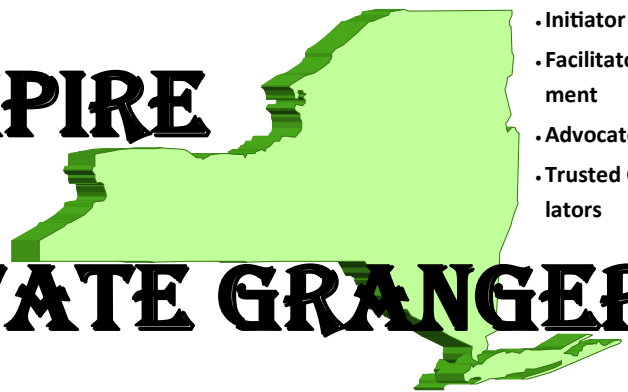


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President's Column

Stephen C. Coye



CAN'T NEVER DID ANYTHING

This column could almost stop with the title. Unfortunately all too often “can’t” is an immediate response to project proposals that may not have passed the tried and true test from past experiences, seem to be outside the box of usual endeavors, perhaps regarded as too aggressive for present resources, and very often the preferred way of saying “I don’t want to.” This is not to say that every idea brought forth is fantastic and doable, because that is obviously not the case. My point here is that it should not be the rapid fire first response.

Here in New York, as well as across the nation, we have an abundance of local Grange organizations that have been in existence in excess of 100 years. If “can’t” had been the attitude over the years, these units would not have survived. I am sure that in the course of discussion of any of the considered projects over the years consisted of possible negative aspects, and there is nothing wrong with that, in fact it is necessary in order to develop all of the information necessary to properly execute the project effectively. As you may have discovered from reading the history

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Scholarships

Abigail Hurtgam

DeNise Scholarship Winner



Abigail Hurtgam resides in Ransomville New York and is the daughter of Jeffrey Hurtgam

and Harmony Retzlaff-Hurtgam. She has one sibling, Nathan. Abigail attended Wilson Central School District. She took on a rigorous, pre-college curriculum and managed to achieve National Honor Society, Scholar Athlete, served as Senior Class Officer and received the Band Merit Award. While maintaining academic excellence, she was also a member of the Volleyball and Basketball teams, Student Council and Band Council, to name a few. Abigail also received a summer Internship with Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Being involved in her community is very important to Abigail. She believes that volunteering is the way to help those less fortunate. Abigail volunteered at her church’s Vacation Bible School helping children with arts and crafts. She also participated in the Earth Day cleanup at Tuscarora State Park. She volunteered at the Ransomville Food Pantry. When the Wilson Elementary PTA hosted a clothes giveaway, Abigail was there to help.

Abigail’s career goal is to pursue her childhood dream and take over her family farm where she would be the fifth generation to carry on the business. Growing up she watched and emulated her father’s dedication and hard work running the farm. Abigail has a cut flower business, which she would like to incorporate into the farming community. Her hope is to expand on what a stereotypical vegetable farm looks like by growing plants in a controlled environment. Therefore, she will pursue a degree in Agricultural Sciences at Cornell University in the fall.

Aidan T. Ainslie

DeNise Scholarship Winner



Aidan Ainslie resides in Clayville, New York and is the son of Brad and Carol

Ainslie. He has three siblings, Ellie, Austin and Abbie. Aidan was an Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America for nine years meeting all requirements. He conducted a service project to earn the rank of Eagle Scout.

Aidan is currently attending Cornell University pursuing a degree in Animal Science. He spent winter break working as a Winter Farmhand Intern at Buckway Farms, where he operated heavy machinery and was responsible for feeding 200 head of beef cattle. He facilitated the daily operations on the farm.

Aidan holds a leadership role in the New York Holstein Association where he serves as Junior Executive Committee Awards Chair. He also serves as Speaking Group Facilitator for the Language Expansion Program in Ithaca New York working with students who struggle with conversational skills. Aidan is a member of the Cornell University Dairy Science Club and Cornell Tradition Fellows. He conducts 200 hours of community service each year. Aidan is also a member of the World Dairy Expo, in Dairy Cattle Judging Competition.

While Aidan is majoring in Animal Science, his focus is on International Agriculture, focusing on sustainable farming systems and dairy. He hopes to work with non-profit organizations to help underdeveloped places to solve issues of inefficient and unsustainable farming and to help these people to live higher quality lives.

Aidan’s interests are nature, agriculture, travel, language and athletics.

Annika Donlick

DeNise Scholarship Winner



Annika Donlick lives in Cortland, New York and is the daughter of David and Christel Donlick. She has two siblings, Eli and Elsie. She is a home-schooled graduate, completing most of her coursework online. Annika was awarded her diploma, through Tompkins Cortland Community College with a cumulative gpa of 4.5.

Annika has continued her education through Tompkins Cortland Community College earning her Associated in Math and Science with highest hon-

ors. She plans to attend SUNY Cobleskill in the fall pursuing a degree in Animal Science. Her passion is agriculture, and she hopes to teach at the state or local levels. Annika would also like to own her own operation with beef and/or dairy cattle.

Annika has been very involved in the 4-H program in Cortland County and has a long list of achievements. Her most recent accomplishments include serving as Associate Dairy Ambassador, Cortland County Dairy Princess, Grand Master Showman at the Cortland County Fair, All Around 4-H Member and placing as the Top Individual and 1st Place Team at the 2021 National 4-H Dairy Management Contest. Annika is also a member of the New York Farm Bureau as well as many other organizations.

Annika is described as having “a bright future in the agricultural community in the future.” Being involved in her community is most enjoyable and important to her. She states that it “allows you to make important connections with those that you see every day and make a difference in their lives.” She has been involved in many community service projects. It is Annika’s hope to give others the opportunities that she had and to help them find the opportunities that she had.

Ashton Grom

June Gill Scholarship Winner

Ashton Grom lives in Stanfordville and is the son of Tony Grom and Elizabeth McKinney.



He has two siblings, Ryan and Brooke. Ashton attended Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School where he achieved Honor Roll for Academic Achievement. He also received the Citizenship Award. Ashton enjoyed playing Modified Soccer.

Ashton is a member of the Stanford Grange where he served as Chaplain. He organized the Annual Grange Memorial Service, which was a virtual event attended by guests from National Grange and members around the country. He received many “wonderful comments” about the service, given during a time when our country was struggling with the COVID Pandemic.

Ashton has been involved in

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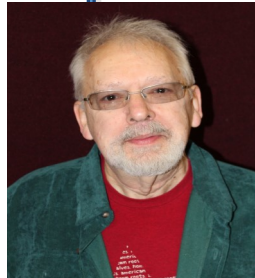
Cindy Benson-Pollard

Summer is waning and fall is getting ready to start with all its colors and cool crisp air. This is a busy time of year for Granges. I hope that you have your plans all set for the new Grange year. Plans are underway for the annual Legislative Conference. You should have received a letter from me with all the particulars. Lunch will be provided by Cuyler Grange. Speakers are still to be determined. I hope that you will be able to join us for the day. Resolutions should have been sent to me prior to September 1st. Resolution packets will be available to delegates-at-large at the Legislative Conference. If you have been asked to be a session committee chair, I hope you said yes. We will be doing things a little differently this year. Please be sure to note the following changes:

- Resolutions will no longer be accepted at State Grange session. Should you have a resolution that you wish to have considered and it did not make the original packet. You must have them emailed to me prior to October 1st. Any resolutions that are not received prior to that date will have to wait until next year's session.
- Session committee chairs' packets will be mailed to them or be given to them at Legislative Conference.
- Session committees will be meeting via ZOOM prior to the start of State Grange. Times and dates will be determined, and delegates will be notified of their committee meeting date and time. Please make every effort to log into and attend these meetings. Any work that is not completed at that time will be completed on Saturday during session.
- Standing committee chairs: your resolution packets will be emailed to you prior to the Legislative Conference. This will allow you ample time to review your committee resolutions.
- The only session committee that will meet on Friday will be the Grange Issues committee. Time and place will be listed on the program for Friday. If you are assigned to that committee, please take note. We are hopeful that these new changes will help in the flow of work at State Grange. If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact me as soon as possible. State Grange is always an excit-

ing time of the year. I hope that you will be able to come and join us in Auburn, delegate or not. There is much to be learned by seeing the State Grange at work and will give us all a better understanding of the legislative work of the Grange.

Leadership Membership



Barton Snedaker

Those of you who read this column regularly may remember one which used a raspberry patch as a metaphor for Grange. This column is kind of a sequel to that one. The other day I was weeding in the vicinity of the stand of our raspberry canes. It was warm and I suddenly became aware of a pervasive steady humming filling the air. The raspberry canes were covered with clusters of little white blossoms along their length. Buzzing around all those blossoms was a veritable squadron of bees. Known for their industrious nature it seemed they had little interest in anything other than attempting to gather pollen. Per usual my mind turned to how I could use that image in relation to Membership and Leadership in the Grange. It was a really short leap. Be a Grange Pollinator.

Of course bees are not the only pollinators. Birds, butterflies, moths, flies and bats are just some of the others. In some large vineyards, apple and other fruit orchards drones are being used for pollinating. Technology expanding in the field of agriculture.

How fruit and flower plants are to be pollinated in the future is being studied now. The rate of bee colony collapse is approximately 30% annually. I hope that is much higher than the rate of Grange closures.

I got slightly off topic. Back to being a Grange Pollinator - I suppose it isn't much different than being a Grange booster but I believe it implies more active action. If you are a bee type pollinator it means you are constantly busy, but with a purpose. I can think of many Grangers who match this description. Volunteering for every event, working at dinners, going to Grange, Pomona and state sessions. When people outside the Grange see this type of activity it may cause them to think - if the Grange is worth this person's time and energy maybe there is something there for me. So add one more activity to your list - have brochures and other Grange information at the ready

so you can bring these new persons into our fraternity by asking them to join.

Another typical pollinator is a butterfly. They are slightly less busy but they are certainly more noticeable than bees. Their activity appears a little less predetermined but may be effective over a larger area nonetheless. It may be that their pollinating behavior is less intentional than bees. They float on the breezes and may visit many flowers to spread their assistance as a by-product of their flight. Are you a butterfly Grange Pollinator? Do you "go with the flow"? Your Grange spirit is easily visible to any onlookers, especially if you are sporting colorful Grange emblem emblazoned clothing. Your involvement in other organizations may offer many opportunities to spread the word about Grange. Have your handouts and your verbal information ready for immediate action on the spur of the moment.

I certainly do not want to call Grangers bats but if you are out and busy mostly at night then maybe you can also be a Grange Pollinator with those activities. Who knows where you may find people to become new members. Like the other pollinators have your handouts with you.

Birds are another valuable pollinator. They are also important in the spreading of flowers, trees and other flora. Having seeds to drop or "deposit" may help spread their beauty and constancy in field and forest. By your activity and visibility you may be spreading the word about Grange and not even know it. Make sure it is a message of positivity and value. Our ritual and degree work are full of flower, plant and tree language.

Pollinators may fulfil their roles by instinct or by accident. Remember, pollination is a process that does not yield immediate results. It may take a while for you to see the final outcome of your actions and work. We all have the resources and possibility of spreading the value and story of the Grange within our communities and social activities. So, no matter which type you determine you are, be ready to fulfil your role as a Grange Pollinator.

Community Involvement



Melvin Phelps

Greetings New York State Grangers - This issue will be short and sweet as I am writing this at the Jefferson County Fair watching my son's Brown Swiss cattle and interacting with fairgoers as they walk by and asking great questions like "What kind of cow is that?" or "Do they give chocolate milk?". I love this interaction with the community and spreading the word of the agriculture industry. We often want to laugh when people ask some of the questions but I am a firm believer in using it as an opportunity to educate. If you laugh or don't take it seriously then we have a further disconnect with the consumer because they feel inadequate, I would rather they ask and help them understand than to have them walk away frustrated and belittled. Keep this in mind as we interact with the community at our service events and make sure we are educating and fostering a positive relationship with our neighbors.

With State Grange around the corner I wanted to share with you about the School Back-Pack Program. In 2022 we will be donating to the Cato-Meridian Central School Back-Pack Program. The following items are needed and will be collected at State Session in October.

Ramen
Ravioli - in a can
Granola Bars
Fruit/Grain Bars
Pudding Cups
Cracker Sandwiches
Hot Chocolate Packages
Mac & Cheese
Tuna
Applesauce
Peanut Butter

We will continue with the "C" bills for cancer as well so please keep collecting and bring them to State Grange so we can continue our support of the awesome program. I can't wait to see everyone at State Session in Auburn.



**That's the
GRANGE way!**

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of the founding of the Order, one of the Founders got labeled the “wet blanket” of the Order because of his concerns over just about everything relating to structure. (\$25.00 gift certificate to the first one emailing the State President with name of the Founder with the proper cite.) It turned out to be a healthy aspect, as it stimulated thorough thought and correct decisions.

I suspect that in the course of events in most every Subordinate Grange that ever existed there has been a “can’t” right out of the box by at least one person, that ended up being overruled, with the project going on to great success. This can also be applied to the personal level, as many times there will be an immediate refusal when asked to fill an office, serve on a committee, or any other type of long or short term personal commitment. We cannot be judgmental, as none of us can know the mind of another, but I think perhaps the lesson here for all of us is to take some time to reflect, and concentrate on how the request could be workable, as opposed to being categorically dismissed.

The 150th Session of the New York State Grange is just around the corner, which will usher in the year-long celebration of our history culminating with the 2023 Annual Session. It is our desire and plea that as we enter this truly historic time, that we focus ourselves toward the future, and give serious thought to what can be done on a personal level, and the corporate level to move us forward. Can’t never did anything, but can has done everything.

State Grange Secretary



Ryan Orton

I’ve received several questions from Grange Secretaries across the State: “What’s the difference between a suspension and a demit?” “What is a demit exactly?” “What’s the difference between an Affiliate and Associate Member?” “How do you calculate the dues owed per quarter with so many columns on the Quarterly Report?” “What forms do I need for what?” I’ve also heard from new Secretaries that they have no idea what to do or how to perform the “arduous duties” of their Office! With these questions and state-

ments in mind, the State Grange Executive Committee approved my request to have a “Secretaries Workshop” at the 150th Annual New York State Grange Session in Auburn. This workshop will take place on the evening of Sunday, October 23rd at 7:15 p.m. in the Emerson Room of the Holiday Inn. All Grange Secretaries are welcome to attend whether you are brand new to the Office, just have a few questions, or have been the Secretary of your Grange or Pomona for most of your life! This workshop will also be available through Zoom so Secretaries may join the meeting even if they aren’t attending State Session. More information to come, and feel free to contact me if you have any questions! I’ve received quite a large number of corrected Grange membership lists from across the State since my last writing! I do appreciate this as it gives us the most current contact information for our members. Thank you to the following Granges who sent in phone numbers and/or e-mail addresses with your corrections for your members:

Albany County:
Ravena Grange #1457
Cattaraugus County:
Freedom Grange #1537
Chautauqua County:
Ross Grange #305
Ellery Grange #353
Chenango County:
Oxford Grange #894
Columbia County:
Copake Grange #935
Cortland County:
Albright Grange #440
Cuyler Grange #449
Genesee County:
Corfu Grange #142
Jefferson County:
Star Grange #9
Kirkland Grange #684
Lewis County:
Adirondack Grange #530
Madison County:
Owahgena Grange #1358
Monroe County:
Fairport Grange #467
Oneida County:
Pleasant Valley Grange #1453
Onondaga County:
Marcellus Grange #464
Taft Settlement Grange #473
Lamson Grange #588
Ontario County:
Wide Awake Grange #747
Orange County:
Hamptonburgh Grange #950
Otsego County:
Pierstown Grange #793
Schenevus Valley Grange #1201
Hinman Hollow Grange #1331
Springfield Grange #1523
Schenectady County:
Glenville Grange #1531
Schoharie County:
Breakabeen Grange #767
Seneca County:
Interlaken Grange #160
Lodi Grange #213
Sullivan County:
Monticello Grange #1357
Wayne County:
Eureka Grange #46
Newark Grange #366
Rose Grange #1051

Congratulations to the following Granges who took in new members since the last ESG:

5 New Members:
Albright Grange #440 (Cortland County)
Cuyler Grange #449 (Cortland County)
4 New Members:
Colonel Harper Grange #1508 (Delaware County)
3 New Members:
Fredonia Grange #1 (Chautauqua County)
Stanford Grange #808 (Dutchess County)
Lamson Grange #588 (Onondaga County)
2 New Members:
Copake Grange #935 (Columbia County)
Hamptonburgh Grange #950 (Orange County)
1 New Member:
Adirondack Grange #530 (Lewis County)
Fairport Grange #467 (Monroe County)
Breakabeen Grange #767 (Schoharie County)
Ricard Grange #993 (Oswego County)

Chaplain's Corner



Virginia L. Conner

PROVERBS = WISDOM

Have you ever read the Book of Proverbs in the Old Testament? It is a book full of wisdom and one that is appropriate for all stages/seasons of our lives.

Here are just a few verses of wisdom for each season of our lives:

Parental wisdom to raise a child: Proverbs 19:18: “Discipline your son in his early years while there is hope. If you don’t, you will ruin his life”. Proverbs 22:6: “Teach a child to choose the right path and when he is older, he will remain upon it”.

Youth: Proverbs 20:30: “Punishment that hurts chases evil from the heart”. Proverbs 23:22: “Listen to your father’s advice and do not despise an old mother’s experience”.

Middle Age: Proverbs 12:18: “Reckless words pierce like a sword but the tongue of the wise brings healing”. Proverbs 15:4: “Gentle words cause life and health; griping brings discouragement”. Proverbs 20:13: “If you love sleep, you will end in poverty. Stay awake, work hard and you will have plenty to eat”.

Senior Citizens: Proverbs 16:31: “White hair is a crown of glory and is seen most among the godly”. Proverbs 27:12: “The prudent see danger and take refuge but the simple keep going and suffer for it”.

Whatever season of life you are presently in, you can find help in

living your days.

I leave you with a challenge: there are 31 chapters in Proverbs. The month of October has 31 days. Read one chapter each day and you will gain much wisdom from God’s Word.

REMINDER TO POMONA CHAPLAINS: Please send to me the names of Sixth Degree members within your jurisdiction who passed to the Great Grange Above since October 1, 2021. I need to receive the names by October 1, 2022.

Junior Grange

Sherri Taft



Is your Junior Grange getting out and doing some fun activities this summer? Are you planning some events to bring new people into your meeting place? At the recent Junior Leader conference day, many ideas were discussed on how to encourage young people to see what the Junior Grange is all about. Some thoughts that were shared were:

Plan a Day

- One hour event
- Open game time
- Toys (Lincoln Logs)
- Stations – Make Christmas Crafts, set up a booth at a local craft fair
- Snack

How to encourage membership without the use of electronic devices?

- Ice breaker games
- Heads Up – 7 UP
- Lincoln Logs
- Team Building activities/games

How to encourage Jr. Grangers to join Subordinate Grange?

Jr. Grange / Subordinate Granges work together on activities

Have a sheet of paper with programs for the parents that are not Grange members
If your Junior Grange does any of these events or would like help setting up an event, please reach out to me and let me know. I would love to attend any event that your Junior Grange does.

The 2022 projects are due at the Annual State Grange Session. This year the session will be October 21 – 25, 2022 in Auburn, NY (Cayuga County). Please have the crafts to the Junior Grange area by 8:00 AM on Saturday, October 22, 2022. Each Grange is allowed to enter three projects for each category (one from each age group).

Are any of your Junior Grange

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members about to graduate from Junior Grange? If so, I have graduation certificates that I can mail to you to be handed out to your Junior members. Please contact me with how many you need, the names of the graduating Juniors and when you would like to have the certificates.

Family Activities



Brenda Noble

I hope everyone has had a good Summer and have been able to enjoy all the activities. We will soon have State Grange Session. The no bake gluten free cookie contest will take place on Saturday. Be sure to have six cookies on a plate with the name of the entrant and county they are from. Also, there needs to be a recipe on the bottom of the plate. In addition, for State session please bring any quilt blocks and give them to us at the Family Activities display. Thank you for the quilt blocks I have received already. If anyone still needs directions, they are on the website or let me know and I will send them to you.

I have also received many items for the Northeast Exposition. Thank you very much to everyone!

State Grange Historian

Carol Bailey



DID YOU KNOW...

That by 1900 the Grange hosted picnics at the 1000 Islands and Chautauqua that were attended by thousands of members? This is reported in the journal of 1900. At this meeting in Herkimer Professor W. L. Jordan of the experiment station spoke. Some members had visited the station in Geneva.

Noted also was that Pomona Granges should recommend deputies. By 1900 it is stated that only two councils were left as others had formed Pomona Granges by this time. The two left were Genesee and Tompkins. By 1905 they were Pomona Granges also.

In 1901 it is stated that only

two of the 35 State Lecturers in the nation were women. One of them was Mrs. S. N. Judd of New York.

NYS Grange had a large presence at the Pan American Exposition in Buffalo in 1902. In a report 36,000 visited the Grange building. Remarkably it only cost State Grange \$335.65! There is a total accounting of expenses for the building in the journal. Mrs. B. B. Lord of Chautauqua Co. was in charge. She became State Lecturer that same year.

It is interesting that in the early 1900s there were as many as 32 committees at state sessions. They ranged from agriculture, cooperation and trade, monopolies and trusts to woman's work.

During 1903 from April 7 to July 1 Overseer George Fuller assumes the duties of master. The master, Elliott B. Norris of Sodus, was sick. At the 1903 session Eva McDowell, wife of founder Francis McDowell, was present. Reporting of Grange events and policies was expanding, 400 papers carried Grange news.

"The Grange Review" was the new name for the Grange paper in 1909, formerly "The Husbandman." The "Review" ceased publication by 1916 and news of NYS Grange was published in the "National Grange Monthly."

Also that same year the State Fair is held under a paid commission. A Grange building is urged and one is completed shortly. That year 1909 a literary and musical program is presented at the Women's Building on Grange Day.

One of the resolutions adopted was prohibit speeds of more than 20 mph on roads. Bonding of milk buying was endorsed also and continued support for the experiment station.

In 1904 the first Juvenile Grange in NY was organized in Huron, Wayne County. The state master was duly proud as this was his home county.

At the 1906 state session it is mentioned that Seneca County had furnished twelve state officers including a master until this time. It had built the first Grange Hall (Ovid, I believe) and organized the first county council.

During these early 1900s the fire and trade associations continued to grow and prove successful. In 1912 the State Grange Purchasing Agency succeeds the Union Trade Association of Monroe. This eventually led to the formation of GLF or Grange League Federation. This is a story in itself and is for another time.

Maybe a quilter would research one or more older quilter patterns and then tell about and show them. Check out the website for ideas from me for projects/activities tied in with other departments.

Thank-You for Kay Bailey

"The family of Carolyn Kay Bailey thanks all the Grangers who phoned, sent cards and memorials, and visited or attended her celebration of life. Her children, grandchildren and I appreciated all the concern and comforting words. You are truly family. Fraternally, Carol"

NEW YORK STATE GRANGE 2022

Calendar of Events, Activities, & Dues Dates

Special Note: Items noted with ** are the responsibility of the State Grange and are being scheduled with the possibility of future cancellation/modification due to Covid-19.

August 24 – Sept. 5 New York State Fair – Syracuse

September 1 Community Service Reports due to Director

September 1 National JG Report due

September 3 Grange Day at the NYS Fair

September 15 Empire State Granger Copy Due

September 15 Lecturer's Reports due to State Lecturer

Sept. 16 – Oct. 2 Eastern States Exposition (The Big E) – West Springfield, MA

September 24 State Legislative Day – HDQ **

September 25 Grange Day at the Big E – West Springfield, MA

September 30 Subordinate Dues to State Secretary

Eastern Regional Conference Alyvia Fuchs

This year I was very fortunate to be able to attend the Eastern Regional Conference in Washington DC. It was a really good experience. I learned a lot over the four days I was there and I was lucky enough to go with my dad.

When we arrived, the first thing we saw was Paula Turner selling the t-shirts for the National Grange convention in 2023, she ran over and started talking to us about how happy she was to see us.

Introductions started and to introduce yourself you had to say your name, where you were from and an interesting fact about you.

Saturday June 18 my dad and I went to meet the other Grangers to ride the metro to the National Grange building where Garrett scared me. The first workshop was about resilience and how the Grange fits. It was a really good workshop to in which to participate. Then the next workshop which was actually two different ones that they put together. It was a Junior Grange legislative workshop that went smoothly into a workshop on parliamen-

tary procedure. Next it was a drill workshop. I had brought the rose drill with me for someone to take a look at after the workshop they said it looked really good. Then it was a break for lunch. The next workshop was a connecting membership and fundraising. It was a really good one because it was very engaging and I was very interested in what people did in their Granges to bring in new people. The next workshop, when I came in it was a team exercise and I got blindfolded and call blue shirt, while I held a rope and was told where to go. Then the Pennsylvania State Lecturer that has given me an idea for Pomona. Then I was pulled aside for a special project. Garrett and I got to take photos of the history books of every Grange in the states, so I got to be a hand model for four hours. It was a lot of fun. I loved looking at all of the history that is held in those books. Then it was dinner. It was the first time I tried brisket. It was really good. Then we took some more photos. Then for the first time I did an improv speech. My question was what do you do on a rainy day, I went and talked about art. Then the National Grange Chaplin did the closing. Garrett came with us back to the hotel to be picked up by his sister.

Sunday June 19 my dad and I got up to see all the monuments in DC, we started at the Washington monument then went to the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History. We walked around for a little bit then we rented bikes to ride to the Jefferson memorial, this one is my favorite. We went to the Lincoln Memorial there were a lot of people there so we ended going back to a lot of the monuments at night, in my opinion they look a lot cooler at night.

We returned home on Monday June 20

Youth



Katie Fallon

What a hot summer it has been for everyone! I hope you have all managed to stay cool and keep your plants hydrated and growing.

I had the pleasure of accompanying one of our youth Elizabeth Van Kleeck to NYC on July 27th for the Wonderama event. The National Grange was present in Times Square for the week promoting agricultural education and interacted with hundreds of thousands of people. Wonderama is a youth television program and it was such an honor to have them highlight the amazing things the Grange youth are doing in our areas.

Elizabeth and I helped run the

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NYS Grange Sesquicentennial

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NYS Grange Sesquicentennial

A Treasured Tradition With The Future in Focus

The Sesquicentennial Committee invites everyone to the first celebration event for the 150th Anniversary of the New York State Grange. The festivities will begin during the State Grange Session at the Holiday Inn in Auburn on Saturday October 22 in the late afternoon about 4:30 pm.

Using our theme “A Treasured Tradition With The Future In Focus” we will focus on some of the outstanding accomplishments of the NYS Grange. The opening highlight of the event will be the presentation of the just completed New York State Grange History. NY State Grange Historian and Museum Curator Carol Bailey has spent many long hours writing this newest history of the NYS Grange. It continues our written history following the composite book “100 Year History of the New York State Grange 1873-1973” L. Ray Alexander, Historian which was printed for the NYS Grange Centennial in 1973. We are indebted to Empire State Granger Editor Bruce Croucher for his considerable work in transferring the book to the computer, assembling it into printable form, and editing. The new History will be available for sale following the presentation. NYS Grange accomplishments, officers, and activities all have their place in this new work that continues our history following 1973. After the presentation, NY State Grange Jeopardy and historical tidbits will capture the attention of everyone present. No telling who may pop up. We hope you can be present.

Congratulations to all who have been honored with a candle on our fundraising, traveling 150th Birthday Cake. Those honored since the last Empire State Granger include The Sprague Family – Ross Grange #305; In memory of Henry D. Sherwood, Past State & National Master – Stanford Grange; In memory of Carolyn Kay Bailey; Irene Fassett, NYS Grange Pianist 40 years-Otsego Pomona Grange. Forms for ordering candles have been in past Empire State Granger papers and can be downloaded from www.nysgrange.org under Events/ NYS Grange Sesquicentennial.

Bring your entries in the “People’s Choice Poster Project” to the State Grange Session in Auburn on October 21. Entries go to Roberta Halbert, Susan Drake or any member of the Sesquicentennial Committee. For inspiration read the article “The Future is now, what’s this?” found elsewhere in this paper. You can download poster information from www.nysgrange.org under Events/ NYS Grange Sesquicentennial. Everyone attending will be able to vote.

When the NYS Grange was organized in 1873 the local Grange membership in New York State was very similar to our membership number today. When we think of honoring our Grange traditions we should recall the resolve, determination, and dedication of the early members who believed that the Grange was important. Do we today have these same characteristics? Can we rededicate ourselves to continue our organization that “strengthens individuals, families, and communities through grass-roots action, service, education, advocacy, and agricultural awareness”? We hope the answer is yes we can.

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Plinko and Wheel of Trivia, both of which had tons of facts to promote education in AG!

Best of luck to all our recent high school graduates and those returning to school this fall.



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his community largely through his contributions and involvement in the Stanford Grange. He participated in many events, helping with hosting, set up and clean up. Ashton believes that being involved in his community is a way to give back and to help people in need. He looks at community like a “whole family where everybody takes care of each other.” He attends local town board meetings to see what is affecting the community and looks for ways to help out.

Ashton’s family will be relocating to Florida, where Ashton will attend Eastern Florida State College. He will pursue a degree in Nursing. Ashton is passionate about a nursing and is eager to enter a career that is not boring and one where he can help people. He is compassionate and empathetic toward others, characteristics that will help to make to him an excellent nurse.

Imogene Plitt

Susan Freestone Scholarship



Imogene Plitt resides in Darien Center New York and is the daughter of Michael Plitt and Kristie Miller. She at-

tended Alexander Central School where she achieved many awards including academic excellence and senior membership in the National

Honor Society. She was selected and attended the Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Seminar, was awarded the 2021 Notre Dame’s Junior of the Year award, the Fredrick Douglas and Susan B. Anthony award, was the 2022 Youth Recognition award winner and 2022 Independent Health Community All Star. Imogene also serviced as President of the Academic Team as well as a selected member of the ACS Superintendent’s Leadership Council. She was also the Vice President of Executive Student Council.

Imogene approached the Director of Technology at her school asking to shadow his position as she was interested in learning more about IT administration. Imogene spearheaded the install of 50 new computer workstations. She was able to learn more about technology and the experience also helped her with problem solving skills. She is described as a quick learner and one who is inquisitive about her work.

Imogene is a member in good standing in the Corfu Grange in Genesee County. She has been involved in her community in a variety of ways, including volunteering at the local public library and helping with fundraising dinners for local organizations. Imogene is a member of the Alexander Pit Band and the Alexander Jazz Band. She also is a member of the Corfu Community Band and the Batavia Concert Band.

Imogene has chosen Pharmacy as her career, saying she is “never more excited than when I am nerding out over a pharmacy article.” She hopes to provide relief

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Sports

Director Bruce Dehner

The bowling tournament was held on June 5th. The results for 1st place Livingston-Oneida, 2nd place Cortland Pomona # 25, 3rd place K Fives Ontario County and 4th place Saturday night Grangers # 3.

Golf was held on July 10th results 1st place Sweet Spots Ontario County, 2nd place Cuyler 3- Eagles Cortland County, 3rd place Long Drivers Ontario County, 4th place Cuyler Buzzards Cortland County and 5th place Duffers Ontario County.

Our next event will be cornhole this will be completed before the next issue so I will give a report then. Hope everyone has been having a good time.



Bowlers Golfers



Sweet Spots



Cuyler Eagles



Long Drivers



Cuyler Buzzards



Duffers



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and security to others through pharmacy. Based on personal experience, she is able to realize the benefits of the right medications and treatments to help alleviate medical conditions. Imogene will attend the University of Pittsburgh in the fall pursuing a degree in Pharmacy.

Kohlby Wimet Himelrick DeNise Scholarship Winner

Kohlby Wimet Himelrick resides in Gansevoort New York with his parents, Dale Himelrick and Shelby Wimet-Himelrick. He attended Schuylerville Central School where he received a Regents Advanced Diploma. Kohlby participated in FFA and Yearbook Club and was a member of the cross country and lacrosse teams.

Kohlby received an internship through his high school with Welcome Stock Dairy LLC where he learned about cows and their care and milk production. He served as Adoption Coordinator for HOP on Home Rabbit Sanctuary where he was very involved in matching applicants to adoptable rabbits. This led to Kohlby's interest in animal science where he gained invaluable experience working with and caring for goats and rabbits, including showmanship, cleaning, grooming and the veterinary needs of the animals.

Kohlby has been a member of various clubs and programs through the Saratoga County 4-H program. He has held many positions including Secretary and President in several clubs such as Eclectic Clovers, Domestic Rabbit and the Buck and Does Goat Club, to name a few. Kohlby has been on the program committee for the Cornell Cooperative Extension as a voice for 4-H youth. He also represents the 4-H youth as a member of the National Junior Horticulture Association Oversight Committee.

Kohlby has been involved in his community for many years working and being a part of the Saratoga County Fair where he represented the Saratoga County 4-H program. In addition to participating in the set up, clean up and preparation for exhibitors and running shows, Kohlby served as a Teen Ambassador and planned activities for all fairgoers.

Kohlby is a national award winning horticulture photographer, a national award winning poet and an award winning public speaker at county, regional and national levels.

Through his vast experience, Kohlby realized his passion. He will attend SUNY Cobleskill in the fall where he will pursue a degree in Agriculture Business.

Miranda Ann Nickerson DeNise Scholarship Winner

Miranda Nickerson resides in Clymer New York with her parents, Bart and Julie Nickerson. She



has one sibling, Cole. Miranda attended Corry Area High School where she was on the Honor Roll for four years and a member of the National Honor Society. Miranda achieved many awards throughout her high school career. She served as her High School Treasurer and Mentor as well as Treasurer for the National Honor Society and Class of 2022 Secretary. She was a member of the Spanish Club and was Student Ambassador for her class. Miranda was also active and played on the Basketball, Softball, Track and Field and Volleyball teams.

Miranda grew up taking care of the animals on her family's farm. This is where she learned the value of hard work. She has been a member of the 4-H Dairy Project through the Cornell Cooperative Extension. She has served in various leadership roles and mentored younger members. Miranda participated in the local Dairy Youth Explorers program and New York State Junior Dairy Leader program. She was selected as a member of the New York State 4-H Dairy Judging Team and was also selected to compete in various contests on the national level. Miranda was honored to serve as the Chautauqua County Alternate Dairy Princess for two years. She shared her experience educating youth and adults about the importance of milk and dairy products.

Miranda enjoys being involved in her community. Through her responsibilities with 4-H and Dairy Princess she contributed at a local food drive and shared the importance of the dairy industry. She spent much of her time mentoring youth and helping them to grow and learn. Being involved in her community has inspired her to want to give back by future donations to local businesses and clubs and to continue to contribute to the culture of her community.

At a young age, Miranda learned the value of hard work, growing up on the family farm. While taking care of the animals on the farm, she found her passion for the care of animals and an interest in agriculture. Miranda will pursue that passion attending Cornell University in the fall where she will work toward a degree in Animal Science.

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New York State Grange 150th Annual Session



American Values Hometown
Roots

Auburn Holiday Inn
October 21 - 25, 2022

Hosted by
Wayne County
Program of
Events

General Session

The 150th General Session of the New York State Grange will be held in the Finger Lakes Ballroom at Auburn Holiday Inn. Session Committee rooms will be announced. NO meetings will take place while guest speakers are giving presentations.

Session Pianist ~ Irene Fassett

Friday, October 21

10:30am-5:00pm Registration – Lobby
3:00pm - Hotel check-in
(earlier as rooms are available)

NEW Delegates will be meeting via
ZOOM in the two weeks prior to
the State Session

1:00pm Session Committee Chairs
Fillmore Room

2:00pm Grange Issues Committee
Emerson Room

Session Committees will be held via
ZOOM in the two weeks prior to
the State Session

5:15pm Milk Punch Reception
Lobby outside the Finger Lakes
Ballroom
Served by NYS Dairy Ambassador

6:00pm Annual Banquet
NYS Dairy Ambassador – Gabriella Taylor
NYS FFA President – Myah LaFave

Lecturer's Program
Jolene Pirrone, Lecturer

Saturday, October 16

7:00am Lecturer's Breakfast
Burger Theory Restaurant
Junior Projects check-in
Room to be determined

8:00am Registration
State Officer's Practice

8:30am Baking Entries

Emerson Room

9:00am Opening of the 150th Annual
Session of the NYS Grange in the
Sixth Degree

Finger Lakes Ballroom

Lower to Fourth Degree

Recognition of Past Masters, First
Ladies, Honored Guests, Officials

Quorum Call

~ Stephen C. Coye

Five Minute reports

~ Ryan Orton, 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, as needed
(Locations as announced)

11:15am 5th Degree – Obligation

Sixth Degree Rehearsal

Finger Lakes Ballroom

1:00pm Committee Meetings

(if needed, Locations as announced)

3:00pm Reconvene General Session

Saturday (con't)

Five Minute Reports of Departmental, Project
and Program Chairs:

~ Jolene Pirrone, Lecturer

~ Cindy Benson, Legislative Director

~ Melvin Phelps, Community

Involvement/Service

~ Brenda Noble, Family Activities

~ Barton Snedaker, Leadership/Membership

~ Bruce Croucher, Grange Foundation

4:30pm Sesquicentennial Kickoff

Sue Drake

5:30pm Closing in the Fourth Degree

7:30pm Seating of State Officers

Speaker: Debbie Campbell,
National Grange Secretary

Conferring the Sixth Degree

Closing In the Fourth Degree

Sunday, October 23

8:30am Memorial Service

Virginia Conner, Chaplain

9:15am Gerald Eastman Award

Youth Department Annual Report

Katie Fallon, Director

Five minute Reports (Con't)

~ Roland Shea, Museum Board President

HQ Task Force President

~ Sandra Green,

Fund Raising Chair

~ Carol Bailey, Historian

~ Paula Turner, NY Coordinator

2023 National convention

~ Sue Drake, Roberta Halbert,

Sesquicentennial Committee

Committee Reports – Delegate action

11:30am Recess

1:00pm Reconvene

Junior Department Annual Report

Sherri Taft Horner, Director

Committee Reports – Delegate action

2:00pm Rural Minds

2:45pm \$1.00 'C' Bill Presentation

3:00pm Pomona Study Report

Elaine Smith, Chair

Committee Reports – Delegate action

4:30pm Closing in Fourth Degree

5:15pm Museum Board Dinner

7:00pm Ice Cream Social – hosted by

Wayne County in The Courtyard

8:30pm Delegate-At-Large Mtg.
Emerson Room

Monday, October 24

8:30am Opening in the Fourth Degree
Appointment of Election Committee
Election of Executive Committee Member
Election of Museum Directors (2)
Election of Foundation Directors (3)

Committee Reports – Delegate action

11:00am Speaker – Richard A. Ball
NYS Commissioner of
Agriculture & Markets

12:00 Noon Recess

1:45pm Reconvene

Committee Reports – Delegate action

5:15pm Recess

7:00pm Reconvene

2021-2022 Budget Approval

Committee reports – Delegate action

Installation of Officers

9:30pm Closing in the Fourth Degree

Tuesday, October 25

9:00am Opening - Fourth Degree

Conclusion of Business

Closing the 150th State Session of

the New York State Grange

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Morgan Wright

DeNise Scholarship Winner

Morgan Wright resides in

Gainesville NY and is the

daughter of Kevin and Sa-

brina Wright. She attended

Letchworth Central School.

Morgan was selected for the

accelerated program while

she was in middle school.

This program allows students to take Ad-

vanced Placement and Accelerated College

Enrollment courses. Balancing academics with

extra-curricular activities, Morgan was a mem-

ber of The Varsity Soccer, Basketball and Soft-

ball teams. She was chosen team captain of

both the Soccer and Softball teams. Morgan

was also honored, being chosen to participate

in Model UN. She participated in Drama Club

and Sr. High Chorus where she served as

Treasurer.

In addition to her academic career, Morgan

finds time to give to her community. She was

a 4-H member with Lucky Us 4-H Group and a

volunteer through Partners for Prevention, an

organization that reaches out to spread the

word about the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

Though she lives in a small community, Mor-

gan has assisted neighbors with a variety of

odd jobs, such as cleaning houses for the dis-

abled, taking care of pets and raking lawns.

Morgan believes that "by doing little things in

the community, we can impact the world."

Morgan has mastered the art of managing her

time spent in academics and extra-curricular

activities while serving in her community. She

has been described as "friendly and hardwork-

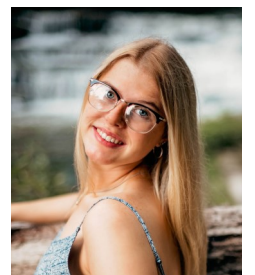
ing," "high character and exemplary work eth-

ic," and "a positive influence among her

peers."

Morgan will attend Daemen University in the

fall pursuing a degree in Natural Science/
Forensics and a minor in Psychology.



The future is now, what's this?



The "Gift for the Grangers" was a poster, printed in 1873. The content references the teaching and ritual of the Grange. The upper left inset shows "Farmer's fireside", a scene of a farming family leading a middle-class lifestyle. The upper right depicts a Grange meeting and the lower left inset shows a harvest dance. Insets on the bottom depict ignorance and sloth depicted by a broken-down cabin mentioned in the first degree. The inset in the lower right corner shows a Biblical scene of Ruth and Boaz as gleaners in the fields. The central scene shows one foot on the shovel, above the quote "I Pay for All." This reference is inspired by an old British inn-sign of the "Five Alls". Variations on the "Alls" included a monarch saying "I rule (for) all or "I govern all" or a religious person saying "I pray for all" or a soldier saying, "I fight for all." In this case the farmer says, "I pay for all." (Note: attribution to Wikipedia) Perhaps this is in reference to the Grange installation ceremony and the idea that the farmers are the foundation of any society can only advance if there is a food supply for all. The "Gift for Grangers" is just one of the many posters that the Grange published.

The Grange Museum includes the membership certificate of Nathaniel Frederick, member of Clarksville Grange, Albany County and dated 1893. The membership certificate is equally ornate as the "Gift to Grangers" poster and nearly as large.

If early Grange members were tasked with developing a poster with a vision of the Grange, one hundred years into the future, what might they have included? Grange members have their opportunity to envision the Grange in 2073 through a poster they create to be displayed at the upcoming NYS Grange session in October in Auburn, NY. Another opportunity for Grange members is to incorporate the sesquicentennial theme "A Treasured Tradition with the Future in Focus" into a poster. Posters should be no larger than 36" by 48" and should be able to stand alone. Prizes will be awarded. More details and entry form are available at the NYS Grange website.

GILBERTSVILLE A DONATION TO GILBERTSVILLE FREE LIBRARY. Butternut Valley Grange members were divided into two teams to see who could raise the most money by collecting Nichols from change received at stores from October 2021 to June 2022.



The Community Service Project with One hundred and fourteen dollars raised was recently presented to the Library for updating and expanding the Children's section with news books. Pictured presenting the check (right to left) Keith Klingman, President of Butternut Valley Grange, Marie Stebbins, President of Library Board and Amy Favinger, Children's Program Director and Trustee.

inger, Children's Program Director and Trustee.

New Grange Members

Chautauqua Co.

Fredonia # 1

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Aaron Nelson
Robert Olmedo

Chemung Co.

Veteran #1108

Erica Lawes
David Stow

Columbia Co.

Copake #935

Nichki Carangelo
Al Fair

Cortland Co.

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Joseph Merwin
Andy Renninger

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Andrew Walters
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Cathy Wiss

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Stanfordville #808

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St. Lawrence Co.

Kendrew #891

Charlotte Beldock

Ulster Co.

Plattekill #923

Jami Anson

Wyoming Co.

Curriers #1273

Lloyd Cox
Joanne Hefferman
Tim Hefferman
James McCormick
Pat McCormick
Peggy McCormick
Ron McCormick

"C" Bill Project

Greetings! Allan and Heidi Henderson, your Cancer Project co-chair. Letting you know what this years project is, and when the donation is going to take place.

First, let me explain what the cancer project is for the Grangers who have not attended state session. Eight years ago, we started a community service project, where

the State Grange donates money to a cancer organization, cancer treatment cancer, or the America Cancer Society in memory or honor of members who have be affected by cancer. We try to find a cancer organization, or treatment center that is located near State Grange Session in that year.

We collect "C" bills for this great project. If you do not know what a "C" bill is, it's a one-dollar bill that contain the letter "C" in the circle on the bill. If you would like to donate to the Cancer Project, you do not need to attend our state Grange session, but we would love the opportunity to meet a representative from the organization that we are donating to this year. There are two ways you can be involved, have someone that is attending state session bring it with them for the Treasurer to collect on Saturday of session, or you could send a check to the headquarter throughout the year. The check should be made out to the New York State Grange, in the memo write Cancer Project. Donations are presented on Sunday afternoon after the Junior Grange Program, October 23, 2022, in Auburn, NY.

This year the Cancer Project is going to Maureen's Hope. Maureen's Hope Foundation provides help to a patient and their families. Maureen's Hope mission is to "offer practical support and assistance to people facing the challenges of a cancer diagnosis or other life altering disease. When faced with a life altering diagnosis of cancer of other disease, patient s have many needs that cannot be met by the medical community. Maureen's Hope helps meet those needs by catering to individuals on a personal level. By providing gift baskets and service that offers comfort and strength, Maureen's Hope helps to improve their quality of life." (www.maureenshope.org) They treat everyone in families, as if they were a part of the extended family.

Maureen's Hope goal is to make a difference every day. Some community service they provide, a new music program at the Upstate Cancer Center, music can be an integral part of the healing environment, facilitating relaxation and pain management. The music program is for patients undergoing chemotherapy treatment in the infusion are which offer the healing power of music. Thank you for taking the time to help support the Cancer Project. Every dollar helps, just a "C" bill to help someone dealing with a cancer or a serious illness. Hope to see many Grangers on Sunday October 23, 2022.

