Our Annual Event
The annual session of the NYS Grange is a little like a commencement exercise as it marks an end of some things, the beginning of others, accompanied with good times and celebration. This year marks our 145th Session, a mark on the continuum of time if you will, and one which few organizations achieve. The title of this article was deliberately chosen, as it is not “a” session, “the” session, or “that” session, it is OUR session, up close and personal to Grange life in New York. The State Grange is not a far off entity doing its own thing. It is an integral part of the structure of the organization by original design, to coordinate and accomplish tasks that are important to the welfare of the Order that encompasses a mark on the continuum of time. Image rights here is they know their local Grangers, and are thus in position to know qualified and available folks to be considered for State Office. An important thing to remember is that the State Grange Session is not just

represent you. I can’t emphasize enough the importance of the role of the Delegate. The Delegates ARE the State Grange during the course of the Session, and the Master and Executive Committee are charged with the responsibility of implementing the decisions made during that event. Thus, it is important for Delegates to be informed to the greatest extent possible of the issues facing the State Grange and the Grange in general before arriving at the Session. Proposed resolutions along with the annual budget are circulated well in advance of the Session, and it is very fitting for Delegates from each Pomona jurisdiction to meet and discuss these important items. Of equal importance is the scope of responsibilities as others do, they are all important as each and every one is a representative of the State Grange whether within the Grange or in public situations. Image has always been important, and perhaps it is even more so today. As Delegates are local folks, a great advantage here is they know their local Grangers, and are thus in position to know qualified and available folks to be considered for State Office. An important thing to remember is that the State Grange Session is not just

(Pictured are ten new members of Plattekill Grange 923 along with three present members. A revitalization meeting was conducted on May 13 by State Master Stephen Coye at which time the Grange was explained, new members obligated, and officers elected.)

(Partial list of new members)

Albany Co.
Ravena #1457
Winnie Civill
Capital City #1606
Kitty Joy Thomas
Allegany Co.
Birdsall #1117
James Dowd Jr.
Minzeida Dowd
Chautauqua Co.
Fredonia #1
Alex Daugherty
Villenova #604
Austin Bratton
Lynn Harris
Madisyn Herman
Jessica Rogers
Chenango Co.
Smithville Valley #1397
Philip Montelione
Columbia Co.
Copake #935
Joanne Delameter
Johanna Mettler
Pat Placona
Robert Roll
Delaware Co.
Walton #838

Tina Burnham
Janice Foley
Logan Snyder
Dutchess Co.
Pleasant Valley #838
Muriel Angot
Rhinebeck #896
Stephanie Gartner
Oak Grove #873
Laura Dachenhausen
Doris Hansen
Margaret Merritt
Stone Church #1561
Kathleen Meyerson
Geneseo Co.
Elba #783
Lyle Marsh
East Pembroke #1157
Dennis Bartz
Cristian Johnston
Herkimer Co.
Salisbury Center #624
Diane Miller
Michael Miller
Constance Pye
David Pye

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Following is the tentative schedule for the New York State Grange Session. Not all of the speakers have been confirmed. Adjustments to the schedule may be necessary.

New York State Grange
145th Annual Session

American Values - Hometown Roots

Auburn Holiday Inn
October 20 - 24, 2017
Hosted by Wayne County

Program of Events

Friday, October 20
10:30am - 5:00pm Registration – Lobby
3:00pm - Hotel check-in (earlier as rooms are available)
1:00pm - NEW делегатский meeting Seward Room
Session Committee Chairs Fillmore Room
2:00pm Junior Projects check-in Cayuga Seneca Room
2:00pm Session Committee Meetings Delegates should attend their assigned committees only. Room assignments will be given on arrival.
5:15pm - Milk Punch Reception NYS and County Dairy Princesses from Wayne and surrounding counties
6:00pm Annual Banquet NYS Dairy Princess – NYS FFA President – Ethan Keller Keynote speaker – Walter Gable. Seneca County Historian “From Seneca Falls in 1848 to 1917 – Securing Full Women’s Suffrage”
8:00pm - Lecturer’s Program Carolyn Kay Bailey, Lecturer

Saturday, October 21
7:00am - Pomona Lecturer’s Association Breakfast – Falls Room
8:00am - Registration State Officer’s Practice Baking Entries Emerson Room - 2nd floor
9:00am - Opening of the 144th Annual Session of the NYS Grange in the Sixth Degree Finger Lakes Ballroom
Lower Order Degrees Recognition of Past Masters and First Ladies, Honored Guest and Officials
Quorum Call
Report of the State Master
Stephen C. Gove
Five Minute reports
- Roger Halbert, Secretary
- Kenneth Smith, Treasurer
- Richard Church, Chair Executive Committee
- Virginia Dehner, Chair Audit Committee
9:30am - Junior Project Judging
11:00am - Recess
Session Committee meetings (locations as given at registration)
Rehearsal for Sixth Degree Ballroom
1:00pm - Session Committee Meetings (location given at registration)
3:00pm - Reconvene General Session

Sunday, October 22
8:15am - Memorial Service Virginia Corner, Chaplain
9:00am - Gerald Eitamahn Award Youth Officers Open in the Fourth Degree
Youth Department Annual Report
Elaine Smith and Paula Turner, Co-Directors Earned Award Presentation
Committee Reports - Action
11:30am
10:00am - Reconvene Junior Grange Officers to Open Session
Junior Department Annual Report
Gail Chambers, Director
Committee Reports - Action by delegates
2:30pm - $1.00 C bill presentation
3:30pm - Presentation - American Senior Benevolence Program
2:00 pm Committee Reports – Action by delegates
5:00pm Closing in the Fourth Degree
5:15pm Museum Board Dinner – Falls Room
7:00pm Ice Cream Social and Ice Sales hosted by Session Hosting Commit. Courtyard
8:00pm - Delegate-at-Large Mtg. Emerson Room –

Monday, October 23
8:30am Opening in the Fourth Degree Appointment of Election Committee Election of Officers Election of Museum Directors (3)

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5:30pm Five Minute Reports Departmental, Project and Program Chairs:
- Carolyn Kay Bailey, Lecturer
- Cindy Benton-Rosell, Legislative Director
- Sherry Tiff, Community Involvement/Service
- Brenda Nolte, Family Activities
- Kathy Miller, Leadership/Membership
- Roland Shef, Museum Corp Board President
- Gene Ornitz, State Fair Director
- Leltta Pickering, Fund Raising Chair
- Jim and Cindy Pollard, Ox Roast Co-Chairs
- Roland Shef, Headquarters Task Force
- Carol Bailey, Historian
- Laura Magnum, NY Coordinator 2015 National Convention
5:30pm Closing in the Fourth Degree
7:00pm 5th Degree Obligation Seward Room
7:30pm Seating of State Officers
Speaker: Leroy Watson National Grange Executive Committee Conferring the Sixth Degree Closing in the Fourth Degree
After closing – Youth Officer Rehearsal Finger Lakes Ballroom

Tuesday, October 24
9:00am Opening - Fourth Degree 2016-2017 Budget Approval Committee Reports - Action Installation of Executive Committee Member Conclusion of Business Closing the 145th State Session of the New York State Grange.

COMMITTEE ROOMS
Location of all committees (Agriculture, Education, Federal Issues, Grange Issues, Health, State Issues and Taxation) will be posted in Registration Area of the Auburn Holiday Inn.
Press Room - Executive Room (Right)

EXHIBIT AREAS
Community Service - Lecturer’s Area - Junior Exhibit Area -
I hope everyone is ready for another new Grange year after a busy Summer. We will have the diabetic cookie contest at State Session. Some Granges have been able to do the diabetic Snickerdoodle Cookies. I know some had trouble trying to do them, but we will have both regular and diabetic for the baking contest at State Session. Some Granges have already had their contests, and were successful.

The new handbooks for the next two years are out. Please be sure to ask your Secretary for your part and make copies for your whole committee and who need them. It would be good that your whole committee has a copy. Please be sure to read it. There have been some changes that I highlighted at the Conference in April.

I thank everyone who sent items for the sale in Grange building at the Northeast Exposition. I will have results at State Session for the items entered in the contests. I hope to see many of you at State Session!

Brenda Noble

I have been collecting “C” bills for cancer research, please give them to Worthy Secretary Roger Halbert by Saturday evening or he has time to count the money before the presentation is made to a local Cancer Center.

As I write this article, many community service projects are finding their way to me. Thank you to Allan and Heidi Henderson for making contact with the Cancer Center that is to receive the donation.

The very essence of why the Grange has existed for 150 years will be on display.…..don’t be on the outside looking in, just in….the water is fine!!!

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We are in the final weeks before all roads lead to the Holiday Inn in Auburn for our annual State Grange Session. We hope that you will avail yourself of the opportunity to spend a few hours taking in some of the meeting if you are not an official delegate that should plan on being there from Friday afternoon, October 20 until the final rap of the gavel, scheduled for sometime Tuesday morning, October 24. Last year we were fortunate to conclude on Monday evening, but that is subject to the number of resolutions and length of discussion on them! All members are welcome to attend… we look forward to visiting with you.

A few words about the Session… members are reminded of the need to have the 2017 annual word or proof of membership in hand prior to the conclusion of Saturday evening’s meeting. The presentation of State Grange’s collection of “C” bills will be made Sunday afternoon, so the earlier the better! I will even accept a check in the amount of the bills if you wish to do that.

We sometimes hear the comment during registration that delegates are unaware of which committees he/she is to work on Friday afternoon (the Delegate-at-Large should have communicated this to each delegate as the info was included with the pre-convention resolution packet in September). Pomona Secretaries were to submit each Pomona delegate list by August 15 to the State Secretary. If your Pomona’s members are not shown on the committees listed elsewhere in this edition, I did not have them at this writing on August 24 and you should contact your Delegate-at-Large if you have not been so instructed already. See you in Auburn shortly!

NEW YORK STATE GRANGE 2017 SESSION COMMITTEES

AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT (14)

James Dowd
Jolene Pirrone
Virginia Dehner
Theron Bolio
Earl Hare
Dan Johnston
Richard Noble
Alma Jean Heidenreich
Norman Ritchey
Eric Sanmawso
Chris Turner
Joan Hadlock
Patrick Pilc
Pearl Collins

Delonie Dowd
Martha Woolley
Don Campanelli
Matthew Pirrone
Deborah Smith
Sue Schmidt
Arthur Bush
Deborah Hendrickson

Allegany
Columbia
Cortland
Dutchess
Fulton
Livingston
Onondaga
Otsego
Saratoga
Steuben
Albany
Allegany
Chautauqua
Chemung
Genesee
Geneva
Livingston
Ontario
Ontario
Oregon
Wyoming
New York

State Granger

Debbie Curtis
Marcia Sherbyn
Leslie Rathbun
Martha Babbitt
Lynn Pilc
Lori Lee Previty
Carl Bullock
Eileen Johnson
Shirley Rockhill
Kathy Houlihan
Shirley Handschu
Valerie Griffing
Ralph Williams
Barton Snedaker
Maureen Subcelf
Mary Ann Morgan
Noel Clason
Shylo Fuchs
Jo Downey

GRANGE ISSUES (15)

Calvin Brady
Leona Peterson
Bruce Dehner
Cora Marie Shook
Kathy Miller
Norris Handschu
Letitia Pickering
John Curtis
Kenneth Livermore
Shirley Tabor
Anna Ritchey
Harold Hahn
Matthew Horton
Fannie Mallette

Allegany
Chautauqua
Cortland
Dutchess
Genesee
Jefferson
Monroe
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St. Lawrence
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Wayne

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Matthew Pirrone
Martha Woolley

Peg French
Gladyes Tabor
Jean Barry
Frances Hahn
Lois Force
Mary Simmons
Linda Pilc
Naomi Keir

Onondaga
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Ontario
Ontario
St. Lawrence
Wyoming
Albany

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Betty Wakefield
Patricia Campanelli
Margaret Faulkner
Lance Smith
Georgianna Boyea
Mary Eddy
Eileen Breed
Jeanette Moore
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State Grange Hostings
Carol Bailey

The Granges of Wayne County invite you to attend the annual session of New York State Grange October 20 – 24. It will be at the Holiday Inn in Auburn. The hosting committee is planning for some exciting events and activities at State Grange during the Fall Youth Leadership Weekend at Butternut Valley Grange, Otsego County, on September 22-24th. Workshops entitled “Thinking on Your Feet” and “Making Your Case” will be led by Carolyn Os-trander. We will also be touring the Northeast Classic Car Museum in addition to drill and Parli-Pro practice. Please check Facebook or get added to our email list for a full schedule by contacting Paula @ 607-377-1736 or xraypaula@yahoo.com.

Any youth members 13 ½ - 35 are welcome to join NYS Grange and participate. Hope to see you there!
The National Foster Parent Program

The National Grange encourages the State and Local Granges to continue their involvement with the NFPA and their local foster parent organizations. NFPA supports foster parents in achieving safety, permanence, and well-being for the children and youth in their care. The National Foster Parent Association is a champion for the thousands of families that open their heart and their home to the over 400,000 children in out-of-home placement in the US. The National Grange is proud to support the NFPA by donating a quilt made from our local Granges each year for the NFPA’s annual educational conference. This quilt is raffled off each year by the NFPA in Chicago, IL at their annual educational conference. To learn more about the NFPA and how you can get involved visit http://www.nfpainc.org/.

Patriots Program: WWII & Korean War

The Korean War Veteran CD is complete and you can get your free copy now. The CD includes a power point presentation on the Korean War, a video and notes on the National Korean War Memorial, and pdfs of firsthand accounts of events in the Korean War. This will continue our program that began in 2013 when we honored our WWII veterans and learned more about this war through 3 different CDs that Lecturers used throughout the year.

The certificates used to recognize your Korean War vet, can be ordered from me and are ready now. To request the certificate, please make sure to include the following information: name of the veteran, name of Grange they belong to or who is giving it out, the name of the local master and lecturer, the city and town the Grange/ Veteran is located in and a shipping address. There is no cost to you or your Grange for program material or the certificates. This program is sponsored by Potomac Grange #1.

If you missed out on our program information for WWII it is still available. Get it while you’re requesting your Korean War CD. All you need to do is contact the National Grange at info@nationalgrange.org or call at 888-4-GRANGE.

Food for Thought

The Grange is happy to announce a new program, “Food for Thought: Eating Well on a Budget” created by Sesame Workshop and material produced with United Healthcare and Merck Company Foundation. We have available to our Granges a packet that includes a CD/DVD, recipe cards, and a mini comic book. All of this material is available in English and Spanish. The booklet and other material is a way to show kids how to eat on a budget but eat nutritious and getting them to try new foods. The DVD has a presentation on a local farmers market, so kids can understand where food comes from. These packets are available to all Grange members and Granges who like to distribute these to the communities. This is a great way to get the Grange name out and help people in your community to make the best meals out of the food they have in their kitchen. If you have any questions or would like more do not hesitate to contact the National Grange at info@nationalgrange.org or call at 888-4-GRANGE.

Gallaudet University

For many years the National Grange conducted an active Deaf Awareness Program which led to many valuable projects that enabled our members to learn more about deaf people and their challenges. In many cases, great relationships were also built with the deaf community. A fund was developed within the National Grange Foundation for the purpose of supporting deaf activities within the Grange. Because funds are still available, this grant program is being offered to assist states with funding various deaf awareness activities.

For more about Gallaudet University go to www.gallaudet.edu
Grange Legacy Family Commendation

In honor of the Grange’s 150th birthday, the National Grange is starting the Grange Legacy Family Recognition program to honor those families that have had five or more generations involved as Grange members.

*We give recognition to individuals who have been a Grange member for 25, 50, 75, 80, and even 90 years, and we want to recognize families.

Anyone can nominate family, including family members themselves, but they must include information as to whom of the family was a member in what Grange with clear five-generation or more lineage.

The first honorees will be recognized at National Convention in Spokane, Washington in November. The family will receive a certificate, and each family member can receive a copy upon request.

Guidelines:
1. Deadline is Thursday, October 5, 2017. Any entry received after deadline will not be recognized in 2017.
2. Must have at least 5 generations of Grange members, including junior members
3. Anyone can nominate a legacy family
4. Families will be recognized at the 2017 National Convention in Spokane, WA

Please print clearly & neatly:

Family Last Name(s):__________State:________
1. Generation Name(s):__________ # of Years if possible:____
Name of Grange & number:___________________________

2. Generation Name(s):__________ # of Years if possible:____
Name of Grange & number:___________________________

3. Generation Name(s):__________ # of Years if possible:____
Name of Grange & number:___________________________

4. Generation Name(s):__________ # of Years if possible:____
Name of Grange & Number:__________________________

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Name of Grange & number:___________________________

6. Generation Name(s):__________ # of Years if possible:____
Name of Grange & number:___________________________

7. Generation Name(s):__________ # of Years if possible:____
Name of Grange & number:___________________________

Submitted by:
Name:________________________Address:___________________________________________
City:________________________State:_________Zip Code:_____
Phone number:__________Email:__________Date submitted:__________

In order to be recognized at the 2017 National Convention, application must be in by Thursday, October 5, 2017.

How many copies of the certificate do you need?_____
(The family will receive the number of copies submitted, no additional copies will be printed.)

Please include a picture of the family or the family members, if possible
(Any photo(s) submitted will become property of the National Grange, and may be used in future publications.)

Please return to: Loretta Washington
Sales, Benefits, Programs and Membership Recognition Director
National Grange
1616 H Street, NW
Washington, DC  20006
For many years the New York State Grange has been exhibiting at Empire Farm Days. This annual event brings thousands of people to central New York to see all the new innovations in farm equipment and see them demonstrated. There are also exhibits about peripheral parts of farming and rural life. The Grange Family Tent contains exhibits and presents programs for families. It is also one of the only places on the grounds where you can find a seat out of the blazing sun or rain depending on the year. This year there was a Grange exhibit and some speakers about the Grange. If you have not attended, give it a try.

Matthew Horton from Steuben County was in attendance to tell about the Grange Youth Program and to answer any questions people might have about Grange in general. State Grange Master Stephen Coye spoke about the advancements the Grange was involved in over the years and at the present time.

Each year at the Agriculture Leadership Luncheon at Farm Days awards are given for great accomplishments in fields of Agriculture. Karen Luong of Rushville, NY, has been named the 2017 Empire State Potato Growers Scholarship winner and will receive a $500 scholarship per academic year for up to four consecutive years of agricultural education at a college in New York State. Karen will begin her pursuit of a degree in plant science with a concentration in plant pathology at the Cornell University School of Integrative Plant Science this fall.

Mike and Peter Dueppengiesser were the recipients of the 2017 Agricultural Environmental Management Award. The brothers run a Dairy Farm in Perry, NY. This is a third generation dairy farm. They have proven that farm growth and environmental responsibility are not mutually exclusive. Since 1990 the farm has grown from 110 cows and 750 acres to 1100 cows and 1100 acres. The have employed many BMP's (Best Management Practices) such as dragline manure management, manure solids and manure separation for reuse as bedding and grass waterways. They have taken steps to reduce compaction of soils and now use manure injection to avoid heavy manure spreaders. This type of manure injection also opens their application times to spread during optimum times and to reduce runoff. Over the years they have improved soil quality which has increased yields by 20%. They are beginning to use rye grass cover crops to further improve soils.

Their children are preparing to carry on the family business. They have shown interest in registered cattle and some are attending Cornell University.

The Agricultural Environmental Management Award is cosponsored by The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, The American Agriculturist and The Empire State Potato Growers.