The "Sunrise" in Massachusetts Central Grange Area

At the 145th Annual State Grange Session, it was announced that two Pomona Granges became one. Bay Path Pomona and Worcester Norfolk Pomona came together and took the name of Sunrise Pomona #9.

This Pomona is comprised of six Granges (in alphabetical order): Charlton, Dudley, New Braintree, Ware, Upton, Uxbridge.

Master Terry Vaill, spoke at the session, noting that the mutually agreed upon merger had been decided in July. The Officers were installed on October 00 and have begun their “journey into new territory.” “This is change, and changes are often needed to better ourselves and grow.” She challenged us “to begin a new journey, and take a chance and make some changes.”

The group will meet 5 times a year. Check the SGN for meeting time, dates, and locations.

Terry closed her comments with a quote from Alex Haditaghi:

“Some journeys don’t have endings, they lead to new beginnings. These are the journeys that lead To great adventures!”
From the Editor’s Desk

We’re off and running into a new Grange year. National session is but a bit more than a week away in Washington State. In December, The National Grange is having a 150th birthday party in D.C. I noticed that a couple of Granges are also celebrating the National Grange Anniversary right here in Massachusetts.

So, now that State Session is over, what is there to do? PLENTY! We need to look at the present in order to shape the future. What are we doing now for membership? Is it working? If yes, super. If no, time to re-examine what we are or aren’t doing. The program book for the coming 2 years has a lot of great stuff in it, and not just contests, but lots of resources to look into. Check with your Grange Secretary, Master or Lecturer. All these people should have gotten copies of the new program book.

Have you checked into the availability of 4-H and FFA? I found that Essex Tech (formerly Essex Agricultural School) has an FFA chapter. 4-H groups are rarer, especially in my town. How about in your area?

These days I hear a lot about “value added.” The MDAR talks about it. The supermarkets are talking about it. The Consumer Reports magazines are talking about it. What “value added” information can we offer about Grange? Think.
Brothers and Sisters the work of the 145th Session of the Massachusetts State Grange is complete. Grangers from across the state gathered together to renew friendships, work on resolutions and celebrate the accomplishments of our Granges and their members.

Nine resolutions were presented to the delegates to discuss and vote on at this years session. Three of the resolutions were presented by youth members, its great to see our young members involved in their Granges. Four of the resolutions will be sent on to the National Convention, which will convene on November 6, 2017. These resolutions could impact Granges across the country, national agricultural policy or national social policies. Two resolutions were passed concerning the Massachusetts State Grange. One resolution set a deadline for the distribution of the Proceedings of the State Grange Session at February 1st of each year. The second resulted in a recommendation to compile information on the condition of Grange halls.

It was reported that eighteen Granges brought in a combined total of sixty-two new members. Congratulations to those eighteen Granges and welcome to the new members. However due to a loss of ninety-six members we had a net loss in members this past year. All of our Granges must focus on membership recruitment if our great Fraternity is to prosper.

We celebrated the accomplishments of our Granges and Grangers who participated in the contests of the Lecturer, the Home & Community Service Committee, the Agriculture & Environment Committee and the Junior Grange. The Best of Show winners from these departments will perform or have their entries on display during the National Convention. Will you receive this honor next year?

Congratulations to Jim and Janet Martin for receiving the ROSE Award this year. Jim has retired as General Deputy serving the Western Area. His wise counsel will be greatly missed.

Congratulations to Allan and Barbara Gaspar to whom, for their exemplary service to the Grange, the 2017 Proceedings of the Massachusetts State Grange were dedicated.
We will be attending the 151st National Grange Convention in Spokane, Washington November 6-11. Upon returning we look forward to working with all our Granges and members to strengthen our Grange in Massachusetts.

George

Master's Notes:

Thank you to all those who purchased Dresden Quilt raffle tickets, the proceeds will benefit the National Grange Foundation.

Doug Hall has been named as Special Deputy to the Youth.

Annual Session in 2018 will be held at the Milford Doubletree Hotel on Oct. 25-28, 2018

Farm to Table Turkey Dinner at South Middleborough

South Middleborough Grange #337 will host their annual Farm to Table Turkey Dinner on Saturday, November 11 at 5 pm at the South Middleborough Grange Hall, 570 Wareham Street, South Middleborough. Adults $10 and kids $5. First come first served. Tickets may be reserved in advance by calling 508-947-1904.

Menu includes: cranberry juice, choice of beverage, turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, butternut squash, green beans, cranberry sauce, pickles, rolls and butter and homemade pie for dessert. All proceeds benefit South Middleborough Grange meeting hall floor restoration project.

The Grange and members of the Veterans’ Ladies Auxiliary will hold a bake sale as well. Homemade baked goods will be for sale before and after the turkey dinner. The bake sale is a joint service project of the two organizations to raise funds to award scholarships to two Middleborough High School students to attend the Boy and Girls State Convention. The public is invited to shop at the bake sale and it is not necessary to attend the turkey dinner although the events are being held simultaneously.

Please plan to attend South Middleborough Grange on Saturday, November 11.
Lecturer’s Column

If there was a photography contest at Grange conventions in the late 1800s, what would the ‘Best of Show’ look like? Photography came to the U.S. in 1839 with images produced on a piece of paper coated with silver chloride which darkened when exposed to light, best for capturing still images. By the 1850s, the process had improved by reducing the exposure time, so portraits became the most common type of photo. With the development of dry-plate technology in the early 1880s, many people began taking pictures. The invention of the Kodak camera in 1888 and George Eastman’s slogan “You push the button and we’ll do the rest,” attracted more people into making photography a hobby. The box camera held a film with 100 exposures and cost $25. Fast forward to 1975, Steve Sasson, an engineer at Eastman Kodak, created the first digital camera. This technology continues to advance and now dominates the industry.

The Best of Show at our recent State Session was a picture of a waving flag taken by Janet Horne of Boxborough Grange. The judge commented that she was most impressed by the crispness and clarity of a moving object. Along with this photograph, one from each state will be judged at the National Grange Convention in Spokane.

If you were at State Session, you had an opportunity to vote for your favorite photo of the non-winners in each category. The People’s Choice awards winners:

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Contest Winners

Congratulations to winners in the contests sponsored by the Lecturer’s Department! I hope everyone had a chance to
view the 71 photography, 38 art, and 11 writing entries displayed during State Session.

The fifth annual PATRON Awards were presented to Candy Smith, Williamsburg #225; Karlena Henry, Guiding Star #1; Nancy Lescarbeau, Williamstown #366. They were able to complete and document all six criteria which demonstrate Grange Passion, Activity, Tradition, Recruitment, Originality, and Networking. This year, all recipients were from the western area. I know there are members who fit the criteria from all parts of the state. Print out the documentation form in this issue or ask your Lecturer for the pink form to begin your quest to qualify for the PATRON Award.

Visitation Program

Whether it is a surprise visit or a planned one, having neighboring Patrons at a meeting is always exciting. Benefit is noted to both the visited and the visiting Grange. Attendance is increased to share in the program and activities, reports of committees inspire others to try something new or a little different, and the fellowship is long-lasting. Nine Subordinates submitted their signed cards. Granges making the most visits received cash awards.

**Granges with membership of 50 & over:**
- **Winner:** Central Community Grange #22 (16 visits)
- **Runner-up:** Guiding Star Grange #1 (13 visits)

**Granges with membership of 25–49:**
- **Winner:** Chesterfield #83 (24 visits)
- **Runner-up:** Williamstown #366 (17 visits)

No Granges with membership less than 25 submitted entries. Ask your Lecturer for the bright green cards in his/her packet, so your Grange can get started with recording visitations for the 2017 - 2018 year.

Win-A-Program

North Orange Grange is the latest winner of a program chosen from those submitting the September quarterly report within ten days. Since there is no elected Lecturer, Pamela Gale has assumed the responsibility of filing the reports. I look forward to presenting a program and visiting with the members.

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Happy Birthday to ……

Hope of Hadley Grange …. 128 years old

This Grange opened in November, 1873, but closed after eight years. It was re-organized on November 1, 1897. In the 1914 Proceedings of the 42nd Annual Session of the State Grange, Hope of Hadley Grange placed seventh in the Community Service contest. The Grange was credited with: “March 6th, a committee was organized and the town canvassed and entries secured for a Home Grounds Improvement Contest. A landscape expert from the Massachusetts Agricultural College made personal visits to the homes of the contestants and to several schools suggesting shrubs and flower plantings for each. In some instances diagrams were made that will take several years to work out. Shrubs were ordered for all at one time with a very substantial discount. Detailed instructions for preparing the soil were furnished and the plantings were done under the supervision of men from the Agricultural College. Approximately 1200 shrubs were set out at a cost of about $225.00. Three schools and forty homes were included in this beautifying improvement. In another section of the town, twelve families entered the contest; secured a speaker on Home Economics, who gave practical instructions on the food values of various articles of diet. Several men of the Grange are serving on a committee to report to the town a comprehensive plan for the better expenditure of town’s highway appropriations; and a member of the Grange, who is also a trustee of the Library, secured Agricultural books from the Agricultural College to be distributed through the local library.

Hope of Hadley Grange meets on the second Monday and is part of Connecticut Valley Pomona. Community service today includes volunteering at the Big E Booth.

Williamsburg Grange …. 117 years old

The Grange Hall became the center of attention in 2015 when townspeople met to brainstorm the future of the hall. A local newspaper, The Republican, reported, “Around two dozen people pulled chairs into a circle Wednesday night to talk about the future of the Williamsburg Grange Community Hall, a historic structure located in the village center at 10 Main St. Built in the mid-1800s, the hall has Continued next page
seen its share of dances and dinners over the years. Now the few remaining members of the Grange are too ‘old and tired’ to maintain the building, which needs significant upgrades and ongoing maintenance, said longtime member Candace Black Smith.

By the end of Wednesday’s meeting, which served as a brainstorming session, a number of new ideas emerged. Several people suggested forming a small steering committee to come up with concrete options for preserving the building as a community space.”

This did the trick. People stepped up and joined the Grange to save the hall. Now, the Grange Hall is the center of activity. Fundraising events, informational programs, and entertainment are common occurrences.

Williamsburg was recognized at the recent State Session for its agricultural education programs. Candy Smith, Master, accepted a certificate and spoke about the Grange’s work with the elementary school to initiate a school garden program, hosting a program on honey bees and a Mass. Gardeners Assoc. continuing education program on vegetable insect pest management and soil analysis, and the annual Grange Fair. You can visit a Williamsburg meeting on the first Saturday of the month.

Acushnet Grange …. 108 years old

Acushnet’s 100th Anniversary in 2009 featured guest speaker State Chaplain Randy Belseth and entertainment by ‘Voices in Time’. South Coast Today’s news coverage of the event highlighted the history and current interests: “The Grange held regular meetings and focused on family values and community service, as it does today. Although not affiliated with any political party, the Grange has traditionally looked out for the rights of those who make their living by farming, by seeing through legislation that would protect those rights. Today, they are an organization that has members from age 14 on up and continues its concern for agriculture, conservation and the environment. They also have given scholarships to members, award for community service, food baskets for the needy and other efforts. ‘One of big projects recently has be to distribute dictionaries to the third graders at the St. Francis Xavier School and the (Acushnet) elementary school,’ Mrs. Caroline St. Don

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said, ‘It is the seventh year that we have done this through the “Words for Thirds”’

This Grange continues its successful community service projects. A new venture for the members was hosting an agriculture education workshop on healthy choices last spring. A speaker from UMass Extension, making a ‘salad in a jar’, a bag of gifts, recipes, and nutritional information, and the opportunity to interact with local agricultural businesses were well-received by the attendees. During their meetings on the first Thursday of the month in the Grange Hall, you will find the members planning upcoming events.

Williamstown Grange .... 96 years old

With a population of more than 7,000, Williamstown is located in the northwestern corner of our state. The Grange meets on the first Wednesday in the Williamstown Rural Lands Foundation at Sheep Hill, an organization that works to protect valuable and scenic natural resources and develops and maintains trails for public recreation. Doesn’t that sound like an agriculturally-friendly place?

This Grange prides itself on being an integral part of the community. Donations of backpacks filled with school supplies to DCF, pet food supply drive, handmade items for the nursing home, presentation of the Community Citizen Award, and a program on beekeeping are just a few examples. In addition to being out and about in the community, members enjoy visiting other Granges in the western area. Williamstown received runner-up in the category of Granges with a membership of 25 – 49 for visiting 17 other Granges this past year.

New Braintree Grange .... 129 years old

On the 14th of this month, this Grange celebrates 129 years of continuous service to a rural, agricultural town in central MA of about 1,000 residents. New Braintree Grange’s Old Home Day & Pig Roast is listed among the major annual events on the town webpage. If you missed the event last month, you can mark it on your calendar for next year. Good food, prizes, and a good time are awaiting you. This event began as the ever-popular annual Strawberry festival which ran for many years.

Meetings held on the second Wednesday include inter-Continued next page
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interesting, informative programs. Successful monthly homesteading workshops began this Grange’s agriculture education focus. Topics such as learning about tallow and making bone broth, chicken processing 101, horses, and strawberries were featured this past year.

**Pittsfield Grange .... 123 years old**

November 15th is the original birthdate of this Grange which was celebrated from its founding in 1873 until 1886. Re-organizing on March 1, 1907 has given the members reason to continue to celebrate.

At the 44th Annual State Session held in Boston in 1916, the proceedings noted, “The Lecturer, Mrs. Frances Kendall, divided the Grange membership into groups, assigning each member to the group in which they were most interested. The interest and work accomplished has been gratifying beyond description—new members have been added and best of all the old ones have been kept and taken a genuine interest in the Grange at every meeting. Pittsfield holds the record for city Granges in number of members taking part in the Programme.”

With about 45,000 people, Pittsfield is the largest city in the Berkshires. What about planning a weekend getaway to enjoy the beauty of the area and participate in a Grange meeting on the first Friday of the month?

Happy Thanksgiving ..... Janet Segur

**Lecturer’s Contests**

**Photography**

**Adults**

People:

1st Carolyn Hastings Holden #78
2nd Rebecca Ingram North Orange #86
3rd Merryl Havens Holden #78
Honorable Mention: Alan Havens Holden #78

**Patriotic**

1st Janet Horne Boxborough #131 Best of Show
2nd Alan Havens Holden #78
3rd Merryl Havens Holden #78
Photography continued

Agricultural
1st Carolyn Hastings Holden #78
2nd Merryl Havens Holden #78
3rd Martha Emerson Chesterfield #83

Animals
1st Lisa Johnson Bradford #238
2nd Nancy Lescarbeau Williamstown #366
3rd Rebecca Ingram North Orange #86
Honorable Mention: Kim Packard Holden #78

Flowers
1st Carolyn Hastings Holden #78
2nd Ruth Ellen Henry Guiding Star #1
3rd Shirley Burdick Holden #78

Juniors (ages 10 – 14):
People
1st David Lehmann North Orange Jr. #142
2nd Greg Lehmann North Orange Jr. #142

Patriotic
1st David Lehmann North Orange Jr. #142
2nd Greg Lehmann North Orange Jr. #142

Animals
1st Greg Lehmann North Orange #142
2nd David Lehmann North Orange #142

Flowers
1st David Lehmann North Orange #142
2nd Greg Lehmann North Orange #142

Art

Adults
Oils and Acrylics (Landscape)
1st (tie) Joyce Peavey Non-member/Upton #125
       Jean Brunter Holden #78
2nd Peter Martin Stockbridge #295
3rd (tie) Theresa Kane Holden #78
       Aliza Luce Upton #125

Oils and Acrylics (Flowers)
1st Jean Brunter Holden #78
2nd Sophia Garrepy Upton #125
3rd Peter Martin Stockbridge #295
Art continued

Oils and Acrylics (Animals)

1st Jean Brunter Holden #78 Best of Show
2nd Heidi Bacon Non-member/Holden #78

Oils and Acrylics (People)

1st Aliza Luce Upton #125
2nd Merryl Havens Holden #78
3rd Theresa Kane Holden #78

Charcoal or Pencil Drawing (People)

1st Aliza Luce Upton #125
2nd Madisyn Bacon Non-member/Holden #78

Watercolors (Landscape)

1st Peter Martin Stockbridge #295

Watercolors (Flowers)

1st Peter Martin Stockbridge #295

Watercolors (Animals)

1st Amanda Gibson Central Community #22
2nd Peter Martin Stockbridge #295
3rd Ken Paulson Upton #125

Watercolors (People)

1st Gloria Black Williamsburg #225

Pastels (Flowers)

1st Ken Paulson Upton #1125

Stained Glass

1st Lars Paulson Non-member/Upton #125
2nd Ken Paulson Upton #125
3rd Kristin Paulson Upton #125

3-Dimensional Sculptures

1st Amanda Gibson Central Community #22
2nd Charles Albrecht Holden #78

Juniors (ages 10 – 14):

Oils and Acrylics (Landscape)

1st Gina Lupachini Upton Jr. #39

Pastels (Animals)

1st Liam Meyer Upton Jr. #39
2nd Gina Lupachini Upton Jr. #39
Art continued

Stained Glass
1st  Liam Meyer  Upton Jr. #39

Juniors (ages 5 – 9):
Oils and Acrylics (Landscape)
1st  Eleanor Krueger  Upton Jr. #39

Oils and Acrylics (Animals)
1st  Eleanor Krueger  Upton Jr. #39
2nd  John Paul Krueger  Upton Jr. #39

Oils and Acrylics (People)
1st  Annabelle Krueger  Upton Jr. #39

Watercolors (Landscape)
1st  Lily Dunbar  Non-member/Ponkapoag #231
2nd  Eleanor Krueger  Upton Jr. #39

Watercolors (People)
1st  John Paul Krueger  Upton Jr. #39

Creative Writing

Adults:
Poetry
1st  Nancy Lescarbeau  Williamstown #366
2nd  Catherine Sefton  Non-member/Holden #78
3rd  Merryl Havens  Holden #78

Essay
1st  Matthew Johnson  Bradford #238
2nd  Peter Martin  Stockbridge #295
3rd  Nancy Lescarbeau  Williamstown #366

Skit
1st  Winniferd Gilchrest  Dunstable #31
2nd  Peter Martin  Stockbridge #295

Juniors (ages 10 – 14):
Poetry
1st  Rachel Wilder  Massachusetts State Jr. #84

Lecturer’s Annual Reports

Pomona Granges
1st  Nancy Lescarbeau  Berkshire North #6
2nd  Susan Rotellini  Minuteman #16
3rd  Rebecca Ingram  Franklin-Worcester #4

Subordinate Granges
1st  Pamela Gale (reporter)  North Orange #86
2nd  Kathy Gibson  Central Community #22
3rd  Thomas Leahey  Whately #414
State Grange Agriculture Education Committee Needs Your Help.

The Grange was founded as an Agricultural organization. Though our Order has evolved over the past 150 years, it is important to honor our foundation. The Grange Roots Initiative has provided Granges throughout Massachusetts with ways to get involved in promoting agricultural education in their communities and across the state. As with any program, it’s important to reevaluate it over time and make changes, when necessary, to keep it relevant. We want your help to evaluate our programs and plan for the future. The State Grange is holding an Agriculture Education Forum as a way to get Grange members from across the state together to brainstorm and help us plan the future of this important program.

How Can We Help?

Each Subordinate Grange is being asked to send 2 representatives to attend the State Grange Agriculture Education Forum!

Saturday, November 4, 2017
10am – 3pm
Boylston Town House, Boylston, MA
Coffee will be available in the morning and lunch will be provided

Please RSVP by October 25 by contacting Randy Vaill at 413-284-1135 or vaill@comcast.net, and let us know how many are coming from your Grange.

How Can We Prepare for the Forum?

To get ready for the Forum, discuss the following questions at an upcoming meeting of your Grange. These will help get you thinking about the topics we will discuss, and will make sure that your Grange’s representatives to the Forum know what your membership feels about these topics.

•What programs/activities has your Grange participated in relating to agriculture education?
•What has worked well for your Grange?
•What has not worked well for your Grange?
•What can the State Grange do to assist local Granges with
their agriculture education programs/activities?
• What new ideas do you have for agriculture education programs/activities that can be done on the State or local level within the Grange?
• What are your thoughts on the Grange’s participation in existing agriculture education programs? These include, but are not limited to:
  • Mass Agriculture in the Classroom
  • Envirothon
  • UMass Pollinator Garden and Summer Scholars program
  • Agriculture Education Grants to local Granges
  • FFA
  • 4-H

  We look forward to seeing you at the Forum!

Fraternally,
Scott Davis, Chairman, Agriculture Education Committee

Williamsburg Gives Dictionaries

Williamsburg Grange presented dictionaries to 21, third graders at the Anne T. Dunphy School in Williamsburg, MA. This is the 12th year Williamsburg Grange has been involved in the project. The children are always so enthusiastic and the teacher always has such great projects for them to do with their new books.
The Massachusetts State Grange has been a sponsor of the Summer Scholars program at UMass Amherst’s Center for Agriculture, Food and the Environment (CAFE) for the past two years. This program provides students with hands-on, real-world learning experiences that will help them gain skills that will be valuable to them in their future careers in the agriculture industry. The article below was published on the UMass website recently and is reused here with their permission:

How I Spent My Summer Vacation: UMass students work in labs, farms, and urban forests

http://www.umass.edu/gateway/feature/how-i-spent-my-summer-vacation

Thirty-eight undergraduate students this summer worked in labs, farms, orchards, and tree-lined streets in Springfield as part of the University of Massachusetts Amherst Center for Agriculture, Food, and the Environment’s (CAFE) Summer Scholars Program. They researched saving bees from a parasite, the health of urban trees, rapid detection of E. coli in drinking water, the viability of American grape species, reducing the use of pesticides, and many other critical areas of study.

In its second year, the Summer Scholars Program pairs a faculty member or extension educator with an undergraduate student who earns $4,000 over the summer. “The faculty member or extension educator gets extra assistance and the student gets hands-on experience with a research or public education project and a unique and distinguishing element to put on their resume,” says William Miller, CAFE assistant director.

Take Eugene Ampomsah ’19, a biology major from East Hartford, Connecticut, who worked with biology professor Lynn Adler and discovered how long it takes to cure bumble bees infected with the parasite Crithidia using sunflower pollen. “I was excited and proud about doing something that could contribute to maintaining our ecosystem,” says Ampomsah. Adler says the summer program is an ideal way to introduce students to scientific research with many benefits. “I’ve co-published many papers with undergraduates, which is great for both our lab productivity and for launching a student’s scientific career,” she says.
Insects and disease pests occupied Annalisa Flynn ’20, a sustainable food and farming student from Newton, Massachusetts, as she crisscrossed eastern Massachusetts farm country scouting for organisms that destroy vegetables. “I visited six farms weekly and spent time walking through fields, counting pests to determine the threshold,” says Flynn. She reported her findings to the farmer, as well as the weekly “Vegetable Notes”, a newsletter distributed to 2,500 people, that supports public education. “Annalisa is now a walking encyclopedia of vegetable-related pest knowledge, and she is an incredible resource to any farming endeavor,” says Katie Campbell-Nelson, extension educator.

Annalisa Flynn

Brian Kane, Massachusetts Arborists Association professor of commercial arboriculture in the Department of Environmental Conservation, notes that the Summer Scholars Program provides valuable funding for student research. “A motivated undergraduate can be very helpful in collecting data,” he says. Justin Esiason ’18, an environmental science and jazz studies major from Warren, Massachusetts, was dispatched to Amherst as Kane’s assistant. Esiason took measurements of a tree’s diameter, length, woody and leafy mass, height of limbs, gravity of wood, and area of leaves. He says he learned the importance of consistent data collection and honest, thorough data analysis.

Adam Salhaney ’19, a food science and technology major from Holliston, Massachusetts, spent his summer working in the Chenoweth Lab of food scientist Lili He. Salhaney was tasked with using color-changing gold nanoparticles to detect E. coli in drinking water. “The most challenging part of the project was the realization that real science takes time, patience, and a lot of troubleshooting. However, this realization also led to the most enjoyable part of the project, which was the incredible satisfaction when everything finally went right.” Faculty member Lili He says Salhaney learned hands-on bench skills, sharpened his oral and poster presentation skills, and mentored high school students, who were also part of the lab.

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Like Salhaney, Alexander Bienvenue ’18, from Westfield, Massachusetts, enrolled in the Bachelor’s Degree with Individual Concentration, was also engaged in his first-ever hands-on scientific research into the viability of non-European grapes, which included a significant public education component. “The most challenging part was shoot thinning. The grapevines are very vigorous plants with dense canopies, so it’s easy to get lost in them and lose track of how many shoots per foot you have already thinned,” he explained. Elsa Petit, faculty member in the Stockbridge School of Agriculture studying the American grape species, says, “It is great to work with a student who asks us questions about the project with an outside perspective. Students and professors both benefit.”

The Summer Scholars Program concluded September 13 with a poster session in which students summarized their research. The program was supported with gifts from the Massachusetts Society for Promoting Agriculture and Massachusetts State Grange, which enabled a higher number of student participants.
Results of State Grange Elections

Elections were held at this Session and the following officers were elected for a 2 year term:

Master: George Thomas, III
Overseer: Glenn Gibson
Executive Committee (4 years): Janet Horne
Lecturer: Janet Segur
Steward: Corey Spence
Assist. Steward: Christopher Szkutak
Lady Assist. Steward: Christine Day
Chaplain: Randy Belseth
Treasurer: Randall Vaill, Jr.
Secretary: Deborah Goodrich
Gatekeeper: John Carter
Ceres: Rebecca B. Ingram
Pomona: Christina Tully
Flora: Patti Gibson
Educational Aid Fund: Susan Rotellini

USDA Accepting Applications for Value-Added Producer Grants

Looking for funds to start a farmer-run local food hub, expand your dairy brand to artisan cheeses, or explore specialized grain milling? USDA is once again accepting applications for Value-Added Producer Grants (VAPG). These matching funds grants, administered by the Rural Business Cooperative Service, provide money for farmers or farmer-controlled groups to make a marketing plan (up to $75K) or run an added-value business (up to $250K). Applications must be submitted by January 31, 2018. If you are considering applying for a VAPG grant, contact your local Rural Development Office.

Farm Succession School Returns to New England. Register by November 17th

The Farm Succession School provides farmers and farming couples looking toward retirement and farm transition the structured and sustained support to make decisions, engage their family, and organize the legal and financial mechanics.

Save the date:
March 27, 2018
Ag Day at the Statehouse
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Use this Documentation Form to show how you accomplished each of the above criteria during the Contest period of November 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. **Send this form along with any supporting documentation by August 1, 2018** to the State Grange Lecturer, Janet Segur, 26 Glenwood Place, Rutland, MA 01543 - 2005 / jsegur-55@gmail.com (Use the back of form, if more space is needed.)

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Name ___________________________ Grange Name & Number ______________________ Date ______________

**Passion:** Subordinate Granges I have visited (3 or more)

1. Name: ______________________ Grange #: ______ Date: __________
2. Name: ______________________ Grange #: ______ Date: __________
3. Name: ______________________ Grange #: ______ Date: __________
4. Name: ______________________ Grange #: ______ Date: __________

**Activity:** One State Grange-sponsored contest & two or more Grange-sponsored activities I have participated in:

A) Grange Contest: __________________________ Date: ______ Describe your participation: __________________________

1) Grange Activity: __________________________ Date: ______ Describe your participation: __________________________

2) Grange Activity: __________________________ Date: ______ Describe your participation: __________________________

3) Grange Activity (extra): __________________________ Date: ______ Describe your participation: __________________________

**Tradition:** Attendance at my local Subordinate meetings: Meetings held: # ______ I attended # ______

**Recruitment:** New or reinstated Grange member. Name: _______________________ Date joined: ______

**Originality:** Program I presented: _______________________ Place: __________ Date: __________

- Recreation: ____________________________
- Inspiration: ____________________________
- Music: _________________________________
- Education: _____________________________

**Networking:** Grange Activity or Event Name: ______________________ Date: __________

How I publicized it: ____________________________
### Membership Recognitions

**Welcome to our new members**

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### Thinking of You

Let people know that you are thinking of them by sending a card.

**Stuart Fletcher**
Father of Jennifer Tully
*(passed away in mid-October)*
Send cards to:
Jennifer & Charlie Tully
225 Fletcher Street
Dunstable, MA 01827

Corey Spence’s cousin,
Christopher Lehman
Passed away in mid-October
Condolences can to be sent to:
Corey Spence and Christopher Dean
139 Main Street
Rockport, MA 01966-2006

### Meeting Changes

Guiding Star Grange #1 has changed its November meeting date to the 14th due to 4 members working at the polls on the 7th.

Also, Conn. Valley Pomona #19 will meet November 27th at 7:30 with supper at 6:30 at Guiding Star Grange.

**South Middleborough Grange** will host the annual holiday faire on Saturday, December 9 from 10 - 3 pm at the South Middleborough Grange Hall, 570 Wareham Street, South Middleborough.
Tables are available for rent for $20.00 by calling 508-947-6406. The Grange will hold a baked goods table, snack bar and the hall will be festively decorated by the vendors and decorations.
Confirmed November Meetings

November 2, Thursday
Upton Grange #125
7:30 PM - Upton Historical Society will put on a Talk about the "History of the Upton Grange Building" - formally Upton's 1st School - Center School & (A "DO-ers" Event: Please Bring in toiletries for the Veterans Shelter to add to our Coats-4-Vets Program) Penny-a-Day, Educational Aid, Flora, & Birthday March

November 3 Friday
Upton Grange #125
12:30 pm - Cello Concert by Alex Jordan (Sponsored by Upton Grange) to be held at the Upton Senior Center at 2 Farm St. Upton, MA - Refreshments Served.

November 7
Rowley Grange #204
Grange Hall, 29 Central St.
7:00 PM Skits night

November 13
Holden Grange #78
Holden Senior Center, 1130 Main St.
6:00 PM Open meeting, Dues paying Pot Luck Supper. Bring a dish to share. Veterans will be our guests. Seven Hills Four, a quartet from the Worcester Men of Song to entertain.

November 14 Note Change of Date
Guiding Star Grange #1

November 14
Grange Hall
7:00 PM regular meeting

November 16
Sterling Grange #53
Grange Hall, 14 Maple St.
6:00 PM An Apple A Day - Speaker from Philbin Orchards

November 27
Holden Grange #78
Holden Senior Center, 1130 Main St.
7:00 PM Agriculture Night. Speaker from Lilac Hedge Farm

November 27
Connectucut Valley Pomona #19
@Guiding Start Grange #1
Grange Hall
6:30 PM Supper
7:30 PM Meeting

December 3
Upton Grange #125
Sunday-2 pm Grange 150th Anniversary Celebration & Annual Christmas Party at VFW HALL (Veterans Award)

December 7
Upton Grange #125
2017 (Thursday-7:30 pm) Home & Community Service Night. Toys for Foster Kids. Penny-a-Day, Educational Aid, Flora, & Birthday March

December 14 Note Date Change
Sterling Grange #53
Grange Hall, 14 Maple St.

Unconfirmed November Meetings

Nov. 1
Shelburne Grange #68
Fellowship Hall, 17 Little Mohawk Rd.
7:00 PM Business meeting

Nov. 2
Acushnet Grange #285
Grange Hall, 1121 North Main St., 7:30 PM Meeting, Thanksgiving theme

Nov. 2 continued
Upton Grange #125
Grange Hall, 26 School St.
7:30 PM Veteran’s Award Ceremony

Nov. 3
Franklin Worcester Pomona #4
Community Church of No. Orange & Tully, 48 Main St. Orange
7:30 PM PATCH presentation

Nov. 4
Williamsburg Grange #225
Williamsburg Grange & Community Hall, 10 Main St.
7:00 PM Anniversary Awards

Laurel Grange #161
Grange Hall, 21 Green St., West Newbury
Fall Fair
Nov. 4
Sippican Pomona Grange #31
@ Wesport
4:30 PM Business meeting
6:00 PM Supper
7:00 PM Raffle
Program: “A Civil War Story”

Nov. 5
Hillside Pomona #20
Community Center, 400 Main Rd, Chesterfield
6:30 PM Potluck supper
7:30 PM Veterans Program

Nov. 6
West Stockbridge Grange # 246
Stockbridge Grange Hall
541 Church St., Stockbridge
6:30 PM Pot Luck Supper
7:30 PM Veterans Program

Nov. 7
Dartmouth Grange #162
Patrons Hall, 1133 Fisher Rd.
7:30 PM TBA
Charlton Grange # 92
Grange Hall, 10 Main St., Rte. 31
Charlton Center
7:30 PM My Trip to Germany
Petersham Grange #95
Congregational Church, 21 North Main St.
7:30 PM Thanksgiving Day Program & Veterans Appreciation
Central Community Grange #22
Boylston Town House, 599 Main St.
7:30 PM Business Meeting
Norfolk Grange #135
Grange Hall, 28 Rockwood Drive
7:00 PM Business meeting
Hygiene Drive
11/23 Thanksgiving feast

Nov. 8
Nantucket Grange
Meeting place TBD
Call ahead if you plan to visit
7:00 PM Regular meeting
Rochester Grange #257
Grange Hall, 205 Hartley Rd.
7:30 PM Thanksgiving Program

Nov. 8 continued
New Braintree Grange #170
New Braintree Congregational Church, Corner of Hardwick and Oakham Roads.
7:30 PM Patriots Program on WWII
Bring Winter clothing accessories for Jo’s Jackets.

Nov. 9
Whately Grange #414
Veterans Recognition Supper @ Whately Congregational Church
Westport Grange #181
Grange Hall, 931 Main St.
7:30 PM Please call for information
Berkshire North Pomona #6 and Pittsfield Grange # 14
@ First Baptist Church, 88 South St., Pittsfield.
6:15 PM Thanksgiving Dinner Turkey by Marge Kunorek, everyone else bring a dish to share.
7:30 PM Thanksgiving Celebration, Bring friends and family

Nov. 10
Stockbridge Grange #295
Grange Hall, 51 Church St.
7:30 PM Letters Home From Soldiers
Laurel Grange #161
Grange Hall, 21 Garden St.
West Newbury
7:30 PM It can’t be true

Nov. 11
Chesterfield Grange #83
Community Center, 400 Main Rd.
Chesterfield
Veterans Dinner
Heritage Pomona #
Lincoln Hall, Route133, West Boxford
3:30 PM Turkey Day

Nov. 13
Hope Grange of Hadley #15
First Congregation Church of Hadley
Route 9 & 47
6:30 PM early Thanksgiving dinner
Hinsdale Grange # 19
First Congregational Church
Maple St.
7:30 PM Veterans Day Program

Nov. 14
Anawan-Oakton Grange #221
Grange Hall, 243 Winthrop St., Rehoboth
7:00 PM Veteran’s Day program
Uxbridge Grange #200
Uxbridge VFW Hall, Douglas Rd.
7:30 PM Veterans Day Program
Bring Items for Veterans
North Orange Grange #86
Community Church of No. Orange & Tully, 48 Main St., Orange
7:30 PM National Grange Patriots Program

Nov. 15
Shelburne Grange #68
Fellowship Hall, 17 Little Mohawk Rd.
7:00 PM Veterans Day program
West Boxford Grange #140
Lincoln Hall, 564 Main St., Rte 133
7:30 PM What Happens in the Fall
Ponkapoag Grange #231
Grange Hall, 163 Turnpike St., Canton
7:00 PM Awesome Autumn

Nov. 17
Chesterfield Grange #83
Community Center, 400 Main Rd.
Chesterfield
6:30 PM Potluck supper
7:30 PM Thanksgiving baskets
South Middleboro Grange #337
Grange Hall, 570 Wareham St.
7:30 PM Thanksgiving/Veterans Days

Nov. 18
Community Grange #382
Grange Hall, 47 North West St., Feeding Hills.
11:45 AM regular meeting with lunch
Food Collection for Open Pantry

Nov. 20
Beverly Grange #306
Hastings House, 14 Oak St. Beverly Farms.
6:00 PM Covered Dish supper
7:00 PM Turkey Shoot

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Unconfirmed November Meetings

Nov. 20 continued
Ware Grange #164
Grange Hall, 297 Belchertown Rd.
7:00 PM Veterans Day/Memorial Service

Nov. 21
Central Community Grange #22
Boylston Town House, 599 Main St.
6:30 PM Due paying Potluck supper

Nov. 24
Stockbridge Grange #295
Grange Hall, 51 Church St.
6:30 PM Covered Dish supper
7:30 PM Cranberries

Nov. 25
Bay State Pomona #33
Anawan Grange Hall,
Junct of Rte 44 & Rte 118, Rehoboth
12:00 PM Lunch
1:00 PM Let’s Celebrate the Holidays

Nov. 27
Bershire South Pomona #25
Stockbridge Grange Hall
51 Church St.
7:30 PM Turkey Facts

Nov. 28
Anawan-Oakton Grange #221
Grange Hall, 243 Winthrop St., Rehoboth
7:00 PM Give Thanks What are we thankful for.
Uxbridge Grange #200
Uxbridge VFW Hall, Douglas Rd.
6:30 PM Thanksgiving dinner
North Orange Grange #86
Community Church of No. Orange & Tully, 48 Main St., Orange
7:30 PM Business meeting

Dec. 2
Dudley Grange #163
Dudley Grange Hall, Center Rd.
Time to be Announced:
Deck the Hall, Decorate Grange for the Holiday Season

Dec. 6
East Freetown Grange #307
Grange Hall, Washburn Rd.
7:00 PM Celebrate Christmas
Williamstown Grange #366
Holiday Celebration at Sandy Bernardy’s Home
Bring a $5 grab bag Christmas decoration.

Dec. 7
Bradford Grange #238
Trinity Episcopal Church,
26 White St., Haverhill
7:00 PM Meeting

And they all came together, Native American and Pilgrim alike, of all ages, and celebrated the gifts gleaned from the knowledge that the Wampanoag had shared, and the friendship and alliances that had been created. Wampanoag and Pilgrim, each thanked their God for the bounties that they had been blest with.
RESOLUTIONS FOR THE 145th ANNUAL SESSION OF THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE GRANGE

1. LIFETIME “MILITARY HONORARY GRANGE MEMBERSHIP”

WHEREAS, the Patrons of Husbandry have a long tradition of honoring all veterans of the Armed Services of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the National Grange encourages all Subordinate Granges to Honor Veterans of the Armed Services of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the National Grange currently has a Patriots Program which Honors Veterans with Recognition “Certificates of Honor” for their service in World War II or in Korea; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that when a Subordinate Grange wishes to Honor a World War II or Korean Veteran with the Military Recognition “Certificate of Honor” from the National Grange, we would also be able to present the Veteran with a lifetime “Military Honorary Grange Membership” and that the National Grange create this special (non-dues paying) lifetime “Military Honorary Membership” for the Armed Service soldier, to whom we are presenting the “Military Recognition of Service Certificate” from National Grange.

Submitted by: Upton Grange #125

COMMITTEE: TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNITY INTEREST

FINAL ACTION: The committee recommended adoption of the resolution as amended (bold italic type). Delegates voted to accept the recommendation of the sessions committee.

2. PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL STATE GRANGE SESSION

WHEREAS, the proceedings of the Annual Session of the Massachusetts State Grange is an important resource for members who were unable to attend the annual session; and

WHEREAS, the proceedings are a necessary tool for reviewing the business conducted, the adopted resolutions, and any recommendations that were accepted; and

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WHEREAS, the proceedings provide needed information when researching information for resolutions; therefore be it

RESOLVED, the proceedings of the Annual Session of the Massachusetts State Grange be made available to all Patrons or Granges requesting a copy per the approved method no later than February 1st of the year immediately following the Annual Session of the Massachusetts State Grange.

Submitted by: Heritage Pomona #2 Bradford Grange #238

COMMITTEE: GOOD OF THE ORDER
FINAL ACTION: The committee recommended adoption. Delegate body voted to accept recommendation.

3. ASSISTANCE FOR HOMELESS YOUTH

WHEREAS, the 2016 publication of the Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress reported there are about 35,686 unaccompanied homeless youth in the United States with the Massachusetts alone reporting 374; and

WHEREAS, more resources are needed for youth for both day and night because daytime activities alone do not fully address the problems facing homeless youth; and

WHEREAS, the Standard Times in New Bedford stated in an article entitled “Homeless Youth Shelter Operating in New Bedford o January 10, 2017, that the first homeless shelter specifically for unaccompanied homeless youth in that city had just opened; therefore be it

Deleted this resolved: “RESOLVED, that more resources be made available both day and night for unaccompanied homeless youth; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Legislative Directors of both State and National Granges request elected officials at all levels to seek solutions to ongoing problems facing homeless youth, including making more resources available both day and night, so they may become self-sufficient, independent, gain self-esteem and thus become productive individuals.”

Submitted by: Acushnet Grange #285 Sippican Pomona #31

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COMMITTEE: EDUCATION, HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

FINAL ACTION: The committee recommends adoption of Resolution #3 as amended (see bold italic type). The delegation voted to accept as recommended.

4. ACCESSIBILITY TO GRANGE EVENTS

WHEREAS, not all Grange halls are handicap accessible and not on ground level for easy access; and

WHEREAS, some of our members with disabilities are unable to attend some State Grange events and meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Grange encourages non-members to attend many of our events, some of whom also may have disabilities; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Massachusetts State Grange when planning these events or meetings consider holding them at Grange halls or buildings that are accessible to all members and nonmembers.

Submitted by: Acushnet Grange #285 Sippican Pomona #31

COMMITTEE: BUDGET, BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY

FINAL ACTION: The Committee recommends adoption as written. The committee realizes it is not always feasible. The committee also recommended the following: “.... The State Master add two questions to the Deputy Visitation report to support the Grange Hall Grant Program:

1. Is the Grange handicap accessible: 1st floor? 2nd floor? Restrooms?
2. Are there any identifiable maintenance or repair issues? If so, explain.

The delegate body voted to accept the recommendations of the committee.

5. GLYPHOSATES

WHEREAS, Glyphosate is used as a drying agent to artificially speed up the harvest of many grain crops; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has classified Glyphosate as “probably carcinogenic to humans,” including non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma, bone, colon, kidney and liver cancers; and

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WHEREAS, Glyphosate has been shown in many studies to affect hormone levels in humans, sometimes causing birth defects; and

WHEREAS, Glyphosate has a potential negative antibiotic effect on humans; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Massachusetts State Grange advocate for the education of consumers and the agricultural community of the potential adverse effects of Glyphosate in our food; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Massachusetts State Grange promote national legislation that encourages the agricultural community to use farm practices that will eliminate the use of drying agents, and thereby eliminate the troubling amounts of residual Glyphosate in our food; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Massachusetts State Grange submit this resolution to be acted upon by the National Grange at its next convention.

Submitted by: Upton Grange #125

COMMITTEE: AGRICULTURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

FINAL ACTION: The Committee recommends adoption of Resolution, as amended, (see bold italic type). The delegate body voted to accept the recommendation of the committee.

6. HOT FOOD AND FOOD STAMPS

WHEREAS, The Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 does not properly serve recipients of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in its current form; and

WHEREAS, Section 3 part K of Act defines food in such a way that cookies, candy, chips and other junk food are allowed, but hot prepared food is not allowed unless through secondary measures like group homes, soup kitchens, etc.; and

WHEREAS, The Act on several occasions references “nutrition education” and “obesity prevention” yet those things allowed don’t add nutrition and lead to obesity, and the hot foods not allowed do add nutrition and don’t lead to obesity; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange encourage members of Congress to make the necessary wording changes to Section 2 part K of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
to allow for hot prepared foods that can benefit a person’s nutrition and restrict such items that don’t add nutritional value to a person’s diet.

Submitted by: Hanover Grange #206

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION, HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

FINAL ACTION: The Session Committee recommends adoption of Resolution #6 as written. The delegate body voted to accept the recommendation.

7. AGE FOR LEGALIZED RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA USE

WHEREAS, the legal age of recreational marijuana consumption in Massachusetts is 21; and

WHEREAS, studies show a decline in IQ points, an average of six points in teens and young adults from regular use; and

WHEREAS, neuroscientists believe our brains are not fully developed until our mid-twenties; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Massachusetts State Grange support legislation to change the legal age of consumption for legalized recreational marijuana to 25 years old; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Legislative Director of the Massachusetts State Grange work with the legislature to pass such a bill.

Submitted by: The Massachusetts State Grange Youth Leadership Association

COMMITTEE: INSURANCE, LEGISLATION AND TAXATION

FINAL ACTION: The Committee recommended adoption as written. The delegate body voted to accept the recommendation of the committee.

8. CAMERAS IN THE COURTROOM

WHEREAS, our founding fathers made it clear that they expected an open, representative government to maintain public access to our courtrooms to ensure a free and informed society that safeguarded each individual’s rights; and

WHEREAS, at the time of our country’s conception, it was advocated that courts be built big enough to accommodate entire communities and that trials be held before as
many people that have a vested interest in the judicial proceeds; and

WHEREAS, it is fundamentally impossible to build a courtroom large enough to hold all Americans with a keen interest in observing our judicial process and ensuring that justice is served; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that National Grange organization support camera access/coverage in our courtrooms, at all levels, as the only way to fulfill our forefather’s dream for a judicial system open to all.

Submitted by: Dartmouth Grange #162

COMMITTEE: INSURANCE, LEGISLATION AND TAXATION

FINAL ACTION: The committee recommended adopting the resolution as amended. The delegate body voted to reject the recommendation of the committee, and then voted to reject the resolution.

9. A YOUTH AGE MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE GRANGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, youth and young adult members value the workings of the State Grange; and

WHEREAS, the MSGYLA, a leadership development training association, chartered in the 1970s, does recognize the value of training youth members to be leaders; and

WHEREAS, youth members can offer a consistent supply of unique perspectives; and

WHEREAS, the State Grange can benefit from youth participation in Grange policies and strategic planning; and

WHEREAS, the youth are not only the future of the Grange but, in many Granges they are part of the current leadership; therefore be it

RESOLVED, Article II of the Massachusetts State Grange Bylaws be amended as follows:

“2.8(a) Term – The Executive Committee shall consist of four members, to be elected by ballot, who shall hold their office for the term of four years, one of whom shall be elected at each annual session. Also, at each session, a youth member, aged 14-35,
shall be elected to a one year term to fill an additional seat and serve as a voting member. The member elected to the youth seat may not serve more than 2 consecutive one year terms. The State Master, State Overseer, State Treasurer and the State Secretary shall also be voting members of this committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution take effect at the Annual Session of the Massachusetts State Grange in 2018.

Submitted by: The Massachusetts State Grange Youth Leadership Association

COMMITTEE: GOOD OF THE ORDER
FINAL ACTION: The sessions committee recommended rejection of the resolution. The delegate body voted to accept committee’s recommendation.

Yes, I know it’s early, but get that 2018 calendar out!
Mark Your Calendar
Mass. State Grange Session,
October 25th - 28th, 2018
Doubletree Hotel,
Milford, MA