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District 2 Welcomes Oregon Grangers to Rickreall

Welcome to “the Big To-Do in District #21” and enjoy this year’s Oregon State Grange Convention. The convention site is the Polk County Fairgrounds at Rickreall with all scheduled meals on site.

The convention begins on Saturday, June 17th and runs through Thursday, June 22nd. Can’t get away that many days? No problem. You will find the schedule starting on page 9 of this issue. Check it out and see what is happening when you can come. If you are bringing your children or grandchildren, check the schedules specifically for Juniors on pages 11..

Returning this year will be many workshops and presentations, most during the early morning as the Youth officers have moved their practices to after close of business in the evenings. See page 12 for details on the workshops.

The Ag tour is now scheduled for Saturday afternoon. Monday evening will be the kickoff of the 150th



Year of Celebration including a celebration dinner, group panoramic photo and dance & social time. Many of you know our State President likes to challenge himself at Axe throwing, so on Tuesday evening you can challenge yourself and him at the Axe Throwing Booth.

Convention wraps up on Thursday and the installation of a few newly elected State officers is at 1:30 pm that day.

Looking forward to see you in Rickreall.

Oregon Welcomes Philip Vonada National Grange Communications Director

This year’s National Grange representative to the Oregon State Grange convention will be Philip Vonada, Communications Director for the National Grange. While visiting our State Convention he will be hosting two workshops, one focusing on promoting your Grange and telling the Grange story, and a second on the use of an easy graphic design program called Canva, for which he strongly encourages attendees to bring their laptops.



Philip Vonada is a lifelong Granger, currently living in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. He is a member of Penns Valley Grange #158 (Centre County) and Eagle Grange #1 (Lycoming County) where he is the acting President/Master. Phil is also the current Director of the Pennsylvania State Junior Grange. He has previously been a Communications Fellow for the National Grange (2019, 2021), a contributor to The National Grange Good Day! magazine, a John Trimble Legislative Youth Experience delegate (2018) and was a National Grange Youth Officer. A member of the GROW Club he was the 2005-2006 Pennsylvania Youth Ambassador and the 2016-2017 Pennsylvania Outstanding Young Patron.

Phil holds a B.S. in Speech Communication from Millersville University of Pennsylvania and an M.A. from Villanova University in Theater. He has a broad background in fundraising and nonprofit management, most recently working as the General Manager for the Community Theatre League, Inc. in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

In his spare time, Phil enjoys hiking, traveling, photography, honing his skills in the kitchen, performing in and directing community theatre productions, and working out.

2023 Grange Month Celebrated



Above: On April 6 the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners proclaimed April 2023 as Grange Month in Clackamas County. Members from Warner, Redland, Harding and Springwater Granges met with the commissioners including Chair Tootie Smith, a member of Clarkes Grange.

Right: Lane Pomona Grange got together to celebrate Grange Month at the Cottage Grove Carousel. Grangers from Watterville, Jasper, Irving, Spencer Creek, Goshen and London Granges had a wonderful time.



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The President's Column



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Our 150th Oregon State Grange Convention is right around the corner. Many times, during this year I have mentioned this anniversary in conversation with people who are not yet in the Grange, and they nearly always do a "double-take" and comment "really!", or "in Oregon?", or "wow!".

This leads to a short opportunity to talk about what Granges do today. Our 163 Granges do many different things, and so it is worthwhile to have an answer prepared to the common, open-hearted question: "What is a Grange?". A few years ago, the OSG committee directors and officers brainstormed this answer: "**Grange is a Community Organization that answers local needs. We have a 150-year tradition of promoting local food, and nonpartisan, nonsectarian, face to face community.**"

As you know, it is hard to gracefully answer the "What is a Grange?" question on the spur of the moment. We have all been there. Our answer is often unclear, awkward, and most often not a great encouragement to find out more. Grange is a complicated, rewarding, admirable, multi-faceted community – and it is hard to describe.

But it is those little questions and interactions that may be the first knowledge a questioner has about what the Grange truly is, and so it is worth it to have a good answer ready, for this common question. Community interest, understanding, and appreciation of the local Grange is the basis of robust membership and continued community activity.

By the time you get this issue of the Bulletin all the ducks should be in a row for the Oregon State Grange Convention at the Polk County Fairgrounds. As I write this in early May there are many things that still need to be nailed down, but we are putting together a Convention that will be worthy of this 150th Year. We have many workshops and presentations planned and a description of these will have already been mailed out to each Grange.

Many of the activities of the Annual Convention are continuing, but we are responding to feedback we have gotten in the last year with a few changes. There will not be a Trade show of the different committees. Instead, we are offering various presentations and workshops. The Ag Tour will be later on Saturday – from Noon to 4 PM, so you will not have to be up before dawn to

make the time the bus leaves. We will have welcoming people near registration, who can answer questions and help get you on your feet at Convention.

Our Guest representative from the National Grange will be Phil Vonda, who is the director of the Communications Department, and he will provide us with two presentations. One focusing on promoting your Grange and telling our story, and a second on the use of an easy graphic design program called Canva which will allow your Grange to produce professional posters, announcements, and web postings.

Lastly, as an encouragement for Grangers to read the Bulletin I am placing three "Hidden Treasure Words" in this issue. The first of these words is "Ask". If you find all three words and send them to me, in the proper order, in an email to president@orgrange.org, or a mailed a postcard to the Oregon State Grange Office, before June 30th, you will be in a random drawing for a \$25 gift card. If over 100 Grangers correctly send in the email or postcard, then the gift card will be for \$50. If over 500 Oregon Grangers send in their correct entry the gift card will be for \$100. Include your Name, Grange, and the page numbers of all three words, in your answer. Please do not share the answer, but feel free to tell Grangers about the search for the Treasure Words. If this seems to achieve my objective of increasing the number of Grangers really reading the Bulletin, then I will continue to surprise you in future issues.

Happy Hunting, Jay

Come For The day or The Week

Drop in to convention and see what it is all about.

One day registration available on site \$10
 June 17-22

See schedules pages 9-12

Save the date!



150th Anniversary of the Oregon State Grange

September 24
 Willamette Heritage Center
 Salem

Doors open at 5 pm
 Dinner at 6:30 pm
 Program at 6:30 pm

Tickets will be on sale

More information available at convention or see the August issue of the Bulletin.

Election of State Grange Officers

Recently both the Assistant Steward and Lady Assistant Steward of the Oregon State Grange tendered their resignations. An election for these two positions will be held during the convention. Nominations will take place Monday morning with the delegates voting that afternoon. Installation is scheduled for Thursday afternoon. If you are interested in serving in these positions, let your Grange's delegates know so you can be considered.

Grange Centennial Song

Written for the 100th Anniversary of the Grange in 1967
 (To the tune of "Battle Hymn of Republic")

*Our land has seen the wonders of the workings of the Grange.
 It has built a brand new nation from the shores to mountain range.
 As we put our trust in Him whose mercies never change,
 may we go marching on.*

Chorus

*Our hearts have known a century of happy work and play,
 As we give our hearts in Friendship when we pass along our way.
 May the Faith and Hope within us shine brighter still each day.
 With joy we carry on.*

Chorus

*In the pleasures of our labors let our minds be ever pure,
 As Old Glory waves above us let our pledge be swift and sure.
 In a nation filled with freedom may the Grange for e'er endure,
 And we go serving on.*

Chorus

*Glorious, glorious celebration
 Joy, joy forevermore
 Glory, glory hallelujah,
 our Grange is marching on.*

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 Bridgeville, Pennsylvania

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Lecturer's Contest Entries

Entries will be accepted on **Saturday June 17th from 2-5 pm and Sunday 8 am-noon** in the contest room at the Polk County Fairgrounds. Use the 2023 Awards, Contests and Scholarship Guide for information.

Talent Contest

Contestants to meet with the State Lecturer Saturday at 4:30 pm at the Polk County Fairgrounds for order drawing and mic/music check.



The Lecturer's Column

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A Lot of Laughs Heard at the Lane County Pomona Play Festival

In 1936, the Oregon State Grange sponsored a Play Festival. Ever since, the Granges that make up Lane County Pomona Grange have carried on the tradition. This year, seven Granges participated in the Play Festival over a three-week period, with each Grange performing their one-act play three times – once as a host and then at two other

Granges. Each play lasted about twenty minutes, for a three-play evening of entertainment and comradery, a great way for local Grange members to meet people from other Granges and to have a good time. Granges participating in the festival were Crow, Dorena, Goldson, Goshen, Irving, Mohawk-McKenzie and Walterville.



L: Crow Grange - Game Night at the Grange

R: Dorena Grange - My Three Songs



R: Irving Grange – Bad Bunny is Busted

R: Goldson Grange - Family Feud



L: Goshen Grange - Cultural History Through Oral Traditions

R: Mohawk McKenzie Grange - The Terrible Play



L: Walterville Grange - Dr No

The 150th Oregon State Grange session is upon us and the 2023 Awards ~ Contests ~ Scholarships booklet is your best guide to preparing for State Grange. This booklet is full of opportunities – programs, contests, and talent that you can enter. This is your time to show off photos that you have taken throughout the year. Art? That too! If you have an inkling to write a short story or poem, this is your sign to enter in the Creative Writing contest.

There will be Silent Auction items to bid on to help support the different departments. The proceeds from the silent auction items provided by the Lecturer's Department will be applied to the Talent Travel Fund. This sends the winner of the Talent Contest to National Grange which is being held this year in Ni-

agara Falls, NY. If you have a talent and you're interested in winning a free trip to New York, sign up for the Talent Contest – you can be the next "Oregon State Grange American Idol".

Entering one or more contests can give fulfillment as a Granger! Be sure to reference the booklet to see the guidelines for entries. You or a trusted friend will bring your entries to the Lecturer's Department where someone on my committee will be eager to help fill out the paperwork and get your entries displayed in the proper category. All the contests have sponsors so there are monetary rewards to entering as well as the self-satisfaction of participating. So, prepare now and I look forward to admiring all your creative efforts. See you at State!



Above: the turn out was great for the Brookings Jamboree.

Chetco Hosts Old-time Fiddlers'

District 5 of the Oregon Old-time Fiddlers' (OOTFA) "Brookings Jamboree" was hosted by Chetco Grange #765, Curry County on April 14th and 15th. The doors opened at 8 am Friday morning for the OOTFA members. They jammed, practiced and visited all day and into the evening as they wished. Snacks and drinks were provided by the Grange.

The day concluded with an open circle jam session with all acoustic stringed instruments welcomed.

The Fiddlers Association gave a huge thank you to the Chetco Grange for their gracious use of the hall and for all the fabulous food they prepared to keep all the folks fueled. Eleanor Cook and her "worker bees" prepared a wide selection of delicious breakfast items, and then topped it off with a wonderful lunch, which was appreciated very much.

On Saturday the public was invited to join them with an open jam session in the morning. The Grange served lunch followed by a free Fiddle Jamboree and Stage Show.



R: The cooks of Chetco Grange kept the musician well fed during the Brookings Jamboree.



The Chaplain's Corner

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Greetings fellow Grangers,

Have you used your gift today? You say I have no gift! Everyone has a gift or talent. Helping your neighbor, taking food to a shut in or helping on a Grange project is using your gifts. 1 Peter 4:10 says "Each one of us should use whatever gift he had received to serve others, faithfully administering to God's grace in its various forms." Sometimes it's not what you want

to do but do it anyway. You'll feel better in the long run! You may not succeed at all things the first time you try but never give up. Paul Harvey said the secret to success is "I get up when I fall down". The only way to fail is to do nothing. So let the Lord guide you in all that you do and we will hear "Well done good and faithful servant."

God Bless

In Memoriam

Fred Anderegg
Redland #796

Pat Baggett
Sauvies Island #840

Ken Baxter
White Clover #784

Maureen "Mo" Connelly
Illinois Valley #370

Harlan Flint
Kinton #562

Lloyd Gooding
Winona #271

Joe Hackenberg
Beaver Valley #306

Roberta Keegan
Ash Butte #802

Alma Lamb
Westside #854

Harvey McGlothlin
Mapleton #584

David Porter
Beavercreek #276

Gary Prichard
Goshen #561

Gary Ray
McMinnville #31

Winifred "Winnie" Taggart
Fruitdale #379

James Tedrow
Springwater #263

Joy Williams
McMinnville #31

Virginia Woodward
White Clover #784

Kenneth Wulff
North End #820



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.

Brother Gary Prichard Memorial Service Held



Gary Prichard, a lifetime member of Goshen Grange for 55 years, passed away February 16, 2023. He was 85 years old.

A Memorial Service was held at Goshen Grange on February 25th. Over 50 people attended to say goodbye to a wonderful friend and Granger.

A copy of Gary's Memorial Service can be requested at:
Goshen Grange #561
85628 Dillard Access Rd.
Eugene OR 97405

Below:
The baskets were overflowing after the hunt at Harding.



Below right:
Children scramble for eggs at Harding Grange.

Harding Holds Egg Hunt and Breakfast

On Saturday April 8, in between the rain showers, Harding Grange #122, Clackamas County held their annual Easter Egg Hunt for children age 4-12. A hearty breakfast was served before the hunt for all.



Parents looked on as older kids return with full baskets. They all went back inside to see who won toys.

A Fun April at Goldson Grange

Goldson Grange members had a lot of fun hosting one of our favorite spring events. The Easter Egg Hunt on a not-quite soggy April 8 brought local kids and their parents to the Grange to scour our playing field for eggs. Grange secretary Della Swift explained the hunt as kids lined up with their baskets. Younger kids and their parents went one way, while the older kids streaked

out to the playing field to try their luck - kids who found sparkly eggs got to pick a toy of their choice.



R: Kids and their parents receive instructions about the hunt before getting started.

Walterville Hosts Easter Egg Hunt

Walterville Grange #416, Lane County, held their 10th annual Easter Egg hunt on April 8th. The event was well attended and the children had lots of fun. All the eggs had goodies inside and there were a few special eggs to be found.



Below: Young and old ready for the hunt at Walterville.



It Was a Busy Weekend at Ag Fest

The 36th annual Oregon Ag Fest returned to the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem, Oregon, April 29-30 and the Oregon State Grange was excited to again be a part of it. Located in the AG Country - which is the heart and soul of Oregon Ag Fest - is where the Oregon State Grange's activity center (booth) was located. A record attendance visited Ag Fest this year.

Oregon Grange volunteers (about 37 people) helped transplant seedlings into peat pots for visitors to take home, handing out literature and talking "Grange" to Oregon families as well as gave out seed

packets so the kids and adults could plant a garden. A great learning experience!

A special Thank You to Yadira Ruiz and Nate Johnson, owners of Sunbow Produce and members of Marys River Grange who grew over 6000 marigold and tomato seedlings for the event. By Sunday most of the tomatoes had gone home with families and even with increased numbers the marigolds were almost all gone by the end of the Sunday. Also thank you to these Grangers who helped out at the Grange activity center during Ag Fest.

Thank You Ag Fest Volunteers

Thank you to all of those who helped with Ag Fest. We had a great two days.

Adam McKinley (Silverton)
Amanda Puls (Myrtle Creek)
Bobbi Molina (Rickreall)
Breanna Hays-McKay (Abernethy)
Dean McKay (Jr) (Abernethy)
Cayla Catino (Silverton)
Cookie Trupp (Spencer Creek)
Dan Keeley (Maplewood)
Dan LeBrun (Eagle Creek)
Dean Keiling (Clarkes)
Heather Elliott (Ada)
Jay Sexton (Willamette)
Jeff Dehne (Walterville)
JoAnn Keeley (Maplewood)
Joyce Parker (Springwater)
Kathy Keiling (Clarkes)
Katie O'Sullivan (Spencer Creek)
Linda Pugh (Ada)
Lisa Olson (Creswell)
Mark Noah (Mohawk-McKenzie)
Mary Pardo (Macleay)
Paula Herrick (Walterville)
Peggy Jilson (Irving)
Raelynn Thorp (Jr) (Myrtle Creek)

Riona McClain (Jr) (Irving)
Roberta Elders (Maplewood)
Steve Kroeker (Crow)
Susan Noah (Mohawk-McKenzie)
Susie Kroeker (Crow)
Suzy Ramm (Springwater)
Tara Vannette (Rickreall)
Taylor Elliott (Jr) (Ada)
Theiana Goodenough (Irving)
Tim Dehne (Lacomb)
Toni Hoyman (Willamette)
Vernon Herrick (Walterville)
Vickie Thorp (Myrtle Creek)

Right & below: Grangers busy helping families plant the tomato and Marigold starts in peat pots ready to take home.



R: Yadira Ruiz and Nate Johnson, owners of Sunbow Produce, with the tomatoes and marigolds they grew for Ag Fest.



The Agricultural Report



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How big is too big? I mean, in terms of my garden. What is "too big"?

I asked myself this while looking over the boxes of potatoes taken out of my walk-in cooler. Red Thumb, Purple Viking, Lurette fingerlings, Russets, Yukon Gold, Red Pontiac are the names of just some of those slightly sprouting spuds nestled in cardboard boxes in front of me.

I also asked myself this as I surveyed the long rototilled sections of my garden stretching out 1,000 x 100 feet in front of me. Those that garden know that potato sets go into the garden much easier than when the hills of finished potatoes are dug out by hand. And yet, I tossed hundreds and hundreds of potato sets into the furrows and hoed cov-

ers of tilled dirt over them....telling myself that dozens of hungry local people will be fed by these potatoes when harvested this fall.

Too big? Yesterday, I stood at the foot of my tilled garden, and worried that there won't be enough room for all the crops needed to feed those who are hungry in my community. Instead of the raw, turned earth in front of me, I saw the beautiful August views of the same space: The abundance of beans on the vine, the blooms on the potatoes, the carrot and beet tops upright and growing, the corn tassels and pumpkins ripening towards their golden harvest.

So today, after my morning coffee, my fried potatoes and eggs...I will head back to the fields, seed in hand and plant it all!



Marys River Grange Holds Plant Sale

Marys River Grange #685, Benton County, held its fifth annual plant sale and seed swap in six years, skipping 2021 due to COVID. The event benefits Philomath Community Services, and prices are by donation only. This year new additions included baby goats, from Windy Hill Farm, and tool sharpening and instruction by Lecturer Mark Files.

The event was very popular, with children (and some adults) seeking out the goats, and many plants were purchased, tools were sharpened, seeds were swapped and much advice was exchanged. By providing the ability to grow food and beautiful ornamentals, the information and advice on how to tend and care

for them, and also donating the results of this work, \$1,320, to a local charity Marys River Grange hopes to illustrate the value of an active Grange to our rural community. The members are so grateful for the incredible support they have shown in support of our efforts.

The leftover plants were donated to Kings Valley Charter school garden, Lupe's Community Garden and another local Philomath charter school garden, and after the final plants found a home, several members of Marys River Grange also work with members of the Ba'hai faith in cleaning up Lupe's Garden to prepare it for the upcoming season.



OSG AG Tour Saturday, June 17

Polk County Fairgrounds 12 noon - 4 pm. Lunch provided.

Reserve your spot by **June 17th**. Limited to 40 people first come basis.

For reservations contact: Jay Sexton

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Email _____

Phone _____



Deaf Awareness and Family Health

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The Hidden Homeless in Rural Areas: Part 2-Where's the Money?

Welcome back, in our last issue we were discussing homelessness in rural areas and small towns and how this issue looks different in less populated areas than it does in metro areas. Before we look at what's happening nationwide, let's take a deeper look at the unique challenges Oregon faces.

According to the HUD 2022 Annual Homelessness Assessment Report to Congress, the number of people experiencing homelessness in Oregon grew nearly 23% between 2020 and 2022, increasing to nearly 18,000 people. This rate is well above the national average of less than 1% growth and outpaced neighboring states, with Washington experiencing a 10% hike and California a 6% increase.¹

John Tapogna, a senior policy advisor at ECONorthwest, an economics and development consulting firm, said Oregon's homelessness crisis is rooted in housing costs. West coast states are among the highest priced housing markets in the nation. Oregon has the fourth-highest rate of unsheltered homelessness in the nation, with nearly 62% of Oregon's homeless population living unsheltered in early 2022. Only three other states had higher percentages, with California at 67%, Mississippi at 64% and Hawaii at 63%.² All of these states experience warmer average temperatures than Oregon.

According to a 2019 report prepared by ECONorthwest, Oregon has a disproportionately large population of homeless people when compared to other states. Oregon's total population represents 1.3% of the total US population, yet Oregon's homeless population is 2.6% of the total US population. This report also suggests the state's homelessness and housing dilemma are the result of two converging crises. The first crisis is an inadequate housing supply and rising rents that put tens of thousands of Oregon families and children at risk for homelessness.²

Second, there is a smaller but persistent population of chronically homeless people that are in need of intensive social services and specialized housing, such as managed sites.² On that note, Oregon has the highest rate of chronic homelessness in the nation with 44% of individuals experiencing homelessness showing chronic patterns. Also, on the rise in Oregon, is homelessness among U.S. Veterans. While all other states have experienced steady decreases in vet-

eran homelessness, Oregon veteran homelessness has increased by 10%¹.

In January of 2023, Governor Kotek declared homelessness in Oregon a state of emergency and asked for \$130 million in federal funds to combat the problem, but the data she used that define what counties will have access to these funds is problematic for rural counties. Kotek opted to use the only reliable data she felt she had, the *point-in-time* (PIT) counting method of homeless individuals. Using the PIT method for rural areas simply doesn't work. As we've discussed before, rural areas don't have the same services for homeless people so there aren't centers or shelters for them to gather at to be counted. The result is that using the PIT counting method grossly underestimates the number of homeless individuals and families in rural areas and now those areas will not be receiving these emergency funds.

Another barrier to Oregon getting much needed funding is a change in how we give out funds. In the late 1990s, HUD switched its funding distribution method from allocating funds to individual organizations to creating a system that was intended to lump service providers together and create a more coordinated response. They called these lumped organizations, Continuums of Care (CoCs). In Oregon, there are seven Continuums of Care. Of the seven CoCs, six serve metro or urban areas with only one, referred to as the *Balance of State*, that serves the 26 counties that are designated as rural.³ This CoC is the *Rural Continuum of Care*, or ROCC, and at this time, ROCC is losing members as many rural counties try to reform and apply for their own funding. Due to the competitive nature of HUD grants, ROCC is often up against *Balance of State Continuums* in other parts of the country that are made up of much smaller geographic regions where it is easier and more efficient to coordinate between counties. For this reason, many of the counties that previously made up ROCC are now leaving to form smaller CoCs that they hope will allow them to be more competitive when applying for HUD grants and bring some of those federal dollars back to rural Oregon. So far, Marion and Polk counties have pulled out and Linn, Lincoln and Benton are in the process.

What has become abundantly clear, after our brief investigations, is that the homeless crisis in Oregon is com-



L: Jay Sexton, Oregon State Grange President with Mike Schneyder and Midland President, Louise Holst, congratulating Mike for 60 years of membership.

Midland Presents Membership Awards

It just took two members of Midland Grange #781, Klamath County, to total one hundred ten years of continuous membership with the Grange.

Mike Schneyder joined Midland in 1963 and has kept up his membership for 60 years. Phillip Van Buren joined Aloha Grange #773, Washington County, in 1973 and then demitted to Jasper Grange #532 in Lane County. Phil then moved to Klamath Falls where he affiliated with Midland Grange, holding dual membership. Phil has held many Subordinate, Pomona and state officer positions.

Midland says Congratulations both of their Brother Grangers!

Washington-Yamhill Pomona Awards Granger of the Year

John Knox presented the Granger of the Year plaque to Sam Keator during Winona Grange, #271, Washington County's May meeting. The plaque in the photo lists awardees from 1993 through 2007. A second plaque will hang below it with recent recipients' names including Sam's. This perpetual plaque is to hang in Winona's hall for the next year. Sam was given a smaller plaque to display in his home for years to come.

Any Washington-Yamhill Pomona member may nominate another for the annual Granger of the Year award by completing a form. When asked why he nominated Sam, John said that they had traveled together visit-



Above: Jay Sexton, Oregon State Grange President (L), presents Phillip Van Buren with his Golden Sheaf Certificate and along with Midland President, Louise Holst, congratulates Phillip for 50 years of membership.



ing Granges and Sam represented the District on the State Ex. Com. John Knox is a member of Forest Grove #282 and a member of the Pomona Ex. Com. Sam is a member of Winona's Ex. Com. and Master of Washington-Yamhill Pomona #2.

plex and severe. It will not be solved by any one agency or policy. It is going to require collaboration from all levels of government, philanthropy, non-profits and businesses all working together. Next, we would really like to learn what efforts are currently in progress or proposed. For example, in Bend, Oregon there is a desperate need for outdoor shelters and one proposal on the table is providing safe parking and managed homeless encampments on rural land.⁴ In order for this to happen, the state would need to approve a change in land-use regulation for the urban growth boundary.⁴

Next issue, we examine what efforts are being made across the state. If

you are aware of any efforts to combat homelessness in your area, especially any that could be considered 'thinking outside the box,' please reach out and share those ideas with this committee. Thank you for your time and may you and yours stay safe and warm.

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Display boards for the 4-H members projects were displayed around the room where the silent auction items were displayed.

Morning Star Helps Local 4-H Club

On Saturday March 18th Morningstar Grange #311, Linn County hosted a Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser for the Valley Livestock 4-H Club of Jefferson.

Meal included spaghetti, sauce, salad, bread, beverages and dessert. There was also a Silent Auction and items for sale that the children have made. It was the first time the club and the Grange had worked together on a fundraiser for the 4-H.

The silent auction featured items



Above: Most of the club members and ten adults helped with the meal.



Springwater Holds Blood Drive

It was a cold, blustery afternoon on March 13 when Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County held a blood drive. A few people did show up but when it started snowing the decision was made to call it a day and the Red Cross packed up.

Efforts will be made to try again in the summer since the Grange hall has AC.



Community Service Involvement

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OSG Community Service/Involvement Director



Our motto: Making a Difference in the Community

As I begin to write this article the sun is shining. Finally.

Thank you to all the Granges that submitted their Annual Community Service Report. This year 50 Granges from 20 counties submitted reports for year 2022:

- Baker (1)
- Benton (1)
- Clackamas (9)
- Clatsop (1)
- Columbia (1)
- Curry (1)
- Deschutes (1)
- Douglas (4)
- Jackson (3)
- Klamath (1)
- Lane (15)
- Lincoln (1)
- Linn (2)
- Marion (2)
- Multnomah (1)
- Tillamook (1)
- Union (1)
- Wallowa (2)
- Washington (1)
- Wasco (1)

The Community Service Yearbook must be entered for judging at the State Grange Convention by **noon on Sunday of convention**. If no one from your Grange is attending the convention, you may mail your book to the Community Service Director postmarked no later than **June 1. Forms and instructions**

are available on the Oregon State Grange Website. Please don't hesitate to email or call me if you have any questions.

One of the many benefits of doing Community Service is it gets you out and involved in your neighborhood. This allows you to discover what is needed and how you can fill that need by living the Grange mission. You will meet new friends as well as gaining new members.

Remember:

June 18th is Father's Day. Let us not forget to make Father's Day cards for Veterans, Assisted Living and the Fire and Rescue Stations.

Everything counts as volunteer hours when a Grange member works with another group for a common cause in partnership with the Grange and hours count when two or more Granges work together on a community service project.

Convention Plans:

There will be a Community Service Workshop at State Session this year. We will be covering two topics. We will review how to fill out the Community Service Annual Report and what should be included in a Community Service Year Book. Check the Session schedule when you pick up your packet and plan on attending. Also, the Community Service Year books will be judged and the Volunteer of the year will be selected.



Creswell Collects Food for Pantry



Tuesday March 28th, Creswell Grange #496, Lane County, held a food drive in front of their local Bi-Mart store. The food collected went to their local food pantry, the Community Food of Creswell.

Below: Creswell Grange also delivered donuts and coffee to Creswell City Hall, Fire and Police Departments and the Chamber of Commerce by Priscilla Phillips and Patrick Dearth.



Above: Helping with the project were Patti Scott, Stan Garboden, Patrick Dearth and GeorgAnn Squire.



Oregon State Grange Foundation Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Oregon State Grange Foundation will be held on Sunday June 18th, 2023 at 12 noon at the Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall, Oregon.

The annual meeting will include reports on the operation of the foundation for 2022, announcement of scholarship winners and the election of the Region 2 and Region 4 Trustees. All fourth degree members in Good Standing of Oregon Granges are invited to attend the

luncheon and and help celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Oregon State Grange Foundation.

Tickets for the luncheon need to be purchased in advance although meal purchase is not required to attend the meeting.

Several GASS Awards will be presented. To be eligible for a GASS award you must be present in the meeting at time of drawing.

Twenty-seven Resolutions Assigned to Committees for State Convention

Twenty-seven resolutions were submitted to the Oregon State Grange prior to the deadline by Subordinate/Community and Pomona Granges. They were reviewed and assigned to committees for consideration at the 2023 Oregon State Grange Convention in June.

adopted. Convention Committees will be meeting on Zoom prior to the convention to make their recommendations. Below is the list of titles for this year's resolutions.

Plans are to send committee meeting notices to each Community/Pomona President and other registered delegates. If you don't receive this list of Zoom meetings check with your Grange President. All members who would like a chance to address the committees may attend the meeting. Remember that only committee members assigned to each committee will be able to vote but others are welcome to attend.

Agriculture

Increase Agricultural Items Allowed for Farm Direct Marketing

By-Laws

Election of State Officers
Change State Session Date
Revise OSB Bylaws on Preparation of Final Delegates Election Ballots
Oregon State Grange Dues Increase

Education and Health

Licensed School Librarians
School Expenses and Funding Problems
Supporting Education
Nitrate Pollution in Drinking Water

Good of the Order

Investigation of State-Level Musical Licensing for Granges
Identify Insurance Opportunities for Subordinate Community Granges
Oregon Resolutions Submitted to National Grange
Candidates Names on Ballots

Legislative

Clean Diesel Engine Tax
Rank Choice Voting
Oppose Fire District Funding Restrictions
Support for IP-4 Refer Tolling Oregon Roads to Voters
Greater Idaho Movement
Regulating sitting, lying, sleeping, or keeping warm and dry outdoors on public property
Affordable Housing in Recreation Counties
Supporting Formation of a State Bank of Oregon
Supreme Court Code of Conduct
Responsible Use of Facial Recognition Software Tools
Oppose Fire District Funding Reductions
Oregon Moratorium on New Large Scale Concentrated Animal Feed Operations (AFOs)

Transportation

Opposition to I-205 Tolling
Opposition to I-205 Tolling



Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program Benefits the Oregon State Grange Foundation

www.fredmeyer.com/account/communityrewards/

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



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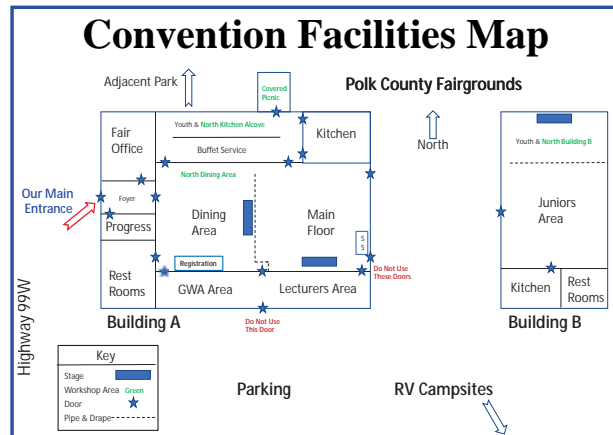
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150th Annual Convention Oregon State Grange June 17-22, 2023

**Polk County Fairgrounds
520 S Pacific Hwy W
Rickreall, Oregon**

Tentative Schedule ~ Oregon State Grange Convention

“The Big To-do in District 2!”

<u>Friday, June 16</u>			
3 pm	Set up facility	9 pm	State Officers practice including Sixth Degree – Main Hall <i>Closed to All but The State Officers.</i>
<u>Saturday, June 17</u>		<u>Sunday, June 18</u>	
8 am	Set up facility	7:30-8:30 am	Presentation • How to Put together a Community Service Book - North Kitchen Alcove
10 am	Rosebud Drill Practice – Building B	8-9 am	Pre-registration required, name badges, packet and other information will be given on site. Registration - Main Entry.
11 am	Memorial-Worship Service Practice – Main Hall		Packets and name badges will be available for pre-registered attendees. There will only be limited registration for anyone not pre-registered. Degree tickets will be sold today, prior to the 5 th and 6 th degrees. Registration - Main Entry
11:30 am	Early Registration for Ag Tour Participants ONLY	8-Noon	GWA, Lecturer’s, Community Service Yearbook, Youth and Junior contest entries accepted – Entry Gallery
12-4 pm	Ag Tour – Meet bus at the Fairgrounds at 12 noon, bus leaves at 12:10. Lunch will be provided. Bus will return by 4 pm	9 am	Ceremonial opening in the 6 th Degree (State Officers line up 8:45) (Then lowered to the 4 th degree 9:15 – All Grangers may Enter) - Main Hall Roll Call First Report of Credentials Committee Adoption of the Official Program
1-4 pm	Registration opens – Pre-registration required, name badges, packet and other information will be given on site. Main Entry Following days will have packets and name badges available for pre-registered attendees. There will only be limited registration for anyone not pre-registered. Degree tickets will be sold today and tomorrow prior to the 5 th and 6 th degrees. Welcome Area and Grange Spotlight Tables – Dining Area	9:30 am	Introduction of Host Committee Chair – Toni Hoyman Welcome to Rickreall & Polk County Response by Overseer, Steve Kroeker Report of Division of Labor Committee Notice of Proposed By-Law Changes and late resolutions Introduction of Committee Chairmen 2024 Budget Committee Report
2 pm	GWA, Lecturer’s, Community Service Yearbook, Youth and Junior contest entries accepted – Entry Gallery Junior talent, public speaking, and sign-a-song contestants must register in the Junior Room – Building B Youth Public Speaking, Ritual and Sign-A-Song contestants must register with the State Youth Director.	11 am	State President’s Annual Address Assignment of portions of Annual Address by Division of Labor Committee State President’s Good of the Order Address Assignment of portions of Good of the Order Address by Division of Labor Committee.
3 pm	Fifth Degree practice – Main Hall		Closing in the Fourth Degree – OSG Overseer, Steve Kroeker
4:30 pm	Talent contestants meet with State Lecturer; Public Speaking contestants meet with Youth Director – Main Hall	Noon	GWA, Lecturer’s, Community Service Yearbook, Youth and Junior contest entries close and <i>area will be closed for judging</i> – Entry Gallery
5:30 pm	Kickoff Banquet – <i>All members welcome with ticket purchased by June 1. Additional seating will be available for program portion. State officers introduced. Special Presentation</i> – Dining Area		Foundation Luncheon - <i>All members welcome with ticket purchased by June 1. Additional seating will be available for program portion. Annual Meeting of Foundation follows lunch.</i> – Dining Area
7 pm	Talent Show, Adult and Junior, Public Speaking Contest – Main Hall Honor Grange Awards Community Service – Volunteer of the Year award		



Sunday, June 18, continued

1:30 pm Youth Workshop: Grange and Social Media – Breanna Hays-McKay **ALL WELCOME**

2-3:30 pm Registration Open – 5th and 6th degree tickets on sale until 30 minutes before Degree begins – Registration–Main Entry

2:15 pm Orientation for all delegates. New to the Convention? Come, ask questions, get involved, delegates & non-delegates invited – Main Hall

3 pm Committee Meetings- Dining Area

4 pm 5th Degree Exemplified by the District #2 and Friends

5:30-7:30 Dinner break

6-7 pm Registration Open – 6th degree tickets on sale until 30 minutes before Degree begins –Registration - Main Entry

7:30 pm 6th Degree – Oregon State Grange Officers – Officers present by 7:00 – Main Hall

9:45 pm Youth Officers practice – Main Hall. *Closed to All but State Youth Officers.*

Monday, June 19
Juneteenth Federal Holiday

7:30 - 8:30 am Presentations

- Introduction to Canva
- Phil Vonada -- North Kitchen Alcove
- Caring for our Grange Halls: the next 100 years Autumn Peterson – North Building B

8–9 am Registration opens – Pre-registration required, name badges, packet and other information will be given on site. Main Entry

9 am Memorial Service, direction by Paula Herrick State Chaplain – Main Hall

Meet Friends in Dining Area after Memorial

10 am Opening in the Fourth Degree (State Officers line up 9:45) – Main Hall
Roll Call, Reading and adopting Sunday’s Journal, Report of Credentials Committee
Nominations for Vacant State Officers, Resolutions

Noon **Membership Luncheon** –*All members welcome with ticket purchased by June 1. Additional seating will be available for program portion. Membership awards will be presented.* – Dining Area

1:30 pm Session reconvenes – Main Hall
Community Service Awards

3:30 pm Closing in the Fourth Degree – Carol Everman

3:30–4:30 pm Final Election of State Officers - North Kitchen Alcove

4:30 pm Panorama Group Photo (N of Main Building) **EVERYONE !!**

5 pm **150th Year of Celebration Dinner** including Grange Social Time - Dining Area *All members welcome with free ticket registered by June 1. Additional seating will be available for program portion.*

7:45 – 9 pm Come Together at the Grange Social & Dance – Building B

8 – 9 pm BINGO Rules and Regulations and Demonstration Games – Lyle Utt - Dining Area

9 pm Youth Officers practice – Main Hall. *Closed to All but State Youth Officers.*

Tuesday, June 20
Wear Red Tennis Shoes to Support our Juniors!
Red, White and Blue Day to Honor our Veterans

6:30-8 am **Grange Benefits Breakfast** – At Convention Dining Area

8–9 am Registration opens – Pre-registration required, name badges, packet and other information will be given on site. Registration–Main Entry

8:30–9:30 am Presentations

- Benefits/Services Available to Veterans - North Dining Area
- Natural Landscape Design - North Kitchen Alcove
- The Hidden Homeless - North Building B

10 am Opening in the Fourth Degree (State Officers line up 9:45) – Main Hall
Roll Call, Reading and adopting Monday’s Journal
Report of Credentials Committee
OSG Attorney – Kate Gowell (Time & Day may change)

10:30 am Presentation by State Junior Grange – Main Hall
Resolutions

Noon **GWA Luncheon** - *All members welcome with ticket purchased by June 1. Additional seating will be available for program portion. GWA awards will be presented during luncheon.* – Dining Area

1:30 pm Session reconvenes – Main Hall

1:30 pm Tribute to Grange Veterans – Main Hall

2:30-3:30 pm “Telling Our Story” - National Grange Communications Director - Phil Vonada

3:30-4:30 am Presentations:

- OSU Extension – Many Offerings - North Dining Area
- Reds, Whites, Sparkling, Rosés! - North Kitchen Alcove
- Filling out Community Service Report Forms - North Building B

5-7 pm Dinner break

6:15–8:45 pm Axe Throw Booth Entertainment – Youth and all others – between buildings A & B

7 pm Session Reconvenes – Main Hall (**Possible Social Time, or Workshop Time**)

9 pm Closing in the Fourth Degree – Toni Hoyman, District #2
Hosting Chair

9 pm Youth Officers practice – Main Hall. *Closed to All but State Youth Officers.*

Wednesday, June 21
Wear Green to Support our Youth!

7:30-8:30 am Presentations:

- What Does the Oregon State Grange Do for Us? - North Dining Area
- Rotational Grazing - North Kitchen Alcove

8:30 am Youth Officer photos

8–9 am Registration opens – Pre-registration required, name badges, packet and other information will be given on site.

9 am Opening in the Fourth Degree by State Youth Officers (Line up 8:45) – Main Hall
Roll Call, Reading and adopting Tuesday’s Journal
Report of Credentials Committee
Resolutions

10 am Rural Minds Presentation by Chuck Strand – Main Hall

Noon **Youth Luncheon** & “Goodie Basket” drawings - *All members welcome with ticket purchased by June 1. Additional seating will be available for program portion.* – Dining Area

1:30 pm Session reconvenes – Main Hall

2 pm Recognition of Past State Officers and Directors – Main Hall

4 pm Recess – Secretary’s Corner Q&A – Main Hall

5-7 pm Dinner break

7 pm Silent auction closes - Oral auction
Session reconvenes (**Possible Social Time**)
Resolutions

9 pm Closing in the Fourth Degree – by TBD

Entries in the GWA, Lecturers, Youth and Junior contests may be picked up following the closing.

Thursday, June 22

8 am Pick up entries in the GWA, Lecturer, Youth and Junior contests – entry Gallery

9 am Opening in the 4th Degree (State Officers line up 8:45 am) – Main Hall
Roll Call, Reading and adopting Wednesday’s Journal
Final report of Credentials Committee - Resolutions

10:30 am Thank you to District #2

11 am Invitation by District #3 to visit in 2024 Tillamook !!!!

Noon Lunch break

1:30 pm Installation of Elected State Officers (*2/3 vote to change day of installation*)
All other unfinished business
Closing in Fourth Degree – OSG President when finished

See you next year in District #3 at the Tillamook County Fairgrounds!

82nd Oregon State Junior Grange Convention ~ Tentative Schedule

June 18 – June 23

Polk County Fairgrounds ~ Rickreall, Oregon



CHILDREN ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS WHEN JUNIOR GRANGE IS NOT IN SESSION. Juniors do not pay registration fee but must register in order to participate in the Junior Room. It is requested that Juniors not bring electronic devices to session to minimize distractions. This includes phones and cameras. They DO NOT need to have money with them. We provide snacks/refreshments. If the Junior has a special dietary need, let us know and we will accommodate. Juniors will spend significant time outdoors, so please have them dress accordingly. **Swimsuits may be needed Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. We hope to schedule a swim or splash pad field trip but have no details at press time.**

SATURDAY June 17

9:50 am Junior Room OPEN
Registration doesn't begin until 1 pm Saturday, but you can complete Junior Room paperwork and help us set up the room.

Sign in at Junior Room for Juniors going on Ag Tour WITHOUT family adult. All others register during regular hours beginning 1 pm Saturday.

11:45 am Junior Room CLOSED

11:50 - 4 pm Juniors join the Ag Tour. (MUST PREREGISTER BY JUNE 1)

Meet bus at the Fairgrounds at 12 Noon, bus leaves at 12:10. Lunch will be provided. Bus will return by 4:00.

4 pm Junior Room OPEN
Junior talent, public speaking, and sign-a-song contestants register with Junior Director.

4:30 pm Talent contestants meet with State Lecturer – Main Floor

5 pm Junior Room CLOSED

5:30 pm Kickoff Banquet. Preregister Juniors by family. Ticket price reimbursed by Junior Department.

7 pm Talent Contest

SUNDAY June 18

8am – 12 pm Junior contest entries accepted - Display Area

8:50 am Junior Room OPEN

9 am Junior Grange meeting.

12 noon Junior Room CLOSED
Lunch – Pick-up your Juniors no later than 12:10
Junior contest entries close for Judging - Display area

1:30 pm Junior Room OPEN (Approximate opening time.)
Junior leaders will be present at Foundation meeting and GASS drawings, then open Junior Room.

5:30 pm Junior Room CLOSED

7 pm Junior Room OPEN
Juniors will have a quiet evening, but those who are awake will be able to view the Rosebud Drill and join family at the close of the 6th degree for ice cream. Please pick up your children as soon as possible after the degree.

MONDAY June 19

8:50 am Junior Room OPEN

9 am Junior Grange meeting

12 noon Junior Room CLOSED
Lunch – Pick-up your Juniors no later than 12:10

1:25 pm Junior Room OPEN

4 pm Junior Room CLOSED

Break for dinner – Pick your child(ren) up no later than 4:05 pm. Juniors enjoy the 150th birthday party, including panoramic photo and bingo!

TUESDAY June 20 – Red Kicks Day!

8:50 am Junior Room OPEN

9 am Junior Grange meeting

10:30 am Junior Grange presentation to session

12 pm Junior Room CLOSED
Break for lunch - Pick your child(ren) up no later than 12:05

1:20 pm Junior Room OPEN

5 pm Junior Room CLOSED
Please pick up your child(ren) no later than 5:05

6:50 pm Junior Room OPEN (Quiet time.)

9 pm Junior Room CLOSED
Please pick up your child(ren) no later than 9:05

WEDNESDAY June 21

9 am Juniors attend Youth opening with their families. After Youth opening, Juniors will be gathered to head to the Junior room.

10 am Junior Grange meeting
Junior Minecraft Architects contests will be held during this morning session. Prizes awarded at Youth luncheon.

12 pm Junior Room CLOSED
Break for lunch - Pick your child(ren) up no later than 12:05 pm

1:20 pm Junior Room OPEN

5 pm Junior Room CLOSED
Dinner Break - Pick-up your Juniors no later than 5:10 pm

6:50 pm Junior Room OPEN
After session, please pick your child(ren) ASAP.

THURSDAY June 22

8:50 am Junior Room OPEN
Thursday is cleanup and pack-up day. The Junior Room will be open only as needed until noon or until session is closed.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE JUNIORS
HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME ~ SEE YOU NEXT YEAR**

Convention Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed during the Oregon State Grange convention to help at the Credentials table on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning as well as at the Grange Store on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Credentials table helps check in convention attendees and get them their name badges and packets. The hours are 12:30-4pm on Saturday and 8-9 am on Sunday morning. The committee meets at 12:30 pm on Saturday and registration opens at 1 pm. Volunteers will be handling the pre-registered members. Those that haven't registered would be taken care of by Suzy Ramm from the State Grange office.

The hours of the Grange store are not yet firm and will depend on who is available to help but are hopefully Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Additional hours during lunch and/or dinner breaks may be added. We have several new items available this year.

To volunteer, call the State Grange office or email office@orgrange.org. The Second Hidden Treasure Word is "A" – see the Presidents Column for more information.

2023 Oregon State Grange Convention - Presentation Schedule

Sunday June 18

How to Put Together a Community Service Book

7:30 am North Kitchen Alcove

Liz Dehne - Community Service Committee Director, Oregon State Grange

Grange and Social Media

1:30 pm Main Hall

Breanna Hays-McKay Youth Committee, Oregon State Grange

Come and see different social media avenues you can take to help grow your Grange. We will even be making a TikTok.

Monday June 19

Introduction to Canva

7:30 am North Kitchen Alcove

Phil Vonada – National Grange Communications Director

In this workshop, we will work together step-by-step on creating eye-catching social media graphics, flyers, or ads. Bring your laptops to follow along on canva.com - a (mostly) free-to-use online software. No prior knowledge necessary!

Caring for our Grange Halls: the next 100 years

7:30 am North Building B

Autumn Peterson - Heritage Natural Finishes, LLC

A lover of old buildings will share her insights into care and maintenance of windows, doors, and floors. Stains, finishes, paints, and preparation, and some historical info on the care of our Halls. Q&A, too

BINGO – Facts and Demonstration

8:00 pm Dining Area

Lyle Utt – Education Committee Director, Oregon State Grange

This will be a presentation of the laws for running bingo in the State of Oregon, including the license levels. Tools needed to run a bingo game, and what other granges do when putting on bingo at their hall. There will be time for questions and then a short (one or two games depending on time) run of bingo.

Tuesday June 20

Natural Landscape Design

7:30 am North Kitchen Alcove

June Colony - Ag Committee Director, Oregon State Grange

Creating a natural landscape at home or farm. Combining desired uses, site analysis, and natural landscape functions to create an easy care and supportive living and working environment. Attendees should bring a map or drawing of their areas to be designed.

Benefits and Services Available to Veterans in Oregon

7:30 am North Dining Area

Eric Enderle and Andrew Webster - Polk County Veterans Serv. Program
Information and discussion of benefits and services offered to Oregon veterans and their dependents.

The Hidden Homeless

7:30 am North Building B

Lilly Anderson – OSG Deaf Awareness and Family Health Comm. Director
Homelessness in small towns and communities looks different than it does in bigger cities, and these areas have not been able to document the numbers that bring in funding, and what some are doing to try to circumvent this.

Telling the Grange Story

2:30 pm Main Hall

Phil Vonada – National Grange Communications Director – Session Floor

This workshop will be about crafting a message for your Grange, and communicating it to the people around you. Whether in person, online, or in print, your Grange's story is constantly evolving and can resonate differently with everyone.

Reds, Whites, Sparkling, Rosés!

3:30 pm North Kitchen Alcove

Courtney Gordon - Hospitality Manager at Sweet Cheeks Winery, Eugene
Attend an interesting presentation on wine as an agricultural commodity. From barrels to corks to vineyard practices and easy food pairings. This presentation will be informational and applicable to your life. There's so much to appreciate in what goes into the making of a bottle of wine!

OSU Extension – the many offerings

3:30 pm North Dining Area

Polk County representatives from Oregon State University Extension

Discussing programs offered regionally and statewide. Haley White, Small Farms Coordinator will talk about resources for landowners and small-scale farmers. Rachel Brandon will talk about the 4-H Youth Development program statewide, and how you can get involved. Alisha Hutchison will share about some of the other programs and services provided by OSU Extension, including groundwater protection and other water issues, Agritourism, Fire Prevention, Food Safety & Preservation and Home Gardening.

Filling Out Community Service Report Forms

3:30 pm North Building B

Liz Dehne - Community Service Committee Director, Oregon State Grange

Wednesday, June 21

What Does the Oregon State Grange Do For Us?

7:30 am North Dining Area

Jay Sexton - President Oregon State Grange

A PowerPoint presentation describing the income, expenses, staffing, and functions of the Oregon State Grange. What the State Organization does to support Community Granges. How the State Officer Elections work. Followed by Q & A.

Rotational Grazing

7:30 am North Kitchen Alcove

Speaker: June Colony - Ag Committee Director, Oregon State Grange

Learn to manage your pastures using an intensive, rotational method which simultaneously improves your pastures vegetation while supplying ample pasture for your livestock.

Growing Hope Together

10 am Main Hall

Confronting the Rural Mental Health Emergency

Chuck Strand – Rural Minds Executive Director - The National Grange / Rural Minds Partnership

This presentation will acknowledge the rural mental health emergency with statistics, unique challenges, and the stigma that surrounds mental illness in rural America. The National Grange is partnering with Rural Minds, a nonprofit with the mission to serve as the informed voice for mental health in rural America and to provide mental health information and resources. "Growing Hope Together" is a partnership campaign developed to confront rural suicide awareness and prevention. With self-reliance and a do-it-yourself mindset common among many people in rural America, we recognize the opportunity to empower people with information and training so they can become part of the solution to improving rural mental health.

Secretary's Corner Q&A

4 pm Main Hall

The Four "S" - Susan Noah, Sonny Hays-Eberts, Steve Kroeker & Suzy Ramm

Come asks your questions about Secretary duties, 990's, forms from the state office, quarterly reports, membership records, website member access and calendar, Bulletin submissions, membership awards, etc.

2023

Oregon State Grange Convention Camping Information

Wagon Master: Jesse O'Dell
503-859-2161 jjjames676@yahoo.com

- ❖ If you are arriving before Friday, please register at the Fairgrounds office.
- ❖ If you are arriving Friday or after, please register with *Jesse O'Dell* at the Fairgrounds.
- ❖ Dogs are allowed on the Fairgrounds. Dog walking area is on east/back end of the camping area
- ❖ No dogs in the building unless certified Service Dogs.

Come to the Big To-Do!

The 150th Oregon State Convention is almost here! As chair of the 2023 Convention Hosting Committee, it has been a yearlong effort to put together all the pieces needed to make this session the best it can be. The hosts this year are the 51 Granges of District 2 from the counties of Benton, Deschutes, Jefferson, North Lake, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion and Polk.

It takes many volunteers committed to their tasks to bring the best experience for everyone as we gather to do the Grange business, prepare and share meals, learn about Polk County through the Ag tour, show off our talents, play some games, and just visit with friends we may not often see, or whom we have yet to meet.

The work of assembling this big event is made easier by many hands helping out. YOU can contribute by volunteering at the Convention.

There are many tasks that will need to happen at the Polk County Fairgrounds. **Please consider assisting with the set-up, starting at 3pm on Friday June 16th – many chairs, tables, stage, and draping need to be set up at the beginning.** During the convention there are always tasks such as dishes, trash pickup, and re-arranging areas to accommodate activities. At the end of the convention, on the afternoon of Thursday, June 22nd, we will need help with take down, packing, sweeping and transport. I hope you will consider being a part of the action by volunteering, if you are able.

Please call or text to let me know you will be there to help – Toni 541-609-8335 – or talk to me at the convention any day you might be there. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone and celebrating 150 years of Oregon Grange!

Toni Hoyman

More District 2 Host Granges!



**Union Hill Grange
#728
Marion County
Organized 1929**

**Location: 15775 Grange Hall Rd
Sublimity
Meets: 3rd Thurs 6 pm**

Their hall was built in 1897 as a church and purchased in 1929 by the new Grange. A great wedding venue in a rural setting.

Available for use by non-profits/community groups at no charge.



**Macleay Grange #293
Marion County
Organized June 2, 1900**

**Location: 8312 Macleay Rd SE
Salem
Meets: 3rd Wed 6:30 pm
potluck 6pm**

Most notable former member was Governor Mark Hatfield. Collaborates with the Amateur Radio Club to provide the community with training and testing to become licensed Amateur Radio operators.



**Fairfield Grange #720
Marion County
Organized 1929**

**Location: 13651 River Rd NE
Gervais
Meets: 3rd Thurs 7 pm
potluck 6 pm**

Best known for the daffodil field next to the east side of their Grange hall; looks beautiful in spring.

Their GWA has an active sewing group and donates kids quilts, pajamas, aprons and lap quilts for seniors through Helping Hands of Salem.



**Woodburn Grange #79
Marion County
Organized February 1874**

**Location: 908 N Settlemier
Woodburn
Meets: 1st Thurs 7:00 pm**

The Grange holds a monthly flea market on the 2nd Saturday. The hall is located in town and has a full rental schedule. Known for friendliest people in town.

The Education Committee



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Education is a lifelong journey, and just because you have already obtained a college degree, it doesn't mean your educational journey has to stop there. There are numerous benefits to adult education, regardless of whether you have a degree or not. In this article, we'll discuss some of the top reasons why you should consider continuing your education as an adult.

Enhancing Your Career Prospects

One of the most significant benefits of adult education is that it can help you enhance your career prospects. While your college degree may have helped you land your first job, continuing education can help you stay up-to-date with the latest trends and advancements in your field. This can make you more valuable to employers and may even help you qualify for higher-paying positions.

Broadening Your Knowledge Base

Adult education can also help you broaden your knowledge base beyond your current field. Whether you're interested in learning about history, philosophy, or a new language, taking courses in these subjects can help you gain a deeper understanding of the world around you. This can also help you become a more well-rounded individual and may even open up new career opportunities.

Networking Opportunities

Another benefit of adult education is that it provides you with an opportunity to meet new people and expand your professional network.

Whether you're taking a course online or in-person, you'll be able to connect with other like-minded individuals who share your interests. This can lead to new friendships, mentorship opportunities, and even job leads.

Personal Development

Adult education can also be an excellent tool for personal development. Whether you're looking to develop new skills or overcome personal challenges, taking courses can help you achieve your goals. This can include anything from learning how to manage your finances to developing better communication skills.

Keeping Your Brain Active

Finally, adult education can help you keep your brain active and engaged. Studies have shown that continuing education can help reduce the risk of cognitive decline and may even help stave off conditions like Alzheimer's disease. Learning new things can also be a great way to stay mentally sharp and engaged in your later years.

In conclusion, there are many benefits to adult education, even if you already have a college degree. Whether you're looking to enhance your career prospects, broaden your knowledge base, or simply keep your brain active, taking courses as an adult can be an excellent way to achieve your goals. So why not consider enrolling in a course today and see where it takes you?

From AG in the Classroom Opportunities for Students

Ag in the Classroom invites Oregon Grange families to take part in their activities. Students can further their knowledge of agriculture by joining in on virtual field trips or watching video from the video library.

Virtual Field Trips are a free, fun and engaging way for students to interact with farmers in real time! All that is needed to participate is stable internet connection and access to Zoom. Signup is available on the Ag in the Classroom website. While the virtual field trips are done for this school year, they will be returning in the fall.

In the mean time previous tours are available in the Video library. Subjects include visits with Bridgetown Mushrooms, Dierickx Farm – farm equipment, Fraga Farm – Dairy

Goats, and Seaview Cranberries. Other video available include information on Oregon production of Christmas Trees, Hazelnuts, Honey Bees, Fishing on the Oregon Coast, Egg Production, Sheep Shearing and Lambing, and more.

For more information and to visit the Video Library check out their website: oregonaitc.org.

Agriculture in the Classroom is a nationwide educational program designed to help students develop an awareness and understanding that agriculture is the source of our food, clothing, shelter and other essentials. In Oregon, the program is a non-profit, 501 (c)(3) foundation. The College of Agricultural Sciences at Oregon State University (OSU) provides office space on the OSU campus.

Oregon Junior Grangers



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 OSG Junior Director



Use That Stage!

Most Grange halls have a stage. Ours has seen everything from impromptu sock puppet shows during a Girl Scout overnight lock-in to fine Scottish music by the Celtic duo Men of Worth. We've hosted benefit concerts and religious lectures. The stage is usually the first thing our Juniors show off if they're bringing someone new into their hall.

At installation, a Grange Lecturer is told, "Especially urge and encourage the young and the diffident to become writers, readers, and speakers in Grange meetings, and thus develop and direct to greater usefulness the latent abilities of your fellow members." I'm here to tell you there's nothing like a Grange stage to encourage the young and the diffident. Take advantage of this asset when planning for Juniors.

In Lane County we're fortunate to have an annual play festival to remind us of opportunities a stage can provide. Plays and skits take us out of ourselves. It's great for kids to see adults make mistakes and do things over and over until they get it right. They see grownups being accountable and working together. They hear the applause when we fi-

nally perform for an audience.

From that stage it's a short hop to stand confidently behind a station at a Grange meeting, or to make an announcement during a pancake breakfast. One of the benefits of Grange membership may be on-going practice in public speaking, since about three out of four people are anxious (or terrified) to speak before an audience. And for those who find they love being on stage, don't forget the Lecturer's talent contests! You can sign up to perform on Saturday night, June 17, at the convention. Juniors have their own categories. Break a leg!

PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR OSG JUNIORS AT CONVENTION AND IN YOUR DISTRICT
 Yep, you saw this in my last Bulletin column. Still true! We need adult volunteers to work in the Junior Room at the OSG convention in Rickreall June 17-22. It is hugely helpful to know in advance that someone can cover a particular day or time. I'm also recruiting district chairs across the state to meet and help plan and provide Junior activities. Can you help? Call or email the address at the top of the column. And thank you!



Vickie Thorp and granddaughter Raey Lynn Thorp of Myrtle Creek Grange #442.



Breanna Hays-McKay of Abernethy Grange #346 with sons, Finn and Dean.



Back right: OSG Junior Director Peggy Jillson along with granddaughter Riona McClain and Theiana Goodenough.

Send Your Juniors to Grange Camp

For many years Oregon has not had a Junior Camp during the summer. Again, this year the Washington State Grange is inviting Oregon Juniors to attend one of their camps.

Washington State Junior Grange Camps

Camp Wooten - July 9-14
 Pomeroy, WA 99347
 Camp Director: Dawn Yearout
 509-989-7057
 dawnyearout@yahoo.com

Camp Morehead - July 9-15
 Ocean Park, WA
 Camp Director: Tom Gwin
 360-581-0177
 tgwin@techline.com

Camp Mayfield - July 16-22
 Mossyrock, WA 98564
 360-985-2972
 Camp Directors:
 Jennifer & Marvin Oliver
 253-906-6078
 jenandmarv@gmail.com

Camp Cornet Bay - July 23-28
 Oak Harbor, WA 98277
 Camp Director: Janelle Lierman
 425-407-3199
 jmlierman@hotmail.com

Callam Junior Grange Camp at Camp David - Aug 13-18
 Port Angeles, WA 98363
 360-460-9549
 juniorgrangepcamp@gmail.com

There is financial assistance available for Oregon Juniors to attend Junior Grange camp through the Oregon State Grange Foundation. Contact your district trustee for more information. Before COVID-19 Juniors from North End Grange #820, Wallowa County, had received financial assistance from the foundation to attend Camp Wooten.

There are five Junior Grange summer camps scheduled for locations around Washington State. Prompt early registration is the best way to secure a spot at the camp of choice and to avoid late fees. Each camp will feature a week of fun activities including music, hiking, swimming, special programs, games, crafts and Junior Grange instruction. It is not necessary for children or their parents to be Grange members to register for a camp. Eligible ages are 9-14.

Although each camp is administered separately, each requires a signed medical permission slip from parents, a completed registration form and pre-payment of camp fees. Prices range from \$200-\$350 depending on camp and time of registration. Pamphlets for each camp are available from camp coordinators (contact information is listed below). They are also available on the Washington State Grange website, www.wa-grange/JuniorCamps.org.



L: Juniors making ice cream at Camp Morehead.



All Grangers are invited

OSG Legislative Forum Zoom Meeting

When: Wednesday, June 28 @ 7 pm PDT
 Wednesday, July 26 @ 7 pm PDT
 Where: Zoom

The OSG Legislative Committee will lead a discussion on current state legislative session, bills we are following, and talk about other issues of interest.

Contact: Legislative Director Mark Noah for login information
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Legislative Update

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We've had some really good Zoom forums lately and we continue to work on improving the process. It was suggested last time that we send out notes from the meeting and that was very well received (why we didn't think of that sooner, I don't know). We discussed a number of issues last time, some of which are the subject of pending legislation and some that are already either signed by the governor (the CHIPS act) or are not likely to see action during this session (the toll road proposals).

For an idea of the work legislators do, the house shows somewhere just under 3000 bills introduced there, and the senate another 1200 bills. There is no way the legislature could debate 4200 pieces of legislation, so the committee process is vital to the operation in terms of weeding some out and prioritizing others. Our Grange process of dealing with resolutions is similar, and our committees are intended to serve a similar purpose. However in a year like this one, when we have relatively few resolutions to consider, committees may have the time to actually create committee resolutions to bring to the delegates. This is a bit of a back door to the convention for resolutions, and in really busy years there isn't time for it, but it does give us a little flexibility this year to consider late-breaking issues that deserve our attention. If you are thinking of using this option, be sure to note when the relevant Session Committee is scheduled to meet via Zoom, and send your resolution to the chairman of that committee with a request that it be considered. It is still up to a committee chairman to allow any new resolutions to be considered in committee, and their workload may be a determining factor.

One of the late-breaking issues is H.R. 2407, the Nancy Gardner Sewell Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act currently active in the U.S. Congress. This bill would require that Medicare coverage would include cutting edge multi-cancer early detection screening tests and seems to have widespread support in Congress. A number of other State Granges have signed on to a letter of support, but OSG does not have a policy on this. The Legislative Committee is drafting a resolution for a Session committee to consider this year. Any local community or Pomona Grange can adopt their own resolution in support of HR2407, just be sure to indicate clearly that this is the

opinion of your own Grange unit. If you choose to do so, I encourage you to connect with the National Grange Legislative Director Burton Ellis and let him know.

This is a time to focus on what happens after state session to the resolutions we adopt. Don't assume that something will happen just because the delegates adopted a resolution about an issue. A good resolution will include some direction for the State Grange and the Legislative Committee, but that desired action needs to be reasonable. Statements like 'if adopted, letters should be sent to...' are helpful, because sometimes the writer knows more than the Legislative Committee about the specific parties involved.

Be sure to stay in touch with the OSG office and Legislative Committee regarding your issue after state session. We are always open to suggestions about how to accomplish the aims of your resolution.

I hope everyone has paid attention to the list of sunseting policies that was printed in the last Bulletin. These resolutions were adopted 10 years ago and unless renewed in some way they will be dropped from our Legislative Policy handbook. This action was initiated years ago in an effort to keep our policy handbook relevant and consistent with current Grange opinion, and also to keep it at a manageable and useful length. I can tell you that National Grange Legislative Director Burton Ellis wishes National Grange would do the same thing!

Tolling Update - May 28, 2023

Kotek Delays Tolling Until 2026

After months of controversy and legislative discussion, Governor Kotek asked the Oregon Department of Transportation to delay collecting tolls until January 2026 at the earliest. This is partially in response to legislation introduced in late April by 31 lawmakers requiring a two-year pause on tolling I-205.

Kotek's office indicated in an email statement Wednesday May 3 that the pause "will allow time for our office, the Oregon Transportation Commission and the Legislative Subcommittee on Transportation Planning to receive more

Government Affairs

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Hello Grangers

This topic seems to be changing everyday. It is a situation where one part of our state government is not listening to the other with us in the middle. I will keep my ear to the ground and keep you informed as to what they do.

Oregon legislators propose two-year moratorium on interstate tolling

In response to mounting concerns from constituents and local governments, legislation has been proposed to place a two-year moratorium on tolling.

House Bill 3614, introduced Wednesday, April 26 by Reps. Courtney Neron, D-Wilsonville; Jules Walters, D-West Linn; and Annessa Hartman, D-Gladstone, and cosponsored by a bipartisan slew of legislators, would prohibit tolling on state highways until Jan. 2, 2026. It excludes tolls on I-5 bridges that cross the Columbia River.

The bill would also create a task force to study the impact of tolling and ways to mitigate negative effects. The task force would be composed of representatives from the Oregon Department of Transportation, a county government where tolls are proposed, municipal governments of cities located near proposed tolls, the League of Oregon Cities, the Association of Oregon Counties, TriMet and Metro. The task force would also include members who represent the interests of road users, the trucking or freight industry, climate change advocates, bicyclists and transit users.

The proposed legislation comes af-

information on the agency's plans to mitigate diversion and address equity concerns."

The Oregon Department of Transportation had planned to begin tolling on I-205 as early as January 2024, with the potential for tolls to be put in place elsewhere including on I-5 in 2025.

You will notice on the list of resolutions to be considered at this year's Oregon State Grange convention several have to do with tolling. The current OSG policy rigorously opposes the conversion of any existing roads to toll roads by resolutions adopted in 1999 and again in 2017.

ter public outcry against ODOT's plans to implement tolling on I-5 and I-205 as a means to fund infrastructure improvements. At an April 14 public forum with ODOT in Charbonneau, attendees noted the expense tolls would impose on their daily travels through the region and offered alternative solutions for funding, such as increasing vehicle registration fees.

With the Boone Bridge as a potential gantry location, Charbonneau residents are concerned that they could be forced to pay every time they cross the Willamette River to access Wilsonville's commercial hubs. A proposed bill sponsored by Sen. Aaron Woods, D-Wilsonville, Senate Bill 771, would have exempted drivers with a Wilsonville address from paying tolls on Boone Bridge, but it will not move forward this legislative session.

"My office hosted a Tolling Forum in the Charbonneau community, and we had 350 attendees from all parts of the region," Neron stated in a press release. "An ODOT tolling study found that between August and October 2020, ODOT received 4,600 survey responses, the majority expressed opposition to the current proposed plan, and we have yet to hear a response from ODOT. We need the two-year pause and task force in HB 3614 so my community can have the meaningful engagement they deserve."

Much of the legislators' frustrations result from a lack of communication from ODOT with communities impacted by the proposed tolls, according to the release.

"For the five years I served as a city councilor, mayor, and now state representative, I've attempted to work with ODOT and provide feedback about how this plan will negatively impact my district," Walters stated in the release. "My constituents are already feeling the dangerous effects of traffic coming off of both I-5 and I-205 and overburdening our neighborhood streets. ODOT has not demonstrated how they plan to mitigate the costs to cities, local businesses and residents associated with that diversion."

Added Hartman in the release: "I know what it feels like not to be able to afford an extra \$12 to \$25 a day, and I can imagine how this tolling plan might burden a single, working mother who may drive all day doing a variety of service-industry jobs just to get ahead."

Happy Trails



GWA

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State Grange will be here before you know it and I hope that many of our members have been working on their items to enter into the GWA contests! Each household should have received a contest guide last February that catalogs all the contests available. I know we must have something for everyone! For those canners in the group, there are jams, jellies, vegetable, meat and fish categories available. For the bakers, there are many, many categories of cookies, breads, cakes and cupcakes. For our members who love needlework we have quilts, afghans, embroidery and sewing. Oh My! And to cover the rest of us, we have metal working, wood-working, paper crafts, basketry, and "potluck".

Finally, the two categories that are close to my heart and the two that do not require the wonderful skills that may be needed in the other categories, are the Good Dog Gift Package and the Here Kitty Gift Bags. Both of these may be made of purchased items and everything is donated to a nearby animal shelter at the end of the convention, so you may win a ribbon and some money, but the real winners are the shelter animals waiting for their forever homes.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the contest sponsors as well. Having so many wonderful individuals and Grange sponsors for these contests means that the GWA is able to devote our fundraising to the scholarship fund and to building the rest of the program.

We will be holding a GWA conference at state convention this year, and although I do not have everything settled yet I believe we will have a set of speakers from OSU Extension discussing all they have to offer to our Granges and to our membership and we may have Chuck Strand, Executive director of Rural Minds with us via Zoom. This organization has a mission that states "Our mission is to serve as the informed voice for mental health in rural America and to provide mental health information and resources."

Rural Minds is a fairly new 501 (c) 3 organization who has partnered with the National Grange among other organizations to address mental health challenges in rural America. Some of you may have had an opportunity to hear their Founder Jeff Winton speak at the National Grange convention in Reno last November, and if you were not able to hear him then I urge you to come to the State Grange to hear Chuck. This organization has a dynamic message that will resonate with many of our members and associates.

I'm looking forward to our annual convention and hope that you are as well. Remember we have a lot to celebrate as this is the 150th annual convention of the Oregon State Grange.

Bring your entries for the GWA and plan on joining in the fun and fellowship of the Oregon State Grange convention.

GWA Contest Entries
 Entries will be accepted on **Saturday June 17th from 2-5 pm** and **Sunday 8 am-noon** in the contest room at the Polk County Fairgrounds. Use the 2023 Awards, Contests and Scholarship guide for information.

Springwater Grange #263 Schedules Strawberry Social

Strawberries are growing and unlike last year look to be getting ripe in time for the annual Springwater Grange Strawberry Social on Saturday June 10 from 2-7pm at the Grange hall at 24591 S. Wallens Road, corner of Springwater and Wallens Rd, Estacada.



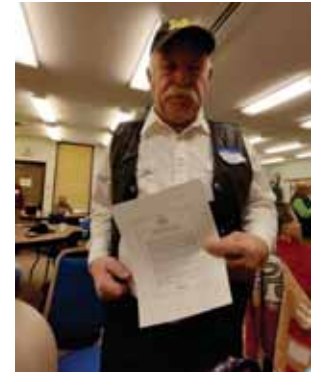
Shortcakes feature locally grown strawberries and made-from-scratch biscuits and whipped cream along with ice cream, all for \$12.00 each. Plan to dine in and visit with your neighbors or get your shortcakes to go.

Proceeds from the event go towards the operations of the Grange and repair and maintenance of the Grange hall.

For updated details and information like and follow the Grange on the SpringwaterGrange#263 - Estacada, Oregon Facebook page or email the Grange at springwater263events@gmail.com

Ada Grange Member Honored

Harold Johnson, a member of Ada Grange #570, Lane County member, and District 2 Chairman of the OSG Legislative committee, along with fifteen other Vietnam Veterans was honored on March 24th by the Oregon Dunes Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).



Harold was in the Army from 1963 through 1965, serving in Vietnam. Each Veteran received a copy of the Proclamation designating March 29th every year as Vietnam Veteran Day.

Springwater Uses Breakfast Tips for Supplies for Veterans Village

Donations to the "Tip Jar" at Springwater Grange's April 1st breakfast were used to purchase items for the

Clackamas County Veterans Village as part of their Grange Month activities. The Grange thanks the community for their support of this project.



Springwater members Steve Leitz and President John DeHaas purchased and delivered the items which included cleaning supplies and laundry detergent. Bunzl Distribution worked with the Grange to donate bleach and gloves.

Left: Steve Leitz loads up the wagon with the cleaning supply items donated by Springwater Grange.

Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

- June 18-22** Oregon State Grange Convention - The Big To-Do In District 2!
Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall
- July 27-29** Western Regional Leadership & Youth Conference – California
- July 30** 2nd Quarter Report due to the state Grange office
- August 24 – September 4** Oregon State Fair Grange Log Cabin Salem, Oregon
- September 15** 990n ePostcard deadline for most Granges
- September 24** 150th Oregon State Grange Celebration Salem, Oregon
- July 30** 3rd Quarter Report due to the state Grange office
- November 14-18** National Grange Convention Niagara Falls, New York
- June 15-20, 2024** Oregon State Grange Convention District 3 - Tillamook County Fairgrounds



Oregon First Lady Wins Quilt

Washington-Yamhill Pomona Grange #2 spent a good part of the last year selling raffle tickets for a handmade Wedding Ring Quilt.



The quilt was donated by Margie Belnap of Washington Grange #313.

The drawing was held on April 15 at the second quarter Washington-Yamhill Pomona meeting at McMinnville Grange #31 with Oregon's First Lady Toni Hoyman having the winning ticket.

The raffle raised \$1,400.00 of which 50% will go to the Disabled American Veterans of Washington and Yamhill counties. Tickets were sold for \$5 each or \$20 for 5. That is a lot of tickets.

L: Toni Hoyman shows off the quilt she received as the winner of the Washington-Yamhill Pomona raffle.



Clackamas Pomona Supports Veterans Village

Several years ago, Clackamas County Pomona Grange #1 adopted the Veterans Village as their Community Service Project. At their April 2023 meeting, as in honor of Grange month, members collected items needed by the Veterans including toilet paper, laundry soap, paper towels, paper plates and bowls, dish soap, bleach, trash bags and bulk coffee. As well as aluminum foil, Lysol spray and wet wipes, soda pop and gas gift cards.

Following the meeting Community Service Chairman Don Kingsborough, President Joyce Parker, Pomona Jessie Jo Guttridge and Treasurer Suzy Ramm delivered the items to the village and got a tour of the facilities.

The Veterans Village is a transitional shelter community for Veterans with the purpose of providing decent, safe and sanitary shelter for the county's veterans while working to obtain permanent housing for them.





There are currently twenty-nine sleeping pods, one for each individual veteran staying there at any given time. More than 50 veterans have gotten off the street, have lived at the village and are now living in permanent housing since the village's inception in October 2018.



Above: Joyce Parker and Don Kingsborough make delivery to the village.

Items collected by Clackamas Pomona for the Veterans Village included \$200 for Gas Gift cards.

Veterans

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History of the Poppy Poem

From 1914 to 1918, World War I took a greater human toll than any previous conflict, with some 8.5 million soldiers dead of battlefield injuries or disease. The Great War also ravaged the landscape of Western Europe, where most of the fiercest fighting took place. From the devastated landscape of the battlefields, the red poppy would grow and become a powerful symbol of remembrance.

In the early spring of 1915, bright red flowers began peeking through the battle-scarred land: Flanders poppy or red poppy.

Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, a Canadian who served as a brigade surgeon for an Allied artillery unit, spotted a cluster of poppies that spring, shortly after the Second Battle of Ypres. McCrae tended to the wounded and got a firsthand look at the carnage of that clash, in which the Germans unleashed lethal chlorine gas for the first time in the war. Some 87,000 Allied soldiers were killed, wounded or went missing in the battle (as well as 37,000 on the German side). Struck by the sight of bright red blooms on broken ground, McCrae wrote a poem, "In Flanders Field," in which he channeled the voice of the fallen soldiers buried under those hardy poppies. Published in a magazine in late 1915, the poem would be used at countless memorial ceremonies and became one of the most famous works of art to emerge from the Great War. Its fame had spread far and wide by the time McCrae himself died, from pneumonia and meningitis, in January 1918.

which trained and sponsored workers overseas. Inspired by McCrae's verses, Moina wrote her own poem in response, which she called "We Shall Keep Faith."

As a sign of this faith, and a remembrance of the sacrifices of Flanders Field, Moina vowed to always wear a red poppy; she found an initial batch of fabric blooms for herself and her colleagues at a department store. After the war ended, she returned to the university town and came up with the idea of making and selling red silk poppies to raise money to support returning veterans.

Moina's campaign to create a national symbol for remembrance, a poppy, didn't get very far at first. But in mid-1920, she managed to get Georgia's branch of the American Legion, a veteran's group, to adopt the poppy as its symbol. Soon after that, the National American Legion voted to use the poppy as the official U.S. national emblem of remembrance when its members convened in Cleveland in September 1920.

On the opposite side of the Atlantic, a Frenchwoman named Anna Guérin had championed the symbolic power of the red poppy from the beginning. Invited to the American Legion convention to speak about her idea for an "Inter-Allied Poppy Day," Madame Guérin helped convince the Legion members to adopt the poppy as their symbol, and to join her by celebrating National Poppy Day in the United States the following May.

Across the Atlantic, Moina Michael

Author Sarah Pruitt on History.com

read "In Flanders Field" in an article of Ladies' Home Journal that November, just two days before the armistice. A professor at the University of Georgia at the time the war broke out, Moina had taken a leave of absence to volunteer at the New York headquarters of the Young Women's Christian Association (Y W C A),

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, tho' poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

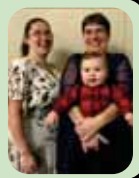
Liet. -Col. John McCrae



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GROW Club

"Go Right On Working"



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As we move into the summer we look forward to many things. The nicer weather, county fairs, and State Grange Convention to name a few. Summer is a very busy time for lots of Grangers young and old. There is always something going on, with the nicer weather brings all the markets, it also means harvest time and county fairs. At county fairs across the state you find FFA and 4-H showing the animals that they have spent their time raising. One of the best ways we can support youth in agriculture is supporting these youth. I love watching them show the animals that they have spent all their time working with. Remember that if you are the one in FFA or 4H to ask questions of those around you and learn as much as possible. Another way to support our youth is at State Convention.

This year at State Grange we will have lots of things for the youth to do. We are bringing back the no host pizza party Wednesday night. It is a time for hanging out and getting to know the Grangers around

you better, strengthening bonds for the years to come. We will be doing tie-dye again this year since it was such a hit last year. There will also be community service projects happening which we always have fun with. We also have the Goodie Baskets to help fund our youth traveling to Regional and National Conventions. This year's western regional Conference is at the California Agricultural Museum in Woodland, California July 27th - 29th. Nationals this year is in Niagara Falls, New York November 14-18th, 2023.

We hope that there will be lots of youth involvement not only in State Grange events this summer but in your local Granges. We would also like to see youth participating in Regional Conference. Every year we have a good time learning more about the Grange, listening to workshops, and building fellowship with fellow Grangers. The California Agricultural Museum looks really interesting and I hope that a good time will be had by all that attend.

As summer comes, we all get busier... and **Go Right On Working**. Whether that means in our local Granges, volunteering to do clean-up in a neighborhood cemetery, helping at a local park you love, or donating handmade items to a senior center (the list is as individual as the people doing the service). Remember that our contributions to our communities are a reflection of us as Grangers. Wear that badge proudly. You are doing good things.

This issue is to prepare Grangers for the 150th State Grange convention, being held in Polk County at the Polk County Fairgrounds. In that vein, I'd like to invite any/all GROW Club members to attend the celebration if possible. There is a celebration dinner on Monday night that is free, but they need to have a nose count, so be sure to fill out the meal request form and get it to District #2 by June 1st. Also, asking any who read this to bring a photo of themselves taken during their term of representing Oregon. Whether it is during the State Convention when you were chosen, at an event (perhaps the Western Regional Conference), attending another State's annual meeting or your official National Grange Photo op. If we get good participation, this could be a fun display for people to enjoy. We do have some of your formal shots at the state office but not everyone and we would love to have candid shots.

al GROW Club lunch to any who wishes to attend. We've had some folks ask why they cannot attend the lunch, so we'll try this. But only GROW Club members may vote. The GROW Club board will have a meeting afterwards. Also, we will be electing a new President for the board, so come prepared with your nomination acceptance speech!

The GROW Club has been invited to help Wallowa County Granges celebrate their 100th birthday by serving at their BBQ Dinner on Sunday August 20th. I know this is during fair season, but I am hopeful that we can get a good handful of folks to participate. They have also asked us to put on the 5th degree on Saturday, August 19th so we could make a weekend of it. Let me know if you can do one or both of these activities. Not much better way to **Go Right On Working** than to help our brothers and sisters celebrate!!!

A reminder to any who are interested in getting the magnetic ID badge with your name and year you first became a member of the GROW club, orders are coming in, so don't be left out. We will also have some with no name/date available after we order. If you want a badge with your name (and year inducted) please contact me or Suzy Ramm. Forms will be available at the GROW Club dinner.

SEE YOU AT STATE CONVENTION!!

I am going to open the annu-



Western States Leadership Conference To Be Held July 27 – 29 in California

California is the host state for the 2023 Western States Leadership Conference "Regionals" which will be held Thursday July 27 – 29 at the California Agricultural Museum in Woodland, California.

Thursday's activities will be at one of the nearby hotels. Friday and Saturday will all be at the California Ag Museum. The registration fee will be \$100 per attendee, all meals included.

Conference Highlights:

Thurs July 27

- 4 pm Registration and Relax
- Dinner on your own
- 7pm Gather and Greet at one of the hotels

Friday July 28

- Forming, Storming, Norming & Performing workshops and presentations

Saturday July 29

- Safety Skills
- Nutrition
- Fentanyl Awareness
- Narcan Certification

Public Speaking Contest and Grange Baseball as well as conference wrap-up on Saturday evening.

This is for ALL ages and all abilities. Meet other Granges from all over over the west.

Watch for the registration and hotel information available at the Oregon State Grange Convention and on the Western Regional Grange Leaders Conference Facebook page.



The Third Hidden Treasure Word is "Friend" – see the President's Column for information.

GROW Club Badge Order Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I want option 1

Name as you want it on badge _____

Year _____

I want option 2

Name as you want it on badge _____



There will be some without name or date ordered.

Please reply by: July 1, 2023

Send form to:

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OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - January 22, 2023

President Jay Sexton called the meeting to order at 10:15 am. Members present included Vice President Steve Kroeker, Secretary Sarah Jenkins, Celia Fox, Susan Noah, and Louise Holst.

Previous meeting minutes from October 29th were reviewed and approved. Minutes from December 12th zoom meeting were also reviewed and approved.

Financial Reports

- Scott Barker, Financial Consultant was not able to attend today's meeting. We reviewed statements for 2022 year-end. The OSG had a loss in value of \$323,369.38 which was a loss of 7.8%. It was a volatile year for investments, but we remained true to the investment strategy of the OSG and the loss of our portfolio was less than the market average. We will have another meeting with Scott next month via zoom.
- Loan and membership reports were reviewed. A few Granges are past due by a few months which is concerning. The state office will reach out to them. Several Granges are behind with quarterly reports and have not been communicating with the state office. We will continue to reach out and offer support to struggling Granges.
- Financial Statements & Trust Funds were reviewed through the 3rd quarter. Susan and Celia are working to wrap up 4th quarter and 2022 financial documents.
 - Sarah moved that the OSG purchase a printer for Celia as our bookkeeper. Susan seconded and the motion carried.
- Moved \$75,000 from Schwab to Checking December for upcoming Matching Grants and National Dues

Old Business

- Shelving for the Dormant Grange storage has been purchased and is working well.
- National Convention this November went very well. Oregon had a strong representation with approximately 70 members that made the trip to Reno. We received many compliments for our contributions of the 6th degree and the hospitality room.
- High Desert Grange. The permit process is progressing for the sale of the property and an Airport noise release was signed.
- Greenacres Grange property sales agreement between the OSG and Greenacres RFPD was reviewed. It includes a clause to allow Grange usage of the property for the next few years.

- The Midland Grange property sales agreement between the OSG and Westside Community Church was reviewed. It includes a clause to allow Grange usage of the property for the next few years.
- Lexington and Upper Applegate Granges have not yet been listed with a realtor.
- Redwood Grange received a loan in 2022 to get their building in shape and reopen the Grange. They are doing well, and we will reach out regarding loan terms and continued support of their Grange.
- 2023 State Convention is scheduled for June 17th to June 22nd at the Polk County Fairgrounds. The planning meetings are continuing with district 2 host committee representatives. The next meeting is Sunday January 29th at OSG Office at 2pm. Sarah informed us that she will not be able to attend all week due to work conflicts, so a substitute Secretary will be needed.
- OSG Bulletin Publisher – The new printing contractor is working out well. We find the paper is printed in good quality. Service interactions are friendly, efficient, and timely.
 - Steve moved that we continue to use Oregon Lithograph for the OSG Bulletin and Contest Guide. Louise seconded and the motion carried.
- Review of Deschutes Pomona boundary since the redistricting occurred from 6 state districts to 5 state districts. To make it easier for Midland Grange and other members from Jefferson, Klamath, and Lake Counties to participate in Pomona, President Jay Sexton has grandfathered them in to remain part of Deschutes Pomona.
- EV Charging station at OSG HQ – additional estimates have been received. They will remove and replace concrete to place the wires under the sidewalk to ensure safety of pedestrians and security of the wires.
 - Sarah moved to approve the Northside Electric estimate of \$3235 to install the new charging receptacle with wires under the sidewalk and update existing breakers. Susan seconded and the motion carried.
- Enlightened Theatrics has moved into the back office and we are enjoying our new neighbors. They are paying on time and enjoying the new office space.

New Business

- Greenacres Grange is now dormant. Cathy Mann transported two car loads of Greenacres records and regalia to Salem. Jay will send her the mileage

- reimbursement form and a thank you, along with encouragement that she continues her Grange membership.
- Oregon FFA Convention is March 16-19 in Redmond. FFA Speaking Contest Sponsorship is \$1000. Table sponsor is \$500 plus travel and lodging expenses for those who represent the Grange at the event.
 - Louise moved that we continue our sponsorship of the \$1000 Prepared Public Speaking Contest for 2023 FFA Convention. We will not have a table this year. We will focus our efforts this year on creating relationships with local FFA and FBLA chapters by our Community Granges. Steve seconded and the motion carried.

Lunch Break 12:20-1:00

- Life membership – investment losses in 2022 means a loss for this fund as well. Granges will receive a letter explaining that they will not receive credit from the life membership on their next quarterly report.
 - Celia moved that we send an informational letter to participating Granges explaining why there is no return on the life membership for 2022. Steve seconded and the motion carried.
- Natural Gas Heating went from \$475 - \$634 for the same usage in December 2021 to December 2022. Jay is getting an estimate for conversion to Heat Pump System or other alternatives.
- Communications Intern proposal was reviewed. Sarah and Jay will work on a job description and the hiring process.
 - Steve moved to accept the Intern proposal for communications support in the summer of 2023. Sarah seconded and the motion carried.
- 2023 Oregon Legislative Convention – Grange Day at the Legislature? Ag Luncheon? Lobbyist communications?
- Ag Fest

Decisions made via email

- January 5th Springwater Custodial Funds Request Email
- December 14th Williams Grange Custodial Funds Request Email
 - Susan moved that we ratify decisions made by email. Louise seconded and the motion carried.

President's Report

- The new copy machine is magical and should be less expensive per copy.
- The engagement team started meeting to work on increasing

participation in the state Convention and other state activities.

- Jay is looking for additional members on the matching grant committee. They will meet in March to review the next set of applications.
- The conference room now has a wall mounted TV and camera which works great for video conference meetings.
- Umatilla Morrow Pomona is struggling with attendance and considering closure. Jay will work with them on putting a meeting together and help with necessary documentation.
- Jay has visited and reached out with several Granges to provide support and encouragement for their Community Granges. Russellville, Elmira, Fernwood, Rickreall, Scotts Mills, Rockford, Buell, Lane Pomona and Washington/Yamhill Pomona Grange.
- Chetco Grange a new Junior member is talking with their local fair about adding Grange to allowed classes.
- National Grange has had two potential buyers for their building, but both have fallen through. Renters already started moving out reducing income. This puts them in a bind financially, so they are looking for a loan.
 - Sarah moved that we authorize Jay to negotiate a loan to the National Grange for up to \$250,000 for a 5-year term. Susan seconded and motion carried.
- Ag Fest will be April 29-30, 2023. The Herricks retired after 14 years of being our plant growers. Nate Johnson and Yadira Ruiz of Sunbow Farms who are members of Marys River Grange will grow the marigold and cherry tomato starts. This should come in below budget of \$3250.
- Squirrel! Jay is getting an estimate from pest control to squirrel proof the building.
- Jay is working on an estimate for repaving and striping the parking lot.
- The new janitorial service has been working out well.
- State Convention entertainment – Jay has had a few offers from Grange members to help with entertainment in the evenings such as dance and bingo.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.

Fraternally,
Sarah Jenkins, Secretary

Next Meetings:

Saturday March 25, 2023 9am
Saturday June 3, 2023 9am

Officer Meetings/6th Degree Practices
April 15th 1pm at Irving Grange
June 4th 1pm at Irving Grange

Oregon Granger Visits Grange in Hawaii

In February of this year the first Grange in Hawaii was organized, Big Island Grange #1 in Keaau, Hawaii. In May Oregon State Grange Lobbyist, John DeHaas visited Big Island Grange bringing welcome greetings from the Oregon State Grange and OSG President Jay Sexton. In President's Jay letter he mentioned Oregon will encourage our members visiting the island to look Big Island up and pay the Grange a visit. And if they happen to be visiting Oregon they would be warmly welcomed in our Granges.

Grange please send a picture and details for printing in the Bulletin.



Above: Sam De La Paz, Big Island Grange #1 President with Oregon Granger John DeHaas.

Additionally, Brother John presented recognition from Springwater Grange #263, where he is President, for joining the Grange family. If you have the opportunity to travel to the Big Island and can visit this



Dinner was enjoyed by all attending the festivities.

Hurricane Creek Grange #608 Celebrates Their First 100 Years

On Saturday afternoon, February 18th Hurricane Creek Grange #608, Willowa County, kicked off a year long celebration of their 100th Anniversary with historical readings, congratulatory speeches, music and dinner. Many Grange members made the trip to the far northeast corner of the state lead by State President Jay Sexton, State Vice President Steve Kroeker and National Grange Ex. Com. member Susan Noah. Also present was John Hillock, Chairman of Willowa County Commissioners.



L-r: Susan Noah, member of the National Grange EC, Oregon State Grange President, Jay Sexton, and Hurricane Creek President Claudia Boswell.



The Grange and several others had displays at the Walterville Grange open house.

Walterville Grange Month Open House and Membership Drive

April was Grange Month and Walterville Grange #416, Lane County, celebrated by inviting the neighborhood to an afternoon gathering on Sunday, April 16th. They had a very nice turnout of visitors and displays. There was lots of information about the Grange and all the good we do in many communities. They even had some assistance from members of the London Grange.

In addition to Grange display tables there were several other community groups including the EWEB to talk about the future of the Leasburg Dam; the Discovery Center, ladies from the Mobile Plant Clinic, Cancer Awareness information and information on Disaster Preparedness/Emergency Radio along with several others. They also signed up three new members as well!

Non-Profit Organization Fund Raiser

Strawberry Waffle Breakfast 2023

Sunday - June 11th
8am to 1pm

Boring-Damascus Grange

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Meet Local Politicians Serving You

Made from Scratch Belgian Waffles
Local Schedules Farms Strawberries

Adults \$10, Kids under 6 Eat Free

Family Rate (max 6) \$48

ONLY SECONDS ARE FREE

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Lufkin, the faithful companion of Don Kingsborough, is a frequent and welcome attendee at Grange events. Here he is helping Springwater President John DeHaas.



UPCOMING POMONA GRANGE MEETINGS			
Pomona	Date	Time	Meeting Place
Baker #24	Aug 12	10:30 AM	Missouri Flat Grange
Benton #36	Jul 15	10:30 AM	Fairmount Grange
Clackamas #1	Jul 22	9:30 AM	Harding Grange
Columbia #18	Aug 5	10:00 AM	Columbia Fairgrounds
Deschutes #25	Aug 13	1:00 PM	TBA
Douglas #13	Jul 22	6:00 PM	Riversdale Grange
Josephine #20	Jul 29	10:00 AM	Illinois Valley
Lane #14	Jul 8	10:00 AM	Goshen Grange
Lincoln #10	Aug 19	10:30 AM	TBA
Linn #12	Jul 8	10:00 AM	Santiam Valley Grange
Polk #3	Jul 9	11:00 AM	TBA
Tillamook #9			TBA
Umatilla-Morrow #26			TBA
Wallowa #22	Jul 11	10:00 AM	Hurricane Creek Grange
Washington-Yamhill #2	Jul 15	10:00 AM	Dixie Mountain Grange

Pomona Secretaries are to send in meeting information to the Bulletin Editor as soon as date, time, and location are determined and/or changed.

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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