



## Reimbursement Program Signs

Due to a donation from Sherwood Grange in honor of Marcel “Muzzy” Mandel, a long time Grange member and past Master of the Sherwood Grange, the Oregon State Grange has some money available that was designated to be used for hall improvement. The Executive Committee has decided to make use of those funds to fund Granges for new or improved signage for their halls. We will fund one half of a signage project up to the total of \$350.00. Work must be completed and the funds applied for by May 31<sup>st</sup> of 2017. This project is designed to only last for one year. Also, the money available for this is a fairly small amount, so if your Grange currently has good signage, please allow other Granges to see the benefit of this money.

This program has several objectives:

- 1) To allow Subordinate/Community Granges to access needed funds for new or improved signage.
- 2) To give the Grange better visibility in the neighborhood.
- 3) To allow Granges to advertise events or to improve possibility of rentals.
- 4) To encourage every Community Grange to be well identified by the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in December of 2017.

Criteria for accessing these funds would be:

- 1) Projects must be approved at a Subordinate/Community Grange meeting.
- 2) Sign must be visible from the road.
- 3) Sign must have the Grange name and meeting day and time either permanently displayed or be a reader board type that allows for it.
- 4) Sign must be in place before funds will be reimbursed.

It is well known that a Grange that makes sure they are identified to the community enjoys better support from that community. Having a sign that advertises upcoming events allows non-members to know a little more about the Grange, as well as gives them the chance to take part in community events hosted by the Grange. Having a good sign/reader board also gives Granges the chance to advertise their hall for rent and perhaps bring in needed funds to allow the Grange to serve the community in a better fashion.

The Executive Committee of the Oregon State Grange agrees that helping existing Granges, and, is the best possible way to use the assets provided to us by Sherwood Grange. Some product information has been included with this mailing, but the decision remains with your Grange regarding where to purchase the sign or materials to build it. The State Grange will only reimburse on actual expenses, not volunteer labor. We will reimburse up to ½ of the project cost with a cap of \$350.00.