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## April Is Grange Month

Now is the time to be planning your Grange month activities and celebrations. You want to make the extra effort to invite the community into your hall. Granges throughout the country will be opening their doors to the public for family-oriented events focused on the contributions of the Grange in their communities. Take this opportunity to honor your Community Recognition Award recipients.

You can also make arrangements with your local Mayor or County Commissioners to declare April Grange Month. And remember to share both your plans and the outcome with your local media, on the OSG Facebook page and website calendar as well as the Bulletin.

## Cherries Are Very Important To Mosier Grange #234

Whether it is blossoms or fruit cherries are a mainstay for Mosier Grange #234. Their main source of income is from two Cherry events.

The first is their Community Blossom Buffet held annually in April, cherry blossom time. The meal features grilled Salmon, ham, meatballs, and scalloped potatoes along with a wide variety of salads and a cherry dessert.

The main source of income for Mosier Grange is from their annual cherry sales. They open their fruit stand generally mid to late June and are open for about 4 – 5 weeks selling fresh sweet cherries. Depending on the crop year they generally raise enough funds to cover all their needs for the year.

In addition to Grange operations money raised from these events fund many things in the community. Scholarships are awarded to Mosier area High School Seniors. They sponsor and furnish a room at a Womens' Shelter in nearby Hood River and help sponsor the garden for Mosier Community School where students plant, care for and harvest produce. Some of the produce is then used in their school's cafeteria.

The Grange also assists with the treat bags handed out every year to students at the school holiday

program and supports the local 4-H's by contributing to the annual 4-H livestock auction bid pool. They host funeral dinners and dinners for families in need and assist with the Mosier Christmas Baskets Project.

Mosier Grange recently did some upgrades to their hall following it's designation as a Red Cross Shelter for the local area. Like many Granges the building is often in use as a community meeting site and can be rented for private functions, schedule permitting.

This year's Community Blossom Buffet will be April 10, 2016 from 11:30 – 3:00 pm at the Mosier Grange Hall, 900 4th Ave, Mosier. Adults \$10.00, Ages 6-12 \$2.00, under 6 Free. All are invited to join them.



## Opportunities For Learning And Sharing Around This Spring At Upcoming Statewide Conferences

Over the next several months the Directors and Committees as well as the Master of the Oregon State Grange will be hosting conferences in every corner of the state. Whether called conferences, retreats, or training sessions they set the stage for the exchange of information and ideas, the opportunity to develop new paths and to share what is working in your Grange. These events are uniquely different depending on who the presenter and subject matter is so don't assume that just because you went to one you won't get anything new out of the others held in your district.

Starting the end of February, State Master Susan Noah will be hosting twelve 'best practices' training conferences for our Secretaries and Treasurers; having a Secretaries and Treasurers Conference was

requested on the majority of the evaluations of last year's Masters' Conferences. Masters will also be included so all three know what is expected of each and how the offices work together. *The schedule for these is on the bottom of page 2.*

The twelve State Grange Standing Committee Directors or a member of their committee will be hosting one conference in each district with six directors/committees at a conference. That means there are two dates in each district with different committees represented at each so you want to plan to attend **both** of them scheduled in your district. And the material covered at these is completely different than from that of the State Master's. *Their schedule/details were in the December Bulletin. A shorter list is located on page 3 of this issue.*

## Hands Across the Border April 2 ~ Caldwell, Idaho

The 28th annual "Hands Across the Border" get together will be held April 2, 2016 at 1pm at the Notus School District lunchroom at 20250 Purple Sage Road in Caldwell, Idaho.

Idaho and Oregon have been taking turns hosting the event since the National Grange met in Redding, California in 1988. The idea followed a bus trip from Idaho to National Grange. Idaho Grangers had chartered the bus and had a few seats available for Oregon Grangers. These Grangers had such an enjoyable trip that they decided to get together annually to renew friendships. The idea was born for Oregon and Idaho Grangers to join together for a social afternoon to share fun, fellowship and – of course – food!!

Every year since then a day in Spring has been observed with Oregon and Idaho taking turns hosting the event. The "Sunday Dinner" menu includes Turkey, Potatoes and Gravy, Veggies, Salad and rolls with Ice Cream and Cookies for dessert.

This year Treasure Valley Pomona Grange is hosting. Please RSVP by March 30, 2016 if you plan to attend. Call Eileen Javaux, their Family Living Chairman at 208-989-0646 or email here at [qultmom@fimtblue.com](mailto:qultmom@fimtblue.com). RSVPs may also go to Lily Sorensen, Lecturer at 208-467-6330.



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## The Master's Column

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Today is Tuesday January 5<sup>th</sup>, our first day in the office for 2016. The year is still a clean slate, although the calendar already shows many, many possibilities. Our OSG Directors are busy planning informational conferences for each district, and I am planning this year's training conferences for Secretaries, Treasurers and Masters. The State Grange is on the calendar in February at the Capitol to host a coffee and cookies day to benefit our legislators. We are scheduled to take part in Ag Fest and will have a booth at the Oregon FFA State Convention. We are hosting the Western Regional Conference this year for the National Grange and of course we are busy planning the annual State Grange Convention in June.

The dates and the venues are all in place; all that is left is us. As I said the year is a clean slate. What we do with it may very well make a huge difference to our Grange and the community we serve. Along with the normal New Year's resolutions of losing weight, exercising more and eating better, how about one for better attitudes and one for looking forward to the future, not back into our past? After speaking to a member of one of our Granges last year, I wrote a single line that I wanted to remember, "How can you have a vision for the future if all you do is look to the past." That day all I heard was from the past: "We used to..." "We never did..." and "We always have..." But what I did not

hear was "We are going to..." We are planning..." or "We want to..." The first is a recipe for living in the past. Is that the Grange that will attract new members? The second is a vision for the future. Not everything may work out. In fact the words may change to, "We should not have done that!" but they could turn into, "We are so happy we tried that!" The second is action; the first is inaction. It is up to each and every one of us to fill our slate with positive comments and positive actions.

### Secretary, Treasurer and Master Best Practices Conference

This year the State Grange will be offering 'best practices' training conferences for our Secretaries and Treasurers. A 'best practice' is described as a method or technique that has consistently shown results with the advantage of not having to re-invent the wheel. My goal is to not only train our hardworking Secretaries and Treasurers but to include the Masters so that everyone knows what is expected of them. Last year we spoke only of the job of the Master, but this year we will spend most of the time discussing the position of Secretary, how that office interacts with that of the Treasurer and of the Master. The conference will include a discussion of audit procedures, the reasoning behind having both a Secretary and a Treasurer, rather than one person filling both offices,

and what steps a Grange should take for protection if one person does fill both positions. There will be information on your legal responsibilities, responsibilities to the State Grange and tips on keeping your own Grange members informed. The first conference will be on February 27<sup>th</sup> so if you have any specific questions you would like answered, please let me know. I'm looking forward to this next step in the on-going training of our officers.

### State Session

This is the year we will be changing the format of our State Session slightly. We will be starting on Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> with the first four Degrees, the Kick-Off Banquet and the Talent Contest. Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> will be the actual opening of the State Grange, committee meetings and the Fifth and Sixth Degrees. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday we will vote on resolutions and showcase our Juniors and Youth. Thursday will be the Installation of State Officers and our closing.

I'm hopeful that having the Degrees on the weekend will encourage members to come and witness them. Not many Granges actually do the first four Degrees any longer. Most Granges bring in new members via the Welcoming Ceremony. Witnessing the Degrees allows us to refocus on our organization and traditions. It reminds us of the values of the Grange, it compels us to be better Grangers and it encourages us to renew the obligations we made when we joined. Please put the weekend of June 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> on your calendar and join us in Talent, Oregon as we kick off the 143<sup>rd</sup> annual session of the Oregon State Grange.

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## OSG 2016 Secretary, Treasurer and Master's Conference Schedule



<u>Pomona/County</u>	<u>Conf. Date</u>	<u>Host Grange</u>
Lane/Douglas Coos/Curry/West Coast	February 27th February 28th	Creswell ~ 298 W Oregon Ave, Creswell Bridge ~ 51240 Myrtle Creek Rd, Myrtle Point
Jackson/Josephine Lincoln/Polk/Benton Umatilla/Union/Morrow/Wheeler Hood River/Wasco	March 5th March 6th March 12th March 13th	Central Point ~ 436 E Pine St, Central Point Oak Grove ~ 2760 Oak Grove Rd, Rickreall Stanfield ~ 225 Sherman St, Stanfield Mosier ~ 900 4th Ave, Mosier
Linn/Marion Tillamook/Columbia/Clatsop Deschutes Pomona Counties	April 9th April 10th April 17th	Keizer ~ 441 Chemawa Rd N, Keizer Beaver Homes ~ 31105 Beaver Homes Rd, Rainier Little Deschutes ~ 51518 Morson St, La Pine
Clackamas/Multnomah/Wash/Yam Baker/Malheur/Grant Wallowa	May 1st May 21st May 22nd	Warner ~ 10100 S New Era Rd, Canby Missouri Flat ~ 1050 Hughes Ln, Baker City Hurricane Creek ~ 82930 Airport Ln, Joseph

All conferences start at **10am**. The Master has tried to note all of the counties with Granges and have "assigned" them to a particular date and place, but if that does not work for you feel free to attend any of the sessions.

## Legislative Update

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I hope everyone had a good holiday.

We are entering an election year for local, state and national offices. We have to remember that the Grange is a non-partisan organization. Granges do not support or endorse any party or any candidate even for non-partisan positions. That means no signs on Grange property and no posts on Grange websites. Of course, if you are posting on your personal website or Facebook page, you can write in favor of the candidate you personally support. But please do not mention the Grange in connection with that candidate.

If your Grange wants to host a Candidates' Night, you must extend invitations to all candidates for that office and give each candidate equal time. If only a few attend, you have still met our requirement for remaining non-partisan.

Remember that your Grange can and should take a stand on local issues you support or oppose. For state ballot measures, check the Oregon State Grange policy book to see if the State Grange has policy on it. A Community Grange may take a stand that is in conflict with policy of the State or National Grange, but you need to be cautious and make sure to describe your position as being that of only your Community Grange.

This year the Legislative Committee will participate in the State Grange Committee Conferences being held in all districts over the next couple of months. Check elsewhere in this issue of the Grange Bulletin for the date and location in your area.

Have a good Grange year. I hope to see you or a representative from your Grange at State Session in Talent in June.

## It is Time To Write Resolutions

Has your Grange started working on resolutions for the next State Grange Session in June? Surely there is something the members of your Grange would like to see added, revised or otherwise changed locally, state wide or at the national level. Remember that resolutions should start at your local Subordinate/Community Granges, then be sent on to the Pomona level before being sent to state. The advantage to sending the resolutions on to Pomona, rather than directly to state, allows for them to be considered by a larger audience and to educate others as to what the resolution is about.

This year's legislative session has quite a variety of topics to discuss and maybe vote on. Many of them that are rejected or not voted on will return with the next session. Are these issues that the OSG has a policy on? If not should we have one? Now is the time to write those resolutions. It is difficult for the OSG to support or oppose a bill if there is no policy.

There is information on the State Grange website as to how to write a resolution. Look under Departments and select Legislative. Also feel free to contact any member of the Legislative Committee for help.

## Bailey Barks!



I got Mom a new book for Christmas! It's called "Life's a Bark" by Larry Kay and is all about what you humans can learn from Dogs. There are many lessons in the book and I'll probably be sharing a few with you in my columns. Today let's talk about respect, and awesomeness. Dogs naturally respect humans who take care of them and they express that respect over and over. Can you respect yourself and others that same way? Try this: Pretend you are a dog (A Gordon Setter would be best), look at yourself in the mirror, smile like a dog, and say three things you respect yourself for. Say the same three things again until you begin to believe them. Pretty soon you'll be thinking like a dog and re-

specting yourself and others!

As you learn to respect yourself also try "unleashing your awesomeness!" Dogs don't deny our compliments or downplay them, but people do. Why are you guys so uncomfortable receiving a small compliment? Try this: When you look into the mirror pretend your reflection is an awesome dog (again, do I have to say it - a Gordon Setter!). Say your name enthusiastically and compliment yourself for ten seconds.

Pretty soon you will know you are a beautiful and confident Setter, oh excuse me, person!

Woof, Bailey

## 2016 Committee Conferences Being Held Now Through May

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

There are two change from what was published in the December paper for district 6, the Youth Directors and Lecturer have switched places. The State Lecturer will be at Rockwall on March 19th and Youth Directors will be at Pleasant Grove on April 17th.

### Conference Schedule

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| <b>District 1 - February 21st</b><br><b>Mapleton Grange</b><br>- Western Lane County<br>10880 E Mapleton Rd,<br>Mapleton | <b>District 4 - March 6th</b><br><b>Maplewood Grange</b><br>- Clackamas County<br>25480 S Hwy 99E, Aurora          |
| <b>District 1 - April 2nd</b><br><b>Fruitdale Grange</b><br>- Josephine County<br>1440 Parkdale Dr, Grants Pass          | <b>District 5 - March 20th</b><br><b>Little Deschutes Grange</b><br>- Deschutes County<br>51518 Morson St, LaPine  |
| <b>District 2 - April 3rd</b><br><b>Elmira Grange</b><br>- Lane County<br>88764 Sprague St, Elmira                       | <b>District 5 - April 16th</b><br><b>Terrebonne Grange</b><br>- Deschutes County<br>8286 11th St, Terrebonne       |
| <b>District 3 - March 5th</b><br><b>Beaver Homes Grange</b><br>- Columbia County<br>31105 Beaver Homes Rd<br>Rainier     | <b>District 6 - March 19th</b><br><b>Rockwall Grange</b><br>- Union County<br>71562 Middle Rd, Elgin               |
| <b>District 4 - February 20th</b><br><b>Abernethy Grange</b><br>- Clackamas County<br>15745 S Harley Ave<br>Oregon City  | <b>District 6 - April 17th</b><br><b>Pleasant Grove Grange</b><br>- Union County<br>67218 Hunter Rd<br>Summerville |

## Upcoming Dates and Deadlines



February 2016 - send third dues reminder notice - intent to suspend

March 1, 2016 - GIA Scholarship application must be postmarked  
March 30, 2016 - State Youth Officer applications must be postmarked

April 1, 2016 - State Junior Officer application due  
April 2016 - send notice to suspend  
April 30, 2016 - 2016 First Quarter Report due

May 1, 2016 - Spence, GWA, Mary Ramm and Muzzy Mandel scholarship applications must be postmarked  
May 5, 2016 @ 5pm - Preferential Ballot results from Subordinate/Community Granges must be received at the OSG office

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

August 5-7, 2016 - Western Leadership and Youth Conference - Portland, Oregon area

November 15-19, 2016 - 150th Annual National Grange Convention - Washington, DC

November 7-11, 2017 - 151st Annual National Grange Convention - Spokane, Washington



## The Agricultural Report

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So far the rains and snow in the mountains have been welcome news for the agricultural community, which is all of us – producers and consumers. Crater Lake received a new record snow fall for December of over 16 feet.

The Agriculture Committee is ramping up for the coming year with OSG tables at the OSU Small Farms Conference February 20<sup>th</sup>, the Mid Valley Winter Ag Fest at the Polk County Fairgrounds in late February, and the Oregon FFA State Convention in mid-March.

On April 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> there is the big booth at the Oregon Ag Fest at the State Fairgrounds in Salem, where Grange volunteers help families transplant starts from flats to peat pots they take home. We need over 50 volunteers for this

effort of connecting children and families to agriculture. Please contact me by phone or email to sign up – there are three ~3 hour shifts per day and volunteers admission is free to this large and interesting event. It's really fun to help children and families transplant their new "pets" to take home.

Another big volunteer push is the Oregon State Grange Log Cabin at the State Fair in Salem from August 26<sup>th</sup> to September 5<sup>th</sup>. The gates open at 10 AM and we have shifts of volunteers to greet and interact with visitors. Please contact the OSG office to volunteer for a shift; it's a fun and easy way to promote the Grange.

The Ag Committee will also participate in the Oregon State Grange Conference series this spring. We will explain the Ag

Committee's work and goals at meetings in each of the six state districts. We look forward to reaching out to the Grange membership in this new format, for us, since the Ag. Committee has not held conferences in recent years.

Planning is ongoing for the Ag Tour, Saturday June 18 @ 9am during this year's State Session in Talent. We are considering tour stops, timing, and the interests of the members. We hope to have three interesting and diverse visits with businesses agriculturally representative of this region. Sign-ups will be announced in the next Bulletin, or you can email to reserve your place on the bus at [AGdir@orgrange.org](mailto:AGdir@orgrange.org) or phone my home at 541-929-5452.

We would also like to encourage members to submit applications for the Agriculturalist of the Year before the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. This recognition is available to any Oregon Grange member who is actively engaged in farming, ranching, reaching out to the Grange agribusness or rural development. Details are in the Awards, Contests

and Scholarship booklet mailed to you, and on the OSG website under Departments: Agriculture.

Looking forward to enjoying gardening, farmers markets, and fruit stands – Agriculture – it's everywhere!



### National Grange Policy Statements

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

## National Grange Policy Statement - Agriculture

Agriculture is, as always, a foundation of America's economy, providing directly, or indirectly through value-added processing, currently 4.7% of our Gross Domestic Product (GDP). For 149 years the National Grange has been working to improve agriculture in America, and the welfare of those who work the soil or care for the creatures of the field. Our roots are in agriculture and our future is tied to our faith in the perennial cycle of planting and harvest.

Conservation of our soil, water and air quality remains a priority for the Grange, keeping in mind that all pertinent regulations should reflect local conditions. A key component of the future security of our water supply for both domestic and agricultural uses is the ability to store it. Challenges from environmental groups and climate change have brought progress in that area to a standstill. The National Grange will continue to promote water storage projects that benefit agricultural and domestic needs while appropriately safeguarding fish and wildlife safety concerns.

The National Grange continues to monitor issues concerning GMO-related food production and labeling. Unless credible scientific studies indicate a real health risk exists, the National Grange will continue to oppose mandatory labeling of Genetically Modified products. We support efforts to create a federal standard for the voluntary labeling of foods containing

GMOs. We further request that the National Grange Legislative Director share the latest reliable research on this subject with State Granges on a continual basis.

Support for Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) is a long-standing position of the National Grange and is favored by consumers. However, adverse international rulings are threatening this program. We urge the adoption of voluntary labeling programs that provide clear information about country of origin and processing so that consumers can make informed choices about the food they feed their families.

Food safety continues to be a significant issue for Americans in light of the ever-increasing amount of our food that is imported. We believe the responsibility for all food safety inspection should fall under one federal agency, preferably the US Department of Agriculture.

Healthy bee populations are important to food production in the US. We are pleased that the USDA has information available to assist first-time beekeepers in learning how to begin production. The National Grange supports ongoing efforts to preserve proven bee health practices, while identifying new pesticide crop treatments that are not harmful to bee populations.

The use of drone technology is rapidly becoming an important tool for agricultural production. However, privacy concerns have

arisen as drones have become more popular. Agricultural organizations must be a part of any solutions developed. We believe that the National Grange should play a major role as policy is created to regulate the utilization of drones in agriculture.

The National Grange continues to support extensive research by our Land Grant Colleges and Universities into both short-term and long-term effects on the environment and on human nutrition, of all new crops, whether Genetically Modified or traditionally bred. One of the major issues facing animal agriculture in our country is the effort for certain "Animal Rights" groups to define "Humane Treatment" of animals. The National Grange should work together with other like groups, to ensure that sound science is used in determining humane treatment of animals.

The National Grange strongly supports agriculture education at all levels including agriculture science as well as Cooperative Extension Service and encourages the partnership between 4-H, FFA and Cooperative Extension Service to draw on and develop leadership abilities. Funding of Extension must be continued and increased if we wish to ensure the availability of innovative practices and new tools beneficial to agriculture and society. We support educational programs, such as Farm to Table or Farm to School, that teach the importance of proper diet and nutrition. It is vital that we encourage the younger

generation to enter into farming. We support programs or policies that will enhance the ability of young farmers to be successful as they pursue production agriculture as an occupation.

Individual incomes in developing countries are rising, leading to changes in diet that will increase demands on the world's food supply even as population growth adds its inevitable impact. Cooperative nonpartisan effort and an understanding of the direct relationship between science and the natural world will be required to answer the question "How will we feed them all?" In our installation ceremony we hear the words "The Grange...by encouraging education, will advance to a higher state of perfection the science of Agriculture." Our first four degrees are based on the cycles of nature and the lessons derived therefrom. And the Degree of Pomona includes a charge to "...discover new methods or to ascertain precisely what are the elements of success." The coexistence of nature and science has always been a part of the teachings of the Grange. It is of paramount importance that the public understands the critical relationship between science, agriculture and protection of natural resources. Because of our foundational teachings the Grange is in the ideal position to play a leading role in these educational efforts.

Adopted November 13, 2015



## Hotels and RV Parks for State Convention in Talent, Oregon

2016 Oregon State Grange Convention June 18-23 Talent, Oregon Hotels and RVs/Tents						
Hotels	Room Type/Rate	Pool	Pets	Cont.' Breakfast	Wifi	Notes
<b>North Ashland I-5 Exit #19 ~ Less than 5 miles North on Hwy 99 to Talent Middle School</b>						
Econo Lodge 50 Lowe Rd 541-482-4700	\$70 Single \$80 Double					
La Quinta Inns & Suites 434 S. Valley View Rd 541-482-6932	\$134 to \$144					
<b>Talent I-5 Exit #21 1 mile to Talent Middle School</b>						
Goodnight Inn 210 N. Pacific Hwy 541-535-7234	1 BR 2 people \$65 1 BR 3 people \$75 2 BR 4 people \$115					25 Units all with kitchens
<b>Phoenix I-5 Exit #24 3+ miles to Talent Middle School, South on Hwy 99</b>						
America's Best Inns & Suites 300 Pear Tree Ln ~ East of Freeway 541-535-4445	Single \$85 + tax Double \$85 + tax					Mention Grange
Bavarian Motel Downtown Phoenix 541-535-1678	\$40 Single \$65 Double					Some with kitchen Mention Grange
Phoenix Motel Downtown Phoenix 541-535-1555	\$75 Single \$85 Double					Mention Grange
<b>South Medford I-5 Exit #27 7+ miles to Talent Middle School, South on Hwy 99, 8+ miles South on I-5</b>						
Comfort Inn 60 East Stewart Av 541-772-8000	Single \$119 Double \$124					Mention Grange
Days Inn 850 Alba Dr 541-779-6730	Single \$65 + tax Double \$68 + tax					
Motel 6 950 Alba Dr 541-773-4290	Single \$60 - \$70 + tax Double \$66 to \$76 + tax					
Royal Crest Motel 411 Barnett Rd 541-772-6144	Single \$60-\$66 + tax Double \$75-\$80 + tax					
Springhill Suites by Marriott 1389 Center Dr 541-842-8080	Single \$149 Double \$139					Mention Grange
Town Place Suites by Marriott 1389 Center Dr 541-842-8080	Studio W/kitchen \$139					
Travelodge 954 Alba Dr 541-773-1579	Single \$50 + tax Double \$56 + tax					
<b>RV's and Tents</b>						
Econo Lodge 50 Lowe Rd ~ Ashland 541-482-4700	\$35.00					
Holiday RV Park 201 Fern Valley Road ~ Phoenix 1-800-452-7970	RV's \$40.25 Campers \$32					Mention Grange
Jackson Well Springs 2253 Hwy 99 N ~ Ashland 541-482-3776	RV's \$30 one person Tents \$25 one person					RV's, Tents, Tepee Spa, Steam Sauna

## Rickreall Member Presents Local Grange History



After many hours of research, including trips to the State Grange office, Lee Goodrich, Rickreall Grange #671 member has presented an informative program on *The History of the Grange In Polk County* to the Polk County Historical Society as well as to the Granges in Polk County.



## Membership

Bob Ludi - MEMdir1@orgrange.org

OSG Membership Directors

Happy New Year Grangers!

The phrase — “Many Hands Make Light Work” comes to mind. Why you ask? When planning your Grange’s yearly events/activities it becomes evident that in order to accomplish each event/activity your Grange will need the help of more than a couple members. That’s where Membership comes in. Many hands are needed to make the event or activity a success!! Could your Grange use a few more hands?

Our new National Grange Leadership/Membership Director; Joe Stefanoni, has introduced a new National Grange Membership Contest. Members who recruit new members will be recognized for their efforts at the 150<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the National Grange in November! If a member recruits 1 to 4 new members they will be recognized as a +1 Builder. If a member recruits 5 to 9 new members they will be recognized as a “Grange Builder”, and members that recruit 10 or more new

members will be recognized as a “Super Recruiter”. This program began on January 1, 2016 and will end on June 30, 2016. A letter regarding this contest will be sent to each Grange along with a Tracking form for each Grange Secretary to fill out and submit with each Grange’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report. We encourage each member to reach out to nonmembers and ask them to join!! The more members we have to help plan and carry out or execute our events/activities the more hands there are to help lighten the load.

Membership Idea Booklet Volume 2 will be available soon! It will be used along with Volume 1 at the Membership portion of the upcoming Directors Conferences. We hope your Grange will send one or more members to these very worthwhile conferences that will be held in your District.

Keep telling your Grange story and ask someone or two or three or more to join your Grange!!



## Degree Team Members Need for State Session

Once again the first four degrees will be conferred at the 2016 State Grange Session in Talent. Team Captain, Don MacKinnon, is asking for volunteers to be part of the degree teams. This is your opportunity to assist in teaching the lessons that are part of the beautiful ritual of the Grange; both speaking and non-speaking parts are available.

The degrees are most effectively communicated when the parts are memorized. Team members are encouraged to start early and learn the parts. Also needed are Harvest Marchers, Executive, Committee members, Treasurer, and Gatekeeper, all which are non-speaking parts. At this point two teams will be formed: a first and second degree team and a third and fourth degree team. Any member wishing to participate on a team needs to contact the Degree Team Captain as soon as possible to secure a position.

Additionally, there is the opportunity for four Granges to rise to the challenge of designing and

producing a tableau for one of the degrees. The State Grange will provide the background, so Granges need only provide what they would need to produce the tableau.

The first four degrees of the Grange sets the stage for new members in the Grange and makes a lasting impression. Participation in the degrees reminds and reinforces the lessons of the degrees for all Grangers; therefore the members take pride in doing their best. Please encourage any of your fellow members to participate. No experience is needed - only the Grange Spirit and willingness to learn.

The exemplification of the four degrees will take place on Saturday, June 18 at 1pm at the Talent Middle School, Talent, Oregon

Contact:  
Don MacKinnon  
Degree Captain,  
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Estacada, Oregon 97023  
503.631.7834  
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## The Education Committee

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 OSG Education Director

## The Every Student Succeeds Act Explained

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed by President Obama on December 10, 2015. ESSA starts in the 2017-18 school year. In many ways it is a U-turn from the much-maligned No Child Left Behind Act.

Under ESSA states will still have to test students in reading and math in grades 3 through 8 and once in high school, and to break out the data per school, plus different "subgroups" of students (English-learners, students in special education, racial minorities, and those in poverty).

But states get wide discretion in setting goals and deciding how to intervene in low-performing schools. States and districts have to use locally-developed, evidence-based interventions in the bottom 5% of schools and in high schools where the graduation rate is 67% or less. States must also flag schools where subgroup students are chronically struggling.

The U.S. Secretary of Education's authority is limited, especially when it comes to interfering with state decision-making on testing, standards, school turnarounds, and teacher evaluations.

Requirements for elementary and middle schools:

- Three academic indicators: proficiency on state tests, English-language proficiency, plus another academic factor that can be broken out by subgroup such as growth on state tests.
- States must add at least one, additional indicator of a very different kind into the mix such as student engagement, educator engagement, access to and completion of advanced coursework, or school climate/safety.
- States also have to figure in participation rates on state tests.

Requirements for high schools:

- Proficiency on tests, English-language proficiency, graduation rates, plus at least one other indicator that focuses on whether students have the opportunity to learn or are ready for post-secondary work, and participation rates on state tests.

How do interventions work? For the bottom 5% of schools and for high schools with really high dropout rates:

- Districts work with teachers and school staff to come up with an evidence-based plan.
- States monitor the turnaround effort.
- If schools continue to founder for years (no more than four) the state is to step in with its own plan. That means a state could take over the school if it wanted, or fire the principal, or turn it into a charter school.
- Districts could also allow for seriously low-performing schools, but they have to give priority to the students who need it most.

For schools where subgroups students are struggling:

- These schools have to come up with an evidence-based plan to help the particular group of students who are falling behind. For example, a school that's having trouble with students in special education could decide to try a new curriculum and hire an experienced coach to help train teachers on it.
- Districts monitor these plans. If the school continues to fall short, the district steps in. The district decides when that kind of action is necessary, though there's no specified timeline.
- Importantly, there's also a provision calling for a "comprehensive improvement plan." States and districts have to take more aggressive action in schools where subgroups are chronically underperforming, despite local interventions.

What kind of resources are there for these interventions? The School Improvement Grant program, which is funded at around \$500 million currently, has been consolidated into the bigger Title I pot, which helps districts educate students in poverty. But states would be able to set aside up to 7% of all their Title I funds for school turnarounds.

What about standards? States must adopt "challenging" academic standards. That could be the Common Core State Standards, but it doesn't have to be. And the

## "THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY" THANK YOU DINNER



**MOLALLA GRANGE #310**  
 127 Grange Avenue ~ Molalla 97038

## SPAGHETTI DINNER

MARCH 18, 2016 ~ 5:30 - 7:30pm  
 COME ONE, COME ALL

*Donations to our local scholarship fund will be accepted*

## Multnomah Grange #71 Host Monthly Concert Series

Multnomah Grange of Gresham is presenting a monthly concert series now through May 7th with the aim of hosting local musicians at their historic Grange Hall and inviting everyone in the community to join them. Concerts are on the first Saturday of the month; doors open at 5pm with concerts starting at 7pm at the Grange Hall located at 30639 SE Bluff Road, in the Orient Neighborhood of Gresham.

In addition to the concert there will be a jam session, snack bar and record table. Suggested donation is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. For more information and details on upcoming band appearances call 503-663-3548.

U.S. Secretary of Education is expressly prohibited from forcing or even encouraging states to pick a particular set of standards including Common Core.

The Teacher and School Leader Innovation Program provides grants to districts that want to try performance pay and other teacher-quality improvement measures. And there are resources for helping train teachers on literacy and STEM.

There are no changes to the funding formula to steer a greater share of the funds to districts with high concentrations of students in poverty. But there are changes to teacher quality funding that will be a boon to rural states.

ESSA is "authorized" for four years, which gives lawmakers a chance to revisit the policy under the next administration, should they choose to do so.

## Veterans

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Oregon State Grange Veterans Director

The Oregon Lottery Proceeds for Veterans' Services Amendment may appear on a 2016 ballot in the state of Oregon as an initiated constitutional amendment.

spending state lottery net proceeds; keeps lottery funding for education and economic development at current percentages.

If approved by voters, the measure would do the following:  
Require 5 percent of lottery net proceeds be distributed to provide services to Oregon veterans.  
Reduce funding for economic development and education

### Ballot title

The official ballot title is as follows:

### Amends Constitution:

- **Requires 5% of lottery net proceeds be distributed to finance services to Oregon veterans.**
- **Result of "Yes" Vote:** "Yes" vote requires 5% of lottery net proceeds be distributed to finance services to Oregon veterans; reduces lottery funding distributed to education/economic development.
- **Result of "No" Vote:** "No" vote retains current list of authorized purposes for

### Ballot measure summary

The ballot summary is as follows:  
Amends Constitution. Measure requires 5% of lottery net proceeds be distributed to provide services to Oregon veterans. Veterans' services include assistance with employment, education, housing, health care, reintegration, access to government benefits, and other services for veterans, spouses and dependents. Constitution currently requires that state lottery proceeds be used to create jobs, further economic development, and finance public education. Currently dedicates 18% of net lottery proceeds to finance education stability fund; dedicates 15% of net lottery proceeds to finance state parks, restoration and protection of native fish and wildlife, watersheds, water quality and wildlife habitats; dedicates 15% of net lottery proceeds to finance school capital matching fund. Measure reduces funding for economic development and education to finance veterans' fund.

*The current policy of the Oregon State Grange supports 2% of Oregon lottery funds be designated and made available to the not-for-profit organizations that serve veterans. The current policy was adopted in 2014.*

## Rickreall Grange Donates To Veteran's Home And Others

The kitchen/craft ladies of Rickreall Grange #671, Polk County, who keep the Grange going with their culinary treats, are instrumental in creating hats, lap robes and other

items for The Oregon Veteran's Home at The Dalles. They also make items for the Salem Hospital NICU and Doernbecher Children's Hospital in Portland.



*Rickreall Grange members show off the hats they made for the Veteran's home. Behind them on the table are lap robes they also made for the veterans. Pictured l-r: Pearl Steffen, Ruthie Hoffman, Betty Moravec, Blanch Pryor, Betty Lalack and Nona Lambert.*

## Goshen Grange Assembles Tray Favors For Veteran's Hospital

Each year members of Goshen Grange #561 in Lane County get together and make Christmas boxes from Christmas cards. They then put candy, chocolates and a trinket in them for the veterans at the hospital at the Roseburg VA Medical Center. This year they made 100 boxes and sent them as "tray favors" so each veteran could have something special for Christmas.

Valentines for Vets and going to the Roseburg Veterans Center to participate in the Valentine Social. This year the party day is Saturday February 13th, starting at 10am in the auditorium. There will be 1000's of Valentines from many schools, clubs, individuals, and Granges. Along with Goshen Grange, Walterville Grange and Ada Grange, all in Lane County, will be participating to help honor the Veterans.

Their next project will be making



*Goshen Grange members fill small tray favor boxes with goodies for veterans at the hospital.*

## Springwater Grange

Invites you to join us  
for a fun filled evening of  
Dinner and Pie at our

### Annual Scholarship Pie Auction

Potluck dinner begins at 6:30  
Auction following  
February 26, 2016



at 24591 S Wallens Rd, Estacada, Oregon  
at the corner of Wallens and Springwater Roads

## Notice of 2016 Annual Policyholders' Meeting



The Annual Policyholders' meeting of the Grange Insurance Association will be held on Monday, March 21, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Grange Insurance Association, 200 Cedar Street, Seattle, Washington 98121. All Grange Insurance Association policyholders are welcome to attend.

Rodney A. King, CIC, AFIS  
Corporate Secretary ~ Grange Insurance Association

## Lane County Granges Place in Springfield Christmas Parade



The Granges of Lane County celebrated the holidays with a float in the 63rd Annual Springfield Christmas Parade. Known as being the “oldest and coldest” (and sometimes “wettest”) parade in Oregon the parade traveled through downtown Springfield, Oregon on the afternoon of December 5th. This year’s theme was the “Twelve Days of Christmas” and the Grangers decorated their float with a giant partridge in a pear tree. This interpretation earned them 2nd place in the non-commercial float division.



### Creswell Grange Holds Open House

Creswell Grange #496 held a Holiday Dinner and Open House on December 19th. Grange members furnished ham, turkey, potatoes, gravy, dressing, green beans, and hot rolls. Many attending brought side dishes and desserts. Attending the special occasion was OSG Secretary, Alice Nowicki and Ken Schweiger, Master from London Grange. Other Lane county Grangers present included Jeff and Elizabeth Dehne from Waltherville Grange and Dorena Grange Master Joe Snook and his wife Jean.

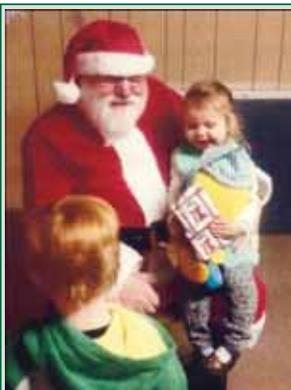
Music was provided by Paul Burch and everyone had a good time singing Christmas Carols. Three Raffle Baskets were available to buy chances on and six door prizes baskets were given away. Linda Wetzell, a member of Goshen Grange and also Secretary of Creswell Grange, was fortunate to win one of the door prizes.



### Barlow Gate Grange Added Outdoor Decorations To Their Hall For The Holidays

Barlow Gate Grange #157 in the small town of Wamic choose for the first time to put up outdoor decorations for the holiday season.

The Grange was rewarded by the Maupin Chamber of Commerce with the best commercial Christmas Light display for Wamic in the South Wasco County Christmas Lights Contest. The lights were judged on December 15th and for their efforts the Grange received \$50.



Right: Hunter Cloud won the door prize.

### Thurston Grange Christmas Party

Thurston Grange #853 held a wonderful Christmas party on December 18th. They had forty members and guests in attendance. Santa paid a visit along with drawings, door prizes, and a potluck dinner. The band Shypwreck played beautiful music and everybody had a great time caroling. In addition to those from Thurston members from Goshen, Creswell and Jasper Granges attended.



A Junior member talks to Santa.

## Clackamas County Pomona Grangers And Friends Toss Teddy Bears



*Below: Since there were ten or more people in the Grange group the Grange name showed up on the reader board several times with different messages.*



Seventy Clackamas County Pomona Grange members and friends attended the Portland Winterhawks Hockey game on Saturday night December 12th. It was Teddy Bear toss night. 10,856 teddy bears were tossed on the ice for charity after Portland's first score. Most of those going met at the Oregon City Home Depot a climbed aboard a school bus to make the trip. A lot of fun was had by all and is a fun community service event.



### Choir Performs For Azalea Grange

The Glendale Choir performed a Christmas Cantata at Azalea Grange on December 19. The Grange provided gifts from Santa for the children who attended the event. The children were so tickled with the stuffed toy, hat and bag with apple, orange and candy inside that they each received. Following the singing dessert was served by the choir and the Grange provided the coffee and punch. It was a wonderful afternoon and everyone seemed to enjoy being at the Azalea Grange. The decorations from the event were left in place and the Grange hall looked beautiful for those using it during the holiday season.

*Midland Grange Treasurer, Dennis Pickerill, presents check to Marie Leslie of the Klamath Lake County Food Bank.*



### Midland Grange Makes Donations

Midland Grange #781 held their annual holiday party in December. The Grange made several donations including \$200 to the Klamath-Lake Counties Food Bank. This donation will allow the Food Bank to purchase 2,000 pounds of food that will be distributed to those in need. A \$50 check was also given by the Grange to the local newspaper (Herald & News) for their Senior Party. The paper sponsors parties for those in nursing homes in the area. The clients are treated to a party with food, music and gifts. Santa made an appearance at the party. It was a great success and a fun time was had by all.



### Molalla Grange Holds Food Drive

The Molalla Grange #310 meeting on December 16th started with a very nice Christmas potluck dinner. They had ten members, one Junior member and one guest attend. As part of the festivities a food drive was held for their local food bank and resulted in 114 lbs of food being collected. After the meeting a small gift and card exchange was held. All in all it was a very nice evening with everyone having a lot of fun.



*Trying to convince Santa (aka Phil Van Buren) that they were nice and not naughty are Midland members Dennis Pickerill (l) and Raymond Andrieu (r).*

### OSG Holds Open House At Office In Salem

The Oregon State Grange Open House and Holiday Party was held at the state office in Salem on Sunday December 13th, 2015. Grangers of all ages joined in the fun and fellowship with activities, crafts, refreshments and a visit from Santa Claus. Two non-members came to see what was going on and learn about the Grange."



*Cameron & Briauna Herrick try their hand at Corn Hole.*



**Oregon Junior Grangers**

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Oregon State Grange Junior Page




OSG Master Susan is still looking for a Junior Director for the Oregon State Grange. In the meantime Liz Dehne, former State Junior Director has volunteered to oversee the Junior program at this year's OSG annual convention in Talent, Oregon.

**State Junior Officers**

Children ages 5 to 14 may apply to be on the State Junior Officer Team. **Applications submitted to the State Junior Director postmarked no later than April 1 will be given first consideration. However, applicants will be accepted for all vacant offices until the first day of state session.** The OSG Junior Convention leader Liz Denhe will select the State Junior Officers and will inform the applicants of the office for which they have been selected.

All officers will need to attend the State Junior Convention Saturday through Thursday. **Officers with speaking parts in the opening, closing, and degree work are required to have their parts memorized upon arrival at the State Grange Convention.** For the conferral of the degree Tuesday morning, male officers will be required to wear a white, full sleeve button up shirt, black slacks, and dress shoes. Female officers will be required to wear a white blouse, black skirt or black slacks, and nice shoes.



**State Junior Officer Application 2016**  
Mail completed form to:  
643 Union Street NE, Salem, OR 97301  
or email to: JRdir@orgrange.org

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Grange: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Grange activities I have participated in this year: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

First Choice of Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Why I would like to hold this office: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*(add an additional sheet if you need more space)*

Second Choice of Office: \_\_\_\_\_

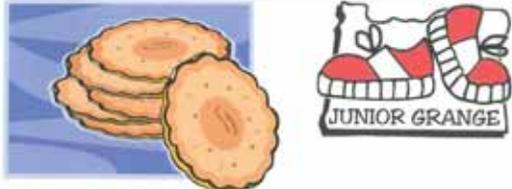
Third Choice of Office: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that it is my responsibility to memorize my assigned part prior to the beginning of state session and I am committed to achieving this expectation.

Junior Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that my child is required to memorize his/her part prior to the start of state session. I also understand that my child will need to attend state session for the entire week as well as meet the dress codes for the conferral of the degree on Tuesday. If I have any questions or concerns I will reach out to the Liz Dehne prior to the start of state session.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**New Contest for Junior Members**

Ages 5 - 14

**Drop Cookies (no peanut butter or chocolate chip)**

1st place: \$5, 2nd place \$4, 3rd place \$3

Contest sponsored by Linda Pugh

- Place 12 each on a sturdy paper plate. Enclose in a Ziploc bag.
- Put one piece in a separate Ziploc bag. Put label on single item.
- Put all in another Ziploc bag
- Extra mailing label would be appreciated with each entry.



## 2016 National Junior Grange Health & Community Service Project *Jump-A-Thon for Healthy Hearts*

At the National Grange Session in Lincoln, Nebraska, Junior Grangers and members attending the Junior Grange Breakfast were presented with jump ropes. These were to promote Jump Rope for Heart which is the project of the American Heart Association. This is a dual-purpose program. The first is to promote heart healthy lives in our Junior Grangers and Leaders. The second is to provide community service by helping to raise funds to donate to your local chapter of the American Heart Association for Jump Rope for Heart Program. During Grange Month, in April 2016, encourage your Junior Grangers to hold a Jump-A-Thon.

completed during the event.

**Category II:** Team Jump-roping: create teams to develop routines including Double-Dutch and Single rope. Ask for sponsors to make a donation for each jump completed or routine completed.

**Category III:** Tournament Jump-off: Create a bracketed tournament Jump-Off for different age groups

Adults can participate too!!

This is a team effort by National Grange Staff. The National Grange Lecturer, Community Service Director, Membership Director and Communications Director are all involved with promoting this project. So get ready, get set, JUMP!!

**Category I:** Individual Jump-ropers: ask for sponsors to make a donation for each jump

**NOTICE TO ALL JUNIOR GRANGERS**

**Junior Talent Contest** - This year's contest will be **Saturday June 18.**

All participants in the Junior Talent, Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song contests must sign up in the Junior Room at the Talent Middle School by noon (12:00pm) on Saturday June 18.

**Junior Degree Conferral** - The Junior Degree exemplification by the State Junior Officers is **TUESDAY morning June 21.**



Benton Pomona  
meets 3rd Sunday ~ 1pm  
Fairmount Grange  
Contact: Lyle Utt  
541-361-8515  
Uttl@comcast.net

Washington-Yamhill Pomona  
meets 3rd Sunday ~ 3pm  
Leedy Grange  
Contact: Marilyn Reiher  
503-430-8582  
m\_reiher@comcast.net

## Ada Grange #570 Has Busy Fall



Ada Grange raffled off a quilt as a fundraiser for their 2016 Relay For Life team. The quilt made of previous Florence Relay For Life T-Shirts raised a total of \$83 and was made by Ada member Joy McCourt. Pictured at left is the raffle winner, Shane Hillenmius, with the quilt.

Ada Grange also adopted a family for 2015. Approximately 200 pounds of food was gathered and an additional \$100 was donated by the Grange to the family.



## Washington-Yamhill Jr. Grangers Learn About Other Cultures

Washington-Yamhill Pomona Junior Grangers have been learning about cultures around the world. The tour started at the November meeting when Brindha Selvaraj taught Juniors how to make three Indian dishes: Aloo Tikki, a potato patty appetizer; Paneer Makhani, a curry made with cheese and tomato sauce served with bread; and Rice Kheer, a dessert. Brindha had Juniors make the patties and fry them while she explained Indian spices and how she makes healthy dishes in their home. Brindha is the Mother of Lavanya and Ananya Laxman, who are new Junior members of Leedy Grange. Leedy's hall smelled so good! Juniors and parents enjoyed tasting the dishes.

At the December meeting Jessica Cousineau introduced them to

traditional Jewish holiday foods. She made matzo ball soup, which is served for Passover, potato latkes for Hanukkah, and hamantashen cookies for Purim. Juniors made the matzo balls, pancakes, and cookies while Jessica told the story behind each of these customs. Jessica is a member of Tigard Grange as are her children Sharon and Timothy. When the food was ready, it disappeared very quickly, especially the latkes.

In January the tour featured Japanese culture. If you or anyone you know would like to participate in the tour, please contact Washington-Yamhill Pomona Junior Chair Marilyn Reiher: [m\\_reiher@comcast.net](mailto:m_reiher@comcast.net), 503-430-8582. The group started small, but they are growing as they go.



Left: Brindha Selvaraj teaching Juniors how to make three Indian dishes at the November meeting.

Right: Jessica Cousineau introduces the Juniors to traditional Jewish holiday foods at their December meeting.



## GWA

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OSG Grange Workers Activites Director



Congratulations to our national winners in the National Grange Quilt Block and Pillow Contests. The first place quilt block winner was Sharon Barthmaier and second place pillow winner was Tracy Waters, both from Skyline Grange #894. Way to go ladies! I'm looking forward to lots of entries for the 2016 contests.

Welcome to Leila Dumolt of Beaver Creek Grange #276 in Clackamas County, who accepted the position of District #4 chair. Diane Parrott will move to member-at-large.

By now you should have your Awards, Contests and Scholarships booklet. There have been a few changes in some of the contests and scholarships so be sure to read carefully. For the GWA Scholarship the Grange Secretary does not need to sign and put the seal on the application. The application form will be mailed to your Grange Secretary or you may download the form from the Oregon State Grange website. This year GWA will be giving two \$400 scholarships. The application deadline is May 1.

If you need additional Awards booklets, let me know, and I will see you get them. Also if you have

questions, please ask. Remember to invite your non-Grange friends to enter the contests. This is one way to show them what Grange has to offer, and maybe they will join.

GWA will have a contest for Juniors Only (ages 5-14) that is not in the booklet. The contest is Drop Cookies. The same rules apply as for the baked goods and candy section of GWA contests. The prize money is also the same. Linda Pugh, District 1 GWA Chairman, is sponsoring this contest. Thank you, Linda. Any Junior can enter any of the other GWA contests as well.

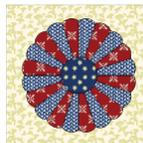
Reminder to all contest sponsors, sponsorship money is due May 1st. Please send to the State Grange office. I thank those who have already sent in their money. Thank you all for supporting the GWA

Conferences have started. I will be in District #4 February 20th at Abernathy Grange, Clackamas County; District #1 April 2 at Fruitdale Grange, Josephine County; District #5 April 16 at Terrebonne Grange, Deschutes County; and on District #6 April 17 at Pleasant Grove Grange, Union County. I'm looking forward to meeting you at one of these conferences.



On Monday evening January 11 OSG GWA Director Margaret Clute attended Skyline Grange and presented the ribbons to their members who placed at National Grange in the NG Quilt Block Contest. Pictured are Tracy Waters with her second place ribbon and picture of her pillow. Tracy was thrilled to receive a second place award at Nationals. Sister Margaret is showing Sharon Barthmaier's picture and first place ribbon since Sharon was unable to attend the meeting.

## 2016 NG Quilt Block Contest



The 2016 Quilt Block pattern is the Dresden Plate. The quilt is to be done in the colors of blues and golds.

See McCall's ([www.mccallsquilting.com](http://www.mccallsquilting.com)) for pattern information. A link is available on the OSG webpage as well as complete contest rules.



**Grange Youth & Young Adults**

Scot & Clare Jacobson  
YOUdir@orgrange.org  
OSG Youth Directors




## Spring Retreat Planned

Oregon State Grange Spring Youth Retreat will be held on the weekend of April 8-10 at a Grange in the mid-Willamette Valley.

The tentative schedule has the retreat starting on Friday evening at 7pm and concluding by 11am on Sunday morning after clean-up. Meals include dinner on Friday night, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and brunch Sunday morning. Plans for the weekend include announcement of the 2016 State Grange Youth Officers, workshops on National Grange Achievement Awards, resolution writing (*bring topics you are interested in developing resolutions for*), Jeopardy Contest and other opportunities for participation at state, regional and National Grange contests and events. Swimming will be part of the activities planned for the weekend.

Items to bring include sleeping bag, air mattress or pad, personal care items, swimming suit and towel. Youth are encouraged to bring musical instruments, etc. to share their talents and board games/cards to play on Friday night. Cost for the weekend is \$10 per person. We will be sleeping on the Grange Hall floor.

### OSG SPRING YOUTH RETREAT REGISTRATION

Pre-registration required. Cost \$10 and is due by April 4, 2016.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grange \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 When will you be arriving: \_\_\_\_\_ Friday night \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday morning  
 Do you have any special dietary requirements? Please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out one form per person and mail to:  
 OSG Youth Directors  
 Scot & Clare Jacobson  
 1717 Southgate Pl  
 Pendleton, OR 97801

OSG Permission slip/medical treatment form must be signed by parents and is available on the Facebook page and the OSG website. Please print and send with registration or it will be mailed to you upon receipt of your registration. Watch OSG Youth Facebook Page and the OSG website for more information.

## Clackamas Youth Participate In Keeping the West Warm

Clackamas County Pomona Grange youth and young adults took part in "Keeping the West Warm," a Western Region Grange youth and young adult project. The young people collected 104 hats, 54 scarves, 25 pairs of gloves and mittens, and 45 pairs of socks, both purchased and homemade. Now they are distributing this warm weather gear to the less fortunate in Clackamas County.



## Oregon State Grange Youth Officer Application

*Due to the State Youth Directors by March 30, 2016*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age (on January 1, 2016) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grange: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pomona: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

What, if any, financial aid do you request from the Oregon Youth Activity Fund? (*Depends upon the availability of funds. Any financial aid acceptance implies you will participate in ALL youth activities.*)

Will you accept banquet meal tickets?  Yes  No  
 At this time, have you been designated as a delegate by your Grange?  Yes  No

To assist the state youth team in making youth officer assignments, please share your preference for which offices you wish to be considered for

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly explain your first choice.

List current Grange Office(s) or Committee(s) held. Includes Subordinate and Pomona, please acknowledge any committee chairs.

List previous Grange Office(s) or Committee(s) held. Includes Subordinate and Pomona, please acknowledge any committee chairs.

What Grange contest/activities have you or are you planning to participate in? \_\_\_\_\_

What National Achievement Awards have you or are you planning to accomplish? (*Applications submitted with a completed National Trivia Challenge or two national achievement awards will receive preference in office assignments. OSG financially supports the youth officers and, in turn, youth need to support the program at large.*)

*I agree that if I am selected to be a Youth Officer, I will attend all scheduled practice sessions and be prepared to open State Grange Session on Wednesday morning. I further agree that if I have a speaking part, I will have it fully committed to memory upon arrival at the State Grange Convention. I will also wear the proper attire for the opening of the Oregon State Grange on Wednesday morning. Dress code for the men include: slacks, button-up shirt, jacket, tie and dress shoes. Dress code for women include: floor length dress (preferably with straps) and dress shoes. (Military dress uniform is allowed/encouraged if serving on active duty.) If you need help finding these items, please contact the Youth Directors. You are expected to participate in the youth activities (delegate work is the priority) and lend a helping hand to any task requested.*

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_

*I affirm the first 4 degrees or welcoming ceremony had been received when this application was signed (initials) \_\_\_\_\_*



### The Lecturer's Column

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Happy New Year!!!

Congratulations to the newly elected Lecturers! Please start planning your programs for this year. Do not wait until the last minute. There are lots of great ideas in the Lecturer's Handbook. If you need one, please contact me or a district chairman. The Handbook is also on the State Grange website. We are here to help and welcome any questions or comments.

Here is a list of our district chairmen:

- District 2: Connie Suing
- District 3: Theresa Thorud
- District 4: Dan LeBrun
- District 6: Angela Hascall
- Member at Large: Becky Brier.

We are currently looking for District chairmen for District 1 and 5. If you know of anyone interested, please contact me or our State Master.

The new Awards, Contests and Scholarships booklet for 2016 is complete. Copies were mailed to each Grange household. If you need additional books

please contact the State Grange Headquarters. Remember all contests are open to members and non-members. Start thinking about a contest you or a friend would like to enter. There are two new categories in the Photo contest: Holidays and Grange Activities.

Thank you to all the Grangers and Granges that have bought 2016 calendars. Your support will help fund the Talent Winner travel fund. We still have some calendars left if you would like to purchase.

Directors Conferences will start at the end of January. We are looking forward to these conferences. The conferences are a great way to get new ideas, make new friends and learn about our programs. Please make a note: one change for the District 6 conferences, the Lecturer committee will be at the March 19 conference and not the April 17 conference.

Hope to see you at one of the conferences.



One of The ToolBox cofounders shows members future plans for the tool lending library.

## Lane Pomona Is Introduced To The ToolBox Project

During the Lecturer's program at the January Lane County Pomona Grange meeting held at Santa Clara Grange members were introduced to the ToolBox Project by cofounders Beth Sweeney and Anya Dobrowolski. The ToolBox Project is Eugene-Springfield's Tool Library. It is a nonprofit organization that serves the Eugene-Springfield area by providing members with low-cost access to building repair and garden tools to transform their homes, businesses and neighborhoods. Their goal is to help individuals, families and neighborhoods thrive by creating a space where they can share, build and grow together.

Residents over the age of 18, the ToolBox Project carries a wide range of hand and power tools for building and garden projects ranging from hammers to table saws and trowels to post-hole diggers that members may borrow. An annual donation of \$20 is suggested for individual borrowers and just like the public library, each individual borrower must obtain his or her own membership. Borrowing fees help maintain and repair the tools shared, and range from \$0-\$10 per tool per week. The majority of hand tools have \$0 borrowing fees, while power tools range from \$3-\$10/tool per week, depending on the tool. Check out their website for more information: [www.eugenetoolboxproject.org](http://www.eugenetoolboxproject.org).

Open to all Eugene-Springfield



L: Crow member Connie Suing slicing into one of the many desserts.



Around 70 people attended the Thanksgiving Open House and potluck.

## Crow Grange Holds Open House

Crow Grange #450 in Lane County held their annual Thanksgiving Open House and potluck November 19th. The Grange provided the turkey, stuffing, and mashed potatoes and everyone else brought sides and desserts to make the meal complete. Many community neighbors and a handful of Grangers from other Granges joined them for a nice evening.

OSG Worthy State Master Susan Noah spoke about supporting the community. Also providing a few words of wisdom included Lane

County Deputy Vernon Herrick and District 2 Membership chair Jeff Dehne, both who offered their assistance in helping to gain and keep new members.

Linda Wetzell from Goshen played the piano for some nice background music for the event. Many neighbors donated non-perishable foods or cash. Donation were given to Crow Applegate schools to help with their Holiday food baskets for those in the local school community who needed some assistance.



A peek inside the van show many of the tools available for borrowing.



Mohawk-McKenzie Grange #747 played Yahtzee at their Open House on Sunday, November 22nd.

## 2016-2018 Oregon State Grange Officer Nominations

The Oregon State Grange elects officers in even years. Below are the names of members who were nominated for offices by Subordinate/Community Granges. To accept nomination for an office, nominees must file a written statement (and optionally a current photograph) with the State Grange office no later than 5 pm on March 1. No member may be a candidate for more than one office. Statements and pictures will be published in a special election issue of the Grange Bulletin that will be mailed in mid-March. Subordinate/Community Granges shall vote on State Officers at any regular meeting in April and send their results to the State Grange office no later than May 5. An Election Committee will tabulate the votes, and the results will be published in the June Bulletin.



**Susan Noah - Mohawk McKenzie #747:** *Abernethy #346, Barlow Gate #157, Beaver Creek #276, Boring-Damascus #260, Columbia #867, Creswell #469, Crow #450, Eagle Creek #297, Forest Grove #282, Frogpond #111, Harding #122, Hurricane Creek #608, Lacombe #907, Midland #781, Mohawk McKenzie #747, Molalla #310, South Fork #605, Springwater #263, Sunnyside #842, Waltherville #416, Warren #536, White Eagle #683*

**Ed Luttrell - Boring-Damascus #260:** *Lorane Grange #54, Spencer Creek #855*

**Malcolm Trump - Spencer Creek #855:** *Central #360, Riversdale #731*

**Ken Schweiger - London #937:** *Goshen #561*



**Celia Luttrell - Boring-Damascus #260:** *Abernethy #346, Beaver Creek #276, Columbia #867, Creswell #469, Crow #450, Eagle Creek #297, Forest Grove #282, Frogpond #111, Goshen #561, Lacombe #907, Lake Creek #697, Midland #781, Mohawk McKenzie #747, Molalla #310, Springwater #263, Warren #536, White Eagle #683*

**Mark Noah - Mohawk McKenzie #747:** *Central #360*

**Gary Prichard - Goshen #561:** *Irving #377*

**Malcolm Trump - Spencer Creek #855:** *Waltherville #416*

**Phil VanBuren - Midland #781:** *Hurricane Creek #608*

**Richard (Dick) Wyant - Irving #377:** *Spencer Creek #855*



**Jeanie Force - Sunnyside #842:** *Beaver Creek #276, Abernethy #346, Boring-Damascus #260, Clarkes #261, Columbia #867, Creswell #469, Crow #450, Eagle Creek #297, Forest Grove #282, Frogpond #111, Goshen #561, Harding #122, Lacombe #907, Lake Creek #697, Midland #781, Mohawk McKenzie #747, Molalla #310, Spencer Creek #855, Springwater #263, Sunnyside #842, Waltherville #416, Warren #536, White Eagle #683*

### Lecturer, continued

**June Colony - South Fork #605:** *Hurricane Creek #608*

**Eva Frost - Warren #536:** *Riversdale #731*

**Pat Heard - Irving #377:** *Irving #377*

**Orrin Schnetzky - Tigard #148:** *Central #360*



**Wayne Cabler - Central Point #698:** *Abernethy #346, Creswell #469, Eagle Creek #297, Goshen #561, Hurricane Creek #608, Lacombe #907, Lake Creek #697, Molalla #310, Spencer Creek #855, Waltherville #416, White Eagle #683*

**Orrin Schnetzky - Tigard #148:** *Beaver Creek #276, Central Point #698, Midland #781, Mohawk McKenzie #747, Phoenix #779, Warren #536*

**Jeffrey Clute - Forest Grove #282:** *Forest Grove #282, Springwater #263*

**Sam Keator - Winona #271:** *Boring-Damascus #260, Sunnyside #842*

**Gary Hartinger - Stanfield #657:** *Columbia #867*

**Don Kingsborough - Warner #117:** *Frogpond #111*

**Alexa Suing - Crow #450:** *Crow #450*



**Phil VanBuren - Midland #781:** *Abernethy #346, Beaver Creek #276, Columbia #867, Creswell #469, Crow #450, Eagle Creek #297, Forest Grove #282, Goshen #561, Irving #377, Lacombe #907, Lake Creek #697, Lorane Grange #54, Midland #781, Mohawk McKenzie #747, Molalla #310, Spencer Creek #855, Waltherville #416, Warren #536, White Eagle #683*

**Cole Wilson - White Eagle #683:** *Harding #122, Springwater #263*

**Bob Ludi - Sunnyside #842:** *Frogpond #111*

**Malcolm Trump - Spencer Creek #855:** *Hurricane Creek #608*



**Louise Holst - Midland #781:** *Abernethy #346, Beaver Creek #276, Columbia #867, Creswell #469, Crow #450, Eagle Creek #297, Forest Grove #282, Goshen #561, Lacombe #907, Lake Creek #697, Midland #781, Mohawk McKenzie #747, Molalla #310, Spencer Creek #855, Waltherville #416, Warren #536, White Eagle #683*

**Mikela Heimuller - Warren #536:** *Harding #122, Riversdale #731, Springwater #263*

**Sandi Ludi - Sunnyside #842:** *Frogpond #111*

**Connie Suing - Crow #450:** *Lorane Grange #54*

**Cookie Trump - Spencer Creek #855:** *Hurricane Creek #608*



**Peggy Fine - Riversdale #731:** *Beaver Creek #276, Creswell #469, Forest Grove #282, Goshen #561, Hurricane Creek #608, Lacombe #907, Lake Creek #697, Lorane Grange #54, Molalla #310, Riversdale #731, Waltherville #416, White Eagle #683*

**Dan LaBrun - Eagle Creek #297:** *Columbia #867, Eagle Creek #297, Frogpond #111*

**Gail Wilson - White Eagle #683:** *Crow #450, Sunnyside #842, Warren #536*

**Randy Embree - Silverton #748:** *Abernethy #346, Springwater #263*

**Barbara Brockway - Eagle Creek #297:** *Harding #122*

**Loretta Downs - Mohawk McKenzie #747:** *Mohawk McKenzie #747*

**Sandi Ludi - Sunnyside #842:** *Midland #781*



**Sarah Kingsborough - Warner #117:** *Abernethy #346, Beaver Creek #276, Creswell #469, Crow #450, Eagle Creek #297, Forest Grove #282, Frogpond #111, Goshen #561, Hurricane Creek #608, Lacombe #907, Lake Creek #697, Midland #781, Mohawk McKenzie #747, Molalla #310, Riversdale #731, Springwater #263, Sunnyside #842, Waltherville #416, Warren #536, White Eagle #683*

### Treasurer, continued

**Wayne Cabler - Central Point #698:** *Central Point #698*

**Cookie Trump - Spencer Creek #855:** *Central #360*



**Alice Nowicki - London #937:** *Abernethy #346, Beaver Creek #276, Boring-Damascus #260, Central #360, Columbia #867, Creswell #469, Crow #450, Forest Grove #282, Goshen #561, Hurricane Creek #608, Irving #377, Lacombe #907, Lake Creek #697, Lorane Grange #54, Midland #781, Mohawk McKenzie #747, Molalla #310, Riversdale #731, Spencer Creek #855, Springwater #263, Sunnyside #842, Waltherville #416, Warren #536, White Eagle #683*

**Jan Oleson - Abernethy #346:** *Barlow Gate #157*

**Joyce Parker - Springwater #263:** *Frogpond #111*



**Jesse O'dell - Santiam Valley #828:** *Abernethy #346, Beaver Creek #276, Columbia #867, Creswell #469, Crow #450, Forest Grove #282, Hurricane Creek #608, Lacombe #907, Lake Creek #697, Mohawk McKenzie #747, Molalla #310, Spencer Creek #855, Sunnyside #842, Waltherville #416, Warren #536, White Eagle #683*

**Orrin Schnetzky - Tigard #148:** *Goshen #561, Harding #122*

**James Clute - Forest Grove #282:** *Midland #781*

**Don MacKinnon - Springwater #263:** *Frogpond #111*

**Roy Wilson - ?:** *Eagle Creek #297*



**Beverly Doescher - Azalea #786:** *Beaver Creek #276, Lacombe #907, Lake Creek #697, Forest Grove #282, Myrtle Creek #442, Hurricane Creek #608, Molalla #310, Goshen #561, Creswell #469, White Eagle #683, Abernethy #346*

**Elizabeth (Liz) Dehne - Waltherville #416:** *Mohawk McKenzie #747, Irving #377, Spencer Creek #855, Waltherville #416*



**Ceres, continued**

**Mikela Heimuller - Warren #536:** Midland #781, Sunnyside #842, Boring-Damascus #260

**Margaret Clute - Forest Grove #282:** Warren #536

**Eva Frost - Warren #536:** Crow #450

**Kim Schettig - Beaver Creek #276:** Frogpond #111

**Connie Suing - Crow #450:** Columbia #867

**Phyllis Wilson - Greenacres #834:** Phoenix #779



**Eva Frost - Warren #536:** Beaver Creek #276, Creswell #469, Eagle Creek #297, Forest Grove #282, Hurricane Creek #608, Lake Creek #697, Lorane Grange #54, Mohawk McKenzie #747, Molalla #310, Sunnyside #842, White Eagle #683

**Beverly Doescher - Azalea #786:** Riversdale #731, Waltherville #416,

**Mikela Heimuller - Warren #536:** Crow #450, Warren #536

**Ann Startin - Macleay #293:** Abernethy #346, Springwater #263

**Carol Everman - Beaver Valley #306:** Midland #781

**Paula Herrick - Waltherville #416:** Goshen #561

**Robeta O'Dell - Santiam Valley #828:** Lacombe #907

**Suzan Sether - Molalla #310:** Frogpond #111

**Kris VanHouten - Riversdale #731:** Columbia #867



**Cookie Trump - Spencer Creek #855:** Beaver Creek #276, Columbia #867, Creswell #469, Eagle Creek #297, Goshen #561, Hurricane Creek #608, Lacombe #907, Lake Creek #697, Mohawk McKenzie #747, Molalla #310, Riversdale #731, White Eagle #683

**Eva Frost - Warren #536:** Abernethy #346, McMinnville #31, Midland #781, Spencer Creek #855, Springwater #263, Waltherville #416, Warren #536

**Elizabeth (Liz) Dehne - Waltherville #416:** Crow #450, Lorane Grange #54

**Judy Huey - Abernethy #346:** Frogpond #111



**District #1**  
**Malcolm Trump - Spencer Creek #855:** Beaver Creek #276, Mohawk McKenzie #747, Lacombe #907, Irving #377, Hurricane Creek #608, Columbia #867, Molalla #310, Goshen #561, Creswell #469, Waltherville #416, Eagle Creek #297, White Eagle #683, Frogpond #111

**John Fine - Riversdale #731:** Forest Grove #282, Riversdale #731

**Jason Couch - Phoenix #779:** Harding #122

**Jeff Dehne - Waltherville #416:** Midland #781

**Peggy Jillson - Irving #377:** Crow #450

**Mark Noah - Mohawk McKenzie #747:** Warren #536

**Linda Pugh - Ada #570:** Springwater #263

**Sue Westbrook - Myrtle Creek #442:** Spencer Creek #855

**District #2**  
**Don Sether - Molalla #310:** Abernethy #346, Columbia #867, Creswell #469, Eagle Creek #297, Frogpond #111, Goshen #561, acomb #907, Maplewood #662, Molalla #310, Spencer Creek #855, Waltherville #416, White Eagle #683

**Don Kingsborough - Warner #117:** Hurricane Creek #608, Mohawk McKenzie #747

**John Knox - Forest Grove #282:** Forest Grove #282, Riversdale #731

**Celia Luttrell - Boring-Damascus #260:** Boring-Damascus #260, Sunnyside #842

**Jim Clute - Forest Grove #282:** Beaver Creek #276

**Carol Everman - Beaver Valley #306:** Warren #536

**Sam Keator - Winona #271:** Springwater #263

**Bob Ludi - Sunnyside #842:** Midland #781

**Ed Luttrell - Boring-Damascus #260:** Crow #450

**Richard Wanker - Redland #796:** Harding #122

**District #3**  
**Roger Wilson - White Eagle #683:** Beaver Creek #276, Harding #122, Lacombe #907, Lake Creek #697, Warren #536, Midland #781, Crow #450, Sunnyside #842, Molalla #310, Goshen #561, Creswell #469, Waltherville #416, Eagle Creek #297, White Eagle #683, Frogpond #111



**Secretary's Column**

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Secretary ~ Oregon State Grange

"Whatever that meant I just couldn't guess" Dr Suess

The following two events inspired this edition's column:

In December, I was part of the Lane Pomona #14 installation team. I installed the newly elected Secretaries. I read the following to them: "The duties of your office are very important. You will communicate with Granges at all levels, and correspond with members, prospective members and other organizations. Your correspondence should be courteous, brief yet comprehensive. Work closely with the Treasurer to make sure that all bills are paid promptly. Let the minutes you take be accurate and exhibit a faithful history of the work of your Grange."

I recently read the Winona Grange #271 Fall 2015 Newsletter. In the Message from Our Master column, Master Sam Keator states that "Communication is my "key" word that leads into community activities in hopes of new members."

Both of these are wonderful examples of the importance of communication and how it impacts the Grange. As Secretary, you are a vital component to the communication of your Grange.

Review the duties of your office and check the areas that you might improve. Accuracy is vital. Errors

occur. Misspelled names, incorrect addresses, incomplete reports, and/or no information given are just some of the issues that the OSG Staff face daily. Our part is to be patient and make sure that the items we submit are as accurate as possible.

If your members are effective communicators, they can encourage and entice others to join by sharing your Grange's activities and goals. In this quarter:

- Send out the third dues reminder notices (intent to suspend) to your members that have not paid their 2016 dues.
- Obtain the new Membership Recognition forms from the OSG Office or online. The cost of these awards has increased. **Please throw away your old forms.**
- Encourage your Grange to write a Resolution. If you need inspiration, review the current OSG Policies for ones that may need to be updated. Send your adopted Resolution to your Pomona and the State Grange office.

Strive to be an effective communicator. Sometimes it can "save the day." Thank you for all your hard work the time and effort you give to your position. You are appreciated by all of us.

UPCOMING POMONA GRANGE MEETINGS				
Pomona Secretaries are to send in meeting information to the Bulletin Editor as soon as date, time, and location are determined and/or changed.				
Pomona	Date	Time	Meeting Place	
Baker #24	May 7	10:30 AM	New Bridge #789	
Benton #36	Apr 16	10:30 AM	Willamette #52	
Clackamas #1	Feb 27	6:00 PM	Redland #796	
Columbia #18	May 7	10:00 AM	Vernonia #305	
Coos-Curry-West Coast #30	Apr 23	10:00 AM	TBA	
Deschutes #25	Feb 13	10:00 AM	Little Deschutes #939	
Douglas #13	Apr 23	6:00 PM	Riversdale #731	
Jackson #27	Apr 9	10:00 AM	TBA	
Josephine #20	Apr 30	10:00 AM	North Pacific #911	
Lane #14	Apr 9	10:00 AM	Triangle Grange #533	
Lincoln #10	Feb 20	10:30 AM	TBA	
Linn #12	Apr 9	10:00 AM	TBA	
Marion #4	Apr 16	10:00 AM	Macleay #293	
Polk #3	Apr 16	10:00 AM	Oak Grove #198	
Tillamook #9		10:30 AM	TBA	
Umatilla #26	Feb 27	10:30 AM	Stanfield #657	
Wallowa #22	Apr 9	10:00 AM	South Fork #605	
Washington-Yamhill #2	Apr 23	10:00 AM	Leedy #339	

**District #3, Ec. Comm, continued**

**Scott Colony - South Fork #605:** Mohawk McKenzie #747, Springwater #263

**Louise Holst - Midland #781:** Hurricane Creek #608

**Scot Jacobson - Columbia #867:** Columbia #867

**Delores Stiltner - Eagle Valley #656:** Riversdale #731

**Thank You**

The family of Wayne Johnston wishes to thank all the friends in the Grange for all the cards, flowers and presence at his celebration of his life. Wayne was always happiest when surrounded by family, friends and food.

Catherine Johnston & family



## Rockford Granges Updates Hall With Help OF OSG Grant

Over several weekends in September and October twenty-four Rockford Grange members and friends of Rockford Grange completed new lighting in the basement, painting of 50% of the exterior and replacement of handicapped and front porch railings.

Member's work totaled nearly 600 hours. All grant-committed hours were used with many hours over

the original commitment spent on the project. Project cost of \$5,500 included all materials and equipment rentals. Only minor disruption to normal Grange functions was experienced.

It was a fun project with lots of laughs and lessons learned. The biggest lessons? If your Grange

members are farmers and/or busy gardeners mid-summer is not a good time to plan this kind of project. Also, the paint on an old Grange hall is likely going to need much more preparation than you think, and... "done" is better than perfect.

Rockford Grange is grateful for the OSG grant support to get this work done and they have received lots of positive feedback from the community on the improvements as well as increased interest in Grange and Grange membership.



## New Ramp for Pacific Grange

Pacific Grange #413 in Clatsop County felt fortunate to receive an OSG grant to add a ramp and renew the front entryway of their 100 year old building. Working on this project has brought members and friends together to improve this community building. At the same time as the ramp was added a beam was replaced under the front of the building. This has allowed many more people access to their Grange events.

Replacing boards on the porch and enclosing and painting the porch has made for a more inviting entrance to the hall. The entry hall and bathrooms received new flooring and lighting. The bathrooms also received new vanities and toilets designed to be more handicapped accessible. Windows were replaced and several areas received new paint, making for a fresh, brighter entrance to the hall.

Since completing these projects the Grange has experienced an increase



in hall usage by community people. They look forward to more projects to keep their hall a source of pride for the community

**SPRING FLING BREAKFAST**

**Food Drive**

**Raffle: Breakfast Goodies**

**Celebrate Grange Month:**  
Breakfast at Macleay Grange

**April 2, 2016 8AM—11AM**

Pancakes, Breakfast Casserole, Potatoes, Sausage, Orange Juice, Milk, Coffee, Tea, Cocoa

Enter a Drawing to win a basket of BREAKFAST GOODIES \$1.00 per ticket

**Cost \$7.00** or bring 2 cans of food for donation to Marion/Polk Food Share and get breakfast for \$5.00




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**Grange Name/Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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