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## Oregon State Grange 151<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention of the Held In Tillamook



L-r: Oregon State Grange Officers exemplified the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree on Sunday evening to 16 candidates. Serving on the team were: **Back row:** Steward, Phil Van Buren; President, Jay Sexton and Secretary, Sarah Jenkins. **Middle row:** Vice President, Steve Kroeker; Gatekeeper, David McBride; Chaplain, Paula Herrick; Ex Comm #2, Celia Fox; Ex Comm #3, Vickie High and Asst. Steward, Jim J. Dumolt. **Front row:** Lecturer, Cookie Trupp; Treasurer, Sonny Hays-Eberts; Ex Comm #1, Susan Noah; Musician, Linda Wetzell and Lady Assist. Steward, Connie Suing, pro-tem. **Sitting:** Pomona, Linda Helm; Flora, Sandi Ludi and Ceres, Jessie Jo Guttridge.



## Oregon State Grange Elects New Leader at Convention

Sonny Hays-Eberts, a member of Marys River Grange #685 in Philomath, was elected the 31st Oregon State Grange President at the annual Oregon State Grange Convention in held in Tillamook. Previous to his election he served the organization as Treasurer for four years (2020-2024) and currently serves as the State Grange webmaster.

Hays-Eberts' Grange career started in 2015 when his wife Judy Hays-Eberts urged him to join Marys River Grange after her first year of membership. His first position



The Oregon State Grange Log Cabin at the state fairgrounds in Salem.

## State Fair Log Cabin Volunteers Needed August 23 - September 2

We are looking for volunteers to represent the Grange at the State Fair Log Cabin. Many volunteers are needed from Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> through September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Commit three hours and you get free admission and parking and can tour the fair before and/or after your volunteer shift at the log cabin. Bring a crew from your Grange – each day has a “captain” who will show you the ropes. Basically, all you need to do is be friendly Grangers and help visitors get free cold water, look for a photo of their local Grange (we have photos of over a hundred halls displayed), and answer a question or two.

There are 155 volunteer shifts required, and as of July 24 only 21 spots are filled. This is a fun and easy way to help represent your Grange, the State Grange, and to meet new Grange friends and members of the public. To volunteer email Jim Dumolt jimjdumolt@gmail.com and State President Sonny Hays-Eberts president@orgrange.org or call the State Grange office Tuesday – Thursday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM.

with the State Grange was on the Communications Team from 2018-2020. During that time, he helped the Grange's efforts at Oregon's Ag Fest, the State Fair, and the State Grange visitation program.

Since joining the Grange, he has held several positions in his local community Grange, serving as Treasurer, Vice President and President. He is currently the Musician. In his time in Grange Sonny has been active in increasing membership engagement, repairing and restoring the Grange hall and promoting Community service at

Marys River and maintains the Marys River Grange website.

Sonny and his wife of 39 years, live in Philomath with their cat Shadow. Sonny retired from Oregon State University in 2023 after 30 years as an Oracle Database Administrator; supporting electronics registration, admissions, financial aid and payroll for Oregon's Regional Universities. In his spare time Sonny plays guitar, gardens, hikes and bird watches.

Sonny was raised as an Airforce brat, living in four countries and  
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## The President's Column

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The first weeks at work have been a whirlwind, but I have a lot of help and support and, perhaps naively, envision a time when the office duties might be routine. I want to thank the many people who have provided assistance. It has been invaluable.

I would like to introduce myself and lay out my goals.

Upon first glance, I may not appear as your typical Grange member. I served as an IT professional at both Oregon State University (OSU) and University of Oregon (UO), and for research organizations. I have early exposure to farm life, and my father was a veteran. I enjoy many rural crafts and activities, and I love the sense of community found at squadron sized air bases, rural towns, and in the Grange. I have interest, exposure, or experience in all the areas of Grange work defined by our committees, even the Budget Committee.

My primary goal is to further the efforts of my predecessors to focus the State Grange on assisting and aiding community Granges. The State Grange offers help with training, promotional materials, financial support through loans and grants, and even a limited amount of free legal consultation. Contact the State office for more information.

I want to bring modern skills and a fresh perspective to the office. The State Grange can refine processes to allow cost savings, decrease processing errors, increase efficiency and communication, and demonstrate to prospective members the Grange is not only a historical organization, but is keeping up with modern times. The California State

## Oregon State Grange Elects New Officers

The 151<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention of the Oregon State Grange was held June 16-20 in Tillamook, Oregon. Attendance for the five days was 176 with 52 Subordinate/Community and eight Pomona Granges represented, mostly in person but a few on Zoom.

A highlight of the convention was Thursday's installation of the state officers for the 2024-26 term. Because no nominees for the President's position accepted the nomination and were not on the preferential ballot in April, the position was open for nominations from the floor. Elected and installed as President was Sonny Hays-Eberts, a member of Marys River Grange #685 in Philomath, who will serve as the 31<sup>st</sup> President.

Grange has done so already, and I want to work with them.

I understand some Granges lack the infrastructure, training, or interest to do online streaming, meetings, or submit online reports. The office will support such Granges, and there is NO intent to go fully paperless, or only use online submissions. Each Grange and member must be able to provide and receive information in the manner most satisfying their needs.

Just as forests have many trees, gardens have a variety of crops and families have a varied assortment of members, the Grange is not a monoculture. Our community Granges vary in membership makeup, how they conduct their meetings, what causes they support and what events they conduct. This variety is our strength. Each community Grange reflects its community and place in the state.

I encourage Granges to gather with other Granges. Share fundraising, work on halls, public events, or craft or prepare baked or canned entries for your local county fair, the State Fair, or the State Grange convention; have a quilting bee and donate to Veterans, or those in need. I have found from my own Grange, shared work not only lightens the load, it creates deep bonds and a sense of investment from those who do the work. "The work of another day demands our attention" is an important motto not just for the Grange, but for our lives.

Stronger connections between all levels of the Grange infuses new energy, and I am hopeful this provides opportunities for less active Pomona Granges to find purpose

Additionally, the offices of Assistant Steward and Ceres had no nominations accepted and were not on the preferential ballot in April either, so nominations were taken from the floor. Elected Assistant Steward was John Fine of Riversdale #731 and elected Ceres was Amanda Puls of Myrtle Creek #442. Both are in Douglas County.

Joining Amanda as first time state officers are Gatekeeper Patrick Dearth, Creswell #496, Lane County and Pomona Roberta O'Dell, Santiam Valley #828, Linn County.

Returning to the OSG officer team is Sister Susie Kroeker of Crow #450 as Lecturer. She had previously served as LAS and Ceres. And

and lead ways to accomplish this.

I want to be informed by all members and represent the entire State of Oregon. Coastal, Central, Eastern or Western Oregon, contemporary or traditional Granges, rural or urban; all deserve to be heard.

I believe Grange members love the Grange, act in a manner that serves the Grange, and strive to exemplify its ideals. May we all adhere to this charitable understanding. It is a gift of great benefit to our own lives and to our Granges.

I came to the convention in Tillamook intending to serve a final term as Treasurer and did not seek this office. My decision to accept the nomination came after an early morning discussion with my wife, Judy. She noted the many Grange members, and friends, some of whom who passed away in the past few years, served the Grange faithfully. With that understanding, how could I do less? She urged me to reconsider the nomination for President and offered her support. I would not be able to do this without her dedication.

I am honored by the faith you have expressed in me.

I hope to repay that faith with the effort and diligence it deserves.

May we all grant each other the charity of understanding.

In giving this charity, may we enjoy the fidelity of our Grange family.

Please consider coming to the Convention next year, even if for just a day. The friendships and sense of community are bountiful rewards. The members are welcoming and inviting, and I would love to meet you. We debate resolution issues passionately, and then we enjoy the camaraderie of those we debated with at meals and social events without animosity, a stirring example for how government could function. And who knows, you might just leave as the 32<sup>nd</sup> President of the Oregon State Grange someday!

## Oregon State Grange Elects New Officers

Sister Joyce Parker, Springwater #263, who had previously served as Treasurer, was elected to Position #2 on the Executive Committee.

With Brother Sonny's election to President, the position of Treasurer became vacant. Elected was Linda Helm who was retiring as State Pomona.

They join the rest of the state officers who are returning to the team in their previous position or one new to them.



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# President's Annual Address 151<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention

## Jay Sexton, State President

### Introduction

In visiting Granges across the state, I often describe the impressions I have had of Grange during my 14 years of membership. I have been most impressed by the respect and civility in debating the virtues of proposals in our Home Granges, at Pomonas, and at our State Convention. We come from different backgrounds, and experiences, but we can talk together of our desires to make our communities better. Over the years I have seen this demonstrated time and again, and it is certainly one of the reasons I kept returning. Grangers of every stripe could come together to respectfully decide policy issues.

Why have we endured for over 150 years? What was it that Oliver Hudson Kelly and his fellow founders created that made this fellowship survive? The structure of Grange allows people to come together as brothers and sisters. Over the years our communities have benefitted from the cooperation and community mindedness of Grangers across this state, and today people are hungry for the face-to-face interactions that Granges provide. Our welcoming attitude and civility are rarer than they should be in our communities.

I am very happy to see you all here today, and I look forward to this week together. The District Three Hosting Committee has been hard at work preparing a Convention full of value, and I am happy to welcome you to this country of trees, cheese, and ocean breezes.

### Agriculture

Every year our various agricultural enterprises struggle with a host of unknowns, changes, threats, and random effects. Lately Bird Flu has caused the deaths of 100 million chickens and innumerable birds of different species, both wild and domestic. Dairies are now seeing Bird Flu in cattle, where it is less lethal but can cause lingering reductions in health and production. Farmers have reacted to these threats with new sanitation and isolation regimes, with varying success. Quick responses by researchers are developing vaccines to protect cattle and chickens, and Dairy workers are using new personal protective equipment to reduce the likelihood of transmission to humans.

Technology continues to make advances in modern farming, from mapping micronutrient deficiencies, and drone detection of crop pests and diseases, to robot weeding devices. Early versions of these technologies will be expensive, slow, and inefficient, but promising concepts will evolve until they enter the mainstream as improvements.

Farmers Markets and Farm Stands continue to be very popular, con-

necting consumers in a physical way to the producers of their food, while also allowing farmers to keep a much greater share of the income resulting from their labor, avoiding middlemen. Ripe local foods are superior in flavor and nutrition and the connection to the seasons prompts consumers to look in new ways at supermarket tomatoes in December, and blueberries in January. Many Granges celebrate events with local foods and bring neighbors into an honest relationship with the foods they eat.

Although Grange began in a time when the majority of families were farmers, today only a small percentage of Americans farm. The Grange has always been a community organization, and in our beginnings many of our issues and activities were related to farming. Today we are still a community organization, and most Grange events and activities have little connection to agriculture. When we are describing Grange to newcomers, we should emphasize our community activities, because when we say early on that we are an agricultural organization we draw a line between most community members and the Grange. To Grow Grange, we must engage and attract our Communities.

### Water

We wish for water clean and pure in the right amount and at the right time, and we are often disappointed. Protecting our water sources, and promoting wise policies are in every Granger's interest. Recently we have become aware of plans to enforce domestic water well restrictions prohibiting commercial small farming use of wells classified as domestic. Small farm advocates are concerned that this will prohibit very small acreage farmers who may be beginning their agricultural businesses. Grange will consider several resolutions at our convention that support the rights of small farmers to continue their small enterprises.

Discussions regarding dams continue to make the news. Dams contribute to flood control, carbon free electrical generation, irrigation supplies, transportation systems, salmon population fluctuations, and recreation, affecting our lives and the natural world in many ways. Wise policies that balance the many interests of dam management are difficult to craft, and Grange policy considerations can contribute to these decisions.

### Legislation

In this last year, the Grange member interest in the monthly Zoom meeting of the Legislative Committee has continued to be strong. This is an effective way to get timely news from our Legislative Committee Director and our part-time Lobbyist to be informed of developments in Salem and in State Agencies.

Many of the resolutions we will consider this week will deal with government and policy development. Grange has a solid reputation in the Halls of Government, and we have plenty of room to improve our influence. Individual Granges can approve policies at the local level and make their voices heard. When a Grange communicates with the media or a legislator or staff person the communication should clearly state what level of Grange is being represented. Home Grange #111 supports X, so that the communication will not be misinterpreted as a statement by the State or National Grange.

Grange encourages full engagement by its individual members in the political process, but Grange organizations themselves must not take positions on candidates or political parties.

### Education

I strongly urge Granges to support Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom programs in our schools. This program has a natural affinity with Grange, using volunteers to deliver agricultural education to elementary school children. Ag in the Classroom designs lessons that anyone can bring to a teacher, demonstrating a simple lesson, reading an informative story, and often providing a hands-on learning experience. The lessons are usually provided free, and many teachers will welcome the volunteer help with an engaging lesson. An investment of a few hours could stay with a school kid for the rest of his life.

Additionally, Oregon Ag in the Classroom publishes a textbook called "Get Oregonized" which teaches History of Oregon's Regions for grades 3, 4, and 5.

Raising funds to provide these textbooks to local classrooms is a worthwhile Grange project.

Grangers in many communities raise funds to donate dictionaries to classrooms in the "Words for Thirds" program. It is gratifying to see the smiling faces of the children and the adults when these books are given to each child. All Grangers can take pride in the long support our organization has provided to public education.

### Broadband

National Grange has advocated for Rural Broadband for many years, and last year a grant from the Federal Communications Commission offered rural broadband at reduced rates to participants. This grant was awarded to the National Grange and many Granges participated in promoting the Affordable Connectivity Program. Many Oregon Granges distribute signs and handouts promoting this program and some Granges received monetary rewards for their participation. Rural broadband has the potential to

improve education, economies, and connectivity in the many rural communities in which our Granges are most important. Reliable internet can connect people to educational institutions, medical practitioners, markets for specialty products, and wide-ranging interest groups that were not available in rural areas before these technological advances.

Grange was very involved with the early mail-order businesses such as Sears and Roebuck and Montgomery Ward which grew successful in the same era when Grange was sweeping across the country in the 1870's and 80's. Today Grange advocacy for Rural Broadband opens a world of opportunities for small rural entrepreneurs to connect with a global marketplace.

### Democracy

In an election year it seems that the news is so full of campaigning and that it has been going on forever. One strength of Grange culture is our prohibition of partisan and sectarian discussion during the work of our order (meetings) by National Grange By-law 1.12.1

This allows us to avoid some of the most common sources of rancor in our daily lives, and helps us see each other as brothers, sisters, and neighbors. Grange can be an oasis of community feeling where we work together.

While Grange avoids these topics in our meetings, we at the same time encourage our members to fully participate as individuals in the democratic process. I have great faith in the good will of individual Grangers to support policies and candidates that work toward bettering our communities, states, and our nation.

### Conclusion

This is my second and last President's Address. I have enjoyed these two years, though they have not been a walk in the park. There has been much to learn and many different challenges. I have done my best and sometimes that has seemed good enough, and sometimes it has not. I am proud to have carried this office forward for two years, in a line of Grange workers from 1873.

Now I look forward to helping the Oregon State Grange move forward in different ways, encouraging membership growth and working together to strengthen our individual Granges. I also look forward to more time with my aging parents on the East coast and my, soon to be, four grandchildren in Oregon. Grange is a family organization and we all know the importance of family. It was my pleasure to serve you, and I look forward to working with you all to make our Oregon State Grange stronger.

# The Lecturer's Column



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Hi everyone! I'm Susie Kroeker. I am a member of Crow Grange in Lane County and just joined as an affiliate member at the newly re-organized Western Star Grange in Linn County. I live in Albany and work full-time in Salem. I am excited and honored to be the newly elected Oregon State Grange Lecturer. I have served as Lecturer at both the Subordinate and Pomona levels. I am looking forward to growing our State Lecturer's contests, as well as helping Lecturers with the process of creating educational and entertaining Lecturer's programs.

Past State Lecturer Cookie Trupp has left me some very large shoes to fill. Thank you, Cookie, for your mentorship and for all you have done to help our Lecturers throughout the state.

One of the first tasks I have been undertaking in my new position has been forming our statewide Lecturer's Committee. I am happy to announce that I have most of the district chairs filled, except for District 1. I would like to make sure that the entire state is represented. If anyone from that neck of the woods would like to join our team or knows of someone who would like to help on our committee, let me know.

I am pleased to announce the Oregon State Grange Lecturer's Committee. I am eager to work with these individuals in the next few years.

- District 1 – Vacant
- District 2 – Connie Suing
- District 3 – Brenda Hoag
- District 4 – Sandi Ludi
- District 5 – Clare Jacobson
- At Large – Courtney Gordon

The Oregon State Grange Convention in Tillamook had the Lecturer's department busy with the Talent Show, as well as the art, photography and various other contests. The winners are listed elsewhere in the Bulletin. Some contests were very popular with lots of entries while others had little participation. I would love to see the talents of our members well represented at the State Conventions. But I will need everyone's help. Keep your eyes out during the year for those in your Grange who should be entering either the talent show or any of the other contests. Do you have a musician at your meetings? Someone who sings in a church or school choir? How about that high schooler who is learning to play an instrument? Did you take a painting class? Did your Grange make a flyer for an upcoming event? Do

you know someone who likes to write stories? There is a place for all these people in our state competitions. Encourage your brothers and sisters to show off their talents so we can enjoy them too!

I have spoken with the GWA and Junior Directors and we will be working together on contests for the next State Grange Convention in District 4. I am hoping to add a few new photography categories and possibly remove a few contests that don't get any participation. Stay tuned.

### Advice From A Farmer's Wife

Whenever you return a borrowed pie pan, make sure it's got a warm pie in it.

Invite lots of folks to supper. You can always add more water to the soup.

Make home a happy place for the children. Everyone returns to their happy place.

Always keep a small light on in the kitchen window at night.

If your husband gets his truck stuck in the field, don't go in after him. Throw him a rope and pull him out with the tractor.

Keep the kerosene lamp away from the milk cow's legs.

It's a whole lot easier to get breakfast for a chicken than a pig.

Always pat the chickens when you take their eggs.

It is easier to clean an empty house, but hard to live in one.

All children spill milk. Learn to smile and wipe it up.

Homemade is always better than store bought.

A tongue's like a knife. The sharper it is the deeper it cuts.

A good neighbor always knows when to visit and when to leave. Enjoy doing your children's laundry. Someday they'll be gone.

You'll never catch a running chicken but if you throw seed around the back door, you'll have a skillet full by supper.

Biscuits brown better with a little butter brushed on them.

Check your shoelaces before running to help somebody.

Visit old people who can't get out. Someday you'll be one.

The softer you talk; the closer folks will listen.

The colder the outhouse, the warmer the bed.

# Oregon State Grange Lecturer's Contest Winners

## Art

**Oils** Sponsor: *Spencer Creek Grange*  
1 Alicia Nilsen Goshen \$15.00

**Acrylics** Sponsor: *Irving Grange*  
1 Alicia Nilsen Goshen \$15.00  
2 Lexus Sarmiento Non-member/Phoenix \$10.00  
3 Lexus Sarmiento Non-member/Phoenix \$7.00

**Watercolors** Sponsor: *Irving Grange*  
1 Alicia Nilsen Goshen \$15.00

**Pen and Ink** Sponsor: *Alice Nowicki and Ken Schwieger*  
1 Alicia Nilsen Goshen \$15.00  
2 Lexus Sarmiento Non-member/Phoenix \$10.00  
3 Alicia Nilsen Goshen \$7.00

**Diamond Painting** Sponsor: *Jasper Grange*  
1 Nadine Reed Jasper \$15.00  
2 Frank Huisman Jasper Grange \$10.00  
3 Cindy Kiss Non-member/Jasper \$7.00

**Rock Painting** Sponsor: *Sam Keator*  
1 Linda Wetzell Goshen \$15.00  
2 Judy Hays-Eberts Marys River \$10.00  
3 Suzy Johanson Marys River \$7.00

## Creative Writing

**Poetry** Sponsor: *Linda Helm & Wayne Cabler*  
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3 Toni Hoyman Willamette \$3.00

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2 Louise McClure Creswell \$4.00  
3 Vickie Thorp Myrtle Creek \$3.00

Below: Stanley Garboden of Creswell Grange #496, Lane County placed first in the talent contest with his variety act.



**2024 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST**

4 Divisions

- Clouds
- Abandoned Buildings
- State, County, or Community Fair
- Monuments

Everyone can enter up to 4 photos!  
WINNERS WILL BE INCLUDED IN A PROMOTIONAL ITEM FROM THE LECTURER'S DEPARTMENT

Enter at [grange.biz/grangephoto2024](http://grange.biz/grangephoto2024)

**ENTRY DEADLINE**  
Sept 1, 2024

2023 Contest Winner - Wendy Martin, Valley Grange (PA)

LECTURER

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## Oregon State Grange Lecturer's Contest Winners

### Photography

#### Scenic Landscape Sponsor: Dean & Vickie High

1	Carol Fine	Riversdale	\$10.00
2	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$8.00
3	Teresa Cernac	Warren	\$6.00

#### Scenic Seascape Sponsor: Dean & Vickie High

1	Steve Krocker	Crow	\$10.00
2	Teresa Cernac	Warren	\$8.00
3	John DeHass	Springwater	\$6.00

#### Closeups Sponsor: Lynn & Harold Johnson

1	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$10.00
2	Brianna Hickok	Sunnyside	\$8.00
3	John DeHass	Springwater	\$6.00

#### Family Sponsor: Cookie & Malcolm Trupp

1	Carol Fine	Riversdale	\$10.00
2	Carol Fine	Riversdale	\$8.00
3	Loni Schofield	Ada	\$6.00

#### Pets and/or Farm Animals Sponsor: Louise Holst & Phil Van Buren

1	Carol Fine	Riversdale	\$10.00
2	Loni Schofield	Ada	\$8.00
3	Carol Fine	Riversdale	\$6.00

#### Wild Animals Sponsor: Debbi deBoer

1	John DeHass	Springwater	\$10.00
2	Teresa Cernac	Warren	\$8.00
3	Teresa Cernac	Warren	\$6.00

#### Oldies / Goodies Sponsor: Waterville Grange

1	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$10.00
2	Martin McClure	Creswell	\$8.00
3	Bradlee Mertz	Tigard	\$6.00

#### Grange Activities Sponsor: Ada Grange

1	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$10.00
2	Carol Fine	Riversdale	\$8.00
3	Loni Schofield	Ada	\$6.00

#### Grange Hall Buildings Sponsor: Mark Noah

1	Louise McClure	Lorane	\$10.00
2	Loni Schofield	Ada	\$8.00
3	Martin McClure	Creswell	\$6.00

#### Sports Sponsor: Lorane Grange

1	Loni Schofield	Ada	\$10.00
2	Louise McClure	Lorane	\$8.00
3	Heather Elliot	ADA	\$6.00

#### Potpourri Sponsor: Joann & David McBride

1	Teresa Cernac	Warren	\$10.00
2	Martin McClure	Creswell	\$8.00
3	Teresa Cernac	Warren	\$6.00

#### Black and White Sponsor: Sam Keator

1	Martin McClure	Creswell	\$10.00
2	Martin McClure	Creswell	\$8.00
3	Loni Schofield	Ada	\$6.00

#### With Caption Sponsor: Lecturers Department

1	Phil Van Buren	Midland	\$10.00
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### Talent

#### Variety Sponsor: Lecturers Department

1	Stanley Garboden	Creswell	\$50.00
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## The Chaplain's Corner

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Greetings,

"The master said, 'well good, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'"

*Mathew 24:23 NLT*

Know that God celebrates with us our small faith victories. What might seem little to us is a big deal to him. He is proud of us. He knows exactly how much effort we put into a difficult conversation, or

how we resisted temptation, or how we didn't say that harsh word but instead practiced gentleness. He sees each of our seemingly little steps and celebrates with us. He knows that eventually that little step might seem like a drop in the ocean as we grow in him, but for now he is proud of each little step we take.

As we go about our day, don't just focus on how much we can get done. Rather, focus on how much we can learn. Life has much to offer --- embrace it!

Blessings!

## In Memoriam

Donald Gilman  
Redland #796

Lois Root  
Mosier #234

Jack Hendrickson  
Quincy #321

Diane Serface  
Columbia #867

Nita Lose  
Creswell #496

Ruth Teafatiller  
Crow #450

Darlene McDonnell  
Little Deschutes #939

Joy Thompson  
Springwater #263

Gene McVickers  
Sauvies Island #840

Elizabeth Warren  
Roxy Ann #792

Robert Misley  
Springwater #263

Sandra Winterton  
Molalla #310

Ron Nieminen  
Quincy #321

Jim Wombles  
The Sandy #392



*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.*

Below: Members close the State Grange Convention with a friendship circle.





## The Agricultural Report

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“Where there are sheep,  
The wolves are never very far away.”  
Plautus of Rome

The wolves came again last night. This time they jumped the 300 foot, 48 inch, 8,000 volt electric fence erected as a night pen to protect my flock. I was sleeping in a bunkhouse bed against the back of the house, just 20 feet away from that new night pen. It was 2:30 a.m. when my flock leaped up and huddled together, calling out in fear. The slight moonlight cast shadows around the flock as I shouted, the dog barked and the sheep stared nervously to the south. Time passed and the sheep, dog and I settled back down to sleep.

It wasn't until I let the sheep back out to graze the next morning, that I saw the lamb lying awkwardly in

the paddock alone. It was dead, with blood on his wool when I turned him over.

I called the Government Trapper, and he soon arrived with the ODFW Regional Wolf Specialist. They skinned the lamb, revealing fang marks and crushed ribs. Over the last 4 weeks, four sheep have fallen to those wolf fangs here at my farm. In farms nearby, another 15+ sheep have met the same fate.

The Wolf specialist is not against removing the “rogue wolf”. But finding it, and shooting it using agency and private permits has been attempted for many months... and still the livestock killings continue. For the last two weeks, various friends with guns have slept out behind my house to kill that dangerous wolf. My nerves are frayed.

## Oregon State Grange Agriculture Contest Winners

### Garden Design

#### Adult Container Gardens

1 Joyce Parker Springwater Grange #263 \$25.00

#### Adult Raised Bed Gardens

1 Suzy Ramm Springwater Grange #263 \$25.00



## Community Service Involvement

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We had another good year and a wonderful State convention. Thanks to the District 3 team and the Tillamook County Fairgrounds for hosting.

I would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to the ten (10) Granges that submitted their Community Service books: Ada, Creswell, Irving, Little Deschutes, Marys River, Mohawk-McKenzie, Redland, Spencer Creek, Thurston and Waltherville.

### The winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> with 295 pts \$100  
Little Deschutes Grange #939
- 2<sup>nd</sup> with 271 pts \$75  
Irving Grange #377
- 3<sup>rd</sup> with 266 pts \$50  
Mohawk-McKenzie Grange #747
- 4<sup>th</sup> with 260 pts \$25  
Ada Grange #570
- 5<sup>th</sup> with 255 pts \$25  
Waltherville Grange #416
- 6<sup>th</sup> with 254 pts \$25  
Marys River Grange #685
- 6<sup>th</sup> with 254 pts \$25  
Spencer Creek Grange #855

Thank you to all the Granges that took time, effort and love in putting together their Community Service books. And to the 57 Granges that submitted their Annual Community Service-Involvement reports. I'm so sorry to say that nobody submitted “Volunteer of the Year”. Please make time to recognize your local volunteers by submitting one of them as Volunteer of the Year for

2025.

The real benefit of taking the time to fill out the report is documenting each Grange's Community Service for their members and to preserve our IRS status as a Non-Profit.

We are actively recruiting my replacement to take over the Community Service Department in 2026. The sooner a Granger steps up and accepts this opportunity the sooner we can work together and have a smooth turnover. Please contact me or the State President and volunteer.

### The Community Service team is:

- District 1 Vacant  
*we need a volunteer*
- District 2 Linda Wetzell
- District 3 Mikela Heimuller-Chamberlain
- District 4 Courtney Rae
- District 5 Joanne McBride
- At Large Jeff Dehne

It's not too early to do your planning to come up with a new project and do project(s) that are successful and needed by your community for next year.

The State Grange Community Service Department and Oregon State Grange appreciates all the service that your Grange and all our fellow Grangers do to make our neighborhoods better. We continue to support our ‘Home Town Values’ with our ‘Community Roots’.

## Rally ‘round! Your State Grange Needs Your Time and Talents

The Oregon State Fair is approaching, and rapidly from my perspective. The State Grange needs volunteers for staffing the log cabin at the State Fair, from Aug 23 until Sep 2, as well as help cleaning and setting up ahead of opening, and cleaning and returning items to storage after the fair ends.

You can find more detail on volunteering for the Log Cabin on **page 1 and page 24.**

While the State Fair Log Cabin is an immediate need, the State office has other opportunities for those considering volunteering. Events such as Ag-Fest and the State Annual Convention are a lot of effort. We're open to assistance at the office, and the building can always use some attention. If we restart workshops, that will entail creating and assembling training materials.

I want to encourage newer Grange members, and those who have not volunteered, to give it a try. It is not a large time commitment, and is not difficult work. If your personality is shy, or reticent, I understand it may be challenging to step out of your comfort zone, but I feel you will find the benefits you reap far outweigh the initial discomfort.

There are benefits to volunteering. Volunteers develop a deeper understanding of the State Grange and office, and can learn new skills and make new friends. The work performed, be it representing the Grange or aiding at the office or building, provide tangible benefits. But the most profound benefit to all is the creation and deepening of fraternal bonds between members across the state.

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### Blue Zones Recap and News from the Convention

Hello Grangers!

It was so good to see so many of you at our state convention this June. We accomplished a lot and made friendships that will broaden and enrich our lives for years to come. If you weren't able to make the party this year, the DAFH booth featured our latest work where we investigated Blue Zones around the world and the Blue Zone Projects that have been implemented here in Oregon. If you are interested in seeing the presentation, check on the State Grange website towards the end of this summer. I will post it there, with narration.

In addition to learning about what the Oregon Blue Zone Project areas are introducing to our rural communities, we also gave away copies of the books *The Blue Zones* and *Chair Exercises for Seniors*, exercise resistance bands, herb and vegetable seeds, and fresh herbs, donated by our generous sponsors. We also asked for and received some feedback from Grangers at the convention regarding their thoughts about Blue Zones, and I thought I would share that with you now.

Overall, there wasn't as much Blue Zone community awareness as would be ideal. When asked if they knew what the Blue Zones were, only 40% of attendees answered yes, and only 29% were aware that there were Blue Zone Projects in Oregon. The good news was that whether attendees were aware of Blue Zones, or not, most of them were interested in the components of healthy living that have made the Blue Zones popular.

We asked questions specifically about the Life Lesson categories



featured in the Blue Zones, and here's what we learned. Approximately 66% of our attendees feel that they put family first, but 33% expressed obstacles trying to coordinate everyone's schedules. When asked if they wished they had more tools to deal with daily stress, 100% of attendees who answered said yes, they would like additional stress coping tools. Likewise, 100% of those asked said they would like to incorporate more vegetables into their diets and 100% said they would like to get more physical activity on a regular basis. This is very good news. The intent to make small changes is a great first step.

I'd like to thank everyone for your very warm reception. It's my great pleasure to serve in this position and to prepare and provide these (hopefully helpful) information brochures and other fun, free goodies for you. Please join me in thanking our wonderful sponsors who provided materials for us to distribute at our booth and to use as our auction items. Thank you so much for your generosity, Lee Farms, BiMart, Winona Grange #271, Bulk Book Wholesale, Optimal Results Physical Therapy and Van Hevelingen Herb Nursery. Thank you everyone for coming by and helping yourself, and a big thank you to Susan Noah for bidding on and winning our auction item.

Over the next few Bulletin editions, I will be covering what happens at the Oregon Department of Education when a new standard is required because of state law changes or proposed because of changes in needs to help students after they leave the K-12 system. The standard we will start with is the Civics standard that is required because of Senate Bill 513 passed in 2021 that

requires a half credit civics course for an Oregon diploma, starting with the Class of 2026.

I am also currently looking for a District 5 and District 1 Education committee person. If you or someone you know would be a good fit and willing to help, please let me know.



The 2024 Annual Meeting of the Oregon State Grange Foundation was held on Sunday, June 16 at the Tillamook County Fairgrounds. The purpose of the meeting was to report on the activities of your OSG Foundation for the year just ended.

Foundation Treasurer, David McBride, reported assets at the end of the year were over \$250,000. The investments of these funds are used for scholarships and awards. In 2023 the foundation received three donations, each of \$10,000 or more.

The foundation was pleased to award \$2,500 in scholarships this year. The first ever Louie Holst

Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Phoebe Coen of Marys River Grange #685, Benton County. The scholarship is \$500. Two Muzzy Mandel scholarships of \$1000 each were awarded to Riley Reynolds of Santiam Valley Grange # 828, Linn County, and Phoebe Coen of Marys River Grange #685, Benton County.

Election for Region 3 trustee was held and Joe Peter of Kinton Grange #562, Washington County, was elected to a 5-year term on the Board of Trustees. The annual Granges Attending State Session (GASS) awards drawings were held and twenty attendees each received \$25.

### Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

- August 23 – September 2** Oregon State Fair Grange Log Cabin Salem, Oregon  
*Please Volunteer*
- September 1** Entry Deadline for National Grange Contests:
  - Quilt Block Contest
  - Virtual Photo Contest
  - Garden Design Contest
  - Design a Program Contest
  - Publicity Item Contest
  - Grass Roots Advocacy in Action
  - "Grange in Action" application
  - Grange Legacy Family application
- September 15** 990n ePostcard deadline for most Granges
- November 11** Veterans Day Parade  
Albany – watch *October Bulletin* for details of OSG parade participation
- November 12-16** 158<sup>th</sup> National Grange Convention  
Bettendorf, Iowa
- May 15-18, 2025** Western Regional Conference  
Montana
- June 21-26, 2025** Oregon State Grange Convention  
District 4 – Location yet TBD

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# Oregon Junior Grangers



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OSG Junior Director

I would like to take this opportunity in my first column to tell you a little bit about myself. I am a lifelong Grange member and generations of my family have been very active in Myrtle Creek Grange #442. My parents, Calvin and Lavina Clack were the Oregon State Outstanding Young Couple in 1966. And my mom was the Oregon State Youth Director for a time. Growing up, I spent many years as a Junior Grange member attending State Grange sessions.

I was Junior Grange Matron (that title is a blast from the past) for Myrtle Creek Junior Grange for about 15 years. I had 29 Juniors, and most of them attended meetings (2 per month) on a regular basis. It was very exciting to see how the kids came together to accomplish the various projects and activities each month.

The Junior 1+ members in Myrtle Creek Grange take an active part in a variety of community service projects each year that I spearhead. We don't have enough for a charter just yet, but we keep the Juniors really busy.

I am currently Master/President of Myrtle Creek Grange #442 and am the Douglas County Pomona #13 Lecturer/Program Director.

State Grange convention in Tillamook was great! I was 1st Delegate for my Grange, so I did not get to spend much time in the Junior Room. I still heard all about it from my granddaughter that was in attendance. Some of the Juniors participated in the Talent Contest on Saturday evening at the Kickoff Dinner.

Sunday was Degree Day, and the Juniors came in to watch the Rosebud Drill during the Sixth Degree. We had a Junior Granger as a member of the Rosebud Drill team and the ladies all did a fantastic job!

On Tuesday, the Juniors honored our Grange Veterans by presenting small American flags to each Veteran in attendance. There were lots of red tennis shoes worn by the entire delegation Tuesday in support of our Juniors.

Wednesday morning, the Juniors joined the regular session to observe the Youth Opening. One of our Juniors marched with the Youth team for the Opening. Afterwards, the Juniors participated in a Minecraft Architect competition and the winners were announced at the Youth Luncheon.

While there were only a handful of Juniors at this year's session, the friendships the kids made were just priceless to watch. There were lots of hugs and even a few tears when it was time to say goodbye at the end of the week.

I hope to build on those friendships throughout the year by having a quarterly event for our Juniors to participate in and reconnect. The plan would be to rotate these events and have a different District host us each quarter. We would encourage our Juniors to include a friend to join them, in turn this may help build our Junior membership. These should be able to be low-cost events so that will mean easier access for more children.

This should also help as new Juniors join the Grange during the year to get to know other Juniors around the state and look forward to getting together for Junior Grange session at State Grange. A Junior Grange Camp is running around in my head as well. Dream BIG, right?

Soon I intend to begin a program that will involve sending a meaningful craft kit/project to each Junior member and have us connect via zoom to complete the project together. Have fun and learn about each other and some fundamental Grange/life values all at the same time! I will try to coordinate with our State Grange Lecturer and GWA Director so these things can be included in the contests at State Grange for the Juniors.

With so much to learn going forward, I really hope to have your input with any helpful hints, ideas and suggestions. And of course, volunteer help is greatly appreciated!

In closing, our Junior Grangers are the future of this organization!! We have to make it fun while instilling the basic precepts the Grange is built upon. They will live up to our expectations!! So please be sure you include the Juniors in all parts of your Grange. They want to be involved and know we consider them to be an important part of what we do. Really hear their ideas and what they think is important! Remember Junior 1+ members can fill in for your officer positions at your meetings when needed, so ask them to help out!



Above - L-r: Raelynn Thorp of Myrtle Creek Grange, Dean McKay of Abernethy Grange and Audri Brown of Forest Grove Grange show off their skills as Minecraft Architects



L-r: Alex Junkman of Clarkes Grange and Tyson Brown of Forest Grove Grange tied for 1st in their age group of Minecraft.



Above: Sky Sonnier of The Sandy Grange gave her Prepared Public Speech "What Makes A Good Leader." As the first-place winner she is eligible to compete at the National Grange convention in November.



R: Dean McKay of Abernethy Grange demonstrated feeding a calf on the Junior tour.

## OSG Junior Contest Winners

### Junior Talent

Age 8-10 - Variety Division		
1 (tie)	Kymber Anglin	White Eagle Grange #683
1 (tie)	Audri Brown	Forest Grove Grange #282

### Minecraft Architects

Age 8-10		
1	Raelynn Thorp	Myrtle Creek Grange #442
2	Dean McKay	Abernethy Grange #346
3	Audri Brown	Forest Grove Grange #282
Age 5-7		
1 (tie)	Tyson Brown	Forest Grove Grange #282
1 (tie)	Alex Junkman	Clarkes Grange #261

### Art - Pen and Ink

1	Raelynn Thorp	Myrtle Creek Grange #442
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### Posters

Why You Will Like The Grange		
1	Raelynn Thorp	Myrtle Creek Grange #442

### Public Speaking

Prepared - What Makes A Good Leader		
1	Sky Sonnier	The Sandy Grange #392



## Legislative Update

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My column for this issue is in the form of an open letter to Governor Tina Kotek, Representative Ken Helm, Representative Mark Owens, and all Oregon legislators focused on water policies

Dear Governor Kotek and Representatives Owens and Helm:

As Oregon State Grange Legislative Director, my aim is to inform our members on issues that may affect their lives and to represent the Grange opinion when possible. I am writing to express our concern that, in the overall effort to update Oregon's water policies, the voices of rural well-owners, many of whom are Grange members, may be drowned out. Under current regulations domestic well-owners are allotted up to 5,000 gallons of water per day for any commercial purpose *except agriculture*. No one seems to know why this agriculture exception, which apparently dates to 1956, was included in water law but in the present time it serves to criminalize a person for watering their own garden with their own water allotment and then selling garden produce at a farmstand or farmer's market. This seems like a minor issue, but it most certainly is not trivial to someone who has been served with a cease-and-desist order by their county water master, which is happening. These actions are supposedly being taken in the name of preventing future droughts but the fact is the water being used is part of the well-owner's lawful allotment so no water is being 'saved' by these enforcement measures, and their effect is to make life hard-



Above: Audri Brown of Forest Grove Grange competing in the Junior talent contest with a Cheer routine.

R: Kymber Anglin of White Eagle Grange did a jump roping routine for the Junior talent contest.

er for people trying to make a little extra by selling fresh local produce to their neighbors.

At our annual delegate convention this past June in Tillamook, the Oregon State Grange adopted a resolution calling for changes in existing water rules to allow domestic well-owners to use their commercial allotment for agriculture.

Should the rules be changed to allow agricultural use of domestic water allotment, some form of verification may be needed that the user is not exceeding their allowance. While there was not uniform acceptance for measuring devices among our delegates we did agree that, in light of the fact that the well-owner paid for the digging and improving of the well and pays for the power needed to pump the water, if measuring devices are required they should be provided by the state. A resolution to this effect was adopted.

Some Granges have already been hosting information sessions facilitated by Friends of Family Farmers, and more have signed up to do so. We support the overall goal of updating Oregon's water policies in light of vastly improved scientific information, but we will continue to give voice to those whose interests may seem minor but should not be overlooked.

Fraternally,

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## Veterans

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As a Veteran of 24 years, I deeply appreciate Grange's commitment to our Nation's Veterans. I am honored to have been appointed Oregon State Grange Veterans Director.

The men and women who have laid their lives on the line to protect our nation from foreign and domestic threats have made it possible for us to enjoy the freedoms we have today. They deserve our respect and our support.

Some come home in desperate need of help, whether it be due to physical injuries or PTSD. It can take weeks, or months, or sometimes years, for Veterans to receive the care they require because of their service. We need better health care facilities, more doctors, and a lot less red tape.

Military families, including Gold Star Families, also deserve our appreciation and respect. Military service has a lasting impact on our Veterans' family members who often have to go for extended periods of time without the support most people receive from spouses, parents, and children.

Granges can support our Veterans and

military families in many ways. We can host Veterans breakfasts and dinners, make Valentines for Veterans, participate in Veterans parades, observe POW/MIA day, or become involved with the Quilts of Valor program. We can provide tangible support to our Veterans by assisting with local Stand Down events, or by "adopting" a local Veteran and their family that need help. We can write and adopt resolutions supporting Veterans issues, and we can lobby our legislators to address those issues.

I and the members of the OSG Veterans Committee will be more than happy to provide information to your Grange to help you develop projects and programs to serve those who have served our great Nation.

OSG Veterans Committee District Chairs:

- District 1 - Phil Van Buren
- District 2 - Richard Wyatt
- District 3 - Alan Becker
- District 4 - Don Kingsborough
- District 5 - Barbara McCormack
- At Large - James Clute

God Bless our Country that we so proudly served, and God bless you.



Above: On Tuesday afternoon of convention, the Veterans Committee led a tribute to veterans. Linda Wetzel played music for each branch of the military as they were recognized.



Below: Alan Becker explained the missing man table that has been set up in the dining room this week.

Above: The Junior Grange members gave a flag to every veteran in the room.





# GWA

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To begin my column this time I would like to take the opportunity to thank our incoming president, Sonny Hays-Eberts, for giving me the opportunity to serve as the GWA Director for this coming term. My committee and I have already started to talk about where we want to take the GWA, and I am excited for the changes that I hope we can bring.

Our new committee consists of:  
 District #1 – Linda Helm  
 District #2 – Paula Herrick  
 District #3 – Teresa Cernac  
 District #4 – John DeHaas  
 Member at Large – Annette Naylor

I am still missing someone from District #5, so if anyone is interested in serving the State Grange in this capacity, please reach out to me.

State convention went well, and we had over 200 entries in the GWA contests! As I introduced in my last column we started a couple of new awards. This year for the first time we awarded the Grange who brought the most entries with a check for \$150 and the person who brought the most entries was awarded \$100. The Grange that won the award this year was Redland #796 with 47 entries from various members and non-members. The winning individual was Patrick Sanders of Redland with eleven items entered. We all like a good challenge so next year encourage your members to take part and maybe bring home a nice prize for themselves and for the Grange!

Due to several beautiful items that had to be turned away this year we are starting a Home Décor category that should encompass all forms of home decorations. We also had some offers to sponsor other new contests in the baking area so look for a few new items there as well.

I would also like to thank Brother



Jim Clute and Sister Marilyn Reicher for their help in finding homes for the items to be given away. With over 300 pillowcases donated by Little Deschutes Grange alone and many other entries from around the state, Jim's offer to find homes for them with Veterans and troops in district #3 was quite a help! Marilyn also offered to help by taking the Premie Hats and Afghans to their home in District #3. Having help from the district makes my job so much easier and makes sure that the items donated make it to a home in the hosting area!

For Good Dog and Good Cat baskets I turned to a family member who lives in Beaverton and who has volunteered with the organization that I used. Ten entries were donated to Oregon Friends of Shelter Animals in Hillsboro. As a foster based rescue group, they were excited to receive all the individual items and already had plans to send out the squeaky toys with the next group of foster parents. While our last dog, Bailey, always wanted the dog gifts to win out I saw some beautiful cats at the shelter who will love all the cat items! I love the fact that the entries in these two contests went to a shelter to help animals looking for their forever home.

We are also still looking for sponsors for the following contests: **Drop Cookies – No Peanut Butter or Choc. Chip** sponsor fee \$12; and **Canned Meats or Fish** sponsor fee \$12. Sponsors may be individuals or Granges.

As we move through the year, I am hopeful that you will be hearing more from the GWA committee. We do plan on conferences next year, touching on a variety of issues along with a little fun! Stay tuned for more information and please keep creating all the beautiful and tasty items! Maybe 2025 will be your year to come home with the prize!



State GWA Director, Susan Noah, delivered the ten Good Dog and Good Cat baskets entered at the state convention to Oregon Friends of Shelter Animals in Hillsboro, a foster based rescue group.

# Oregon State Grange GWA Contest Winners

## Canned/Preserved Foods

Jam-Any Fruit other than Berry	Sponsor: Phoenix Grange		
1st	Diane Sauer	Little Deschutes	\$5
2nd	Patrick Sanders	Redland	\$4
Jam-Berry Only	Sponsor: Phoenix Grange		
1st	Amanda Puls	Myrtle Creek	\$5
2nd	Erin Sanders	Redland	\$4
3rd	June Colony	Southfork	\$3
Jam - Sugar-Free	Sponsor: Joyce Parker		
1st	Linda Pugh	Ada	\$5
2nd	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$4
Jelly-Any Fruit Other than Berry	Sponsor: Connie Suing		
1st	Cierra Shinaberry	Myrtle Creek	\$5
2nd	Diane Sauer	Little Deschutes	\$4
Canned/Preserved Foods			
Jelly-Berry Only	Sponsor: Connie Suing		
1st	Linda Pugh	Ada	\$5
2nd	Amanda Puls	Myrtle Creek	\$4
Jelly-Sugar-Free	Sponsor: Joyce Parker		
1st	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$5
Pickles-Dill (Cucumber Only)	Sponsor: Springwater Grange		
1st	Amanda Puls	Myrtle Creek	\$5
2nd	Lynn Johnson	Ada	\$4
3rd	Patrick Sanders	Redland	\$3
Pickle-Bread & Butter (Cucumber Only)	Sponsor: Springwater Grange		
1st	Lynn Johnson	Ada	\$5
2nd	Patrick Sanders	Redland	\$4
Relish (Any mixture of vegetables)	Sponsor: Springwater Grange		
1st	Amy Fiederowicz	Tigard	\$5
2nd	Christine Nolde	Redland	\$4
3rd	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$3
Pickles- Misc. (other than cucumber)	Sponsor: Springwater Grange		
1st	Patrick Sanders	Redland	\$5
2nd	Erin Sanders	Redland	\$4
3rd	Diane Sauer	Little Deschutes	\$3
Canned Meats or Fish No Sponsor			
1st	Diane Sauer	Little Deschutes	\$5
2nd	Linda Pugh	Ada	\$4
3rd	Patrick Sanders	Redland	\$3
Canned Vegetables-Beets	Sponsor: Margaret Clute		
1st	Patrick Sanders	Redland	\$5
Canned Vegetables-Carrots	Sponsor: Margaret Clute		
1st	Patrick Sanders	Redland	\$5
Canned Vegetables-Other	Sponsor: Margaret Clute		
1st	June Colony	Southfork	\$5
2nd	Amanda Puls	Myrtle Creek	\$4
3rd	Katrina Bowser	Mohawk-McKenzie	\$3
Canned Fruit- Peaches	Sponsor: Little Deschutes Grange		
1st	Loni Schofield	Ada	\$5
Canned Fruit- Pears	Sponsor: Little Deschutes Grange		
1st	Diane Sauer	Little Deschutes	\$5
2nd	Christine Nolde	Redland	\$4
3rd	Patrick Sanders	Redland	\$3
Canned Fruit- Applesauce	Sponsor: Little Deschutes Grange		
1st	Annette Naylor	Clarks	\$5
2nd	Linda Pugh	Ada	\$4
Dried Foods-Fruit	Sponsor: Joyce Parker		
1st	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$5
2nd	Joyce Parker	Springwater	\$4
Dried Foods-Vegetables	Sponsor: Joyce Parker		
1st	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$5
2nd	June Colony	Southfork	\$4
3rd	Joyce Parker	Springwater	\$3
Dried Foods-Fruit Leather	Sponsor: Joyce Parker		
1st	Joyce Parker	Springwater	\$5
2nd	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$4
Dried Foods-Herbs	Sponsor: Joyce Parker		
1st	Suzy Ramm	Springwater	\$5
2nd	Carol Stream	Little Deschutes	\$4
3rd	Joyce Parker	Springwater	\$3



# Oregon State Grange GWA Contest Winners

## Baked Goods

Drop Cookies	No Sponsor		
1st	Jeanie Force	Sunnyside	\$5
2nd	Linda Helm	Phoenix	\$4
3rd	Annette Naylor	Clarks	\$3
Bar Cookies	<i>Sponsor: Jasper Grange</i>		
1st	Annette Naylor	Clarks	\$5
2nd	Jeanie Force	Sunnyside	\$4
3rd	Linda Helm	Phoenix	\$3
Chocolate Chip Cookies	<i>Sponsor: Beavercreek Grange</i>		
1st	Jeanie Force	Sunnyside	\$5
2nd	Linda Helm	Phoenix	\$4
3rd	Kirsten Leek	Phoenix	\$3
Peanut Butter Cookies	No Sponsor		
1st	Jeanie Force	Sunnyside	\$5
2nd	Linda Helm	Phoenix	\$4
Unbaked Cereal/Made in Pan Cookies	<i>Sponsor: Woodburn Grange</i>		
1st	Linda Helm	Phoenix	\$5
2nd	Jax Thorp	Myrtle Creek	\$4
Candy-Fudge	<i>Sponsor: Bev Doescher</i>		
1st	Linda Helm	Phoenix	\$5
Hand-Dipped Chocolates	<i>Sponsor: Frogpond Grange</i>		
1st	Linda Helm	Phoenix	\$5
Muffins	<i>Sponsor: Clarks Grange</i>		
1st	Annette Naylor	Clarks	\$10
2nd	Linda Helm	Phoenix	\$7
<b>Crafts</b>			
“What To Do With Worn Out Jeans”	<i>Sponsor: Sunnyside Grange</i>		
1st	Sue Dumolt	Clarks	\$15
Jewelry	<i>Sponsor: Irving Grange</i>		
1st	Chris Murray	Myrtle Creek	\$25
2nd	Sue Dumolt	Clarks	\$15
3rd	Myra Boyd	Riversdale	\$10
Gift in a Jar (Cookies)	<i>Sponsor: Linda Pugh</i>		
1st	Annette Naylor	Clarks	\$10
2nd	Heather Elliott	Ada	\$8
3rd	Loni Schofield	Ada	\$5
Paper Craftsmanship: Cards	<i>Sponsor: Clarks Grange</i>		
1st	Ronda Francis	Myrtle Creek	\$15
2nd	Lisa Paullin-Anzaldna	Abernethy	\$10
3rd	Denise Leonard	Abernethy	\$5
Paper Craftsmanship: Quilling	<i>Sponsor: Clarks Grange</i>		
1st	Karen Lundquist	Abernethy	\$15
2nd	Alicia Nelsen	Goshen	\$10
Small Wooden Articles	<i>Sponsor: Wayne Cabler</i>		
1st	Serena Johnston	Redland	\$25
2nd	Dale Johnston	Redland	\$15
3rd	Tim Cernac	Warren	\$10
Woodcraft	No Sponsor		
1st	Howard Huey	Abernethy	\$25
2nd	Tim Cernac	Warren	\$15
3rd	Philip Kaufman	Redland	\$10
Metal Art	<i>Sponsor: Phil Van Buren</i>		
1st	Philip Kaufman	Redland	\$50
Recycle	<i>Sponsor: Hurricane Creek Grange</i>		
1st	Crystal Harp	Myrtle Creek	\$15
2nd	Tim Cernac	Warren	\$10
3rd	Lisa Paullin-Anzaldna	Abernethy	\$5
“Potluck” - Fabric	<i>Sponsor: Joanne McBride</i>		
1st	Nan Hage	Abernethy	\$15
2nd	Krysti Brown	Myrtle Creek	\$10
3rd	Patricia Bunch	Central Point	\$5
Bailey’s Good Dog Gift Package	<i>Sponsor: Roxy, Susan &amp; Mark Noah</i>		
1st	Shirley Gilman	Redland	\$15
2nd	Sonny Hays-Eberts	Marys River	\$10
3rd	Vickie Thorp	Myrtle Creek	\$5
Here Kitty Gift Bag	<i>Sponsor: The Parrott Family</i>		
1st	Shirley Gilman	Redland	\$15
2nd	Mary Parrot	Parkdale	\$10
3rd	Judy Hays-Eberts	Marys River	\$5

## Textiles

Pillowcases For Veterans	<i>Sponsor: Gail Wilson</i>		
1st	Diane Parrott	Parkdale	\$25
2nd	Pamela Perrine	Little Deschutes	\$15
3rd	Sue Dumolt	Clarks	\$10
Crocheted Doilies	<i>Sponsor: Spencer Creek Grange</i>		
1st	Myra Boyd	Riversdale	\$25
Crocheted or Knitted Afghan	<i>Sponsor: The Parrott Family</i>		
1st	John Fine	Riversdale	\$25
2nd	Sue Schmack	Hurricane Creek	\$15
3rd	Teresa Cernac	Warren	\$10
Miscellaneous Crocheted or Knitted Items	<i>Sponsor: Cookie Trupp</i>		
1st	Mary Parrott	Parkdale	\$25
2nd	Patricia Bunch	Central Point	\$15
3rd	Myra Boyd	Riversdale	\$10
Premie Afghan-Hat	<i>Sponsor: Jan Oleson</i>		
1st	Lisa Paullin-Anzaldna	Abernethy	\$25
2nd	Elvaree Fine	Hurricane Creek	\$15
3rd	Anna Massingham	Jasper	\$10
Table Runner - Fabric	<i>Sponsor: Ada Grange</i>		
1st	Lisa Paullin-Anzaldna	Abernethy	\$25
Table Runner-Knitted or Crocheted	<i>Sponsor: Ada Grange</i>		
1st	Myra Boyd	Riversdale	\$25
Embroidery	<i>Sponsor: Julie Schnetzky</i>		
1st	Sam McClellin	Little Deschutes	\$15
2nd	Marilyn McClellin	Little Deschutes	\$10
3rd	Julie Schnetzky	Tigard	\$5
Counted Cross Stitch	<i>Sponsor: Parkdale Grange</i>		
1st	Susie Kroeker	Crow	\$15
Apron	<i>Sponsor: Beavercreek Grange</i>		
1st	Diane Sauer	Little Deschutes	\$15
2nd	Myra Boyd	Riversdale	\$10
3rd	Elvaree Fine	Hurricane Creek	\$5
Hot Pad or Mitt (Crocheted or Knitted)	<i>Sponsor: Susan Noah</i>		
1st	Myra Boyd	Riversdale	\$15
2nd	Elvaree Fine	Hurricane Creek	\$10
Hot Pad or Mitt (Any Kind or Fabric)	<i>Sponsor: Susan Noah</i>		
1st	Diane Sauer	Little Deschutes	\$15
2nd	Roberta Odell	Santiam Valley	\$10
Purses and Totes	<i>Sponsor: Cookie Trupp</i>		
1st	Diane Parrott	Parkdale	\$15
2nd	Nan Hage	Abernethy	\$10
3rd	Sue Dumolt	Clarks	\$5
Wall Hanging Quilt	<i>Sponsor: Creswell Grange</i>		
1st	Wanda Putman	Walterville	\$15
2nd	Berna Clossen	Redland	\$10
Baby Quilt- Machine Quilted by One	<i>Sponsor: Sauvies Island Grange</i>		
1st	Tracy Waters	Skyline	\$15
2nd	Denise Meese	Little Deschutes	\$10
3rd	Carol Stream	Little Deschutes	\$5
Baby Quilt- Tied by One	<i>Sponsor: Sauvies Island Grange</i>		
1st	Roberta Odell	Santiam Valley	\$15
Embroidered Baby Quilt	<i>Sponsor: Walterville Grange</i>		
1st	Roberta Odell	Santiam Valley	\$15
Quilts- Machine Quilted by One	<i>Sponsor: Siletz Valley Grange</i>		
1st	Denise Meese	Little Deschutes	\$15
2nd	Barbara Owens	Little Deschutes	\$10
3rd	Barbara McCormack	Hurricane Creek	\$5



Past State President, Jay Sexton, shows off the 115 pounds of Pop tops that were turned in at convention and deliver to a recycler. Funds raised from them will be used for a GWA project.



# It Was "Trees, Cheese and Ocean Breeze" in District 3



## Court of Flora

L: Pomona Linda Helm  
Attendants Joanne McBride and Roberta O'Dell

C: Flora Sandi Ludi  
Attendants Jeanie Force and Annette Naylor

R: Ceres Jessie Jo Guttridge  
Attendants Joann Keeley and Courtney Rae

## Rosebud Team Members

JC Junkman, Clarkes #261; Breanna Hays-McKay, Abernethy #346; Amanda Puls, Myrtle Creek #442; Raelynn Thorp, Myrtle Creek #442; Payton Schindale, Warren #536; Maple Vamahna, Warren #536; Mary Jane Dupuis, Warren #536; Mikela Heimuller-Chamberlain, Warren #536 and Usher Finley Pingel, Warren #536

## New 6<sup>th</sup> Degree Members

L; With Assistant Steward, Jim J. Dumolt and Lady Assistant Steward Pro-tem, Connie Suing.



Left: Bridget Allen, Oregon State FFA Sophomore Public Speaking first place winner was presented. She gave her award-winning speech on the topic of agricultural marketing. She discussed the positive and negative impact of advertising campaigns on the industry and the importance for companies to promote their products with integrity.

Bridget is the Vice President of the Tillamook FFA Chapter and Vice President of the Northwest District of the Oregon FFA.

The Oregon State Grange has sponsored the FFA Prepared Public Speaking contest since 1936.



Left: Columbia County Rodeo Court Queen Madison and Princess Lindsey brought greetings to the Oregon State Grange. Warren Grange #536, Columbia County is one of the sponsors of the Rodeo Court. Madison and Lindsey participate in community service activities with Warren Grange and appreciate the sponsorship and support of the Grange.



Martha Stefenoni  
Priestess Analyst  
Assembly of Demeter



John Benedik  
Vice President  
National Grange



Joe Stefenoni  
President  
California State Grange



Tom Gwin, Lecturer  
National Grange  
President  
Washington State Grange

## It Was “Trees, Cheese and Ocean Breeze” in District 3



### Officers of the Fifth Degree Team

**Back Row:** Lady Asst. Steward, Mikela Heimuller-Chamberlain, Warren #536, Columbia Co.; Steward, Sam Keator, Winona # 271, Washington Co.; Asst. Steward, Joe Peter, Kinton #562, Washington Co. and Gatekeeper, Bradlee Mertz, Tigard #148, Washington Co.

**Middle row:** Ex Comm. #3, Doris Thurston, Forest Grove #282, Washington Co.; Treasurer, Hal Noble, Winona # 271, Washington Co.; Ex Comm. #1, Bev Doescher, Forest Grove #282, Washington Co.; Chaplain, Susan Peter, Kinton #562, Washington Co.; Ex Comm. #2, Ed Thurston, Forest Grove #282, Washington Co. and Musician, Linda Wetzell, Goshen #561, Lane Co.

**Front Row:** Lecturer, Marilyn Reiher, Winona # 271, Washington Co.; Secretary, Margaret Clute, Forest Grove #282, Washington Co.; Attendant Karen Brokken, Tigard #148, Washington Co.; Attendant, Belinda Sanchez, Hillsboro #73, Washington Co.; Master, Teresa Cernac, Warren #536, Columbia Co. and Overseer, Carol Everman, Beaver Valley #306, Columbia Co.

**Sitting:** Flora, Eva Frost, Warren #536, Columbia Co.; Pomona, Julie Schnetzky, Tigard #148, Washington Co. and Ceres, Connie Staufer, Winona # 271, Washington Co.

### Memorial Drill Team

**Back Row:** OSG Secretary, Sarah Jenkins; OSG Musician Linda Wetzell; OSG President, Jay Sexton; Sam Keator, Winona #271, Washington Co.; Bev Doescher, Forest Grove #282, Washington Co.; Jim Clute, Forest Grove #282, Washington Co. and; Lyle Roberts, Beaver Homes #518, Columbia Co.

**Front Row:** OSG Chaplain, Paula Herick; Eva Frost, Warren #536, Columbia Co.; Teresa Cernac, Warren #536, Columbia Co.; Doris Thurston, Forest Grove #282, Washington Co.; Marcia Roberts, Beaver Homes #518, Columbia Co. and Margaret Clute, Forest Grove #282, Washington Co.



R: Doris Thurston, Forest Grove #282, Washington Co. lights the candles as Bev Doescher, Forest Grove #282, Washington Co. adds flowers to the vase during the Memorial Service.

Below: The Youth officers execute their closing drill.



### 2024 Oregon State Youth Officers

**Back Row:** Executive Committee #1: Ethan Utt – Fairmount #252, Benton Co.; Treasurer: Joseph Stefanoni – California State Grange; Overseer: Breanna Hays-McKay – Abernethy #346, Clackamas Co.; Lecturer: Mike Terry – Marys River #685, Benton Co. Assistant Steward: Orrin Schnetzky – Tigard #148, Washington Co. and Executive Committee #2: Danika Cook – Mohawk-McKenzie #747, Lane Co.

**Middle Row:** Secretary: Mikela Heimuller-Chamberlain – Warren #536, Columbia Co.; President: JC Junkman – Clarkes #261, Clackamas Co.; Gatekeeper: Jim Dumolt – Clarkes #261, Clackamas Co.; Steward: Riley Reynolds – Santiam Valley #828, Linn Co.; Executive Committee #3: Cerise Cook – Mohawk-McKenzie #747, Lane Co. and OSG Musician: Linda Wetzell, Goshen #561, Lane Co.

**Front Row:** Lady Assistant Steward: Grace Merchant – Abernethy #346, Clackamas Co. and Chaplain: Jessie Jo Guttridge – Springwater #263, Clackamas Co. **At Stations:** Flora, Megan Schofield – Ada #570, Lane Co.; Ceres: Amanda Puls – Myrtle Creek #442, Douglas Co. and Pomona: Raeylynn Thorp – Myrtle Creek #442, Douglas Co.



## Membership Matters

Jay Sexton  
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OSG Membership Director

I am excited by the opportunities in my new position of Director of the Membership Committee at the Oregon State Grange. Over the last two years when I was State Grange President, I was not able to find a volunteer for this Director position. That was unfortunate, as this Committee is very important in helping Granges grow their memberships.

Here are a couple of things that I have seen work in the two Granges where I am a member of Marys River #685 and Willamette #52, both in Benton County.

First, an Open House with the goal of "Learn about the Grange" or "Membership Drive" is intimidating for community members who know little about our order. A free event that has attractive features such as family friendly activities, kids' activities, music, relevant information, snacks or other food, and friendly volunteers will bring in people from the community.

A welcoming atmosphere is important. Also have the "What Is A Grange?" sign that is being delivered to all Oregon Granges displayed in a location that every visitor will be able to see it. There are many misconceptions about Grange, and some people are shy to ask.

Somewhere in the Hall there should be a "Grange Table" with a couple of your friendliest Grangers. If you have a sign at this table saying your membership goal this year is to reach 50 members by the end of the year, people will often ask "What is your membership now?" and that starts a conversation.

Next, they may ask "Who can join?," "What does it cost?," "Why

would I join?," "What do I need to do if I am a member?" Be ready to answer these questions. Friendly interactions, answering questions about your Grange, and the attraction of the event will often yield a couple of new member applications. Every Grange should constantly strive to grow membership. Welcome them and encourage their ideas. New members will strengthen your Hall.

Many Granges offer discounted Hall rental to members, as a benefit. The pro-rated dues also allow an applicant easy entry into our membership. Members joining in July, August, and September would pay just 25% of the annual dues for the rest of 2024. While people joining in October, November, or December would pay full dues for all of the next year.

We have great news on the membership front. Every year since 2017 the total Oregon Grange membership sees a drop in the first quarterly report. This quarter is when Non-Payment of Dues and Members Requesting to Drop are reported. However, this year our quarter one membership totals were in the positive, with a small gain! I am encouraged that this year is starting strong, and I intend to visit many Granges and help this year be a great one for membership growth.

Lastly, I am looking for people to help with the Membership Committee. We need a district chair for each of the five districts, and I will also bring on at-large volunteers from any district. Together we will visit Granges across the State and encourage and help with growth. Call or email me if you are interested or have questions

## Eagle Point #664 Honors Member

Donna Boutwell, long time member of Eagle Point Grange #664, Jackson County, was honored for her service to the Grange by her Grange. The award commemorated her loyal dedication and commitment to the Grange, especially during member shortages, with outstanding contributions toward the goals of Grange in managing both the Craft and Holiday Bazaars, rentals and cleaning to preserve the appearance of the hall, as well as supporting any new members". Thank you for "Making a difference."



Above: Donna Boutwell, of Eagle Point Grange was presented an award from the Grange commemorating her service to the Grange by President Joe Burns on June 11, 2024.



## State Membership Committee Announces Awards for 2023

The Membership Committee recognized Granges that had the highest percent membership gains in the 2023 calendar year during the Membership Luncheon at the State Grange Convention. Financial Awards went to the top four Granges and all other Granges with a 15% or more gain qualify for a drawing

for an indoor/outdoor Grange flag.

Willamette Grange was the recipient of the flag. The President's Award, sponsored by the Oregon State Grange Foundation, for the most new members added to the rolls of a Grange went to Creswell Grange.

Grange	Start #	End #	% Gain	# Gain	Place	Awards
Scotts Mills #938	15	49	226.7	34	1st	\$100.00
South Fork #605	9	26	188.9	17	2nd	\$75.00
Hope #269	16	32	100.0	16	3rd	\$50.00
Bridge #730	12	24	100.0	12	4th	\$25.00
Fairview #273	7	12	71.4	5		
Creswell #496	62	104	67.7	42		
Willamette #52	58	96	65.5	38		
Pine Valley #815	7	11	57.1	4		
Eagle Creek #297	10	15	50.0	5		
Buell #637	23	34	47.8	11		
Pleasant Grove #475	15	22	46.7	7		
Oak Grove #198	11	16	45.5	5		
Wolf Creek #596	12	17	41.7	5		
Netel #410	26	35	34.6	9		
Abermethy #346	26	34	30.8	8		
Silverton #748	21	27	28.6	6		
Natal #302	22	28	27.3	6		
Fort Union #953	4	5	25.0	1		
Little Deschutes #939	48	58	20.8	10		
Sunnyside #842	29	35	20.7	6		
Olney #793	32	38	18.8	6		
Rockford #501	45	53	17.8	8		
Summit #432	17	20	17.6	3		
Multnomah #71	17	20	17.6	3		
Sandlake #546	17	20	17.6	3		
Lorane #54	29	34	17.2	5		
London #937	18	21	16.7	3		
Santiam Valley #828	19	22	15.8	3		

## North End Celebrates Long Term Members

North End Grange #820, Wallowa County, celebrated the long-term commitment of several members. Nancy Cannon was recognized for 60 plus years of membership. Also recognized for 60 years was Carol Wulff. Both joined in early 1962.

Larry and Donna Bacon were congratulated on 50 years of Grange membership. They joined in 1973. And Jeff Curry, who joined in 1979, was thanked for his 45 years of membership. North End Grange says, "Thank you all for your years of service and commitment to the Grange."



L-r: Larry and Donna Bacon and Jeff Curry; sitting: Nancy Cannon

## Grange Youth & Young Adults



Jim J Dumolt & Amanda Puls  
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Hello Brothers and Sisters,

With the changing of leadership at the 2024 Oregon State Grange Convention in Tillamook, Oregon came the changing of Directors. The Youth and Young Adults program is thrilled to welcome Amanda Puls and Jim Dumolt as the new Co-Directors. Amanda is a member of Myrtle Creek Grange in Douglas County and has been a member for four years. She helps with the local farmers market every Saturday, she helps with the city's Easter egg hunt, and many more Grange projects. Jim is a member of Clarkes Grange in Clackamas County and has been a member for 25 years. Jim helps at the Veterans Village in Clackamas County and with the annual community picnic in Clarkes, among other things. He is the President of his local Grange.

Jim and Amanda look forward to bringing some new ideas to the table and keeping some old ones. Some of those ideas include bringing back the weekend camping trip

for Youth and Young Adults and their families. They are also hoping that the contests planned for April will be well attended. Both Amanda and Jim have some ideas about where they want the Youth and Young Adults program to go, both agree that they want to see it grow and get more involvement from members that are in the fourteen-to-thirty-five-year age range.

They are still looking for some youth or young adults to fill out the district chairpeople for the committee. So if you know of anyone who might want to do it or would be a good fit for it, please contact them at osg.youth@gmail.com, where they can give more details about what the position would entail.

Both Amanda and Jim, are looking forward to working together as the heads of this program and are interested to see where it goes in the next couple of years. They would like to thank you all for your support and generosity in the future.



## GROW Club

"Go Right On Working"



Mark Noah  
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The 2024 Oregon State GROW Club Dinner was held at Fairview Grange in Tillamook on Wednesday evening June 19 during State Grange convention. President Teresa Cernac welcomed everyone as a dinner was enjoyed.

After dinner was over current board members that were present were introduced:

- President: Teresa Cernac
- District 1: John Fine
- District 2: Susan Noah
- District 5: Gail Wilson

Guests for the evening were National Grange VP John Benedik along with California GROW Club members Joe Stefenoni, California State Grange President and Martha Stefenoni, Priestess Annalist of the Assembly of Demeter.

Members present filled out a questionnaire about their path to GROW Club and things the GROW Club could do. They were then collected and used for the door prize drawings.

### Old Business

Name badge orders. We did not receive enough orders to get the badges. Those that ordered one will have their money returned after convention.

### New Business:

New board members were selected/ volunteered. They are:

- President: Mark Noah
- District 1: John Fine
- District 2: Steve Kroeker
- District 3: Stacy Brown
- District 4: Vacant
- District 5: Gail Wilson

Discussion was held on again offering Ice Cream Socials in that evening's oral Auction. The decision was made to offer a maximum of three, all at the same winning bid. They would be put on by the GROW Club during the months of April through October.

Discussion was held on other ideas for the GROW Club.

- Filming of the Ritual Work
- Helping sell the Youth Goodie Basket tickets on Wednesday morning of convention before the Youth open session
- Mentor Youth and Young Adults for contests that lead to club membership
- A BBQ for a fun activity

The evening closed with drawings for door prizes.

### Results of the oral auction:

Two Ice Cream Socials were sold at \$500 each, one to Phil Van Buren and one to Jay Sexton. Phil then turned around and gave his to the California State Grange. California has asked the GROW Club to come to their State Convention and serve the ice cream as the feast following the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree on Saturday evening September 28<sup>th</sup> in Woodland, California. If you want to participate, contact Mark Noah, GROW Club President.



## OSG Youth/Young Adults Contest Winners

### Public Speaking

Prepared

- 1 Solana Sonnier  
The Sandy Grange #392  
Clackamas County

As the first place winner Solana is eligible to compete at the National Grange convention in November.



L: One of five district Goodie Baskets raffled off during the annual drawing. Funds raised by the raffle support Youth and Young Adult travel to events and competitions.

## Youth Goodie Baskets Drawing Held

The annual Goodie Basket drawing was held on Wednesday June 19 during the Youth Luncheon at convention. Thank you to each and every Grange that purchased and sold tickets. More than 3500 tickets were sold. The money raised from this fundraiser allows Oregon's

Youth and Young Adults to travel to the Western Regional Leadership conference, to the National Grange Convention and to Granges in our own state as requested. Thank you doesn't come close to how much this financial support is appreciated.



Now to the fun part. This year with the shrinkage in the number of districts there were five baskets available for the winners to select from.

Above: National Grange Vice President John Benedik dug deep to find the winning raffle ticket.

Congratulations to all the winners.

## Legislative Policy Resolutions Adopted at the 2024 State Convention

### AG #1: Agriculture Policy Statements

Resolved: The following edited policy statement section be retained as Grange policy:

- Agriculture is the oldest recorded commercial enterprise known to man. While it is no longer number one, it supports, directly or indirectly, a large share of the state's employment. Forestry provides a close second to commercial agriculture. Recreation is also important, and it is dependent on both Agriculture and Forestry. Agricultural crops, livestock, and wood products are also renewable resources unlike some other industries. Agriculture, forestry, and recreation all require inputs of air, water, soil, and sunlight.
- Therefore, it is the policy of the Oregon State Grange that Agriculture and Forestry will be given equal and/or priority consideration when environmental or economic plans are formulated for the use of air, water, soil, and sunlight.

### AG #2: Support for Broad Agricultural and Forestry Goals

Resolved: The following edited sections be retained as Grange policy:

- Flexibility in farm programs to support family owned and operated farms at minimum public expense.
- Allowing farmers to reestablish their proven yields.
- Commodity loan rates set at or near cost of production.
- Costs of programs mandated by the federal or state government will be borne or at least cost-shared by the mandating government.
- The Oregon Departments of Agriculture and Fish and Wildlife be given adequate authority and resources to control the importation or transportation of feed products that have a potential of containing noxious weeds into agricultural and recreational areas that are presently free of these weeds.
- Cooperation with other organizations to present a solid front in support of farm, forestry, and livestock production - especially by family owned and operated farms.
- Multiple sustainable uses of public lands for grazing, timber, and recreation.
- Truth-in-Labeling of U.S. grown agricultural products.
- That each state enact laws to protect the viability and sustainability of its land and local agriculture.
- That Oregon regulate urbanization and other development to conserve and sustain its soils, farms, and forests to provide for future generations.
- That economically viable alternatives be developed before critical agricultural inputs are restricted for non-safety reasons such as climate change.
- That critical infrastructure such as ports, dams, navigation locks, and hydropower generators be maintained and modernized to maintain the competitiveness of U.S. manufacturing, agricultural and forestry sectors, and minimize impacts on the natural environment.
- That state and federal regulations of farm practices be administered by the various departments of agriculture.
- That federal and state regulations support the family farm concept. A family farm being a business enterprise that provides food, fiber, forestry, and related products and services; owned, operated, managed, and financed by family members.

### AG #3: Water Policy

Resolved: The following edited section be retained as Grange policy:

- Support legislation that provides flow rights by priority dates of applications while respecting needs of tribes and wildlife. The oldest rights having priority and places in-stream water right applications on hold when stream flows are being exceeded by existing water rights.
- Support the establishment of additional off-stream water storage facilities and aquifer recharge areas.
- Support regulations requiring measurement and reporting of water usage in basins with water shortages. Support taxpayer cost sharing for required measuring devices.

### AG #4: Soil Policy

Resolved: The following edited section be retained as Grange policy:

- Support defining "Wetlands" as used by the legislature to not include prior converted wetlands and not include isolated wetland areas smaller than one acre.
- Support taxing agricultural and forestry lands outside of urban growth boundaries on the basis of agricultural or forestry use value.
- When agricultural and forestry planning are being considered by planning agencies, intensively managed small horticultural and nursery ownerships be given equal consideration with more extensive field cropping.
- Support reasonable regulations limiting soil erosion.

### AG #5: Air Policy

Resolved: The following edited section be retained as Grange policy.

- Support air, smoke, dust, and carbon control measures that consider the most economical and expeditious means of reducing pollution while maintaining agricultural competitiveness.
- Support research and programs to utilize more fully the by-products from grass, grain, and forest that will reduce air smoke-pollution and provide an economic return to the grower.
- Support agricultural brush burning until an economically feasible alternative is developed.

### AG #6: Grain Storage, Handling and Transportation Policy

Resolved: The following section be retained as Grange policy.

- Support active port terminals and storage facilities for export and import of grains and forestry products along the Columbia River.
- Support on-farm storage facilities for grains.
- Support a moisture, protein grade, and debris level for all grains based on world importers requirements with prices based on these requirements and any pricing premiums received to be shared with growers.
- Support a multi-based barge/rail/highway farm commodities transportation system that assures the lowest possible cost of moving food and fiber to the consumer.

### AG #7: Livestock Policy

Resolved: The following edited section be retained as Grange policy:

- Oppose the importation of meat, dairy, and fish products that do not meet U.S. Food and Drug standards of the same domestic products.
- Oppose any change in current USDA inspection laws that would weaken the inspection standards for fish, fowl, pork, beef, lamb, or other meat products.

### AG #8: Chemicals Policy

Resolved: The following edited section be adopted as Grange policy:

- Support county, state, and federal legislation to cost share with landowners for control and containment of noxious weeds. Any legislation that is enacted should require public agencies to control weeds on the lands they are managing.
- Support county, state, and federal legislation that would permit timely use of chemical controls to eradicate exotic pests on an emergency basis.

### AG #9: Farmland and Forest Land Policy

Resolved: The following section should be retained as Grange policy as edited:

- The Oregon State Grange opposes governmental condemnation of agricultural acreage for the purpose of setting up recreational and environmental areas.
- The Oregon State Grange supports legislation that would prevent condemnation of water rights from agriculture to supply rural and/or industrial development with water and, if water is unavailable, a temporary building halt be made in any area not having a ready and adequate source of water.

### AG #10: Irrigation Policy

Resolved: The following section should be retained as edited:

- The Oregon State Grange supports the concept that **agricultural use of water** continues to be considered as a beneficial use of the waters of Oregon. Also, Oregon statutes recognize water used for agricultural food production and processing to be identified as beneficial uses equal to fish, wildlife, recreation, and other environmental water uses.
- The Oregon State Grange urges the Oregon State Water Resources Department to consider the needs of the Oregon farmers when making their decisions concerning **minimum stream flow**, and fish and wildlife uses. The Oregon State Grange also urges cooperation from all agencies and tribal government to provide for the needs of farmers, as well as those of fish and wildlife.
- The Oregon State Grange supports the efforts to help the **Klamath irrigation** users in their fight to keep their historical water rights and their ability to make a living off their land.

### AG #11: Chemicals, Vegetation Control and Pests Policy

Resolved: The following section should be retained as edited:

- The Oregon State Grange strongly opposes a ban on the use of **Sodium Nitrite**.
- The Oregon State Grange favors allowing **field burning** by growers of fine fescue and some other varieties that require such burning to yield well, until such time as an established and effective alterna-



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tive for purifying the fields is sanctioned by these farmers, and the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

- The Oregon State Grange supports invasive insect prevention and management to protect Oregon's agriculture, horticulture, environment, and quality of life from damaging insects using best management practices.
- The Oregon State Grange supports a two-tier law **protecting livestock** from dogs. Dogs that chase livestock outside incorporated cities shall be put to death upon the first offense. Dogs that chase livestock inside incorporated cities shall be put to death upon the second offense. All dogs that injure or kill livestock shall be put to death.
- The Oregon State Grange supports strict **Dog Control laws** with adequate enforcement. The Oregon State Grange also supports stiff penalties for those delinquent on restitution imposed by the court system.
- The Oregon State Grange firmly believes that ranchers should be allowed to kill a **wolf** that is killing or threatening to kill any livestock or pet and supports any legislation that would allow such.
- The Oregon State Grange supports efforts to mitigate livestock loss as well as elk and deer population reductions due to **wolves in Oregon**.
- The Oregon State Grange wants our lobbyist to work toward introducing legislation that would direct the State of Oregon to **compensate the owner of a calf or lamb killed by a wolf** at their value based on three times the average weaning weight and other livestock and farm animals at three times their value.
- The Oregon State Grange supports the removal of many of the restrictions for game hunting and allow a hunt season of reasonable time and bag limit to reduce the numbers of the seven sub-species of **Canadian Geese** causing crop damage in the Willamette Valley.

### AG #12: Foreign Aid and the Importation of Agricultural Products Policy

Resolved: The following section should be retained as Grange policy as edited:

- The Oregon State Grange supports regulations and, if needed to maintain a domestic industry, **tariffs** on imported agricultural products. The Oregon State Grange urges that **grain exports** be kept to a level where they do not jeopardize our domestic needs.
- The Oregon State Grange opposes the **importation of agricultural products** that have been produced using products such as veterinary products or pesticides not approved for use in the United States.
- The Oregon State Grange supports the **Foreign Agricultural Investment Disclosure Act**.

### AG #13: Domestic Agricultural Aid Policy

Resolved: The following section should be retained as edited:

- The Oregon State Grange supports only farm programs that recognize the fact that all **commodities are interrelated**, and any change in supply, demand, or price of one affects the others. Because commodities are interrelated, careful consideration must be made of the economic impact on all commodities when a major change in any policy is made.
- The Oregon State Grange recognizes the problems of the small seed producer of non-hybrid seeds, and the State Grange strongly supports legislation, and/or programs short of subsidies, which would help the small independent **seed producer**.

### AG #14: Farming Practices Policy

Resolved: The following section should be retained as Farming Practices policy:

- The Oregon State Grange expresses support for the formation of a **coalition of farm organizations** that would present a solid front in support of the farming industry, especially the family farm.
- The Oregon State Grange supports programs that would develop **ethanol**, biodiesel, or any other commercial type of fuel from surplus grain or other agricultural products or by-products.
- The Oregon State Grange believes Grange members should become involved in any open discussion of Agriculture through **public forums**. The State Grange shall encourage such participation by informing members of pending opportunities.
- The Oregon State Grange will lobby to maintain the **Conservation Reserve Program**.
- The Oregon State Grange will vigorously oppose any change weakening Oregon's **'Agricultural Lien Laws.'**
- The Oregon State Grange supports local efforts to **safeguard the genetic diversity** within heirloom plant varieties and the Oregon

State Grange encourages the growing, preservation, and distribution of these varieties throughout the state.

- The Oregon State Grange supports the **"Farm to Child Nutrition Programs."**
- The Oregon State Grange urges the state legislature to allocate funds to schools for the purchase of Oregon food products and provide school-garden and agricultural education grants to help fund the **Farm to School Program** and the **School Garden Network**.
- The Oregon State Grange encourages refuge managers in the Willamette Valley to work with neighboring farmers to employ farming practices that raise crops that provide a more adequate supply of winter feed for the wintering **Canadian Geese and waterfowl**.
- The Oregon State Grange supports legislation that allows the use of surface and grey water for **permaculture**.
- The Oregon State Grange supports legislation that would **exempt poultry producers in Oregon from certain licensing requirements**, according to the federal Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA), when they:
  - Process no more than 1,000 birds per year of their own raising
  - Slaughter and process under sanitary standards, practices, and procedures according to state food safety regulations established for the exemption
  - Keep slaughter and sales records
  - Do not sell poultry products interstate.
- The Oregon State Grange supports the **Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act of 2013** which would change Section 302(e) of the Controlled Substances Act (2) U.S.C. 822(e) as follows: 1. striking "(e)" and 2. adding the following: "(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a registrant who is a Veterinarian shall not be required to have a separate registration in order to transport and dispense controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice at a site other than the registrant's registered principal place of business or professional practice, so long as the site of dispensing is located in a state where the veterinarian is licensed to practice veterinary medicine."
- Oregon State Grange supports the **"Local Farms, Food and Job Act."**

The Oregon State Grange **"Supports Sustainable Farming"** partially defined as farming method which:

1. Minimize unwanted cross pollination of seed types
  2. Encourages methods of seed creation which minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides.
  3. Encourages methods of seed creation which will increase the nutritional value of the food.
  4. Encourages research assessing impacts of agricultural seed and practices on human health, the natural environment, and the economy.
  5. Support farming originating from all seed types on condition that the above assurances are met.
- The Oregon State Grange supports the use of **Spent Grains** as animal feed.
  - The Oregon State Grange supports government and fiscal policy that improves the likelihood of commercial success, and reduces impediments to that success, of **Small Farms**.

### AG #15: Genetically Modified Organisms and Crops Policy

Resolved: The following section should be retained as edited:

- The Grange promotes the **saving of non-patented seed** for future use on the farm ("Brown Bag" seed).
- The Oregon State Grange supports legislation which would place a moratorium on the growing of plants **genetically engineered** to produce pharmaceutical and industrial products using food crops in outdoor environments until methods to prevent spread of such genes are proved reliable.

### AG #16: Ban/Label Recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone (rBGH) Milk

Resolved: The National Grange request the U.S. Congress to pass a law banning the drug Recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone (rBGH) being used in cows in the United States. And it be further

Resolved: If rBGH does not get banned, then the National Grange request the U.S. Congress to pass a law to label all milk products that come from cows that are given Recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone (rBGH).

### AG #17: Protecting Small Farms Ability to Keep Livestock

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange calls upon the Oregon State Legislature to amend the laws pertaining to regulations of Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) to prohibit the Oregon De-

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partment of Agriculture from imposing large CAFO regulations on agricultural operations with less than 200 animal units.

### AG #18: Supporting Small Farm Use of Water

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange urges the State of Oregon to amend its "exempt use" water rules to include the use of up to 5,000 gallons per day from domestic wells for irrigation of commercial agricultural crops.

### CO #1: Community Composting

Resolved: That we of the Oregon State Grange encourage and support Oregon's individual Granges to engage in community composting operations to help grow food in local soils and manage food waste sustainably.

### CO #2: Forestry Policy

Resolved: The following section be retained as Grange policy:

- Support established silvicultural practices, including clear cutting, as viable alternatives in timber harvesting. Timber harvest activities shall be conducted so as to protect the basic soil and water resources and to ensure adequate reforestation of commercial timber species.
- Support timely and expeditious harvesting of fire- and insect-damaged timber that maintains timber value and reduces fire hazards.

### CO #3: Watershed Policy

Resolved: The following edited section be retained as Grange policy:

- The Oregon State Grange recognizes the importance of, and the protection of, all watersheds. The Grange also recognizes that watersheds do not adhere to boundaries of private or public lands. Inasmuch as all lands are within the watershed, all who own or manage all or any portion of a watershed must exercise responsible stewardship of that watershed to maintain its health to provide clean water, continue its production of food or fiber, and any other multiple uses that will benefit society.
- The Oregon State Grange recommends that federal, state, and local governments work closely with each other, tribal governments, and local landowners for the conservation and development of watersheds and construction of watershed projects, such as erosion controls, dams, and reservoirs for multiple uses such as flood control, storing and releasing surplus flood waters, replenishing underground water, hydroelectric power generation, irrigation, and industrial/municipal uses.
- The Oregon State Grange opposes the 'locking up' of watersheds or portions thereof for a single use by any governmental agency especially public lands that have historically been in multiple uses including the growing and harvesting of timber, forage, and other renewable resources.
- The Oregon State Grange does not oppose the placing of some restrictions on some activities in designated areas for the protection of a specific resource.
- The Oregon State Grange supports and promotes educating all persons and agencies to the fact that the principal responsibility for the protection of our watersheds lies with those who use them.

### CO #4: Timber Resources and Logging Practices Policy

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange takes the position that continued **export of logs** from our state is not in the best interests of Oregonians. Such export activities should be stopped at the earliest possible date. We support legislation that any timber company exporting raw logs be prohibited from bidding on, or purchasing, any state or federal timber.

### CO #5: Public Owned Forest Policy

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange:

- believes that all publicly owned forests should be strictly managed to protect and enhance all the interrelated values of the forest, from timber to clean water to wildlife and recreation. Methods should be developed and practiced to allow sustainable logging, while taking into consideration the preservation and rejuvenation of the forest.
- supports the **wise use** of all **natural resources** including the full and complete utilization of all blown down, fire damaged, and insect killed stands of timber, as well as logging debris from these harvesting activities.

### CO #6: Public Assets Policy

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange urges Congress to oppose the **sale of public lands**. Every effort should be made to retain, protect, and develop all of the public domain in the best long-term

interests of the people of the United States.

### CO #7: Forestry Practices Policy

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange

- affirms its position that **grazing allotments** and timber sales are in the interest of rural citizens and agriculture. The U.S. Forest Service and the BLM should manage their land bases for multiple uses including timber and mineral production and protect them from catastrophic fires while taking into consideration the impact of their policies on local economies.
- encourages timely and expeditious **salvage** of insect damaged, diseased, and wildfire killed or damaged timber to prevent further deterioration of timber value and reduce wildfire hazard. We also encourage the use of modern silvicultural practices in timber management to harvest, thin, reforest and otherwise manage forest lands, encourage timber management activities be conducted so as to protect soil and water resources and to ensure reforestation of commercial timber species to meet or exceed the Oregon State Forest Practices requirement.
- favors the following **timber harvesting** practices:
  - 1 Logging of burned or bug killed trees in fire damaged areas where practical; and
  - 2 Construction of new roads into timber stands be held to a minimum; and
  - 3 New seeding of native grass, forbs, and trees be accomplished as soon as possible.

### CO #8: Use of Our Water Resources Policy

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange requests the Governor and the Water Resources Board to make every effort to require private companies to share with the state **geological knowledge** resulting from their explorations. This would aid the Water Resources Board in their efforts to study the underground water resources of our state.

### CO #9: Water Resources Policy

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange:

- believes any permit filing by the state for in stream **water rights** be performed under the same historic priority rules which have traditionally and do now govern water right filings by non-governmental entities. Further, any and all water rights issued to the State of Oregon have a prerequisite, objective, economic and social impact analysis of the proposed water use, and those public hearings be held in the geographic area where the water being appropriated is located.
- shall lobby to sharply curtail the **use of deep wells for irrigation**, especially where there is no possibility of replacement supplies from river sources. We urgently request curtailment of further drilling permits for unlimited use of deep wells for irrigation, especially in areas of the state of Oregon where there is an indication of depleting the existing underground supply of fresh, clean water.
- strongly opposes the Oregon Water Resource Department levying a per acre-foot, per year, fee structure. In the event **water fees** are authorized, all funds shall be forwarded to the State Treasury for proper appropriation by the State Legislature.
- strongly supports the '**prior appropriation**' doctrine as the basis for water law in Oregon.

### CO #10: Watershed Policy

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange strongly supports the **Bull Run Trespas Act**.

### CO #11: Rivers and Their Resources Policy

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange will oppose any attempts to **divert the waters** of the Columbia River, as well as the Snake River, to states not along their banks.

### CO #12: River Transportation Policy

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange

- strongly supports **lock projects for maintenance and repairs** on all dams on the Columbia and Snake rivers.
- will work with legislators to help convince the Oregon Department of Transportation and the ICC (Interstate Commerce Commission), to promote the **lowest possible cost of transportation** for agriculture commodities.
- supports initiating **salmon recovery projects** which do not sacrifice other economic values, such as habitat enhancement, erosion, and pollution control rules, culvert replacement for fish passage, and projects such as those in the Umatilla River in Oregon, the Clearwater River in Idaho, and the Hanford Reach in Washington.

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- supports continuation of **barging of fish** around the dams and reasonable control of seals and sea lions at fish transit points.
- opposes the **breaching** of the lower Snake River **dams** and all dams on the Columbia River.
- supports legislation that gives the Native American Tribes on the Columbia River the opportunity to operate some of the **hatcheries** on the Columbia River.

### CO #13: Ocean and Stream Fish Resources Policy

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange:

- believes a higher priority should be placed on the rehabilitation and maintenance of the Coho resources, since the **Coho Salmon** fishing industry is a part of the basic economy in Oregon.
- strongly requests the legislature fund the reconstruction and operation of the Rock Creek Fish **Hatchery** near Idleld Park as a part of the budget for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

### CO #14: Game, Game Management, and Hunting Policy

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange:

- is opposed to a ban on snare and **leg hold traps** in Oregon. We are in favor of trapping to protect livestock and our livelihoods.
- supports current laws banning the use of dogs to **hunt bears**.
- shall actively work to change the law to allow hunters to use dogs to control **cougars, fox, and coyote populations** under direction of the Oregon State Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- shall support legislation requiring a surcharge of \$100.00 or 10%, whichever is greater, be added to all fines or assessments resulting from a conviction of **poaching**. Such surcharge to be dedicated to the funding of advanced Hunter Education.
- supports humane animal salvage within the first 12 hours and continues to support that law.
- opposes any effort to list the **coyote** as a protected game animal and we will work with and cooperate with other groups to fight any and all attempts to list the coyote as a protected game animal.

### CO #15: Preservation of Oregon's Beaches Policy

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange:

- declares its conviction that the **public beaches** of Oregon are, and must remain, the property of the people. The Oregon State Grange supports reasonable government action to provide access to those beaches.
- shall work for the adoption of a **'Wreck Removal Act'** as recommended in the New Carissa Review Committee Report, which would create vessel owner liability for removal of abandoned and wrecked ships from Oregon beaches.

### CO #16: Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Policy

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange:

- supports the Oregon State **Board of Forestry** continuing to act as the policy making and supervisory organ of the Oregon State Forestry Department.
- encourages the Forest Service and BLM to return to the original intent of the **Taylor Grazing Act**.
- encourages the repeal of the **Wild Horse and Burro Law**. The Oregon State Grange believes that BLM should be allowed to sell or dispose of horses that have been gathered each year, when homes cannot be found.
- will endorse research to provide Forest Managers, woodland owners, other forestry professionals, and the public with an understanding of **better forest management**.

### CO #17: Ocean Fish Policy

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange work with Congress and the President of the United States to stop the use of **drift nets** in our country's waters as well as international waters. Also, the penalties for illegal harvesting of sea life should be made more severe.

### EH #1: Medicare and Dementia

Resolved: The National Grange encourage Congress to update Medicare's description of Dementia as a medical issue.

### EH #2: Health Care and Health Care Providers Policy

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange supports the **Immunosuppressive Drug Coverage for Kidney Transplant Patients Act** requiring coverage of the cost of such drugs by insurance companies and

public agencies that pay for health care.

### FA #1: Limit Medicaid's Estate Recovery Program

Resolved: Congress should amend the federal Medicaid Estate Recovery Program to include limits below which asset recovery will not be attempted.

### LE #1: Support Alternate Site Considerations

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange supports ORS 469.504(2) being amended to require the Energy Facility Siting Council to determine if alternative siting locations for energy infrastructure exist which would not require land use exceptions, similar to the provisions of ORS 197.732.

### LE #2: Penalties for the Use and Sale of Illegal Drugs

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange supports federal legislation to declassify marijuana as a Schedule 1 substance and to remove federal penalties based on such classification.

### LE #5: Opposition to Local Transportation Optimization (LTO)

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange opposes Local Transportation Optimization (LTO) and will make our opposition known by sending this resolution to Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, the Postal Regulatory Commission, President Joe Biden, and Oregon's Senators and Representatives.

### LE #6: National Government Office Age Limits

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange supports age limits for federal office wherein all U. S. federal elected officials when they reach the age of eighty (80) be required to retire at the end of their current term.

### LE #7: Age Limits for Supreme Court

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange supports age limits for the U.S. Supreme Court, wherein justices would be required to retire within six months of turning eighty (80) years old.

### LE #8: Secondary Lands Policy

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange favors establishment of definite criteria that clearly and properly defines and identifies what constitutes 'Secondary Lands' and under what conditions additional uses would be permitted thereon, as applied to forestry and agriculture lands; also, that public comments be solicited in establishing the criteria to be used in this identification.

### LE #9: Inspections and Labeling Policy

Resolved: The following section should be retained as edited; the Oregon State Grange:

- supports strict and robustly enforced inspection standards in the USDA's **poultry inspection** program.
- supports strict **National Organic Standards** enforced by the USDA informed by the high standards that the industry has developed and maintained through the National Organic Board which represents growers, producers, manufacturers, consumers, and retailers of organic foods.
- supports laws requiring all fertilizer manufacturers to **list all ingredients** in their products and all fertilizer manufacturers using recycled products plainly list them as recycled materials.
- shall work to pass legislation which would require that all imported food sold in the United States for human consumption be labeled with the **country of origin**; and the Congress of the United States is respectfully requested to enact comprehensive legislation that requires country of origin labeling on all meat and meat products, including blended meats, to ensure that meat labeled Grown in the USA or similar label is meat from animals that were born, raised, and processed in the United States.
- asks that all products containing monosodium glutamate (**MSG**) in any form be labeled 'includes MSG' either as an ingredient or after the listed ingredient which contains or causes MSG.
- encourages Oregon retail outlets to promote and use **"Grown in Oregon"** labels.
- supports the industry accepted **cattle identification system**.
- supports legislation to require all countries exporting food products to the United States to meet the **US food safety standards** and certify safety inspections to US standards.
- supports legislation to require **labeling of foods and seeds** that contain GMOs.
- supports the National Grange's request that the U.S. Congress hold producers of **terminator seeds** liable if the genes they introduce spread to other non-GMO plants.

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### LE #10: Farm Labor Policy

Resolved: the following section should be retained as Farm Labor Grange Policy; the Oregon State Grange:

- opposes any national regulations and laws that would prohibit farm families from raising and educating their children in the **traditional farm duties** in a safe and judicious manner.
- opposes any effort to change the **guest worker classification for sheep herders from H-2A**.

### LE #12: Immigration Policy

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange supports requiring all employers to use the federal E-Verify system to verify the legal status of their employees with penalties for non-compliance.

### LE #13: Penalties for the Use and Sale of Illegal Drugs Policy

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange reaffirms our position concerning the restrictions and regulations on the traffic, sale, penalties, and the use of addictive drugs. We believe that all health and educational facilities be urged to stress the dangers incurred by anyone who is, or may become, addicted to drug use. We support the principles of 'A Drug Free America,' and we support public and private educational programs designed to deal with the issue of illegal drugs, and the misuse of legal drugs.

### LE #14: Timber Sales Lawsuits Policy

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to require any person or group appealing a Forest Service, BLM, or Oregon State Forestry timber sale post a **bond equal to 10% of the value** of the timber sale, said bond to be forfeited if the appeal is unsuccessful.

### LE #15: Wilderness Designation in the Mt. Hood National Forest Policy

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange supports federal legislation that would halt any additional **wilderness designation** in the Mt. Hood National Forest with the understanding that old-growth timber stands be preserved through other means of legal protection.

### LE #16: Fire Damaged Timber Policy

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange supports establishing a maximum two-year administrative deadline during which the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Forest Service is to formulate a **recovery plan** and hear all appeals concerning this recovery plan for portions of the National Forests which are damaged by fire.

### LE #17: Wilderness, Recreation, and Wild and Scenic River Areas Policy

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange will lobby for the government to voluntarily offer to purchase all **private property** in National Recreation Areas and Wild and Scenic River Areas.

### LE #18: Total Maximum Daily Load of Pollutants in Water Policy

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange shall support the TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) **water quality rule** making process in Oregon and advocate for legislation and/or rules that will not only help protect the waters of the state, but also provide agriculture and natural resource producers the ability to continue in their businesses without excessive regulatory requirements that cost them unacceptable time and money.

### LE #21: Support No Sales Tax

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange continue to support No Sales Tax for Oregon.

### LE #25: Support for Pacific Standard Time

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange advocated in the next legislative session to allow Oregon to have year-round Pacific Standard Time. And be it further

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange will send a copy of this resolution to all of the Granges in the State of Oregon and to the State Granges of the Pacific Time Zone states: Washington, and California so that they may consider advocating for year-round Pacific Standard Time. And be it further

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange will send a copy of this resolution to all State Granges and to the National Grange so they may advocate their legislatures for all year-round Standard Time.

### TU #1: Opposition to the Muddy Creek Energy Park

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange supports the Friends of Gap Road in their opposition to the proposed Muddy Creek Energy Park.

### TU #2: Opposition to Removal of Dams on the Snake River

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange opposes the removal of the Little Goose, Lower Granite, Lower Monumental, and Ice Harbor dams.

### TU #3: Additional Farmland and Forest Land Policy

Resolved: The following sections should be retained as Grange policy as edited; the Oregon State Grange

- favors a strong 'Right to Farm' law.
- supports a policy that protects and preserves for agricultural use any property in excess of two acres and restricts partitions in an Exclusive Farm Use zone.
- supports the Open Range Law and seeks support for legislation that would compel rural counties within the State of Oregon to post reminder signs along county roads at 5-mile increments stating, "Open Range Area" and also require the Oregon Department of Transportation to post reminder signs along Interstate 84 from Gilliam County to the Idaho State line at 20-mile increments stating, "Open Range Area." The Oregon State Grange also urges the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles to emphasize the Open Range Law in its Motor Vehicle Drivers Handbook.
- supports the Land Conservation and Development Commission's continued enforcement of existing guidelines to maintain the State of Oregon's existing Farm and Forest Lands and Urban Growth Boundaries.

### TU #4: Domestic Water Meters Policy

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange oppose any **domestic well water metering requirement, and any per gallon or well registration fee** associated with the domestic well water metering proposal by the Oregon Water Resources Department, Oregon Water Resources Commission, or any other entity.

### TU #5: Energy Resources Policy

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange will lobby for **compact city development** regulated by efficient land use planning, construction of convenient and economical vehicle charging infrastructure, support of fuel-efficient transportation such as barge and rail, orderly development of renewal power sources such as biodiesel, solar, wind, geothermal, Thorium nuclear and fusion and energy efficient buildings.

### TU #6: Fossil Fuels Policy

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange supports rules for the siting of **Liquefied Natural Gas Port Terminals** and Pipelines that will ensure citizen input regarding site and route selection, depth of pipeline and pipeline easements which will allow maximum use of the land above the pipeline.

### TU #7: Vehicle Regulations and Fees Policy

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange supports a combination of inflation adjusted fuel and mileage taxes increased to match inflation adjusted levels of 1960 to help finance road maintenance and improvement in Oregon. We also support an equivalent mileage tax with the use of private secured GPS units for passenger cars and trucks that do not pay fuel taxes, such as electric vehicles.

### TU #8: Oil Train Safety Policy

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange supports any efforts to increase federal railroad safety standards on shipping of oil or any hazardous materials and phasing out the use of older rail cars as soon as practical.

### TU #9: Container Shipping at Port of Portland Terminal 6

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange supports the efforts of the Port of Portland and export and import stakeholders to keep the cargo container operation working and to provide a stable source of funding for the operation of Terminal 6 Cargo Container Operation in Portland.

## Walterville Grange #416

### Notice of By-Law Change

Section 8, Paragraph 2.8.1 and 2.8.2

"In summary, Effective January 2025 the dues for members will be the same as the dues as passed by the Oregon State Grange."

Currently the dues are \$45 per year per member, and \$90 per year per family. In January of 2025 they will go to \$50 per year per member, and \$100 per year per family. Subsequently, when and if the Oregon State Grange raises or lowers dues, Walterville Grange #416 dues will change to match.

# By-laws and Good of the Order Resolutions Adopted at the 2024 Oregon State Grange Convention

## BL #1: Change Oregon State Grange By-Laws Roster Deadlines

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange By-Laws be amended to specify in 4.12.6(b), second sentence, "This information to be in the State office no later than **January 15th of the year following election.**" And be it further

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange By-Laws be amended to specify in 1.13.10 (d)2, third sentence, "A copy of such Roster shall be sent no later **than February 15th**, to the Master/President and Secretary of each Subordinate/Community and Pomona Grange, Leaders of all Junior Granges, officers and all Committee Directors and District Chairs of the Oregon State Grange, each Deputy, and to the National Grange."

## BL #2: OSG Master/President Salary

Resolved: That effective July 1, 2024 the By-Laws of the Oregon State Grange be changed to set a base salary of the Master/President of the Oregon State Grange at \$36,000 with appropriate overtime to be paid at 1-1/2 times the base salary rate per hour for any time worked past 40 hours in a workweek. The State President will receive all necessary travel expenses when away from home on Grange work. The State Executive Committee is to determine residence, taking into consideration conditions that may exist from time to time.

## BL #3: Allow a Single Vote per Member for State Officer Preferential Elections

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange By-Laws be amended as follows: Section 1.9.2(a) be changed to:

The Preferential Election shall be held at any regular meeting of the respective Subordinate/Community Granges in April. The vote is to be taken immediately after the fifth order of business. Affiliate members of a Grange are eligible to vote only once in this Preferential election at their primary or affiliate Grange but not in both. The report of election shall be announced before the close of the meeting and incorporated in the minutes. The ballots used shall be those furnished by the State office, which must have stub attached. Each member voting must write his or her name on the stub of the ballot. The stub shall be torn off by the member and returned with the ballot. After the vote is counted, the ballots and stubs shall be turned over to the Subordinate/Community Grange Secretary.

## BL #7: Grange Documentation and Bank Accounts

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange By-Laws be amended by inserting two new statements in Article 4 Section 12, Officers and Their Duties. The new statements to read:

### 4.12.13

Grange officers may open an account at the financial institution of the Grange's choice. A minimum of two members in good standing, one being the current Treasurer, must be on the account. Meeting minutes shall reflect that the Grange voted to designate the financial institution, type and number of accounts, and names of the account signers.

### 4.12.14

Each Subordinate/Community Grange is required to have and manage its own federal Employer Identification Number with the IRS under the name "Oregon State Grange Patrons of Husbandry" with a DBA, Doing Business As, the Grange name. Granges also must register and reaffirm annually their name and certain officers with the Secretary of State Business Registry. And be it further

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange By-Laws be amended with current statement 4.12.13 renumbered to 4.12.15. Current statement 4.12.14 will be renumbered to 4.12.16.

## BL #8: Update By-Laws to Master/President

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange By-Laws be amended to add "President" anywhere that "Master" is stated. And be it further

Resolved: That section 2.2.3 be amended to read "Members may hold office only in the Grange in which they hold membership, except in case of Student Granges or Affiliate Members, provided such Affiliate Members shall not hold the office of Master/President in two Subordinate/Community or Pomona Granges at the same time nor vote twice on Oregon State Grange issues, nor Oregon State Grange elections. And be it further

Resolved: That section 3.2.1(b) second sentence be amended to read "Such Affiliate members shall be entitled to hold office and vote in the additional Pomona Grange but shall not hold the office of Master/President in both Pomona Granges at the same time."

## GO #1: Disposition of Resolutions at National Grange

Resolved: That if a resolution from a State Grange is classified as 'covered by Present Policy' that the committee must clearly and specifically identify the text in the Present Policy that covers said resolution. And be it further

Resolved: That if a State Grange resolution is included in a National Grange committee's annual Policy Statement, the relevant sentences of the Policy Statement must be specifically noted and footnoted.

## GO #3: OSG Emergency Fund

Resolved: When the Oregon State Grange Executive Committee recognizes an emergency and uses emergency fund money to pay for the emergency, those funds are not required to be repaid by the Subordinate/Community Granges.

## GO #4: Automated External Defibrillator (AED) at OSG Convention

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange always have available an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) on site at every annual convention. And be it further

Resolved: Oregon State Grange members be encouraged to get CPR/AED certified. And be it further

Resolved: That during the morning announcements on each convention day the locations of AED machine(s), exits and restrooms be announced.



## Government Affairs

John DeHaas  
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Lobbyist for the Oregon State Grange

Hello Grangers

Water rights in Oregon are heating up again and the government is calling for recommendations on water policies. We here at the Oregon State Grange will keep you updated as to what happens on these upcoming hearings and policy changes as soon as they are made available to us.

Governor Kotek and a bipartisan team of lawmakers are rallying for action on Oregon's water policies, prompted by recommendations from a group of esteemed water attorneys. The attorneys outlined key concerns and suggestions for enhancing water laws in the state, emphasizing the need for better data collection, permitting processes, interagency coordination, and integration of indigenous knowledge.

In response to the attorneys advice, Governor Kotek has paused efforts to revise the state's Integrated Water Resources Strategy and enlisted the expertise of another natural resources advisor, Chandra Ferrari. The legal experts behind the call to action include Adell Amos, Janet Neuman, David Filippi, and Josh Newton, all well-versed in water law and environmental advocacy.

Highlighting critical issues such as inadequate funding, inconsistent reporting, and a backlog of con-

tested cases, the attorneys stress the urgency of updating Oregon's water management practices. They urge for immediate gubernatorial attention and leadership to address the state's current and future water needs, emphasizing the importance of sustainable water use for all residents.

The attorneys' recommendations are based on thorough analysis of past water reports and underscore the pressing need for a comprehensive assessment of water quantity and use in the state's basins. Despite legislative efforts to initiate such analysis, challenges persist in effectively managing Oregon's water resources amidst increasing demands and changing environmental conditions.

With bipartisan support from lawmakers like Rep. Ken Helm and Rep. Mark Owens, who have advocated for a halt in new water permitting until a full water budget is completed, the push for updated water policies in Oregon is gaining momentum. As the state grapples with recurring drought conditions and declining groundwater levels, the call for decisive action on water policy reform has never been more critical. Please stay tuned as we gather more information or get it to you as soon as possible.

Happy Trails

# OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - January 28, 2024

President Jay Sexton called the meeting to order at 9:40am. Members present included Vice President Steve Kroeker, Secretary Sarah Jenkins, Susan Noah, Celia Fox, and Vickie High.

Prior meeting minutes from December 5<sup>th</sup>, November 5<sup>th</sup>, and September 23<sup>rd</sup> were reviewed and approved.

## Financial Reports

- Loan and membership reports were reviewed. Several Granges with low membership were discussed.
- Financial statements and custodial funds were reviewed and discussed. The emergency fund was used last year to support the life membership fund after a decline in investments in 2022.
- Scott Barker met with us to provide a review of our investment portfolio. Our account had a 12.05% return in 2023. Scott recommended that we move out of the American Funds Strategic Bond fund that has not been performing as well as other assets in that category. He recommends that we move to a similar fund through Dodge & Cox. We also discussed the projections for interest rates on our Money Market and CD. In review of our investment policy, we found that it didn't clarify the grade of mutual funds in the same manner as individual bonds. We like the performance of the bond funds and will work with Scott to add language to our investment policy such as, "Mutual funds that are used for this aspect of the asset allocation should be primarily investment grade bonds."
  - Sarah moved that we sell the American Funds Strategic Bond fund and transfer those funds to the Dodge & Cox bond fund. Additionally, move \$100,000 from the money market to the Dodge & Cox bond fund. Susan seconded and the motion carried.

## Old Business

- Capital Mall Disabled Veterans Memorial – New location west of capital near WW2 and planned Vietnam Memorials. There are good discussions happening with the Oregon State Parks and we hope to see our memorial project completed in 2024.
- Umpqua Bank delivered the donated surplus chairs. They are a beautiful addition to the office.
- The state convention engagement team will be placed up front to welcome people coming into the session on the first day. The team will be meeting this spring to discuss specific activities for first timers.
- Ag Fest sponsorship was discussed. We currently pay \$1,000 for our booth and receive minimal publicity. The next level of sponsorship is \$2500 and provides additional publicity.
  - Susan moved that we donate \$2500 this year to Ag Fest for the Supporting Sponsorship level. Vickie seconded the motion. Celia moved to amend the motion that this increased sponsorship is contingent that we will get more publicity or visibility for this level. Steve seconded the motion to amend. The amendment carried, and the motion as amended carried.
- Office staff job descriptions still need to be created.
- Two consultant companies are coming to tour the OSG office and meet with Jay. They will provide us with a detailed estimate for preservation of our historical documents related to the Heritage Grant from Oregon State Historic Preservation Office.

## New Business

- The office water heater is from 2014 and the plumber suggests an upgrade. During the ice storm last week, the office sump pump failed resulting in 14 inches of water in the basement. \$1611.08 was spent to

- pump the water out and purchase a new pump.
- Oregon Farm Bureau offers a listing on their website buyers guide for \$675 a year. We would create a new category for Community Organizations.
  - Steve moved that we allocate \$675 from Leadership/Membership Fund for the Oregon Farm Bureau website buyers guide. Sarah seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Sutherlin Grange wishes to consolidate with Kellogg. John Fine has been advising. We are awaiting communications from Kellogg Grange.
- Fairfield Grange has gone to dormant status. They are located North of Salem in Marion County. The financials and keys were turned into the state office.
- Junction City will host a reorganization meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup> with Carol, Jay, and Peggy. They lost several members this year and are struggling. There is community interest in the Grange.
- Triangle Grange has a property line concern related to the school next door. The school district offered a no cost lease if the Grange is active. It would be more favorable for longevity of the Grange assets to do a permanent lot line adjustment. Jay will propose lot line adjustment and share the cost with the school district for surveyor, filing fees, and attorney work.

Lunch recess from 1pm to 1:30pm.

## Presidents Report

- Jay provided updates on Granges and travel.

## Decisions made via email

- June 28, 2023, Eagle Valley Custodial Funds Request \$31,050 for paving contractor
- October 2, 2023, \$700 to support National Travel for Na

- tional Comm. Fellows from Leadership/Membership Fund.
- October 5, 2023, Approval to apply for \$20,000 Oregon Heritage Matching Grant from Oregon State Parks.
- The OSG Attorney and the OSG Foundation agreed that this was proper, using the Foundation as a Fiscal Agent.
- October 20, 2023, Custodial Funds Request Mt. Vernon Grange for \$5000 for operating funds.
- October 20, 2023, Custodial Funds Request Williams Grange for \$5000 for "Kids Room" remodel.
- October 24, 2023, Custodial Funds Request Phoenix Grange for \$17,039 for septic system repairs.
- November 2, 2023, Custodial Funds Request Springwater Grange for \$4,120 for insurance payment.
- December 13, 2023, Custodial Funds Request Fruitdale Grange for \$3,500 to replace front doors.
- December 13, 2023, Custodial Funds Request Eagle Point Grange for \$10,572.53 for exterior painting.
- December 13, 2023, Custodial Funds Request Phoenix Grange for \$17,039 for septic system repair. \*DUPLICATE\*
- January 18, 2023, Custodial Funds Request Riversdale Grange for \$44,591.98 for bathroom redesign remodel.
  - Susan moved that we ratify decisions made by email. Vickie seconded and the motion carried.

## Next Meetings:

- March 24<sup>th</sup> 10:30am
- May 19<sup>th</sup> 10:30am
- State officer practice tentative Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15pm.

Sarah Jenkins,  
Oregon State Grange Secretary

# State Grange Elects New Leader

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eight states until graduating from high school and moving to Oregon, where he has resided since 1982.

Sonny considers "being elected to the Presidency of the Oregon State Grange as a privilege, and honor and to be honest, scary." "I will strive with diligence and my full effort to justify the faith placed in me."

He goes on to say "I hope to continue the efforts of my predecessors regarding growth and revitalization of Community Granges as well as efforts to assist them with

information training, promotional materials, and financial assistance via the emergency loan & matching Grant programs. I'm looking forward to visiting Oregon Granges and meeting many new friends. I'm also looking forward to drinking from the firehose of information I will need to learn in this position."

Sonny is unsure if he is the first- or second-generation Grange member, as his maternal grandparents were dairy farmers in Stratham, New Hampshire and may have belonged to Exeter Grange.

UPCOMING POMONA GRANGE MEETINGS				
<i>Pomona Secretaries are to send in meeting information to the Bulletin Editor as soon as date, time, and location are determined and/or changed.</i>				
Pomona	Date	Time	Meeting Place	
Baker #24	Nov 2	10:30 AM	Pine Valley Grange	
Benton #36	Oct 19	10:30 AM	Hope Grange	
Clackamas #1	Oct 26	9:30 AM	Springwater Grange	
Columbia #18	Nov 2	10:00 AM	Warren Grange	
Deschutes #25	Nov 9	11:30 AM	TBA	
Douglas #13	Oct 26	6:00 PM	Azalea Grange	
Josephine #20	Aug 31	10:00 AM	Fruitdale Grange	
Lane #14	Oct 13	10:00 AM	Walterville Grange	
Lincoln #10	Aug 17	10:30 AM	TBA	
Linn #12	Oct 12	10:00 AM	Lacomb Grange	
Polk #3	Oct 10	6:00 PM	Oak Grove Grange	
Tillamook #9			TBA	
Wallowa #22	Oct 21	5:30 PM	Liberty Grange	
Washington-Yamhill #2	Oct 19	10:00 AM	Scholls Grange	

# OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - March 24, 2024

President Jay Sexton called the meeting to order at 11am. Members present included Vice President Steve Kroeker, Secretary Sarah Jenkins, Susan Noah, Vickie High, Celia Fox.

January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting minutes were read and approved.

## Financial Reports

- Loan and membership reports were reviewed. The Oregon State Grange had a net gain of 42 members in 2023, however we closed a few Granges and are now at 160 active Granges.
- Financial Statements through December 2023 are completed and were reviewed.
  - Susan moved that we write Fernwood Grange a check for \$28.10 to clear off the custodial funds that they have remaining. Vickie seconded and the motion carried.

## Old Business

- Triangle Grange Property. Jay is still working with the Blachly School Board related to the property line corrections that are needed to make the Grange and school properties usable for both organizations.
- Capital Mall Monument for Disabled Veterans – Jay Sexton and Sarah Jenkins toured the proposed site earlier in March. Jay is working on estimates from contractors for the monument base installation. Don Kingsborough will get a revised estimate and order for bronze plaque and granite mounting (Oregon Shape).
- Heritage Grant from State Historic Preservation Office – One Proposal after Site Visit, One withdrawal, One new national archiving company will site visit in early April – 3 bid requirements over \$10K, explain
- Oregon Farm Bureau Buyers Guide – Jay is waiting for design proof for our post, and he will send it out when the proof arrives.
- Water Heater upgrade at the state office - No action yet.
- Ag Fest is coming up at the end of April and more volunteers are needed.
- The engagement team is continuing to discuss ways for members to be more involved in the state convention. Conversation regarding time and cost as significant barriers for participation.

➤ Lunch break from 1:30pm to 2pm.

## New Business

- Matching Grant – March 2024 Cycle. Ten Granges submitted

grant applications requesting \$39,659.50. Since 2014 we have reviewed 228 grant applications and we have given over \$500,000 in funds to help local Granges with their halls. The Grant committee recommends approval for a total of \$26,771.00 for 6 Granges that provided complete applications and met the requirements of the grant program. The Executive Committee reviewed the recommendations and original applications. Discussion was held due to the effort on the applications and the critical needs of the projects for Buell and Long Tom. In the future it is important that applications are full and complete. The executive committee discussed ideas for helping Granges with completing applications in more detail and how to submit a quality application. With a budget of \$35,000 we do not have enough to approve all applications.

- Buell Grange \$891 for septic project. Recommend decline for incomplete application.
- Camas Valley Grange \$5,000 for windows. Recommend approved.
- Columbia Grange \$3,000 for bathroom remodel. Recommend decline for incomplete application.
- Eagle Creek Grange \$5,000 for roof. Recommend approved.
- Long Tom Grange \$5,000 for bathroom remodel. Recommend decline for incomplete application.
- Pacific Grange \$5,000 for roof. Recommend approved.
- Redmond Grange \$3,997.50 for windows. Recommend decline for incomplete application.
- Silverton Grange \$5,000 for HVAC. Recommend approved.
- Skyline Grange \$5,000 for parking lot lights. Recommend approved.
- Spray Grange \$1771 for paint and art. Recommend approved.
- Susan moved to approve the grant committee recommendations, and to also fund Buell Grange and Long Tom Grange's requests. The Oregon State Grange office will send a letter explaining the exception due to critical needs, despite an incomplete application. Celia seconded the motion. Vickie moved to amend to approve Columbia and Redmond Grange applications at the amount of

their request. There was no second to the motion to amend. The original motion carried. This brings our total funded grants this round to \$32662.00.

- Sutherlin Community Grange has voted in favor of consolidation, and Kellogg Grange has voted to accept. Sutherlin has provided asset accounting.
  - Susan moved to approve the Sutherlin Community Grange request to consolidate with Kellogg Grange, and that Sutherlin Community Grange's liability with the State Grange will continue with the surviving Grange. Vickie seconded and the motion carried.
- A revised Investment Policy was provided by Scott Barker with a previously discussed amendment to allow for investment in bonds with an AA rating.
  - Vickie moved to approve the revised Investment Policy statement. Steve seconded and the motion carried.
- The Life Membership fund took an investment loss in 2022 due to market conditions and the Executive Committee provided a loan to cover the loss so that Granges would not lose money on their individual life memberships that year. We had agreed to allow five years to pay it back. \$5435.06 is 1/5<sup>th</sup> of the loan that will be paid from the Life Membership fund back to the Emergency fund.
  - Sarah moved to transfer \$5435.06 from the Life Membership fund to the Emergency fund to pay back 1/5<sup>th</sup> of the loan from 2022. Vickie seconded and the motion carried.
- Trailer for State Session. Lane Pomona was contacted recently to discuss.

- Vickie moved that we pay Lane Pomona Grange \$350 for the rent of the trailer. Steve seconded and the motion carried.

- The National Grange rep for the Oregon State Grange session will be John Benedik, the National Grange Vice President as National Rep at OSG Convention in Tillamook this June.
- Chubb Director Insurance will be renewed in May.
- OSG Office discussion. We had a good discussion about the status of the office and anticipated changes with the coming election of officers.
- Russellville Grange was declared dormant as of 12/31/2023. The property has been reviewed by the State President and a real estate agent has been contacted.

## Presidents Report

- Jay has been out visiting Granges and working on several reorganizations. Junction City has been reorganized in March.

## Decisions made via email

- February 1, 2024 Approval of Loan addition for Fort Union Grange #953 of \$1300 for replacement water pump for well.
  - Steve moved to approve the decision made via email. Susan seconded and the motion carried.

## Next Meetings:

- April 15<sup>th</sup> 2pm
- May 19<sup>th</sup> 10:30am
- State Officer Practices Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM Irving Grange, Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 1 PM at Irving Grange.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.

Fraternally submitted,  
Sarah Jenkins, State Secretary

# OSG EC Meeting - April 15, 2024

The State President, Jay Sexton, called the meeting to order at 2:45pm. Members present were Susan Noah, Vickie High, Steve Kroeker, and Celia Fox. Sarah Jenkins was present via zoom.

We moved into executive session to discuss the office staff.

At 4pm we moved out of the executive session and acted on the office staff discussion.

Vickie moved that we post an office position for 3 days a week, to fill the needs of the office. Celia seconded the motion, and it was discussed. The motion carried 4-1.

Sarah moved that we hire Natalie Rogers to be the communication

specialist for the OSG. Steve seconded and motion carried.

Sarah moved that we promote Steve to Assistant Manager effective May 1, 2024. Vickie seconded and motion carried. Steve abstained from the vote.

Steve moved that the OSG create a certificate or plaque to be presented to Granges as they celebrate 150 years, paid from the leadership membership fund. The OSG will also apply for the National Grange award on behalf of Granges reaching 150 years. Vickie seconded and the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15pm  
Sarah Jenkins, Secretary

## Granges Having a Busy and Fun Filled Summer

### Eagle Point Grange Craft Fair



Eagle Point Grange #664, Jackson County held a Craft Fair on May 1, the Saturday before Mother's Day, with many vendors offering crafts and homemade items for those seeking an original item for themselves or a gift for mom. There was a great turnout and community support.



### Goldson Grange Holds Spring Fling Show and Shine Car Show

Once again, the Goldson Grange #868, Lane County, had a successful annual car show. They had over 45 classic cars in attendance; something to tickle any car lover's fancy. Like any Grange event, food and music were included with the kitchen serving barbecue lamb burgers, hamburgers, and hotdogs. Music was provided by Scott Austin.



A successful raffle was held with 22 raffles prizes including an ice cream cone quilt hand stitched by Grange member Bonnie Irwin. The weather cooperated and the event was well attended.

### Springwater Holds Strawberry Social

Ripe strawberries were plentiful for this year's Strawberry Social on Saturday June 10 at Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County. Billed as the biggest shortcake in the area, they featured locally grown strawberries and made-from-scratch biscuits and whipped cream along with ice cream. 313 shortcakes were sold mostly to those choosing to dine in and visit

with their neighbors, but some were ordered in to-go boxes, especially for families that had high school graduations that day.

The strawberry festival is the major fundraiser for the Grange with the proceeds going towards the operations of the Grange and repair and maintenance of the Grange hall.



### OSG Log Cabin at the State Fair



### Siletz Valley Holds Quilt Raffle



The Siletz Valley Grange #558, Lincoln County, is once again raffling off a quilt made and donated by their Grange member Betty Wilson who made and quilted the lap quilt. 150 tickets at \$5 each will be sold and can be purchased at the Siletz Valley Grange Farmers Market on Tuesdays, from 11am-3pm, or by contacting Michelle Schaffer at 541-270-2864. The winning ticket will be drawn during the Siletz Community Garage Sale on September 14th. Need not be present to win.

### Creswell Grange Celebrates the 4th

Creswell Grange #496, Lane County, sold 1,065 items at their One Dollar Snack Bar during the City of Creswell's 4th of July Parade. The snack bar menu consisted of hot dogs, chips, sodas, and water.

Creswell Grange member Dakota Harris provided beautiful music before and after the parade. The Grange also held a special Makers Market before and after the parade.



R: Creswell Grange members Shonda Harris and Dakota Harris provided wonderful entertainment on the 4th of July.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Moving? Let Us Know.

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

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