidays! I personally want to thank each and every one of you for taking on the Secretary's position for your Grange. It can be demanding and rewarding at the same time. The bottom line is that we can't be as successful without you! **YOU** are a Blessing!

all committees working together with unified ideas and projects. They will also be working on the State Session schedule. District Chairs are encouraged to visit Granges and invite each Grange to not only attend the State Session but to make sure that they are represented with a delegate. This year, delegates were down slightly - 62 Granges represented out of 175 Granges and 13 Pomona Granges represented out of 19 Pomona Granges.

Ceremony.

**Other:**

- **Junior Event Training:** Lillian Booth announced that the Junior event training for Junior leaders will be held at Abernathy, Aug 15, and 16<sup>th</sup>.
- **GIA Contract Report:** A letter from the National Grange Master Ed Luttrell itemized the 2015, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter contract with GIA. Oregon received 3.58% which amounted to \$5370.00

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be October 17, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Alice Nowicki, Secretary

**Deputy and State Officer reports:**

- **Franklin Grange:** Malcolm Trupp no report
- **Maplewood Grange:** Don Sether attended the Welcoming

## Redland Grange Plans Christmas Party



Redland Grange #796 will be holding their annual Christmas party on Saturday December 12 with Dinner to start 6pm and program following. Turkey,

mashed potatoes and gravy, and beverages will be furnished by the Grange, guests are asked to bring a salad, dessert or veggie.


Santa will make an appearance as part of the program. The Grange asks the parents or grandparents bringing children with them to bring a small gift with their name marked on the package in large enough print so Santa can see it.

All Grange members and their guests are welcome. Come and enjoy the community fellowship.

## Handmade Hand Quilting Frame Available To Good Home

Hannele Gauthier of Goshen Grange #561 has a family member who has asked her to find a special person or group to give a home to, appreciate and use a handmade hand quilting frame. It is a "Hintenberg Design" and was made approximately 25 years ago. One of Hannele's brothers built it. It has only been used once. It not only tilts vertically for storage, it will take a

king sized quilt. It is 10' x 3' when stored. Hannele would take it in a heartbeat, but, hence, she does not have the space in her home. It is free, however, the person or group would have to travel to the Woodburn area to pick it up. Her family member would also like to meet the person(s). If interested contact Hannele at 503-779-3430 or 503-409-5924.



### 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.

### Scotts Mills Grange Changes Meeting Time

Scotts Mills Grange #938 in Marion County voted at their October 9th meeting to change the time of their meeting, effective immediately. The new time is 7pm for meetings and 6pm for potluck. There is no change to the day; it remains the 2nd Friday of each month.

### Upcoming Dates and Deadlines

**December 31** - postmark deadline for applying for money from the Kitty Thomas Hearing Impaired Fund. Send to the Oregon State Grange Foundation, 643 Union St NE, Salem 97301

**January 8, 2016** - Hotel reservation deadline for National Grange Fly-In

**February 4-7, 2016** - National Grange Legislative Fly-In - Concord, New Hampshire (see page 7)

**June 18-23, 2016** - 143th Oregon State Grange Annual Convention - Talent, Oregon

**November 15-19, 2016** - 150<sup>th</sup> Annual National Grange Convention Washington, DC

**November 7-11, 2017** - 151<sup>st</sup> Annual National Grange Convention Spokane, Washington

UPCOMING POMONA GRANGE MEETINGS				
<small>Pomona Secretaries are to send in meeting information to the Bulletin Editor as soon as date, time, and location are determined and/or changed.</small>				
Pomona	Date	Time	Meeting Place	
Baker #24	Feb 6	10:30 AM	TBA	
Benton #36	Jan 16	10:30 AM	Marys River #685	
Clackamas #1	Jan 23	10:00 AM	Clarkes #261	
Columbia #18	Feb 6	10:00 AM	Natal #302	
Coos-Curry-West Coast #30	Jan 23	10:00 AM	TBA	
Deschutes #25	Feb 13	10:00 AM	TBA	
Douglas #13	Jan 23	6:00 PM	Myrtle Creek #442	
Jackson #27	Jan 9	10:00 AM	TBA	
Josephine #20	Jan 30	10:00 AM	Illinois Valley #370	
Lane #14	Jan 9	10:00 AM	Santa Clara Grange #746	
Lincoln #10	Feb 20	10:30 AM	TBA	
Linn #12	Jan 9	10:00 AM	Morning Star #311	
Marion #4	Jan 9	10:00 AM	Keizer #785	
Polk #3	Jan 16	10:00 AM	Buell #637	
Tillamook #9		10:30 AM	TBA	
Umatilla #26	Feb 27	10:30 AM	Stanfield #657	
Wallowa #22	Jan 9	10:00 AM	Hurricane Creek #608	
Washington-Yamhill #2	Jan 23	10:00 AM	Scholls #338	



*Pictured from l-r are State Master Susan Noah, receiving the award for Redland Grange; Sunnyside Grange member Celia Luttrell receiving her Grange's award; National Master Ed Luttrell, and Springwater Grange members Jessie Jo Guttridge and Suzy Ramm, receiving the award for their Grange.*



*OSG Master, Susan Noah on the left being installed as National Grange Pomona on Friday afternoon at National Convention. Also pictured is Melanie Boskwick, Kansas serving as Marshall and Marie Nicholson, Montana being installed as Flora.*

## Oregon Distinguished Granges Recognized At National Convention



During the 2015 National Convention three Oregon Granges were recognized with the 2015 Distinguished Grange Award by the National Grange. For the sixth year in a row Redland Grange #796 was honored for their Grange work. Also honored were first time

recipients Sunnyside Grange #842 and Springwater Grange #263, both of which had Grange members on hand to receive the awards. The contest year runs from July 1 - June 30. Watch in upcoming Bulletins for information on applying for the 2016 award.

## Oregon's Talent Winner Performs In Lincoln, Nebraska



June Colony of South Fork Grange #605 in Wallowa County represented Oregon in the Evening of Excellence on Friday night during the National Convention. She performed a folk song in the Capella style titled, "Irish Summer." On a night when more than half the performers were vocalist, she did Oregon proud.

*Left: June Colony on the National stage.*

## Oregon Grangers Win In National Grange Quilt Block Contest

For the third time in as many years Oregon wins an award in the National Grange Quilt block contest. In fact two awards this year. Placing first with her unfinished square was Sharon Barthmaier. Her square will become part of the 2015 quilts that will be on display at the 2016 and 2017 National conventions. Also winning an award was Tracy Waters. She placed second with her quilt block in the same pattern but made into a pillow. Both are members of Skyline Grange #894 in Multnomah County.

of the blocks represent the seasons of the year. The first year was the Log Cabin Pattern and the blocks were done in the colors of autumn. The 2013 pattern was the Christmas Star in red, white and green colors for the winter holiday season. The 2014 pattern was a flower basket and was completed in pastel colors representing spring. This year's pattern was the Northumberland star in red, white, and blue representing summer.

Each state could submit one or more quilt blocks for judging at the National Grange Convention each year. Entries will be used to construct several National quilts. The finished quilts will be displayed at the upcoming National Conventions. The plan is to have all the quilts on display at the 150th Anniversary in 2017 in Spokane.



*Sharon Barthmaier's 1st place square.*



*Tracy Waters' 2nd place pillow.*

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