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"I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination." –Jimmy Dean

Like the quote above the winds of our lives are changing and there is nothing the State Grange can do about it but adjust the sails to head in the right direction. The Oregon State Grange annual session has been rescheduled for Thursday September 17th through Sunday September 20th as a "hybrid" session at the Klamath County Fairgrounds in Klamath Falls as well as online and by conference call. Opening will take place at 6:30 Thursday evening and will include the Master's Address and Good of the Order address as well as a few other items of business.

Committee meetings will now take place prior to the session via Zoom. Once Committees are assigned delegates will be notified when their committee will meet and will have instructions for joining the meeting. Once the session has started, any committee meetings needed will only include members on site. Voting and floor discussion will include the Zoom participants as well as those in the meeting room. Voting for State officers will take place on Friday September 18th from 5-7 and the virtual attendees will have a platform on which to cast their ballot.

A packet, which included a registration form, credentials, committee preferences, a memorial form and other stuff was mailed to Grange Secretaries in mid-July and an updated registration form was mailed separately the end of July. All forms are available on the Oregon State Grange website. Please note

the new deadlines of **August 15** for the committee preferences and September 1 to mail everything else. If you have already sent in your registration with the original form, the office will be in touch to confirm your method of attendance.

A few important items:

- **Masks will be required** for those attending in person. Disposable ones will be available for your use if needed. The facility and equipment, including the chairs will be sanitized each day.
- **Pre-registration is mandatory** so that staff will know who and how many will be there in person or will take part online or conference call.
- Resolutions must be submitted by **August 18th**. They must be adopted at a regular meeting, signed by the Master and Secretary and have the Grange seal to be considered.
- One note of caution: if the Governor makes more drastic changes it may be necessary to change to a fully virtual meeting.

National Grange Issues Statement Addressing Racism, Inequality and the Organization's Foundation of Inclusivity

The National Grange unequivocally opposes racism. The voices of Grange members across our country join those who cry out in sorrow for the lives lost to racist actions, for the divisions racism has cleaved between us and for the inequality that racism has spawned across our beloved nation.

Since our founding in 1867, we have lived by our motto, "In essentials, unity; in nonessentials, liberty; in all things, charity." We have always welcomed and invited people of all races, creeds, religions and nationalities into our membership. We have asked none to join us who cannot see good in their fellow beings, who are not willing to put to work their generous hearts and open hands to raise all their neighbors and communities.

Our Grange founders provided us a Declaration of Purposes for our organization that addressed a need for unity and civil discourse: "We shall constantly strive to secure harmony, good will and brotherhood... We shall earnestly endeavor to suppress personal, lo-

cal, sectional and national prejudices... We desire a proper equality and fairness; protection for the weak; restraint upon the strong; in short, justly distributed power." These words still guide us today.

One does not merely join the Grange, but lives by the principles of faith, hope, charity and fidelity and loving their neighbor as themselves.

We have a deep commitment to the freedoms of speech, expression and peaceful protest enshrined in our Constitution for all people. The Grange's Declaration of Purposes also teaches us that "...difference of opinion is no crime. Progress toward truth is made by differences of opinion, while the fault lies in the bitterness of the controversy." Therefore, we urge everyone to exercise their individual rights of expression in a civil and respectful manner. Each day, law enforcement officers must uphold the law equally while exercising good judgment and compassion.

Just as we do in each of our meetings, we must meet the peaceful expressions of various opinions with open ears and open hearts.

In this time of social unrest and anxiety, Grange members renew our pledge to combat prejudice and racism and will continue to strive to do better. We continue our 153-year-old tradition of welcoming all to our membership, building an inclusive family fraternity and providing our communities with a place for civil discussion and proactive, positive change.

OSG Matching Grant Program

The Oregon State Grange Matching Grant Program awards grants of up to \$5000 to Oregon Subordinate/Community Granges. Applications are accepted July 1 through September 1. Grants will be awarded before December 31. The work is to be completed within one year of the date the grant is awarded.

The By-laws of the National Grange and the Oregon State Grange require that assets from a Dormant Grange must be held in trust by the State Grange for a period of not less than seven years for the purpose of reorganization of that Grange. Should it not be possible in that seven-year period to reorganize that Grange, the Oregon State Grange By-Laws require that those assets pass into another restricted fund and can only be used for specific purposes as

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The Master's Column

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Does it feel like we are half way through the year? Not having our normal State Grange Session in June has thrown my calendar completely out of whack, but life goes on and every day seems a little more normal. This year we have seen a global pandemic, social and racial unrest and let's not forget the affect the pandemic is having on our economy, but throughout all of this our Granges are still maintaining a presence in their neighborhoods, you all are still keeping in touch with each other and still taking care of each other and those who need help. Many Grangers have stepped up to support their communities during the pandemic. Community Service may have been harder the last couple of months, but the need was also greater in many areas and our members were there to meet that need.

During the shutdown, Granges met via Zoom, conference calls or had a few Executive Committee meetings. Members were able to stay in touch via Facebook, old fashioned phone calls and in some places across the back fence. And now that counties are starting to open up, some meetings are again in person, some are still via Zoom or other virtual platforms and some, like my own are hybrids. We have one or two that attend on Zoom and the others are socially distancing in their offices around the room. Some are even meeting outdoors to stay in fresh air and socially distanced. But the point is we are all finding a way to navigate these distressing times. We are all "Coming together".

State Session

The State Session has been at the top of my to-do list for months



Zoom, Zoom, Zoom! That's all I hear Mom and Dad talking about these days. At first, I thought they meant the "zoomies"! You know zoomies, right? Where your Dog tears around the house or the yard at a very high speed for no apparent purpose and suddenly comes to a stop looking at you like you're the crazy one.

But I found out that was not what they meant at all. Their Zoom was all about sitting in one place and talking to a picture, that talked back! Sometimes these talking pictures take a long time and everyone seems so serious, other times there's laughter going on. Most of the time I don't seem to be invited, although I have crashed the party once or twice. Turns out these Zooms are for meetings that used to take them away from the house, but now they can stay home and still have their meeting, and (this is the best part) still enjoy ME! Even though I may not be invited, I can be laying close by

now. Towards the first of July we sent out paperwork for an in-person session coming in September, but at that same time the Coronavirus was heating up and numbers were rising at an alarming rate, so the OSG Executive Committee made the decision to turn this year's annual meeting into a hybrid of an in-person and a virtual one. There will still be an in-person meeting to be held at the Klamath County Fairgrounds, but delegates may participate via an online platform as well. This gives members a choice

We also made the decision to make pre-registration mandatory for all. Whether you are planning on participating in person or online you will need to have your registration form sent to us by September 1st. A new form has been mailed that indicates how you will be attending, but if you have already mailed the original form we will be in touch. We must have a completed registration form, fee and credentials on file for any delegate to take part, whether they are there in person or on the computer.

The platform we use will depend on the size of the delegate body, but we are trying to stick with Zoom as many of us have worked with it the most. As we work though this more information will be coming out so stay tuned.

The resolution deadline will still be August 18th and the session will still start on September 17th, however committee meetings will now be held on Zoom prior to the 17th. If you have a specific Committee preference, please have the form back to me by August 15th so committees may be assigned and the resolutions distributed to each committee.

I am truly sorry that these changes keep happening, but as I said in my letter to the Granges, this has been an unprecedented time and we are trying to evolve to keep pace with our challenges. But as Socrates said "The secret of change is to focus all of your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new." We need to look on this as a new venture a new way to see each other and exchange ideas a new way of cultivating connections.

2020 Come Together, Chapter 2

Around half of our Community Granges have not received their Resource book and a visit from one of the State leadership team. As Granges begin to reopen and hold meetings in person, you should expect to see a visit from one of the State Officers, Directors, or District Chairs. We had hoped to have all the meetings completed by March, but Mother Nature has been a worthy opponent to travel!

Granges that have received their visits have been generous and thoughtful in their feedback and we are already starting to work on ideas and solutions to the problems many of our Subordinate Granges are facing. There is a short article later in this issue regarding some of the comments.

Developing a strategic plan for the Oregon State Grange is my goal for the coming year. The adversity we are facing now and the way we deal with it will be a testament to our ability to work together to grow our organization. I have no doubt that we can flourish even amid these adverse conditions and once this storm has passed, we will come together as a stronger organization. Stay well and stay connected!

Bailey Barks

and occasionally get an ear rub or a back scratch while they are working.

I guess this year the State Grange session will allow members to take part via Zoom, meaning your dog can also take part, or at least be close by if you need help or comfort. That must be the best part of this Zoom thing, being able to be home with your family, including the pets. I guess Mom and Dad will be at the session, and not here with me, but I have great babysitters who will treat me like the princess I am. For the dogs whose people do stay home and connect via Zoom I hope you will allow your Dog to take part and to give a "quiet" shout out to all the Grangers!

Have a great summer and stay safe. Remember that if you have your dog on the end of a leash you are probably staying six feet from everyone, just a thought!

Woof, Bailey

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Once a month Fern Hill Grangers meet to sort bottles and cans and put them in blue bags which are taken to processing sites.

Fern Hill Collects Cans and Bottles

Monthly Bottle and Can Drives are working well as a fundraising tool for Fern Hill Grange #592, Columbia County.

The Grange's roadside sign advertises days and times when members will be in the Grange's parking lot to accept donations. Friends and neighbors of the Grange, as well as Grangers, bring bottles and cans by the bag and truck load. One evening a month Grangers sort and stuff the donated bottles and cans into "Blue Bags."

The "Blue Bag" system for turning refundable bottles and cans into cash is available in Oregon to non-profit organizations that apply. By using blue bags, Fern Hill Grangers by-pass the tedious task of feeding bottles into refund machines or transferring funds from a personal "Green Bag" account. Instead, Grangers deliver filled blue bags to a processing site. The Grange then receives a check in the mail for the value of the refundable bottles and cans in the blue bags they delivered. To find out more about using blue bags visit bottledropcenters.com and click on "for non-profits."

Fern Hill Grangers have not had indoor meetings since February. Gathering once a month to sort and

bag donations in a safe, outdoor setting has provided time for informal discussions and short Grange meetings, as needed. The gatherings have kept members focused on working together for the betterment of the Grange. Members like spending the evening together and also enjoy meeting and visiting with the neighbors and friends who drop by with their donations. The Grange is providing a service to the community and has raised significant funds for the Grange.



Fern Hill Grange's roadside sign provides publicity for its Cans and Bottles fundraisers.

The Lecturer's Column

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As we proceed through this time of challenges and changes, we all strive to be positive and encouraging for others as well as for ourselves. As changes are made to our State Grange Session schedule, sadly the State Lecturers Contests have been cancelled for this year, however, this gives all of you the opportunity to take advantage of the extra time to work on your entries for 2021!

I am planning the 2021-2022 edition of the *LECTURERS GUIDE - MONTHLY RESOURCES FOR LECTURERS* and look forward to having it available by the first of the year. Please email me with topics you would like to see included or program ideas you have used in your Grange Lecturers Programs.

National Lecturer's Photo Contest Update

The Photography Showcase of the Best of Show winners from each State Grange at National Convention has been canceled. In its place will be a Virtual Photography Contest - open to ALL members and non-members, regardless of age.

2020 National Grange Virtual Photo Contest

The 2020 National Grange Virtual Photo Contest came about as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic causing massive changes to our annual National and State conventions. This change allows for a photo contest even without state contests. All photos entered will become the property of the National Grange and may be used in National Grange publications and virtual media.

Rules:

- The National Grange virtual contest is open to all Grangers and yet-to-be Granger.
- Submitted photos can be of any subject. *[Any photograph deemed inappropriate will not be judged or exhibited in the National Grange Virtual Photo contest.]*
- All entries must be received electronically as a single (1) file no larger than 100MB via Google Forms at <https://bit.ly/grange-20photo> by October 31, 2020.
- There is one division - come one, come all!
- Each individual is limited to entering three (3) photos.
- Entries should be no more than

one (1) year old.

- Any entries received after the **October 31, 2020** deadline will not be judged.

Prizes: Monetary prizes will be awarded: 1st - \$50, 2nd - \$30 and 3rd - \$20.

2020 Publicity Item Contest

The ability of our Granges at every level, to successfully promote specific events or the Grange as a whole is necessary and important. The goal of the National Grange Publicity Item Contest is to recognize the publicity work being done by our Granges across the country and to share this work with other Granges with the intent of fostering even more and improved publicity efforts. The more Grange publicity occurring within our communities, the better!

Rules

- The National Grange Publicity Item Contest is open to all Granges (*State, Pomona, Community, Junior*), *Grange committees or Grange groups (i.e. auxiliary, youth, Junior 1+)*.
- A Publicity Item may be a flyer, poster or advertisement; a short video; a radio commercial or announcement; a social media post; a press kit or media release; a shirt, button or other wearable item; or anything else you create to promote Grange.
- All entries must be received electronically as a single (1) file no larger than 1GB via Google Forms at: <http://tiny.cc/grange-20pubitem> by **October 31, 2020**.
- There are two (2) divisions:
 - Created by a professional (*paid or in-kind*).
 - Created in-house (*without professional assistance*).
- There is no limit on the number of publicity items that can be submitted by any Grange, Grange committee or Grange group.
- Entries should be no more than one (1) year old.
- If your publicity item is wearable please take a photo of the item and submit the photo.
- Any entries received after the **October 31, 2020** deadline will not be judged.

Prizes

Monetary prizes will be awarded: 1st - \$200, 2nd - \$100, 3rd - \$50 and 4th - \$25 in each division.

2020 PUBLICITY ITEM CONTEST

Eligible items include anything you create to promote Grange
All entries must be received by Oct. 31, 2020.
ALL DETAILS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:
nationalgrange.org/lecturers-programming/





The Chaplain's Corner

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Perseverance; the dictionary defines the word meaning as persistence, determination, doggedness, drive, devotion, endurance, steadfastness. I would define it as to keep on keeping on. As we look at the history of the Corona-19 virus, it suggests the virus itself is the very definition of perseverance. In the Bible, Ephesians 6:18,19 Paul is writing to the Church encouraging them to persevere in prayer and in their beliefs even though he was in prison for his beliefs. It is not that he wanted anyone else to be imprisoned, but that he wanted the Word spread.

I don't think anyone wants to do anything but defeat the virus, so to that end we must all persevere. Keep on wearing that mask, even if it is uncomfortable. The life you save may be yourself or your child or your elderly parent or your best friend or your spouse. Con-

tinue to wash your hands often, even if they are sore and cracked from washing them so much. And pray. Pray that we will develop a vaccine. Pray for all those that are ill. Pray for all those who work in high risk areas - grocery store clerks, hospital workers, restaurant workers and any others who can be exposed through their work. And pray especially for our nation's children as they prepare to return to school. Pray that God will give the school officials the wisdom they need to make the schools as safe as possible. Keep on practicing safe social distancing. If we all do our part, we can stop this virus.

As we prepare to travel to Klamath Falls for our State Grange Session, I urge you all to do your part. Wear your masks and practice social distancing guidelines. Keep this a safe and positive session. I will be praying for all of you.

Matching Grant Program *continuing from page 1*

described in section 4.17.6 of the Oregon State Grange By-laws. The Matching Grant Program falls within those guidelines and the grants to Community/Subordinate Granges come from that fund.

The Executive Committee of the Oregon State Grange believes that helping existing Granges and by extension their Grange communities, is the best possible way to use the assets and honor the memory of former Granges.

The program has several objectives:

- 1) To allow Subordinate/Community Granges to access needed funds for hall improvements.
- 2) To give the Grange a better standing in the neighborhood.
- 3) To encourage members to work toward the betterment of their Grange hall.

In carrying out these objectives this program is set up with a couple of **specific goals:**

- 1) That the money granted be in the form of a "matching grant" to engage the entire membership of the applying Grange.
- 2) That the purpose of the grant, first and foremost, be to enhance the appearance and/or improve the functionality and raise the profile of the Grange in the community.
- 3) Priority will be given to projects that address outward appearance of hall functionality.

Philosophy of the program:

In carrying out the goals of this program we not only want for our Grange halls to look and function better for the community but we want to involve the members in the project and invite the community to also be involved in the project.

In order to grow and thrive Granges must constantly be taking in new members and must be seen as a vital part of the community. Encouraging prospective members to join an organization whose hall is in disrepair is not an easy task, but with a generally smaller membership in many Granges as well as aging buildings this has become a reality.

By making these funds available to Subordinate/Community Granges for the purpose of hall improvement they should accomplish two things:

- 1) Give the Grange a better outside appearance to the community
- 2) Help with recruitment of new members.

These funds can help with those two goals but the Subordinate/Community membership must also be engaged to make that happen, thus the reason for the "matching" grant. In order for this program to work and be successful the Grange receiving the grant must be willing to match the funds received with either dollars, in kind donations or volunteer labor.

Matching Grant Program Criteria

Applications will be accepted July 1 through September 1. Deadlines are firm and late applications will not be considered. Grant requests must be postmarked by September 1st.

A designated grant committee will review the grants and make their recommendations to the OSG Executive Committee. The OSG Executive Committee will have final authority over the awarding of the Grant.

At least ten matching grants will be made available to Subordinate/Community Granges in one grant year. The total funds the Oregon State Grange has dedicated for each year is \$50,000. If the total of the ten grants is under this figure, more grants may be considered as long as the total of all grants are within the \$50,000 cap.

Projects must be approved by a vote of the Subordinate/Community Grange before any grant application is submitted. Minutes should reflect that a vote was taken and may be requested by the Grant Committee.

Individual grant amounts will be capped at \$5,000 each, but requests for smaller amounts are welcome. Each grant allowed will be matched by the Grange receiving the grant with; matching dollars, in-kind donations, volunteer labor or a combination thereof.

A final report must be filed with the State Master by or before the end of the year. The final report form will be sent with the original acknowledgement of the awarding of the grant.



In Memoriam

Marjorie Gove
Mosier Grange #234

Leeroy Herman
Mosier Grange #234

Fred Larsen
North Bayside Grange #691

Ina Pearl Lucas
Phoenix Grange #779

Eva Mc Rae
Oak Grove Grange #198

Darlene Ramp
Crow Grange #450

Kathryn Roether
Williams Grange #399

Roberta Smith
Morning Star Grange #311

Jonathan Spero
Williams Grange # 399



*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.*

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION

**GRANGE MEMBERSHIP MAY CAUSE
 PERSONAL HAPPINESS AND
 COMMUNITY PRIDE**



2020 Listening Sessions

By: Susan Noah
OSG State Master

Earlier this year – Pre COVID-19 you could say about half of our Community Granges were visited by one of the State Grange leaders and among other things those Granges participated in what we called a “Listening Session”. These sessions were set up to give our Community Granges a chance at feedback to the State Grange, the Master and the office. Our goal was to find out if we have been using our assets, both in terms of people and money, to the best advantage for all the members.

As things open up the visits to the remaining Granges will continue and each of them will be given the same chance to provide this important information to the State Grange.

So far comments from each session have been categorized into five different areas and the Executive Committee and the Directors are discussing what is needed to address these comments. The areas are 1-Monetary Issues, 2-Membership, 3-State Session, 4-State officers and Leadership and 5-Bulletin. In every area there were ideas that came up from more than one Grange, such as Grange halls that need new roofs, electrical work or plumbing/septic work. Many, many Granges cited needing more active members and/or younger members. I wish that we could simply wave the magic wand and make everything happen but as you know we cannot. What we can do is start to work on new programs, reassess how our money is spent and look at how the leadership is divided and trained to give each Community Grange the support that is needed to grow and thrive in the community.

The Executive Committee has met and discussed the need for contractors, help exchanges and insurance costs. I hope that by the time we finally meet for State Grange we will have some ideas to present and some decisions to make.

Right now, I wanted to address some of the comments by just providing a little information.

As several Granges expressed the need for building repairs, I wanted to give a shout out about programs we currently have that can provide some needed funds.

- **Marching Grant Program – (Deadline for Submission is September 1st)** These Grants are up to \$5,000 and may be matched by your Grange in one, or a combination of, three ways. You may match with volunteer labor, in kind donations or money. So, if a Grange needs to be painted and the members can do the labor, they could match our

cash with volunteer labor. If it is a project that needs a contractor, they may still be able to provide some volunteer labor in prep and then cash for the rest of the match. The Grant program paperwork goes out before the end of June and needs to be submitted by September 1st.

- **Loan Program** - The State Grange also has a loan program if a Grange needs money for repairs. Since major problems do not always happen at a time that is convenient to apply for a grant, the State Grange does have a loan program. Generally, it is a very easy process and takes a limited amount of time to get in place.
- **Sign Reimbursement Program** - We also have a program that will reimburse any Grange up to \$350 for installing new signage. We reimburse up to one half of the cost of the sign with a cap of \$350 (\$700 sign costs). We want the Granges to be visible to the public.
- **COVID-19 Emergency Grant** – This \$500 grant program that was set up to help Granges through a few months of this pandemic has been extended through the end of the year. Sometime in August we will have another grant available, with somewhat different standards, to help those Granges that are still experiencing a loss in revenue due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Visitations by State Officers and Directors seems to have been something that Granges would like to see more of and I think I can speak for all of us when I say “We would love to come visit!” Did you know that all any Grange has to do is call or email to request a visit from a State officer? Granges used to request state officers for special events, like member awards, or Open House events, but you can also request myself or any of the officers to just come out to answer questions about the Grange, the office or whatever! We plan to continue with the Grange visits each year, but do not hesitate to request any of the State Officers or Program Directors to come at a different time. We are here to serve the membership of the Oregon State Grange.

Other changes that are in the works include an updated and changed website. We hope to have a retooled website by early 2021. We are also brainstorming ideas for the best way to set up and maintain a knowledge base for a variety of ideas including building maintenance, insurance, grant writing, fundraising and Grange work.

Share Your Story! One last big issue was as everyone would expect, Membership. Several Granges expressed wanting to hear from other

Notes from the Office

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Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday
8am - 4:30pm
503-316-0106



IRS Electronic Postcard Filing

For most Granges the filing is due May 1–Sept 15, 2020. You should have received detailed instructions on how to complete this important filing from the Oregon State Grange office. There were no changes from last year. This must be done; it is not optional.

Please send proof of Acceptance with your second quarter report. (**Must say ACCEPTED on the document. not hand written.**) If you have any concerns or need further information about the 990n ePostcard filing, please contact:

Suzy Ramm
(503) 316-0106.

The IRS sent out a notice extending some deadlines, including Form 990-series returns and notices. For the twenty or so Oregon Granges that must file between January 1st and May 15th, the IRS extended the deadline until July 15, 2020.

State Annual Session

Your State Session Checklist:

- By now, you should have received the State Session packet for your Grange. This packet includes the Pre-Registration form, Credentials for delegates, Committee preference form and lodging information. Please double check the due dates on this information and submit them appropriately. If your Grange has **NOT** received this packet, please call the Oregon State Grange Office at (503) 316-0106 ASAP.
- Complete the Credentials form for the second voting delegate and alternate delegates to the State Grange Convention and **send them in**. This is especially important in case we need to switch to a virtual session.
- Be sure to inform the OSG Office of any of your Grange’s deceased members that were

Delegates or State Officers, State Youth Officers or State Junior Officers. The names of these members will be read aloud at the Memorial Service. We want to be as up to date as possible with this information.

- Delegates bring a 3-ring binder to keep your paperwork in. Otherwise you’ll be shuffling papers from a manila envelope or on your lap.
- Friday is red tennis shoe day to support our Juniors.
- Saturday is red, white & blue day to honor and show support of our Veterans with your choice in apparel, pins, ribbons – all in good taste.
- Sunday is the day we recognize our Youth/Young Adults so wear green to show support.

Membership List

On or before September 15th, the State Grange office will send to your Grange Secretary a list of the names of all members of your Grange in good standing according to the State Grange database. Your Grange is to compare this list with your membership list as of June 30th, make corrections and return it with your Quarterly Report for the 3rd quarter. The primary corrections you will make are to the spelling of names addresses and phone numbers. Also, please add email addresses for all those members that have them and confirm that each household with a Grange member is receiving the Grange Bulletin.

If you have a name on your list that the State Grange does not have and you included that name on a previous Quarterly Report, call the State Grange office. The same if the State Grange database lists a member that you dropped on a previous Quarterly report. However, if you forgot to add or drop a member, you just need to make that correction on the Quarterly Report for the 3rd quarter.

Granges who have been successful in growing their membership and especially if they have been successful in bringing in youth and young marrieds. This is where all the members get involved! Share your success stories with us, send into the office for the Bulletin, post on Facebook, even email to me and I’ll distribute.

I will continue to update Granges as we work through the comments and as new programs develop. I know Granges have not really had a chance to follow up on these visits, but remember new comments and

ideas are always welcome and will be considered as we plan for the future.



What is Regenerative Agriculture? Bellview Grange's Organically Grown Demonstration Garden

By Dr. Ray Seidler, Retired Senior Research Scientist, US Environmental Protection Agency
Member Bellview Grange #759, Jackson County

Regenerative agriculture consists of practices that can be carried out on working lands (farms, ranches, vineyards, orchards, forests, etc) or even in our backyards, that will remove gaseous carbon dioxide (CO₂) from the atmosphere through photosynthesis and convert that CO₂ into healthy plants, whether they be corn, tomatoes, sunflowers, or marigolds. These plant residues and the associated soil organisms improve the biological, physical and chemical characteristics of soil health, increase soil water holding capacity (better moisture maintenance) and improve soil fertility and stability and make the soil black. This soil organic matter accumulates over time as more carbon dioxide is removed from the atmosphere during subsequent growing seasons. Wala! We have sequestered carbon!

Soil carbon can also be increased from the addition of leaves, through the addition of kitchen vegetable scraps, wood chips or by growing "cover crops". It's all organic matter. It all decays. Some of the decay processes result in the liberation of carbon dioxide back into the atmosphere. But approximately 60% of the added organic matter will decay into long term, stable plant debris that become sequestered in the soil for decades and longer.

Carbon formed by regenerative agriculture practices are examples of NETs, negative emission technologies. They remove more carbon from the air than is returned to it, hence the designation NET. Working lands benefit from increased soil organic matter because of biological,

physical and chemical changes that improve soil health properties.

Growers might consider the critical fact that the addition of pesticides to the soil injure and kill essential soil food web components that would form long term stable soil organic chemicals. And that the soil becomes most healthy when it is not physically disturbed ("no till") and no artificial mineral fertilizers are added. Mineral fertilizers are energy intensive substances to extract or produce and are actually not necessary when enough plant residues are accumulating in the soil.

Organic matter in soil along with maintaining a green plant soil cover at all times reduces substantial topsoil loss from erosion. Biodiversity or plant variety is also a key component of a regenerative agriculture practice. Biodiversity is useful in attracting a variety of beneficial insects - both pollinators and predators - and also provides an increased variety of critical soil food web components and soil chemicals. Biodiversity of plants, inputs and insects makes for healthy soil and healthy crops and increases the ability of soil to sequester carbon. Variety is a good thing, both above and below the soil surface.

Stay tuned for more information in the next Bulletin for details about an amazing on-line statewide Carbon Farming Symposium being planned for November that will explain how farmers and other agriculturists can receive financial incentives in a new, groundbreaking program!

Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

August 15	Deadline for Committee Preference Request
August 18	Deadline for Resolutions to be submitted for annual session
September 1	Deadline for Session Pre-Registration, Credentials Form and Memorial Service Report to the State Grange office.
	Deadline for Wib and June Justi Youth & Young Adult Community Service Award, Junior Mentor Award, Youth Membership Award and Leadership Award for Outstanding Youth nominations to National Youth Director
September 17-20	Oregon State Grange Annual Session Klamath Falls, Oregon
October 31	Quilt Blocks and entry forms, Virtual Photo Contest and Publicity Item Contest entries due to: Christine Hamp, National Grange Lecturer 16418 N. Birdie Road Nine Mile Falls WA 99026
November 17-18	154 th National Grange Convention - Valley Forge Casino Resort, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania.

In 2012, members of Bellview Grange #759, Jackson County, began yearning for a veggie garden. They approached their neighbor, the Bellview Elementary School about using a little-used parking lot. The Grange Garden team then applied for a grant from the local Ashland Food Co-op for \$500, to build a sturdy fence for their Organic Demonstration Garden. Since the garden was previously a gravel parking lot it has needed a lot of outside inputs!

Catie Faryl, better known as the "Green Goddess" and one of their greatest garden enthusiasts, has continued to diligently improve the garden. Between 2016 and 2019 Catie applied for and received additional grants from the Ashland Food Co-op for the Garden. These grants were used for improvements, soil enhancement and in the last two years to move towards a seed savings and hands on education program.

Catie has been lovingly attending the garden over the years in all kinds of weather, but recently, Gwen Oaks has gallantly taken over and has been organizing weekly "Garden Parties" for 2020. Catie still joins them early Saturday morning but is currently focusing her attention on supporting regenerative farming practices in the state of Oregon. Gwen as the new Garden Goddess, has a few stalwart volunteers that show up every Saturday morning to give a hand. The rewards of the combined efforts of a great winter leaf mulch and a lot of digging and pulling up pesky weeds are now showing up big time! Lots of lettuce, chard, other greens and soon the hot weather veggies will be ready for sharing with members for a donation.

Chris Hardy worked to get the abundance of leaf donations over the

fence and into the garden for a good mulch. Chris is a full-time organic farmer who has taken on some paid grounds maintenance work at the Grange. He also works in the garden, donates seeds and organizes and teaches heritage seed saving classes. Hardy Seeds are planted in the garden as a demonstration of the diversity of crops available to enhance insect populations and soil health. Everything in the garden is grown without use of any chemicals and of course the seeds are organic. Did you know there are not enough seeds grown organically in the state to fill the needs of current organic farmers?

One of the highlights of the garden is the Pollinator Garden outside the fence to attract and support pollinators, especially native bees and pollinating flies. In fact a bumble bee nest was just discovered in the veggie garden under a plank. Did you know there are approximately 500 species of native bees in Oregon? Kristina Lefever is researching and planting drought tolerant and native plants that will benefit pollinators throughout the seasons, from spring to fall. A diversity of pollinator species will insure good pollination of the veggie crops.

Throughout the years, the garden has been a great place for camaraderie, especially during this pandemic experience. When close, everyone wears a mask and when apart, the members are free to breathe in the essence of good, healthy soil. Right now, this garden is reminiscent of the Victory Gardens that many households grew in their backyards to help get Americans through WWII without serious food shortages. Gardening is good for the tummy and good for the soul.

To see more of the Bellview Grange Garden, visit their Facebook Group.



Bellview member, Chris Hardy, of Hardy Seed Company, uses a tractor to get the abundance of leaf donations over the fence and into the garden for a good mulch.

Oh You Have Been “Flocked”

Oregon State Grange Junior Director Peggy Jillson was a recent recipient of Elmira Grange #523, Lane County, “Flocking” fundraiser. Now she has to pay to get rid of “or rehome” those flamingos.

Facebook page for information on having a yard “Flocked.”

Money raised from this event will help the Grange hall get a new roof. There are currently 200 birds available and many are already on the job.

Flamingos started arriving around the Eugene/Springfield and Elmira/Veneta areas the second week of May and have been helping put smiles on the faces of residents ever since. Want to “Flock” someone? Minimum order is twelve birds for \$30, with order additional units of 6 for \$12. Check out the Elmira Grange



Junior Director Peggy Jillson takes a selfie with the flock of Flamingos that arrived at her house.



UPCOMING POMONA GRANGE MEETINGS			
<i>Pomona Secretaries are to send in meeting information to the Bulletin Editor as soon as date, time, and location are determined and/or changed.</i>			
Pomona	Date	Time	Meeting Place
Baker #24	Nov 7	10:30 AM	Pine Valley Grange
Benton #36	Oct 17	10:30 AM	Marys River Grange
Clackamas #1	Oct 24	10:00 AM	Frogpond Grange
Columbia #18	Nov 7	10:00 AM	Warren Grange
Deschutes #25	Nov 14	11:30 AM	Pine Forest Grange
Douglas #13	Oct 24	6:00 PM	Riversdale Grange
Jackson #27	Oct 24	1:00 PM	Phoenix Grange
Josephine #20	Oct 31	10:00 AM	TBA
Lane #14	Oct 10	10:00 AM	TBA
Lincoln #10	Aug 15	10:30 AM	Salmon River Grange
Linn #12	Oct 10	10:00 AM	Lacomb Grange
Polk #3	Oct 8	6:30 PM	Oak Grove Grange
Tillamook #9			TBA
Umatilla-Morrow #26	Oct 24	10:00 AM	TBA
Wallowa #22	Oct 10	10:00 AM	North End Grange
Washington-Yamhill #2	Oct 24	10:00 AM	Tigard Grange

In this time of uncertainty, meetings are often cancelled or rescheduled. Others are changed to tele-conference, Zoom or other virtual meetings. Please contact the Pomona Grange for most up-to-date information and be safe.

Springwater Sells Strawberries

Normally on the second Saturday in June, Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County, holds their major fundraiser, the annual Strawberry Social. This year in its place the Grange decided to take orders for the strawberries that would normally go on the shortcakes; thus, supporting the farmer who provides the berries as well as offering community members an opportunity to purchase “fresh from the farm” berries while meeting the social distancing requirements.

Initially the sale was to cover five days, June 8-12 but demand was so good and the farmer had the berries that an additional three days were added the following week.

Grange Chaplain Wilma Guttridge took orders for each day with a limit on how many flats could be picked

up for a single day. Once the slots for the day were filled orders could be added to other days that still had room. Later in the afternoon Wilma called the farmer a let him know how many flats the Grange would be picking up the next morning.

The berries were picked first thing in the morning and about 10am Gary Guttridge, Grange Steward, met the farmer and picked the strawberries up, bringing them back to the Grange hall around 11am where community members were waiting to pay and take home their berries. 48 1/2 flats of berries were sold over the eight-day run.

While this was planned to be only a service for the community members and as a support for the farmer, he insisted that the Grange make a little money from the event. The Grange

Community Service Involvement

Elizabeth “Liz” Dehne
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OSG Community Service/Involvement Director



Hello fellow Grangers,

In normal times I would have started my sentence with, “I am looking forward to seeing a lot of you at the State Session”. Most of us have never seen this situation before in our life (not this severe) but as Grangers we have soldiered on and did what we do best by helping our community. Some of us taking this time to fix and beautify our Grange hall and surroundings. Others reaching out to those that need help with picking up groceries or medicine.

Year 2019 Community Service reports are promising: As reported by 61 Granges:

- Number of Grange members: 2018
- Number of members working with projects: 986
- Total hours worked by Grange members: 114,926
- Number of community members working with projects: 3416
- Total hours worked by community members: 33,821

The winners of the Community Service Yearbook contest are:

- 1st place: 284 points
Springwater Grange #263 – Clackamas County
- 2nd place: 283 points
Marys River Grange #685 – Benton County
- 3rd place: 278 points
Spencer Creek Grange #855 – Lane County
- 4th place: 267 points
Walterville Grange #416 – Lane County

Time permitting, we are going to hold a workshop on how to put together a Community Service book as per National Grange Community Service guidelines. It may be a virtual one using Zoom.

I would like to thank my District Chairs for their work in promoting this year’s “Come Together” campaign.

- Dist. 1 Wayne Cabler
- Dist. 2 Patrick Dearth
- Dist. 3 Teresa Cernac
- Dist. 4 Sue Dumolt
- Dist. 5 Bonnie Sims
- Dist. 6 Doris Reid
- At Large Jeff Dehne

By the number and hours they have contributed, you can see our community loves what we do. It is very important that we continue to log our community service hours. It helps us maintain our non-profit status as well as provide a history for new members to rely on.



Below: Grange Treasurer Donna Stevens, stands ready with mask on to collect money for the strawberries as community members arrived to pick them up.



decided to use the funds to do repairs on the shelter at the Springwater cemetery which the Grange had built several years ago.



Above: Gary Guttridge of Springwater Grange unloading strawberries he had picked up earlier in the morning. Strawberries were available in full and half flats.



Guest Editorial

Time is Now for Washington to End Digital Divide for Students

By Allen Pratt, Ex. Director of National Rural Education Association
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Students and school districts had to adjust dramatically this spring as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The transition from face-to-face education to remote learning was challenging enough given how quickly it had to be enacted, but, for many districts in rural areas, the transition was made nearly impossible by a lack of broadband connectivity in students' homes.

In Michigan alone, there are 816,000 people without access to broadband internet and 27 counties where at least one-third of residents cannot access true broadband speeds at home. In rural counties like Luce and Montmorency, broadband is virtually non-existent, with broadband being available to just 1.5% and 0.4% of residents, respectively.

That digital divide, which leaves more than 40 million Americans nationwide without access to broadband internet, was already an acute problem for rural educators and students before the pandemic crisis — and has been made a challenge in need of a far more urgent response by the virus.

There are more than 9.7 million students enrolled in rural schools across the country, many of whom lack access to broadband at home. At the same time, pre-COVID-19, more than 70% of teachers assign homework that requires a broadband connection.

In ordinary times, that homework gap left too many rural students at a disadvantage that had an impact not only on their educational outcomes, but on their optimism.

A recent poll from the National 4-H Council and Microsoft found that one in six rural teens said they have no access to broadband internet and another 22% have internet that is only sometimes reliable. The survey found those who lacked broadband internet were less confident about their future and their ability to acquire the kind of job they wanted.

In the 21st century, Michigan students shouldn't be prevented from achieving their full potential by a lack of access to a necessity like broadband internet that has become as indispensable as electricity to the modern classroom and workplace.

That is why, in the short weeks of summer before school reconvenes in the fall, Washington must take bold and immediate action to completely eliminate the digital divide.

Congress needs to work to allocate funds to those unserved and underserved areas where the challenge is the most acute to support broadband deployments that are technology neutral, cost effective, reliable and which can be quickly deployed. Students in our rural communities cannot wait another five years for broadband connectivity. They need it now.

Those resources must be neutral toward the technology, because, while fiber is the gold standard for speeds, it can also be prohibitively expensive to deploy in rural areas and can rapidly deplete dollars dedicated to broadband deployments, if not paired with innovative wireless solutions that deliver true broadband speeds in hybrid network deployments.

In addition to allocating funding to deploy service in rural areas, Congress must also ensure communities don't get missed.

That is why lawmakers must also fully fund the bipartisan Broadband DATA Act a law passed by Congress and signed into law by the president earlier this year. The measure will update how the Federal Communications Commission maps the digital divide to ensure accurate data.

Lawmakers should be commended for passing this important fix, but they must finish the job by funding this legislation so the FCC can implement the changes and better guide public investments to tackle the broadband gap.

In a couple of months, schools will start back up again and, while many educators are still unsure exactly how learning will look — we know with certainty that it will require access to broadband internet for students to reach their full potential and succeed.

It's important for Washington to act now to close the digital divide.



Deer Creek Grange Gives Scholarship

The Deer Island Grange #947, Columbia County, is excited to announce the 2020 Don Coin Walrod Memorial Scholarship recipient is Emily Padrow from Scappoose High School. This scholarship is for \$1000 and is awarded to a Columbia County High School senior majoring in agriculture, animal science, forestry, or education.



Emily will be attending Oregon State University in the fall where she will major in Education and Human Development and Family Services. She played soccer at Scappoose High School and is a big fan of the Portland Winterhawks.

Scholarship applications for 2021 will be available from Columbia County High School counselors by February 15th, 2021. Congratulations Emily!

Columbia #267 Awards Scholarship

Columbia Grange #267, Multnomah County gave two \$1,000 scholarship for 2020. Recipients were Simon Leone, son of Grange member and musician, Caroline Oakley. He is a graduate of Corbett High School where he played Soccer and baseball. He is heading to Loyola University in New Orleans this fall to pursue his dream of becoming a professional musician.

He began taking violin lessons at age five and has since learned guitar and piano. He believes "music is one of the most powerful things on this earth, music connects families, friends, and strangers and music breaks down race barriers, gender barriers, as well as age barriers."

Simon is a member of his family old-time and bluegrass square dance band The Old Time Highway which features Simon on fiddle,

and his mom Caroline on guitar. Simon's been listening and moving to old-time dance music since long before he was born. He loves playing fiddle almost as much as he loves playing soccer.

Willow Lakey daughter of Grange member Rebecca Gandy is heading to the University of Oregon to continue her education. Willow credits her years in the Corbett school community for providing the inspiration, passion and motivation to continue expanding her skills, perspectives, and excitement for learning.

Willow played volleyball and was part of the Corbett Performing Arts Club, a small volunteer youth theater company that operates through the support of the Corbett School District. They produce two to three productions a year.



Kendra helping at the Springwater Grange's monthly breakfast while home in December.

Springwater Awards Scholarship

Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County, selected Kendra Guttridge as their 2020 Joseph Z. Guttridge Memorial Scholarship recipient. The \$2000 scholarship was named in her grandfather's honor earlier this spring.

Kendra is a 2019 graduate of Canby High School and is the daughter of Tim and Nike Guttridge, all members of Springwater Grange. As the

granddaughter of Wilma Shibley Guttridge, she is a member of the Shibley Grange Legacy Family.

She is studying at Whitworth University and is following the Social Services and Community Action track. Kendra has made the Provost's Honor Roll both fall 2019 and spring 2020 semesters in her first year. She will be looking for a position in social work upon graduation.



Hurricane Creek Supports Student

Hurricane Creek Grange #608, Wallowa County, has selected Kaylie Melville to be the recipient of a \$500 financial assistance award. Kaylie Melville graduates from Enterprise High School and plans to attend Corban University in Salem, with emphasis on Secondary Social Studies Education. She is the daughter of Kevin and Kerrie Melville of Cornerstone Farms Joint Venture.

She has participated all through middle school and high school in both 4-H and FFA and has been involved in school sports (volleyball and basketball) and student council as well as being active in her church youth group.

She was the 2020 Oregon FFA Diversified Crop Production – Placement Proficiency Award winner which recognizes student super-

VanHouten Receives C. E. Spence and Foundation Scholarships

Austin VanHouten, a member of Riversdale Grange #731, Douglas County, is the recipient of two Grange Scholarships: The C. E. Spence Memorial Scholarship valued at \$1000 given by the Oregon State Grange and the Muzzy Mandel Scholarship awarded by the Oregon State Grange Foundation for \$500.

Austin is the son of Ross and Kris VanHouten and the grandson of Oregon State Grange Ex. Committee member John Fine and State Chaplain, Peggy Fine. All are members at Riversdale Grange.

Austin will begin his college education this fall at Umpqua Community College majoring in Forestry. After completing his Associate's Degree, he will be transferring to Oregon State working towards a Bachelor's degree in Forestry and a Master's in Agricultural Education.

While at school at Umpqua he will continue his wrestling career and when not in school (summers) he plans to work in the Forestry industry as a wildland firefighter.

vised agricultural experiences that include non-ownership, agriculturally-related paid or unpaid employment and/or volunteer work. She works on the family farm and is dedicated to returning to educate the future generations of farmers and ranchers.

Her favorite FFA memory was attending her chapter's exchange program with the Hope FFA chapter in Indiana. She spent a week in Indiana learning about agriculture, attending school, and experiencing a different culture and community within our country. Kaylie loves her Animal Science class and enjoys the competing in Parliamentary Procedure.

Hurricane Creek Grange is proud to support the post-secondary education of the youths in their community.



Active in Riversdale Grange he currently serves as Assistant Steward and is the Agriculture Committee chair and is the Pomona Grange Lecturer and Junior Chair. As a Junior he served two terms as the Oregon State Grange Junior Master.

Outside of Grange he has been involved in 4-H, serving as an Oregon 4-H Ambassador. In 2019 Austin received his State FFA Degree and was involved in the Oregon FBLA.



The Education Committee

Paula Herrick
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OSG Education Director

Greetings fellow Grangers. Hope all is well with you. For the education report this issue I don't know how to start. Will there be school this fall? How will the classes be held - in school or distance learning?

We have all had to learn new things: social distancing, wearing a mask, follow arrows in stores so you can

stay away from people. It's troubling times for all of us. You can't visit with loved ones in the hospital or assisted living facilities. We have learned new ways to keep in touch with friends and family.

We will all get through this together eventually. Remember this too shall pass.

Walterville Granger Selected for Oregon State GWA Scholarship

Briauna Herrick, a member of Walterville Grange #416, Lane County, is the 2020 Oregon State Grange GWA Scholarship winner. Briauna is a 2019 graduate of Thurston High School. She is the granddaughter of current Oregon State Grange Treasurer, Paula Herrick.

She has been active in Grange all her life including being State Junior Grange Master and a member of the Junior Grange officer team that exemplified the Junior Degree at the 2012 National Grange convention.

In 2016 she attended the National Grange convention in Spokane, Washington where she received the 7th degree and served as an attendant for Oregon's conferral of the 6th degree. She has served as several state Grange Youth officers and is the current District 2 Education Chairman. She also served on the Oregon State Grange Cookbook committee.

Briauna is currently attending Oregon State University with a major in Agricultural Sciences. After graduation she plans to work in the Agricultural industry and eventually return home to her family's farm.

Left: 2018-19 Oregon FFA State President Andrew Gmirkin congratulates Austin VanHouten on receiving his FFA State Farmer Degree.



Above: Austin VanHouten answering all Justin Clute's questions at the Oregon State Fair.



Briauna Says Thanks

GWA Scholarship Committee:

I am honored to have been selected as the recipient of the GWA scholarship. Thank you so much for the generosity of this scholarship.

I am going to be a second-year student at Oregon State University in the fall, majoring in agricultural sciences. Though it will only be my second year, after fall term I will be at junior standing, credit wise. I received a 3.42 GPA for my freshman year and I took some great classes.

I was accepted into the Leadership Academy for this coming school year and I am very excited for this experience. The Leadership Academy is a year-long program available to agriculture and forestry students that allows them to develop their leadership skills and to learn about careers after college.

I would like to say thank you again for this generosity and for allowing me to achieve my goals.

Sincerely, Briauna Herrick



147th

**Annual Session
Oregon State Grange
September 17-20, 2020**

**Klamath County Fairgrounds
3531 South 6th Street
Klamath Falls, OR 97603**

**Tenative Schedule ~ Oregon State Grange Session
“City of Sunshine - Klamath Falls 2020”
(Masks will be required in all meetings)**

Thursday, September 17

		Reading and adopting Thursday’s Journal
9 am -1 pm	Set up facility	Resolutions
1 pm – 4 pm	All attendees must pre-register, badges & packets will be distributed during this time – Lobby	Noon - 2 pm Lunch – <i>No meals will be hosted on site, please enjoy the area restaurants.</i>
	GWA – Limited items taken – Only items for donation. A list will be sent to each Grange.	2 pm Session reconvenes Resolutions
6:30 pm	Ceremonial opening in the 6 th Degree - Main Hall <i>(State Officers line up 6:15) (then lowered to the 4th degree)</i> Roll Call First Report of Credentials Committee Adoption of the Official Program	5 pm – 7 pm State Officer Elections – Side Rooms Dinner break – <i>No meals will be served on site, please enjoy the area restaurants.</i>
7 pm	Introduction of Host Committee Chairs – Louise Holst & Vickie High Report of Division of Labor Committee Notice of Proposed By-Law Changes and late resolutions 2021 Budget Committee Report	7 pm Session reconvenes – Main Hall Honor Grange awards Community Service – Volunteer of the Year award
	State Master’s Annual Address Assignment of portions of Annual Address by Division of Labor Committee State Master’s Good of the Order Address Assignment of portions of Good of the Order Address by Division of Labor Committee	7:30 pm Resolutions
	Closing in the Fourth Degree – Jay Sexton	9 pm Closing in the Fourth Degree – Louise Holst

Saturday, September 19

Tribute to Veterans Day! Wear Red, White & Blue to show support

8 am - noon	All attendees must pre-register, badges & packets will be distributed during this time – Lobby	
9 am	Memorial Service – Main Hall	
10 am	Opening in Fourth degree Roll call Reading and adoption of Friday’s Journal	
		Resolutions
9 am	Opening in Fourth Degree – Main Hall Roll Call	Noon-2 pm Lunch – <i>no meals will be served on site. Please enjoy the area restaurants.</i>

Friday, September 18

Tribute to Juniors – Wear Red Tennis Shoes to show Support!

Oregon State Grange Session “City of Sunshine - Klamath Falls 2020”

Saturday, September 19 - *continued*

- 2 pm Session reconvenes
Foundation meeting
Resolutions

- 5 pm -7 pm Dinner break – *Enjoy the area restaurants. Be sure to tell them you are with the Grange*

- 7 pm Silent Auction Closes

- 7 pm Session reconvenes
Resolutions

- 9 pm Closing in the fourth degree – Dean High

Sunday, September 20 Tribute to Youth – Wear Green to show support!

- 8am-noon All attendees must pre-register, badges & packets will be distributed during this time – Lobby

 - 9 am Opening in the fourth degree – Main Hall
Roll Call
Reading and adopting Saturday’s Journal

Resolutions

 - Noon-1:30 Lunch – *No meals will be served on site, please enjoy the area restaurants.*

 - 1:30 pm Installation of State Officers – Mark Noah

 - 3 pm Session reconvenes
Thank you to District #5
Invitation from District #6 to visit in 2021

Resolutions and all other unfinished business

 - 5 pm Closing in Fourth Degree – OSG Master, Susan Noah
(or when finished)
- See you next year in Enterprise!**

Motels & RV Spaces

Motels

Three miles or closer to the fairgrounds

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| Motel 6 | 541-884-2110 | Black Bear Restaurant in parking lot |
| Quality Inn | 541-882-1200 | |
| Comfort Inn | 541-882-1111 | Sizzler in parking lot (banquet room) |
| Holiday Inn Express | 541-884-9999 | Sizzler in parking lot |
| Best Western Plus | 541 882-9665 | |
| Cimarron Motel | 541-882-4601 | |
| Days Inn | 541-882-8864 | Red Rooster in parking lot (banquet room) straight across from fairgrounds. <i>You MUST walk to a cross walk to cross the street.</i> |
| Microtel Inn | 541-273-0206 | |

Fifteen miles away

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| Running Y resort | 541-205-6950 |
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Many more motels are more than 5 miles away.
There are several motels downtown.
Just ask District 5

Camping

- | | | |
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| KOA | 541-884-4644 | ½ mile from fairgrounds |
| Klamath County Fairgrounds has full hook up with a shared sewer.
Dogs allowed see RVer's information | | |

QUESTIONS:

- Louise Holst 541-883-8490 cell 541-591-3498
- Vickie High cell 541-591-1019



Attention Convention RVer's

Klamath Falls here we come. The 2020 Oregon State Grange Session will be held at the Klamath County Fairgrounds September 17-20th. Information on hotels was available at last year’s session and is available on the State Grange website. District #5 now has information about onsite camping, costs and availability. Contact camp host Dean High. Call or Text: 541.591.3300



Klamath County Fairgrounds

The in person part of the 147th Oregon State Grange annual session and all activities will be held in the Linman Hall - Building one.



Main entrance doors



Malcolm Trupp, President

The Oregon State Grange Foundation will have an annual meeting this year. How depends on how the Oregon State Grange holds its annual session. Presently the annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 19 at 2:00 pm. If we do not meet in person, we will meet on Zoom.

Only the Trustee from District #5 is up for election. Phil VanBuren has indicated that he does not want to be re-elected. If there is anyone from District #5 who would want to serve on the Board, please let me know.

The Marcel "Muzzy" Mandel Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Austin VanHouten of Douglas County. We had four applications this year. See information about Austin with other scholarship winners on pages 8 and 9.

We did not have any applicants for the Mary Ramm Scholarship. Please encourage your Grangers who are returning to school to apply.

Our finances have suffered a little during the shutdown, but they are coming back.

I would like to thank the board members and the Grange members for their support of the Foundation.

I hope to see you at the annual meeting in September. Have a good healthy rest of the summer.

The Mission of the Oregon State Grange Foundation is to promote the Ideals of the Grange Within and Without the Boundaries of the State of Oregon. Please donate to the Foundation. For more information go to: www.orgrange.org/members/OSG_Foundation

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Start your shopping on the Foundation page of the OSG website so your purchases benefit the foundation.

Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program

www.fredmeyer.com/account/communityrewards/

Add/update the Community Organization on your account information page to Oregon State Grange Foundation - FM650





2020
NATIONAL GRANGE
QUILT BLOCK
CONTEST

Sponsored by the National Lecturer

All blocks should incorporate teal or turquoise

Block may be any of your choice or Shoo-Fly Block, finished at 12.5" x 12.5"

ADULT, JUNIOR AND MEN'S DIVISIONS

October 31, 2020 Deadline

Go to nationalgrange.org for all details and entry sheet







GWA

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This for sure is a year with the unexpected; the COVID-19 virus for our country and an unusual time to figure out what's normal and what we can and cannot do depending on which phase of opening our counties are in. Where I live in Washington County, we are in phase 1 and cannot move into phase 2 until Clackamas and Multnomah County are also ready.

Where our state will be in September will depend how this pandemic plays out. I'm hopeful that we will be able to have our State Session in Klamath Falls, September 17-20. I'm proud of our Grange Workers; you are great people to go with the flow and think outside the box in order to help others in our communities and have our Granges survive.

I read on the Oregon Grange Forum page on Facebook that many Granges are getting their halls upgraded with new roofs, floors refinished and many other projects done. Good going!! Grangers are always busy.

GWA will be different at State Session this year. Due to the shortened

session with no fluff we will not have the full GWA contests. The monies that you sent in to sponsor your contests will be applied to next year's contests except for those contests for items which we donate to the host county. It was decided to go ahead with those contests so I hope you have been working on them.

These contests will be:

- COVID-19 Masks
- Pillowcases for our Troops
- Pillowcase for Quilt of Valor
- Preemie Afghan and hats
- Dog and Cat Baskets
- Dementia Fidget Sleeves

Thank you to those that applied for the GWA Scholarship. The decision was hard as each one who applied was deserving. We selected Brianna Herrick as this year's recipient. Congratulations Brianna!! I encourage the others who applied this year to apply next year and any others who have completed one year of college, trade school etc.

Be safe and do what you have to do to stay healthy. Hope to see you at State Session.

National Quilt Block Contest

Rules

- A. The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to everyone.
- B. All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by **October 31, 2020**.

Send entries to:

Christine Hamp, National Lecturer
16418 N. Birdie Road
Nine Mile Falls WA 99026

- C. Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged.
- D. The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you.
- E. There is no limit on the number of quilt blocks a person may submit, but choose one quilt block per person to be judged.
- F. All entries will be retained by the National Grange to be made into finished quilts and other items to be sold at a later date to raise funds for the Grange Foundation a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity.
- G. A 2020 Quilt Block Contest Entry Form must be completed for

the block to be judged.

Groups

- Group I – Adult (Age 14+)
- Group II – Junior (Age 13 and under)
- Group III – Men (Age 14+)

Prizes

- Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each Group.
- Ribbons will be awarded to all entrants.

Pattern:

Shoo Fly (*below*) or Choice (*any block pattern of your choosing*)

Color:

All blocks must incorporate teal or turquoise.

Fabric:

All fabric used should be cotton.

Finished:

Should measure 12½" x 12½".



Junior Grange Activity Sheet Summer Fun

COLD things in Summer!

Across

3. Chunks of ice that fall from clouds.
6. Crushed ice flavored with syrup.
8. A fruit that is 92% water.
9. Frozen flavored treat made using milk.

Down

1. Artificial body of water found in back yards.
2. Water that falls from clouds.
4. A Machine that keeps stuff cold.
5. Frozen water.
7. A yellow citrus drink.

Answers: Across: 3-hail, 6-snow cone, 8-watermelon, 9-ice cream
Down: 1-pool, 2-rain, 4-freezer, 5-ice, 6-lemonade



Oregon Junior Grangers

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A Seedy Idea

Hey, Junior Grangers, did you know there are National Grange contests for your home art projects? With cash prizes!!

My favorite contest is the **seed art mosaic**. You can color the seeds or paint over them. Maybe you will find some interesting seeds when you go for a walk or bike ride, or maybe you'll find them in your pantry at home. Talk with your grownup helper about what kind of glue will keep holding the seeds in place after it dries out. I particularly like this contest because it uses materials that will decompose quickly and safely instead of hard-to-dispose-of plastics. You can experiment with different ideas and keep the best one for your contest entry.

Other contests include art using paint, crayon, or pencils to create a picture. There are also scrapbook, photo and creative writing contests. The theme is "Cultivating Connections," which is something a bit hard to do in a pandemic. Your ideas can help keep us thinking about good things we can still do with our Granges.

October 1st. Entries are judged by age groups: 5-7, 8-10 and 11-14. Some of them can be emailed, but the seed art needs to be put in a plastic sleeve and postal mailed.

Submit entries to:
National Junior Grange Director
Samantha Wilkins
1616 H ST NW
Washington DC 20006

Complete instructions for National Grange contests are in the National Junior Grange Program Guide, which is on the Juniors page of the Oregon State Grange website. Entries need to have a postcard-size label that tells the judges what Grange you belong to and how old you are as well as the usual stuff like name and address.

Oh and one other thing. If your grownup helper ends up helping so much that they finish their own art item, you can enter it in the "Junior At Heart" section of the Junior contests. See page 10 of the Program Guide. Junior contestants enter for free, but it will cost the grownup \$5 and they don't get age categories.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and stay creative!

The deadline for contest entries is



Ada Juniors Gather Pet Supplies

On Thursday June 11, 2020 Ada Grange #570, Lane County, Junior members Terry Elliott and Taylor Elliott along with Junior Leader Heather Elliott delivered one bag of dog items and one bag of cat items to the Oregon Coast Humane Society (their local shelter). The Juniors had gathered the supplies at a few Grange meetings and a couple of the Grange's Bingo events.

In December Ada Grange Juniors started to look for a community project and because they love animals it was decided to gather things for the animal shelter.



Above: Irving Grange #377, Lane County, Junior members Aislin and Riona McClain helped with a mailing for Lane Pomona Grange Fraternal Society. They had a pretty good assembly line worked out.



Above: Terry Elliott delivered the bags to the shelter.



Left: Taylor Elliott sorted the items into a dog pile and a cat pile, them into the bags.



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One Special Session of the Oregon Legislature is History, But a Second One is Coming

Hello Grangers,

It seems there might be another Special Session in our future. This one will be to work out the funding of the COVID-19 here in Oregon. Gov. Kate Brown says she will hold off an official call until mid to late July, following last week's three-day session that saw the passage of legislation to deal with police accountability after-effects of the coronavirus pandemic and a few other issues.

State economists have projected a shortfall of \$2.7 billion, resulting from reduced business activity and income tax collections, for the two-year \$23.7 billion budget from the general fund and lottery proceeds. Education, health and human services and public safety account for more than 90% of that spending. Virtually all of that shortfall affects the second half of the budget cycle that starts Wednesday, July 1.

"Luckyly we are better prepared for this economic downturn than many others in my lifetime with state reserves and a rainy-day fund currently in place," Brown told reporters the day after the session closed. "We are holding off a special session for the next few weeks to give Congress time to take action. I hope — I plead — that congressional legislators will hear the call from states across the country and step in with additional federal support."

Oregon got \$1.4 billion in federal aid from the \$2 trillion CARES Act, but states cannot use that money to offset budget shortfalls, only to pay expenses related to the coronavirus pandemic.

The Democratic-led U.S. House already has passed a plan containing more aid to states that according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, would give Oregon \$3 billion now and \$3.2 billion in May 2021. (Oregon's shortfall for the 2021-23 budget cycle is projected at \$4 billion.)

The Republican majority in the U.S. Senate has balked at the \$3 trillion price tag for the House's HEROES Act. But the National Governors Association, led by Republican Larry Hogan of Maryland and Democrat Andrew Cuomo of New York, have urged more federal aid. As states with Republican gov-

ernors such as Arizona, Florida and Texas face rising coronavirus infection rates and renewed restrictions on public activity, states' finances will come into the spotlight. The U.S. House plans to start its summer recess July 31; the Senate, no later than Aug. 10.

"I will be expecting to call in the Legislature quickly to look at budget reductions and plan for the next biennium," Brown said. Agencies already have submitted potential spending cuts totaling almost \$3 billion — equal to about 17% of what they draw from the tax-supported general fund — and Brown has endorsed \$150 million in savings so far. Lawmakers are unlikely to adopt some of the more drastic cuts, such as closure of 10 of Oregon's 14 state prisons.

Brown did pledge to try to keep the state school fund, which supports public school operations at the \$9 billion that lawmakers budgeted. It accounts for 35% of general-fund and lottery spending. Brown can cut spending across the board, but only the Legislature can cut selectively. Selective hiring freezes and some layoffs are in effect, but so far, employee furloughs or rollbacks of negotiated pay increases are not.

"Everything is on the table as we turn to tackling the budget," Brown said. "We are doing everything we can to squeeze every bit of toothpaste out of the tube to address the short-term budget crisis as we begin to plan for the next budget cycle."

Oregon does have an estimated \$1.6 billion in two main reserve funds — one for general purposes, the other earmarked for education — and up to \$1 billion in an ending balance to be carried over into the next two-year cycle. But lawmakers are barred from spending all of the reserves in a single budget cycle and the ending balance is never zero.

Lawmakers were just starting to look at proposed spending cuts and hear public testimony, beginning June 17, when Brown called the first special session. Said House Republican Leader Christine Drahan of Canby: "While we passed historic bipartisan police accountability legislation, the session in many ways fell short, leaving Oregonians outside locked doors and the budget deep in the red." Senate



Midland Grange was represented by several vehicles and tractors in the Klamath basin "Shut Down and Fed Up" parade and rally.

Klamath Basin Water Issues Rally

On Friday May 29, members of Midland Grange, Klamath County, participated in the "Shut Down and Fed Up" parade and rally in Merrill in the Klamath basin. The Grange was represented by several members in vehicles and on tractors. Louise Holst and Vicki High had a van with the Grange name and an American flag on it, Phil Van Buren was driving a different rig and Louise's brother Lee Sukraw a farmer in the basin and some of his crew were on tractors. There were hundreds of tractors and other farm equipment in the parade. The event was staged to bring attention to the situation where Irrigation water allocations for irrigation has been cut off to the basin and water was expected to run out by July 1. Dire trouble for everyone but especially those farmers who already have crops in the ground.

What the Klamath Basin Stands to Lose

Klamath Basin agriculture and the communities supported by the family farmers and ranchers have been deeply affected by not only drought, but also mandates of Federal agencies. With more government regulation and less water going to agriculture, communities in Klamath, Siskiyou and Modoc counties are going to be irreparably harmed.

The overall economic impact to the communities of these counties will be nearly \$1.4 billion. This won't only affect the family ranches and farms that go under — like a stone thrown into the pond, the waves will reach schools, business, community groups and more. With agriculture as the base for the economy in these

three counties, the tax base will be drastically decreased.

However, it's not only the economy that will be impacted. Klamath Basin farmers and ranchers make up a diverse group of people that provide ag jobs and businesses associated with agriculture to help keep our small, rural communities alive and thriving.

The Klamath Basin is on the Pacific Flyway, with the Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge being a draw for photographers and bird lovers. Ducks, geese, raptors and cranes populate area canals and fields as well as the set aside wildlife areas. In the past when these areas dried up, disease ran rampant in the wild fowl populations and left tens of thousands of dead ducks in its wake.

Between the economic impact, the devastation to Klamath Basin communities and effects on wildlife, there is a lot to lose if the Klamath Project is shut down. A lot has already been lost.

The Oregon State Grange policy is to work to preserve the way of life of the Klamath Basin farming community as agriculture is the number one industry in the basin. Actively work to ensure that the flow of life-giving and life-sustaining water from the Klamath Lake and watershed is restored to the farmers and farm communities served by the irrigation systems and oppose the removal of water storage and electrical generation dams in the Klamath Basin for environmental and agricultural reasons.

Republican Leader Fred Girod of Lyons added, "This session has been a huge disappointment because we did not get the budget done and Oregonians were locked out of the process."

Senate President Peter Courtney, D-Salem, said federal aid will make a difference. "If that does not happen, we're going to have a much different special session, I'll tell

you that right now," Courtney, who has been in the Legislature during four previous economic downturns dating back to 1981, told reporters. "I think it's too early to tell how difficult it will be, how bloody it will be, until maybe the middle of July."

This is an ongoing story I will do my best to keep you updated and information comes in.

Happy Trails

National Grange: Action Request

National Grange policy strongly supports whole milk as part of a well-balanced school nutrition program. However, the USDA-HHS Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee as they draft the latest Dietary Guidelines for America, may not be considering recent scientific evidence on the benefits of saturated fats and the healthy role they play. We encourage you to review the information from the American Dairy Coalition, contact your Senators and Representative and ask them to delay the Dietary Guidelines report until all pertinent scientific dietary information is thoroughly considered by the Committee.

Your Action Needed

It's Time to Get Whole Milk Back in Our Schools
The U.S. Dietary Guidelines Need to Be Fixed!

The Dietary Guidelines for America (DGA) sets our nation's leading nutrition policies. They directly influence WIC, SNAP and school lunch programs, shaping the tastes and preferences of the next generation of consumers. The DGA is used by physicians, nutritionists, dietitians and other health professionals to "promote good health, prevent chronic disease and help Americans reach a healthy weight." By law, the guidelines are required to be updated every five years by USDA and Health and Human Services to incorporate the latest research and advancements in nutritional sciences.

Why This Matters Today

The DGA program was introduced in 1980, yet public health has steadily declined in the 40 years since implementation. Childhood obesity and diabetes diagnoses have tripled adult obesity rates have doubled and 25 million American adults have diabetes. The current guidelines are not working. Despite criticism from top professional groups of experts, the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee refuses to address serious allegations regarding the flawed process used to update the guidelines.

In 2015, Congress commissioned a third party review completed by the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (NAEM) at a cost of \$1M to taxpayers. The purpose was to evaluate the process used to update the very influential and far-reaching guidelines. However, the majority of recommendations from NAEM have been ignored in the proposed 2020 DGA draft.

What Science Says

The Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee continues to place caps on saturated fats, despite clear evidence this is not supported by the latest research. These caps limit whole milk and butter in consumers' diets in exchange for low fat dairy or plant-based beverages and meat substitutes. Recent studies suggest again and again that regular consumption of full fat milk

products promotes a healthy weight and lower risk of obesity as well as reduces the risk of osteoporosis, diabetes and hypertension. Continuing to ignore the latest evidence is harmful to the health of the nation, particularly children.

ADC supports the CHOICE of offering whole milk in all daycare and school nutrition programs. Science concludes that full fat dairy products not only improve nutrition, but also learning readiness and satiety, especially for those most nutritionally at-risk. It is vital to increase dairy product consumption domestically as well as internationally by increasing consumption of full fat milk products.

What Can You Do?

Congress must intervene to ensure the publication is updated in the guidelines and includes recent scientific evidence on the benefits of saturated fats and the healthy role they play. Americans deserve a comprehensive redesign of the flawed Dietary Guidelines process. Congress must take a look at the potential conflicts of interest that members of the Subcommittee on Dietary Fats may have. We cannot allow those who have stake in groups advocating vegan and vegetarian lifestyles to control the fate of American diets or dictate the continued exclusion of healthy, insulin-moderating fats in the nutrient dense food that our dairy farmers produce each and every day.

ADC is asking for your help. Contact your elected representatives and ask them to delay the report by the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee to ensure USDA and HHS have adequate time to review and address the flawed process and implement recommendations from NAEM. Demand the caps on saturated fat be removed so that schools once again have the ability to provide students with whole milk. Americans deserve sound science, not a vegan or vegetarian agenda. We cannot afford to wait five more years to get this right.



Legislative Update

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This is not only an election year, but a census year as well. Census numbers have many impacts, not the least of which is that they are used to adjust the districts of the U.S. House of Representatives so that each member represents a roughly equal portion of the population. After the 1980 census showed Oregon's population had increased a 5th Congressional district was added to our state.

It is likely that the current census will result in a 6th district for Oregon. Since the number of Representatives is capped at 435, that means somewhere else in the country there will be a consolidation of districts. Oregon will gain some representation and someone else will lose some. This is redistricting and since the time of Elbridge Gerry the process has been in the hands of the party in power. Elbridge Who?

You've probably heard the term 'gerrymandering.' In June 2019 the Supreme Court decided it is a political issue that must be dealt with by the elected branches of government, not by the courts. In a NY Times article published at that time, reporter Michael Wines offered a history of the term 'Gerrymandering', writing that in 1812 the governor of Massachusetts, Elbridge Gerry (pronounced Gary) signed a bill that allowed his party to draw State Senate districts that would favor his party. One of the resulting districts looked vaguely like a salamander, so an editorial cartoonist of the day added a head and claws and called it a "gerry-mander" and the name stuck. Mr. Wines added that there is no clear evidence that Gerry actually supported the maps that resulted and his party lost control in the following election, but the practice persists to this day.

Gerrymandering has become incredibly sophisticated and precise, using every bit of available information to identify a party's likely supporters and snugly enfold them in a homogenous group that will guarantee the district for that party. It can also be used to do the opposite, to 'cram' all of the minority party's voters into one or two districts and thereby minimize opposition to the majority in the remaining districts. The area of a district is required to be contiguous, that is to say no separate islands, but this leaves some boundaries contorted beyond all reason.

The Oregon State Grange posi-

tion is that redistricting should be administered by a nonpartisan commission and that congressional districts should have simple boundaries. A group called 'People Not Politicians' is circulating on-line petitions to put this issue on the November ballot in Oregon in the form of Initiative Petition 57. The entire proposal can be found at their link: <https://www.peoplenotpoliticiansoregon.com/sign-the-petition/> and it does appear that our existing policy would favor such an approach.

Interesting, though one party does currently hold most of the top elected offices in Oregon, there seems to be bipartisan support in our state for redistricting reform. The sponsor of the petition, People Not Politicians, is associated with Common Cause but their proposal is also supported by the Farm Bureau and Taxpayer Association of Oregon. Also endorsing this are the League of Women Voters, OSPIRG and the NAACP. Perhaps this is an idea whose time has finally come!

A quick note on resolutions—the deadline to submit resolutions to the Oregon State Grange for 2020 was postponed to August 18, which as you read this may already be in the past. However, it is never too early to review existing policies with a view towards writing a resolution to reaffirm or change them, or to add policy where we have none.

The Oregon State Grange legislative policy handbook is readily available on our website and can be word-searched. National Grange legislative policy statements are found at the National Grange website, but these are only summaries of current priorities. The detailed policies are found in the Journal of Proceedings of each year's National Convention, under the Member Resources tab.

The phrase 'All politics is local' is most commonly associated with former Speaker Tip O'Neill and it is a great reminder that you don't need to wait all year for State Grange, your Community Grange or Pomona can always take action on local issues via resolutions sent to local entities. Just be clear that you are acting as a Community or Pomona Grange and I find it very useful to include a cover letter with the resolution. As always, your OSG Legislative Committee is happy to be a resource for information about policy or process or to assist in writing resolutions.





Membership Matters

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The Membership Committee is pleased to announce the results of the 2019 Membership Gain Awards. The following table shows those Granges with at least a 15% increase in membership. The top four Granges with the highest percentage gains have earned a monetary award. The rest of those with at least a 15% gain were in a drawing to win a Grange flag. McMinnville #31 is the winner of the flag.

In addition to the top four percentage winners, there were several Granges with a gain of more than ten

members. These Granges include Marys River (29), Skyline (19), Fruitdale (13), Little Deschutes (13), Rockford (12), Creswell (11), Siletz Valley (11), Columbia #267 (10) and McMinnville (10). Fernwood #770 was reorganized with a gain of 25 and as a reorganized Grange Fernwood receives \$100.

Oregon Granges enjoyed a membership net gain of 66 in 2019 to a total count of 4,653. Although COVID-19 precautions have restricted our activities in 2020, we can still persevere and strive for another positive growth this year.

2019 Membership Gain Awards

Grange	County	Start	End	Gain	% Gain	Award
Long Tom #866	Lane	22	39	17	77.3%	\$100.00
Smith River #585	Douglas	14	23	9	64.3%	\$75.00
Barlow Gate #157	Wasco	15	24	9	60.0%	\$50.00
Vernonia #305	Columbia	13	19	6	46.2%	\$25.00
Washington #313	Washington	20	29	9	45.0%	
Marys River #685	Benton	67	96	29	43.3%	
Skyline #894	Multnomah	44	63	19	43.2%	
Creswell #496	Lane	27	38	11	40.7%	
Coburg West Point #535	Lane	13	18	5	38.5%	
Fruitdale #379	Josephine	36	49	13	36.1%	
Central Point #698	Jackson	23	31	8	34.8%	
Little Deschutes #939	Deschutes	39	52	13	33.3%	
McMinnville #31	Yamhill	33	43	10	30.3%	
Eagle Point #664	Jackson	14	18	4	28.6%	
Siletz Valley #558	Lincoln	40	51	11	27.5%	
Sixes #856	Curry	22	28	6	27.3%	
Azalea #786	Douglas	20	25	5	25.0%	
Frogpond #111	Clackamas	15	18	3	20.0%	
Thurston #853	Lane	15	18	3	20.0%	
Rockford #501	Rockford	67	79	12	17.9%	
Lookingglass #927	Douglas	30	35	5	16.7%	
Mt Vernon #659	Grant	31	36	5	16.1%	
Macleay #293	Marion	20	23	3	15.0%	
Aloha #773	Washington	20	23	3	15.0%	



Sister Phyllis Wilson shows her Golden Sheaf Certificate. Before her on the table are certificates and pins from her years as a Grange member.

Past State Master Wilson Receives Golden Sheaf Certificate

Phyllis Wilson a member of Green Acres Grange #834, Coos County and past Master of the Oregon State Grange recently received her Golden Sheaf Certificate from the National Grange recognizing fifty years of continuous membership in the Grange.

their farm was available to Grange members only, they joined the Grange. She transferred to Greenacres in 1988.

In 1969, Phyllis Wilson and her husband moved to their new farm in Summer, Oregon and because of the insurance they needed to insure

In 2006, Phyllis was elected Master of the Oregon State Grange and became the first woman to serve in that position and continued to serve through June 2010. In November 2008 she was elected as Chaplain of the National Grange serving through November 2011.

Drive-By Celebrates 99th Birthday

Ruth Newman, Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County, celebrated her 99th birthday on Saturday, the 27th with her family. But on Sunday the 28th she got another surprise. The Grange accepted the invitation of the Springwater Presbyterian Church to participate in a Drive-by parade.



Cars with signs and balloons line up for the drive-by birthday parade.

Almost 20 cars with both church members and Grangers gathered together and drove by her house dropping off cards, flowers and balloons. While she knew someone from the church was stopping off with flowers, she was overwhelmed with all her socially distanced visitors. The balloons were tied on the fence by her driveway and she enjoyed them for several weeks.

her musical talents serving as Musician for both Springwater Grange and Clackamas County Pomona Grange as well as the District 4 5th Degree team and the state Youth officer team. She has also represented Oregon at the Evening of Excellence during National Grange convention.



Sister Ruth has been a member since 1986. She has often shared



VIRTUAL MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOPS! OPEN TO ALL

AUG 15 12:30 EST **SEPT. 19 12:30 EST**

National Grange Membership Director Joe Stefanoni will hold workshops via Zoom on the future planning of your Community Grange. Sign up for either session. Join us to spark new ideas for membership development and recruitment!

To register follow this link
<https://form.jotform.com/202015Q737391A7>

Veterans

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 Oregon State Grange Veterans Director



OSG Session 2020
 Good news, our session wasn't really canceled, just postponed and will be held in Klamath Falls September 17-20, 2020 at the fairgrounds. While this is going to be an abbreviated session all Grangers including those attending can by their attitude support the effort put forth by District 5 and make this a session to remember. Not a "Drab OLIVE, Haze GREY, Slate BLUE yonder, second star to the right evolution, but a time to press forward with renewed vigor in Faith, Hope, Charity and Fidelity to lift our fraternity, this nation and the world to new levels. Even though the world around us is going crazy, God's people can be that shining light showing the way. Go Grange!

communication is the key. Two way communication is the best. Responding to new challenges. Here's praying that all of you are able to deal gracefully with the masks, distancing, isolation, shortages, etc. and anything else that society, our government, powers that be and others throws at us. Stay safe, help others do the same. Continue to serve and help others through community, your place of worship, The Grange and in any way you can.

Membership and Strategic Planning Training Goes Virtual

By Joe Stefanoni
 National Grange Membership & Leadership Development Director

In a year that has been anything but typical, we have seen Community Granges all across the country embrace technology as a means of carrying on the good work of the Grange. A typical year for the National Grange Membership Director includes a calendar full of traveling to various states conducting programs to develop the membership efforts and leadership skills of Grange members.

Since current conditions have put a halt to these "normal" skill development activities, the National Grange Membership Department has been in the process of adapting training and resource material for presentation in a digital medium. Starting in August, the National Grange Membership Department will be launching a new workshop titled "Growth Through Action: Planning the Future for Your Community Grange". The material from this program has been developed based off of previous internal strategic planning

materials, information & recommendations from the Action Grange program and curriculums from external sources.

This will be presented using Zoom in a webinar format. Participants will need to pre-register and will receive a worksheet to accompany the material being presented. The webinar will be offered once a month with the first being in August, more may be added depending on interest. The registration link will be included in future issues of the Patrons Chain and posted on the National Grange's Facebook page.

Other webinar trainings are being made available to State Granges, Community Granges and Grange members on officer duties and responsibilities, how to run a Community Grange meeting, parliamentary procedure and the role of a State Grange Deputy. Specialized programs can be requested as well.

Communicating with our Legislators

Many of us are beyond the out in the street protesting age even if we did not do it when we were young enough to do it. That does not mean that we should only be resting on our laurels complaining about aches and pains even if we are staying home not moving as fast as we use to. As it was said "the pen is mightier than the sword". The pen might not be a quill or ballpoint, but all them fancy new internet methods are even faster, cheaper, easier than what we use to have to do.

Communicating with the Creator
 Praying is the most effective tool in our arsenal. Read "The Chaplain's Corner" (June/July issue) take it to heart, believe it, practice it. *Prayer, does not need proof, it needs practice.*

211 Pandemic Information Line

Just since the second quarter of 2020 a new avenue for disseminating information has come into being and is up and running at least in the greater Portland area. By simply dialing 211 instead of a hard to remember 10-digit sequence, we can access a world of information and services related to COVID-19. Meanwhile, the 988-suicide hotline that started over a year ago is still languishing in bureaucracy somewhere.

Cultivating connections while social distancing is a challenge. Com



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JOIN US
 AND LEARN HOW TO HELP OTHERS DO THE SAME

EVERY THIRD TUESDAY AT 8:30 EASTERN ON THE GRANGE MEMBERSHIP TELECONFERENCES

Go to tiny.cc/1867zoom or call 669-900-6833. Use meeting ID 525-965-930 to log in.

Granges Encouraged to Use Trusted Merchandise Supplier

By Betsy E. Huber, National Grange President

National Grange has recently renewed our sales agreement with Monroe Classic for another year. They remain the exclusive supplier to the National Grange of Grange branded items and the recommended supplier of all Grange branded items for State, Pomona and Community Granges.

gestions of popular items that will sell quickly and make a successful fundraiser.

If you've already contacted another vendor, give Mike a chance to meet or beat their price. He can supply any item you have in mind, usually at lesser cost and your purchase from Monroe Classic will benefit National Grange since we receive a commission on all Grange items sold.

If your Grange is planning a fundraiser of t-shirts, coffee mugs, water bottles, backpacks, jewelry, sweat-pants, pens, or any other items you can think of, please contact Mike at Monroe Classic first. He will be happy to work with you on your design, colors, sizes, or even sug-

Check out the possibilities at the Grange Store by Monroe Classic www.promoplace.com/grange, Mike @800-868-2330 email: mike@monroeclassic.com





Grange Youth & Young Adults

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OSG Youth Director



Looking forward to seeing many of you in September at our annual session.

As a group I hope many of you are helping your friends and neighbors and of course your Granges in whatever project or community service event they have going on.

I want to say thank you so very much to everyone who stepped up and either donated to or purchased tickets for our Goodie Basket raffle. 2368 tickets were sold across the state and the State Youth committee members worked very hard and came up with some great baskets.

On Wednesday June 24th District 4 Youth Chairman Joyce Parker and I went to State headquarters and somehow got through a Zoom meeting, showing those who tuned in just how many tickets were sold. We then dumped them into a large recycling can and mixed them up very well. I dug down to the bottom of the container six different times and came up with six tickets, handed Joyce the ticket and she called the winners.

The first ticket drawn was Ruth Teafatiller, she chose District 1
The 2nd ticket drawn was Dawn Getzlaff, she chose District 4
The 3rd ticket drawn was Steven Kahncook, he chose District 2
The 4th ticket drawn was Fern Hill Grange, they chose District 6
The 5th ticket drawn was Molalla Grange's #16 ticket which was



State Youth Director Connie Suing prepared to draw the tickets.

Sue and Don Sether, they chose District 5
The 6th ticket drawn was Eagle Valley Grange and they received District 3

It was a fun albeit very different way to choose Goodie Basket winners. Again, thank you so much for your continued support of the Oregon State Grange Youth and Young Adult program.

When we meet in September, please bring your items for "Keeping Oregon Warm." If you are attending virtually, you can just hold on to the items and bring them next year or donate locally and send us the count. However you do it, I'm sure there are some nice folks in need who will be happy to receive something to help keep them warm.

Upcoming Award Deadlines

- **Junior Mentor Award** and **Wib and June Justi Youth Community Service Award** – September 1 deadline still applies.
- **Youth Membership Award** - September 1 deadline still applies
- **Leadership Award for Outstanding Youth** has a September 1 deadline as well.

These applications can be sent directly to the National Youth Director but I would appreciate knowing who has applied.

- **Distinguished Youth Program Award** - The program will continue as noted and the deadline of September 1 still applies. Fill out the form to the best of your ability. Entries will be considered with COVID cancellations and restrictions in mind. If you feel you have a Distinguished Youth Grange program who meets basic minimum criteria, please apply.
- **Grange Baseball** contest will be held virtually in September. More details to come in mid-August.

As always, please remember to ask a Youth or Young Adult to help you.



District #5 Basket – Gift Cards

Goodie Basket Raffle June 24th



L-r: State Youth Director Connie Suing and District 4 Chair Joyce Parker prepping tickets for the drawing.



District #1 Basket – Gift Cards



Several people watched the drawing on Zoom.



District #2 Basket – Gift Cards



Above: District #3 Basket – Gift Cards



R: District #4 – Back Yard Birding basket



District #6 Basket - included Pendleton Woolen Mill items

OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - March 28, 2020

Master Susan Noah called our meeting to order at 10am via Zoom teleconferencing. Members present included Jay Sexton, Sarah Kingsborough, Louise Holst, Sam Keator and John Fine. Due to current conditions with the Corona Virus and the Governor's Stay Home and Healthy order, we met via teleconference rather than in person.

Prior Meeting Minutes from January 5, 2020 were reviewed and approved as read.

Financial Reports

- Still working on year end paperwork. Not sure if Moss Adams is still on track to come out in early May.
- Life membership payout for 2018 was over \$21,000. For 2019 it looks to be over \$30,000 which will provide solid payouts for Granges. Some Grange credits will extend through several quarterly reports. The percentage earned was around 15%. 2020 will be interesting to watch what happens as market conditions are currently quite volatile.
- Membership report was reviewed showing a net gain of 63 members based on 4th quarter reports received thus far. Sarah will update the report with conditional formatting for low membership Granges.
- Scott Barker – Barker Wealth Investments joined us just before 11am. He gave us an update on the Oregon State Grange portfolio which is down 15% since the beginning of the year. Compared to much of the market, that is not bad and is a testament to our conservative investment policy. Scott has been spending a lot of time researching and talking with fund managers. There is still a lot of unknown about what will occur in our market and economy in the next few months. We had good discussion regarding the market conditions and ways for us to mitigate risk.
- Jay moved that we rebalance our investments to our 50/50 goal and get out of the Baron emerging markets fund. Louise seconded and the motion passed. Scott will process first thing Monday morning.

Unfinished Business

- North Howell – Property closed and we received a check for \$145,565.79. Overall, with both of the sales and the repurchase we netted \$159,362.15 after all expenses. This was the final sale handled by our realtor, Buzi Beckley Nelson, since she and

Gary have moved out of state.

- Jay moved that we send Buzi Beckley Nelson a \$500 gift card as a thank you for her work as our realtor in recent years. Louise seconded and the motion passed.
- High Desert Grange – Nancy has examined the paperwork and offered her changes to the sales agreement. Not heard back from the Everts attorney yet on the latest changes. The Everts have verbally agreed to moving the fence and adjusting irrigation.
- Come Together at the Grange. Probably about half of the visits had been made by the time the health developments with COVID-19 stopped the process. Susan have sent all of the "listening sessions" received on to the Program Development team (Sandi Ludi, Jeanie Force and Annette Naylor) to be categorized. By our next meeting Susan should have a list of items for the EC to consider. Granges that were visited had overall positive feedback and made pledges to increase membership.
- Unclaimed Property - we have not had a chance to try to collect the unclaimed property listed on the State's Unclaimed property website.

Executive Session to discuss staffing issues.

- Jay moved to pay employees for the month of April and allow for specific urgent tasks to be completed in the office as needed. John seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- Sarah moved to allot up to \$300 for a gift for Jan. Louise seconded. Jay moved to amend the motion for up to \$100 for a plaque honoring her contribution to the Grange. Sam seconded the motion for the amendment and the amendment passed. The motion as amended passed.
- Sunnyridge sale – Grange has the transfer paperwork, but we have not received payment yet.
- Work has started on binding the old Bulletins are starting with two books and will do others as the first are finished.

New Business

- Purchase of past officer pins. They have been about \$90 for the past several years, have now gone to \$129.75 for the same pin. Gold with diamond. We could go with gold with white stone for \$102.75 or gold-plated finish with white

stone for \$65. – Do we want to change or stay with current type.

- John moved to stay with the same gold pin and diamond stone. Sarah seconded and motion passed.
- Potential of new court robes – last robes were paid for by the current officers. The older robes are showing a lot of wear and we have several new officers coming on board. Louise offered to help the new officers with this project.
- John moved to proceed with replacing the court robes for the Oregon State Grange. Louise seconded and motion passed.

Lunch break from 12-12:45pm

- Criteria for dispensing money from the Custodial Funds. Currently we receive a variety of documentation and details, which has created a need for more consistency in this process.
- Jay moved to start using a form for custodial fund requests hence forth. Sarah seconded and motion passed.
- Office Equipment. Only one computer in the office has not been updated recently, but it is rarely used. We discussed ideas of replacing the computer, purchasing a laptop, potential needs for printers coming forward, etc. Susan will get cost estimates for our next meeting.
- Purchase of Zoom Pro account for video conferencing at \$14/month.
- Jay moved to approve the purchase of the Zoom Pro account for video conferencing. Louise seconded and motion passed.
- Ag Fest Plants – Susan will check with Paula regarding the plants they've started for Ag Fest. We want to ensure that Herrick Farms is made whole and that we hopefully have the opportunity for Grange outreach.

Due to technical difficulties our meeting was postponed until 2pm Sunday 3/29/20.

Meeting resumed at 2pm Sunday 3/29 with all members present via Zoom.

- Help for Subordinate Granges with lost revenue from rentals. Our emergency fund is sitting at approximately \$160,000. We discussed options of using the emergency fund to help Granges that have a small, short term financial need for paying bills due to the loss of rental income or fundraiser income as a result

of the COVID-19 crisis shut-downs. Governor Kate Brown issued several executive orders in March limiting activities to small groups and then shutting down businesses and organizations.

- Grants for Subordinate Granges - Application process – what kind of revenue was lost and how much? Susan will send a letter with application to all Granges and clarify that this is for Granges that have a high need to manage operating expenses such as utilities, dues, insurance, etc. Granges can approve the grant request for "up to" \$500 at their meeting, or by their executive committee meeting.
- Jay Moved that Susan draft a letter offering an operating expense grant for up to \$500 per Subordinate Grange from the OSG emergency fund to include an application stating their lost revenue. Susan will clarify that this is for Granges with the highest need. John seconded and motion passed.
- Sam moved that we put a deadline on the emergency grant application of June 30th. Jay seconded and motion passed.
- Backup plan for State Session if quarantine efforts are in lasting effect for several months.
- Go/No Go decision date will be May 15th giving people 30 days prior for cancelling/changing plans. The Executive Committee will have a zoom meeting to discuss State Session at 9am on Saturday May 2nd.
- Louise will check with the Klamath Fairgrounds to get alternative dates for a 4-day session.
- A reduced session will likely include: Resolutions, 5th & 6th degrees, meals, memorial service, Come Together program. We may discuss excluding benefits breakfast, first four degrees, tours, trade show, talent & youth contests, junior & youth presentations.
- So far deadline on resolution submission remains at 30 days prior to scheduled session, per our by-laws.

Decisions made via email

- Agreement to allow Williams to withdraw \$18,800 from their Custodial Funds for a septic system.
- Agreement to allow Sunnyridge Grange to sell their building for a price of \$50,000.
- Agreement to allow Fruitdale to withdraw \$2,500 from their Custodial Funds for them to

OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - May 2, 2020

Master Susan Noah called the meeting to order at 9am via Zoom teleconferencing. Members present included Jay Sexton, Sarah Kingsborough, Louise Holst, Sam Keator and John Fine. Due to current conditions with the Corona Virus and Oregon Governor Brown's Stay Home, Save Lives order enacted March 23rd 2020, we met via teleconference rather than in person.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the current pandemic conditions with Corona Virus and our plans for Grange events for the rest of the year; specifically, our annual convention that is held in June.

State Convention

State Convention for June 20-25 needs to be cancelled for our compliance with the Oregon Stay Home, Save Lives order which currently does not allow for gatherings of more than 10 people. While restrictions are expected to start easing in the coming months, we don't anticipate large gatherings to be permitted for some time. We are hoping for a brief session this fall and will explore different ideas to make this possible. Our primary concern is for the health and welfare of our members and to follow the guidelines of public officials. There is the possibility of a full cancellation of the 2020 convention. We will meet regularly to review current health conditions through out the state and provide updates to our membership.

- Sarah moved that we cancel our currently scheduled convention for June 2020. We will monitor state health regulations and look for opportunities to reschedule our convention this fall with some

modifications. John seconded. Motion passed.

Jay and Sarah will work on a committee to create an event RFP, revised schedule and virtual alternatives for the rescheduling of our state convention. Their recommendations will be presented back to the Exec Committee.

State officer practices that were planned for May 17th and June 14th are cancelled.

State committee directors will be challenged to come up with virtual ways to host contests, workshops, speakers and other activities to engage both Grange members and prospect members in their programs. Now is a time that the Grange needs to Come Together to support our communities.

District 5 has put extensive work into planning this year's convention and we are greatly appreciative of all their effort. We will look at their expenses at our next meeting to determine any financial reimbursement that they will now not be able to recuperate at session in June. They will still participate and have a key role in our rescheduled session, wherever and whenever that occurs.

Election of State Officers

We discussed our elections and the fact that our preliminary ballots will not occur since local Granges are unable to have their meetings. There was discussion regarding different ways to manage the election. State and National by-laws call for a vote by the delegates at the state convention so we will do the best to

honor those. Existing officers stay in place until their successor is duly elected and installed.

- Sarah moved that all individuals who have accepted a nomination for an office will be placed on the ballot at the next Oregon State Grange convention. Sam seconded. Motion passed.

State Grange Resolutions

Resolutions will be due 30 days prior to the state convention. Resolutions can become policy of a subordinate Grange under the same by-laws that we have always had; voted on during a full Grange meeting not an Exec Committee Meeting. They must include the Grange seal and be signed by the Master & Secretary of the Grange.

Youth Goodie Basket Tickets

The tickets are printed with the June date for the drawing to be held. We need to maintain that date for the drawing to remain in compliance and ensure we meet our minimum prize amount. The Youth committee will solicit donations and come up with a way to continue their fundraiser with a digital component.

- Sarah moved that the youth committee will be responsible for soliciting goodie basket prize donations at a minimum of \$600, or \$100 per district. If they meet the \$600 required minimum, we will match their donations up to \$600 from the leadership membership fund. If they get less than \$600 in donations, the difference will be made up from the Youth fund. The motion was seconded and carried.

Subordinate Granges

There is a need to alleviate concerns for the needs of local Grange meetings with guidance from the OSG. Members are asking questions and making comments on social media about how to meet. Some subordinate Granges are trying to meet because they think there is a need to make decisions such as pay bills, vote on resolutions, elect officers, etc. Others are wanting to keep up traditions, or just have a social experience with their Grange friends. The governor's stay home order did

specify that fraternal organization facilities are shut down.

We had discussion regarding how Granges can meet now under stay at home orders. The virtual meeting policy that the Executive Committee set several years ago did not allow for full virtual meetings, only that some could participate virtually to join a physical meeting with a quorum of 7 there physically. We are not upholding this ruling at this time but encourage Granges to do the best they can to include all members in meetings in the spirit of our by-laws and foundation of the Grange fraternity.

Once the stay at home order is phased out, setting up the Grange hall per tradition is a good way to allow for social distancing.

Pandemic Grants

We have had 20 Granges request grant funds of up to \$500 for the grant that replaces income lost during the pandemic. We approved this one-time grant during our March Executive Committee Meeting and it has a deadline of June 30, 2020 for requests. Letters and forms were sent to Granges last month.

Executive Session for Staffing issues

- Sam moved that we extend our pandemic pay of standard hours through May 15th for our office staff, with the understanding they are working one day a week. Starting May 18th employees will be paid for the hours worked in the office. The OSG will make reasonable accommodations to meet CDC health guidelines to allow for appropriate distancing, health and safety in the office. Jay seconded. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00pm on May 2, 2020

Sarah Kingsborough, Secretary

Next Meeting

Sunday June 7th 9am at office in Salem, or virtual depending on conditions at the time.

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- Agreement to allow Fruitdale to withdraw \$2,500 from their Custodial Funds for them to donate to local food bank. The food bank's refrigerated truck is in need of repairs.
- Agreement to allow Terrebonne to withdraw \$15,000 from their Custodial Funds for new septic system.
- Agreement to allow Fruitdale to withdraw \$10,000 from their Custodial Funds for floor maintenance, mop room and locker additions and upgrades and three months coverage for building and Grange expenses while potential shutdown is in effect.

Decision made via Conference call

- Motion was made and adopted to allow the State Grange elections preferential ballots to be completed and return by June 5th, rather than the

deadline as outlined in the by-laws of May 5th, thus allowing Granges to vote on State officers in either April or May, due to the many Granges cancelling their April meetings due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

- Jay moved to ratify our decisions made via email and conference call since our last meeting. Louise seconded and the motion passed.

Executive Session to discuss Grange Reports

The meeting adjourned at 3:20pm on March 29, 2020

Sarah Kingsborough, Secretary

Next Meetings:

Saturday May 2nd 9am via Zoom
Sunday June 7th 9am at office in Salem

Your Name: _____ **Moving? Let Us Know.**

Old Address: _____ New Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Grange Name/Number: _____

Please provide name of any Subordinate/Community Grange office/Committee Chairman positions currently held.

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