

GRANGE CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2023



GRANGE HAPPENINGS FOR MARCH 2023



National Convention 2023 Fund Raiser The NortheastConnection is selling tee shirts as a fund raiser for National 2023. I have a supply here at my house. The tee shirts are **Cardinal Red**. The logo on the front is a drawing of the Empire State Building with a drawing of Niagara Falls in front inside the Grange logo. I have short sleeve and long sleeve shirts in the following sizes: Short Sleeve: Medium, Large, Extra Large, 2X, and 3X Long Sleeve: Medium, Large, Extra Large, 2X and 3X Most sizes have a limited number of shirts. If you would like to have one, send me a message and I will put your name on a shirt and work out how to get it to Make your check payable to: Vermont State Grange and send to me. (Brenda) Any questions, just call. Brenda Rousselle 11 Abnaki Ave. Essex Jct., VT 05452 brousselle@myfairpoint.net 802-878-5877

The executive Committee and I (Kendal) are setting up G.R.I.T. (Grange Resources & Information Training) sessions April 22nd at Bomoseen Grange Hall and April 29th at Bridgewater Grange Hall with 9:30 a.m. coffee at both meetings and a 10:00 start. Please mark your calendars!

GASSETTS GRANGE IS CLOSED DOWN UNTIL APRIL.

3rd Kingdom Pomona #35 Zoom Meeting 1st Friday of the month, contact Debby Perry or Nancy Perkins to attend.

3rd March 3, Middle Branch will be conferring 3rd & 4th Degrees.

4th March 4, 4:30 to 6:00 Capital City: All are welcome to join us live or via Zoom for our monthly meeting, which will discuss Hall painting options, a grant for painting for which we're applying, and plans for the Lift Celebration the following day...

4th March 4,11,18,25 - Bingo at Blue Mt Grange Hall 6PM - 8PM 96 Witherspoon Rd, Ryegate

5th March 5, 2:00 to 5:00, Capital City: Please join us for a FREE event with fresh-baked cookies! This Lift Celebration is to celebrate the completion of the new wheelchair lift in our Grange Hall, which will make the Stage and Lower levels accessible. This completes our long-planned accessibility project, which started with the ramped, accessible entrance and ADA bathroom we built in 2008. We'll have a ribbon-cutting, ceremonial "first rides" for some of our veteran Grange members, and remarks by invited guests, including the Lt. Governor and others. There will also be an "Info Fair" with local organizations including some of those based at our Hall, and a Community Dance with live music by the VT Fiddle Orchestra from 3 to 4:30 PM, chess and other games. And don't forget the fresh cookies!

6th March 6: Mountain Valley Pomona is NOT meeting in March.

10th Blue Spruce Grange #574 will hold our State Legislative Night on March 10. It will be a potluck dinner starting at 6:00 with dinner, followed by Q&A. All are invited to attend.

11th March 11, 9:30 to 11:30, Capital City: Next edition of our monthly Kids Trade & Play clothing "swap", with sorted, clean, good quality clothes for infants through Junior 12 sizes. \$3 donation requested per family, but no one is ever turned away! Please come and check out this popular event, we had over 100 total adults and kids in February!

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12th March 12, 3:00 to 4:30, Capital City: Next edition of our Dance, Sing and Jump Around event for kids and their adults! With live music and great callers leading fun dances, songs and games, it's good exercise to good music.

Especially good for kids about 3 to 8, but everyone is welcome--aunts, uncles, grandparents, siblings, parents. Free for kids, \$5 donation asked for adults--but no one is every turned away! Free snacks are served, too! See photos and more info at: <https://dancesingandjumparound.weebly.com/>

12th Sunday March 12th. 7-8 pm State Family Activite zoom Open to all that are interested If you would like to join please contact me for link by 3/9 802-999-3510 Vtlvs54@gmail.com Linda Sanderson

13th March 13 Evening Star Grange holds its regular business meeting at 6:30pm.

13th Lake View Grange will meet via Zoom on March 13 at 7PM. It says Lecturer's Choice, but since we did not have the scheduled health program in January, maybe the Lecturer will choose to do it at the March meeting.

14th March 14 - Business Meeting 7:30PM at the home of a Grange member (to be decided). Call Master Tyler Pokines for details. 802-584-3342

18th March 4,11,18,25 - Bingo at Blue Mt Grange Hall 6PM - 8PM 96 Witherspoon Rd, Ryegate

20th Caledonia Grange #9 Meeting 3rd Monday of the Month, contact Meredith Holch or Rob MacLeod to attend.

21st 21 March Charlotte Grange monthly business meeting. 6:30-7:00pm Tea and Cookies; 7:00-8:30 business meeting. Charlotte Public Library program room.

24th Blue Spruce Grange #574 will hold a business meeting on March 24 starting at 4:30. The program will be done by Ag/Environment. All are welcome.

25th March 25 Evening Star Grange will hold a Sugar Supper at the Hall with two seatings; 4:30 and 6:00 pm, RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Cost is \$15. Call 802-254-1138 and leave your name, telephone number, number of meals requested and seating time desired. Please be clear when speaking so we can call you back if the seating time you wish is filled. Sorry, but no take-outs will be available for this meal. Seating is limited so we recommend calling early for seating. Standard Sugar supper menu of ham, baked beans, potato salad, deviled eggs, etc. Come join us!

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28th March 28 - Program at 7:30PM at Blue Mt Grange Hall. We are part of the VT READS Program. We are reading "The Most Costly Journey" about Vermont migrant dairy farm workers. We hope to have a panel discussion with key personnel participating. We are still organizing this. Call Master Tyler Pokines for details. 802-584-3342

A LOOK AHEAD

April 1: Heart of Vermont Pomona will have their combined Ag/Env/Family Activities program. Meeting at 10AM at Riverside Grange Hall in West Topsham. The refreshments will be maple flavored. (good chance to try out your recipe before taking it to Family Camp.) Also, an Easter Bonnet contest. (put your art talent to work!) Also, bring food for the food shelf. (I know.. It's a lot to remember)

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