Green Mountain Granger

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MASTER'S RAMBLINGS

A good Grange Month April to you! Last month I met with the State officers, Subordinate and Pomona officers as well as committee directors. State Officer visitations were discussed and the State officers agreed to visit Granges this coming year. Some programs were discussed, but deadlines have already passed. Pomona reconfiguration was briefly discussed as some Pomonas have as few as two Subordinate Granges. It's a topic I'm sure will arise at the next State Grange Session.

New Guidelines for Grange Leaders were made available to the Subordinate and Pomona officers, free of charge. This booklet, a Sesquicentennial Revised Edition, was edited by Betsy Huber in 2017. It explains the duties of officers as well as committee chairs, a great resource for newly installed and appointed leaders, and a good refresher for the rest of us! I purchased these from the National Grange at $6:00 each for our March meetings. I have ten left and will make them available to those that ask, first come, first served, free of charge. If more are needed, I encourage you to go to the National Grange website. Perhaps the Executive Committee will encourage me to purchase enough for the remaining Granges!

The State Directors met and began revisions of their programs for next year. They decided on a new theme, "Celebrate America", reflecting our nation's 250th Birthday!! Where possible, each committee is encouraged to include in their programing at least one patriotic presentation. The National Grange has an offering for you, Celebrate America 250 with the Grange. It has 63 pages of ideas and forms to help you celebrate America. It can be accessed at https://grange.biz/America250. You can download it for free. You are also urged to share your program through a report form available from National.

Just a reminder that our State Treasurer, Martha Kirchner, is offering to assist in completing your 990 forms. Be sure you are up to date!

Kendal Holden, Master VSG

BIDS NEEDED FOR FIFTH & SIXTH DEGREE AND AWARDS BANQUET

All Grangers please note update on preferred date. Get your bid in by April 15th!

The VSG Executive Committee in an effort to reduce expenses and reduce time spent at the annual state session has voted to have the sixth degree and awards banquet in a Grange building in Vermont prior to the session (even years). This year the plan is to host both the Fifth and Sixth Degree. The following are the requirements for submitting a bid:

1. A Grange Hall that can accommodate (large enough) the Fifth and Sixth Degree.
2. The Hall needs to have a stage with stairs up to the stage in the front. They need to be safe. The stage needs to have a curtain and a way to open/close it.
3. It must be possible to darken the Hall, i.e. dark curtains over all windows as both degrees start in the dark!
4. Is there a tuned piano? If not is there power for musician's keyboard?
5. The Hall needs to be available several hours before the start time, either same day or the day before, to give Flora time to set up her stage.
6. We want a dinner--or depending on the timing--a lunch that is served. The hosting Grange entity will keep the money for the meal. Reservation will be encouraged,
7. The preferred date is a Saturday or Sunday between August 15th and September 27th.
8. Bids should include:
    1. Date and time
    2. Full Menu and Price
    3. Piano and/or power available
    4. Bids should be sent to Kendal Holden via email or USPS.
9. Bids are being accepted until April 15th, 2026 so plans can be made and members notified.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

There is something special about springtime. It is a season of joy and reflection and a time of growth and renewal. From snow melts to green grass and flower bulbs sending up their green leaves and bright yellow daffodils and tulips, we are reminded of God's love and greatness. Resurrection Sunday, the pinnacle of Christian faith, is that inner joy seeing God's glory around us that feeds our faith and hope for the days and years to come.

We know that we can ask forgiveness for our sins because God sent His Son to teach us how to live and ultimately suffered and died on the cross to give us the opportunity for eternal life with Him. John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that He sent His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life". Let's take the moments we find in our busy lives to reset our spirits as we see the opportunities to reflect and repent and find faithfulness in our quiet conversations with God.

Often this time of spring doesn't quite jive with the different dates determined yearly for Easter, when weather is concerned. We have had a long winter, colder than normal, more snow than we have seen in years. We are reminded that "seed time and harvest will never fail". **Genesis 8:22** states: "As long as the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall not cease" (Genesis 8:22). This verse comes after the flood and represents God's covenant with Noah, assuring that the cycles of nature—including planting and harvesting—will continue reliably. It emphasizes God's faithfulness and provision for humanity and all living creatures.

Happy Easter to you all.
Jenny Nelson, VSG Chaplain
New email for Jenny is:
jrnelson810@gmail.com

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOTES

The Executive Committee met via ZOOM on March 22. Under Old Business a report was given on the Grange Center. At that time, Mark reported that the Grange Center is working on 19 possible rentals. It was also confirmed that research is being done on the possibility of obtaining a commercial stove and refrigerator.

Work continues on researching the process to see if the Grange Foundation can qualify for and obtain 501 (c)(3). Debbie is working on linking the Grange Center WEB site with the VSG WEB site.

Master Kendal is working with the members of Lake View Grange and Taconic Grange to outline the process of selling their Halls. Both Granges have been provided with a written copy of the process.

A question had been raised as to whether an Associate Member could enter the Grange contests. Associate Members may not enter National Grange contests, but if State contests allow non-Grangers to enter the contests, they may do so as Associate members are not full Grange members.

A discussion was held on Act 181. The Executive Committee is working with the Agriculture/Environment Committee to produce a resolution that the VSG opposes the implementation of this bill as it stands.

Master Kendal reported on the recent Directors meeting that was held in Randolph. A theme for the new program year was decided upon: Celebrating America. Directors were asked to incorporate this theme into at least one of their program activities, if at all possible.

Submitted by: Brenda Rousselle, Secretary

GRANGE CENTER BOARD

I think Spring has come! Camp will be opening May 8, 9 and 10 for cleanup. A second weekend is planned for May 15, 16, and 17. Anyone who has time may come and clean May 11 to 14. Meals will be served to workers. One of the big, big projects will be washing down all the woodwork in the Winter Building. Every place needs a good cleaning. So far, we have 14 rentals between 2026 and 2027. We want the Center to look good.

The Grange Center will be hosting an Open House on May 30, 2026, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. If you have never been to the Grange Center, this would be a good time to come and look around!

A Food Break has been scheduled at the Sharon Rest Area on May 21, 2026, from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. Ruth Hovey-Sicely will need help with baking and manning the Rest Stop. If you can help with baking and/or manning the Rest Stop, please contact Ruth at 802-223-7961.

Family Camp Weekend is scheduled for July 10, 11 and 12. Lunch will be Chili (free)—from the entries of this year's Chili Contest.

- Friday Night - Pot Luck
- Saturday Lunch – Chili – Free; $10.00 for: salad, brownies, drinks
- Saturday Dinner - $17.00 for: chicken, potato salad, green beans and birthday cake

Eunice Crowell, Chair

Grange Center Open House

May 30, 2026, 10am - 4pm
308 West St, Brookfield, VT 05036
Come tour the Vermont Grange Center, a 6-acre property featuring nine buildings, including the stunning Queen Anne–style mansion built by Aimee Raymond in 1883. Once known as Rocky Ledge and Silver Towers, this remarkable property is full of character, history, and charm. Whether you're curious about the property, interested in future rentals, or simply enjoy local history, this is a wonderful chance to experience the grounds up close. Admission is free, and refreshments will be served. Come take a look around, meet others in the community, and discover what makes this property so special!

AGRICULTURE

There is at least one Grange Family keeping track of Act 181 in the State Legislature. This Act is a land use law that overhauled Act 250 and sets new policies for housing development that is aiming to protect natural resources. Last week the bill was in the House Energy and Digital Infrastructure Committee and that was crossover week. This committee addresses Vermont's residential and commercial building energy standards. I haven't found out if it actually made the crossover.

With the Iran War ongoing, and planting season coming up, there is concern for Fertilizer, as 1/5 of the World's fertilizer comes from this area. This if something else that will be costing more this Spring as well as gasoline!

If you need help contacting a Federal Agency you can call Senator Bernie Sanuders at 1-800-339-9834 as he has experienced Case Workers on staff to assist you.

A few things going on in the state:

- 2026 Celebrating International Year of the Women Farmer
- 2026 Farmers Market Scale testing clinics, there are both full and half day schedules. Contact Agency of Ag. Food & Markets for one near you. 802-828-2426

- VT Hall of Fame is now open for 2026 Nominations www.VTAgHallofFame.org Looking for Emerging Leader/Ag Innovator/Lifetime Achievements
- 2025 Maple Season- -Total produced 3.06 million gal./number of taps 8.35 million/ Averaged $58.30 up $1.10 from 2023

ENVIRONMENT

Almost any organic food waste will produce methane when buried in a landfill. Certain types of food contribute more than others due to how quickly they decay.

a) Prepared foods: account for the highest overall methane emissions in landfills because 70 % is discarded into household trash bins.
b) Bread & Bakery items are also a top producer of methane gas.
c) Products containing beef and dairy have a high methane impact. They have been known to release significant gas as they break down.
d) Leafy greens, Lets take a head of head of lettuce for example, it can take 10-25 years to fully decompose in the oxygen-starved landfill, slowly leaking methane the entire time.
e) Peels and scraps like bananas, avocado, and eggshells are common land fill contributors that could instead be composted. (One Avocado thrown in the trash creates roughly the same carbon pollution as running a gas-powered lawn mower for 15 minutes)

Linda Sanderson, Director

LEGISLATIVE

Things have certainly heated up in the Legislative front in the last week. Governor Scott has said he'll veto the proposed 7% tax hike. He has been very clear for years that Vermont is unaffordable, the state's population is aging and, as a recent news story said, shrinking.

Act 181 has finally made headlines, this was the poorly planned modernization of Act 250. This Act was and does make building easier in some areas of the State deemed Tier 1a/1b. Tier 2 is described as those areas not Tier 1a/b or Tier 3. Tier 2 has the 800-foot road rule that means any road/driveway over 800 feet would need to be approved by the Land Use Review Board, incurring permitting fees and delays. Tier 3 construction will become more difficult as it is considered sensitive, this includes habitat corridors and wetlands/headwater areas. The sticky wicket in this is that the map has been drawn up from an office far from the land by someone with no working knowledge of the area.

This was another instance of Legislate first and deal with consequences later. The legislation was passed in 2024 and the map of the State was divided into the Tiers, now as the dates for this to take affect are near people are becoming aware of what that means for their property. For my family and I this means our open areas of the farm (lawns, pastures, hayfields) are Tier 2 and all the woodland (sugarbush and managed woodland) the largest portion of the property, is Tier 3. Tier 3 exemptions are listed as to be determined but as it stands our future ability to access and utilize our woodland has been restricted to the point of preventing use/management. I encourage everyone to take a look at an Act 181 map to see what this means for you.

The Education redistricting has been quiet of late but is still in process. Bills are coming out of committee to be read on the floor and voted on to make crossover.

Kathleen Paglia, Director

SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE/AGRICULTURE REPORT

Many of the agricultural organizations in Vermont rallied together to oppose Act 181 on March 24 at the Statehouse. As the largest land-use regulatory transformation since Act 250 back in 1970, many farmers and folks living in the rural areas of Vermont worry about implications that begin to be imposed as the rules are being written now and jurisdiction begins with the new year. There isn't time nor patience nor money for farmers and others to go through permitting, even our newer small and diversified farming community needing access to their events and farm stays.

And please note, as one farmer shared, "We are being asked to subsidize development goals with our property rights while being denied the opportunities the wealthy enjoy...the knowledge of working the land, the social pattern of multi-generational continuity is being driven to distinction." Neil Ryan of Corinth.

Another quote of Neil Ryan's says, "...distant planners with computer models decided they know better than the people who work the land. They see static categories- 'forest blocks", 'habitat connectors"- drawn on screens. I see two hundred years of human stewardship creating a bio diverse mosaic of field and forest."

And, as President of VT Farm Bureau told the Rural Caucus recently at the Statehouse, "We will lose the voice of Vermont if we force the hand of prioritizing larger developments over those that feed us."

Your VT State Grange Executive Committee has acted. They have gained the input for the State Ag/Environment Committee and released this resolution.

REPEAL ACT 181

Whereas: Vermonters have been excellent stewards of this land for generations; and

Whereas: In 1925 Vermont had 3.3 million acres of farmland and now there are as few as 500,000 acres for crops and livestock; and

Whereas: Prioritizing large developments over areas that feed us, road rules that impact family living, hired labor housing, and the Vermont Maple Industry by developing Tier 2 and Tier 3 areas that have restrictions; and

Whereas: The final Tier 3 map has not been drawn yet so you don't know where your land will sit, and

it's supposed to take effect December 31, 2026; therefore Be It Resolved: That the Vermont State Grange strongly opposes Act 181 and urges its repeal.

Resolution submitted by the Vermont State Grange Agriculture and Environment Committee.
Resolution approved by the Executive Committee of the Vermont State Grange on March 30, 2026.

A copy of this resolution will be sent to:
Governor Phil Scott
Anson Tebbetts, Secretary, Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Kathleen Paglia, VSG Legislative Director
Encourage all Grangers to contact their reps about Repeal of Act 181

Yes, we need to build more housing, but we must protect the prime ag lands to feed Vermonters in the future. Many bills can pass through the Legislature, but when the regulations get written, and we finally find out what the impact will be, we must act.
Jenny Nelson. Reporting

COMMUNITY SERVICE
I hope you have completed several projects within your Grange for your community. Be sure to complete the project forms in the program book so they will be ready to go into your report book in July. Remember all projects done from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, go in this year's report book due during Family Camp. Also, review suggestions for what to include on reports and see points sheet. The judges ask that you explain how you earned the money to perform the community service project; bake sale? Lawn sale? Dues? Valuable information. Looking forward to seeing all your reports in July!!!!
Deborah Ploof, Director

FAMILY ACTIVITIES
Continuing with the wasted food in the Environment article, wasted food is 24% of the landfill waste. The U.S. wasted nearly 92 billion tons of food each year which results in millions of pounds of greenhouse gas emissions including methane. People need to stop putting food waste in the trash, so take it to the landfill or compost Continuing with the wasted food in the Environment article, wasted food is 24% of the landfill waste. The U.S. it yourself, please!
Chili contest, just a reminder to bring your chili (meat or meatless) to Family Camp on Saturday July 11th by 11:30 a.m., so it can be judged in time for lunch. Include your recipe (no package seasonings), and 2 quarts of Chili in a crock pot, as this will be lunch that day.
This is also collection day for the Needlework & VT craft contest. The Northeast Needlework will be judged in state and the first place will be going on to the New England Grange Building for judging there. I am planning to have the VT contest judged by the end of July and hopefully returned to you by August 1st, so you can enter your articles in our State Fairs and Field Days. Good Luck!
Here are a few craft ideas to decorate your home with.

1) Use an old (or new) funnel and turn it into a plant hanger. Attach 3 chains (equally spaced drilled holes on the wide rim) and some S hooks to hang by. Use a coco liner in the bottom before adding your plants.(coco liners are a natural, biodegradable planter material made of coconut husk-usually for hanging wire containers-this material holds soil, maintaining moisture and great aeration for root health and allows proper drainage.)
2) Using decorative knobs (found in hobby, craft or home improvement stores) make them into flowers and place in jars, crocks, watering can, or any other vessel, by wrapping the screw with sturdy wire. Place pebbles in the container to hold flowers in place. Add a little green grass for color.

Linda Sanderson, Director

YOUTH
The Northeast Regional Youth Conference will take place June 12-14, 2026 at the ELMM Center in Winchester, NH. $30 registration fee includes meals, activities, and floor space for sleeping. Contact the NH Grange Youth Director Andrew Savage at acsavage3@gmail.com for more information.
National Grange has published the 2026 Youth Contests, including a Creative Expressions contest celebrating America's 250th birthday. Any person age 14-25 can enter in the Visual Arts, Creative Writing, Interactive Celebration, and Media/Storytelling categories. Entries are due 09/01/26 and can be sent to the National Youth Director at youth@nationalgrange.org. More information on all of the National Youth Contests are available at www.NationalGrange.org/Youth-Young-Adult
Jessica Falker, Director

Blue Spruce Grange #574 -
Brothers and Sisters, I hope all of you had a somewhat good end of winter. My calendar said that spring started on March 20. You couldn't prove it by me. But almost all the snow is gone from my yard, and it is going to be in the 60's tomorrow, it's just a teaser – going back down to the 40's.
Spring bulbs are trying to punch through the leaves I didn't get to rake up last fall. Can Spring really be coming?
Blue Spruce members are finishing up all of our Community Service projects. We have finally completed all the Comfort Pillows and all the Lap robes designed at last year's Chaplain Valley Expo have been put together and are ready for quilting. We delivered Comfort Pillows, Sleep Masks with bags, Rice Bags, and Walker Bags to Porter Hospital. We hope to deliver items to Gifford and Central Vermont soon.
One of our meetings in both February and March was on Zoom (makes for a sorter meeting).
On our March 27, 2026, meeting we welcomed a new member to Blue

Spruce and collected candy for Josh's House.
We have written 3 Resolutions and submitted them. I hope all Grange's will be submitting Resolutions also. We will be exemplifying the first degree on April 10, 2026. Meeting starts at 6:30 at the First Congo Church in Essex Junction. All are invited to attend. Janice M Rousselle, Master

Bridgewater Grange #284 We have doing our monthly Potluck Suppers and they are a big hit. Trying to get one squeezed in for April. Will know more at next Grange meeting. Also planning our Chili Taste off on Sunday, the 19th from 1 to 3. We have been having Bingo 2 times a month. Now that the weather is getting better more will come. We are getting our plans for our Yard Sales, Craft Sales, Food Sale and Ice Cream Social, these plans are in the making. Laura Robinson, Secretary

Center Grange #290 in January, we put together 10 baskets, and Dwayne Gibbs refurbished an old dresser for the Basket Raffle, hosted by New Horizons Pomona #33. This benefited the Grange Center which raised over $2400. The program for our February meeting was in charge of our Agricultural chair, Karen Barnouw. She did a trivia type game about agricultural things in the 4 degrees of the grange. We then had an agricultural themed cup auction after the meeting. This raised the funds for the Heifer Project donation. In March we held our chili cooking contest. There were 4 entries :1st- Donna Sullivan, 2nd- Michelle Farmer, 3rd- Carissa Johnston, & 4th- Betty Gibbs. For the Health committee's part of program, we had blood pressure readings done by Donna's relative. The members then voted to start a Food Drive to benefit Slate Valley Cares in Fair Haven. Any donations may be brought to the Hubbardton town office or contact Dwayne Gibbs. This project will run for a couple of months. Our April meeting will be on the 15th & will be our Evaluation. Marble Valley Grange will join us to confer the 1st degree. Anyone is welcome. Submitted by Michelle Farmer, Information Chairman

Capital City Grange - We have had a busy 2026 thus far, with more to come. In February, we had a very interesting program featuring Calais, Vermont podcaster Erica Heilman, talking about the process of creating her "Rumblestrip Vermont" podcast. She talked about recording in her closet, about how she establishes relationships with the everyday Vermonters whom she most likes to interview, and how curious she is about how other people experience the world.
We have another program coming up on April 4, featuring Central Vermont writer and holistic nutritionist Lisa Masé. Lisa blends modern nutrition science with ancestral traditions such as Ayurveda, Traditional Chinese Medicine and the Mediterranean way of eating. Participants will learn simple ways to personalize their eating, understand the energetic qualities of foods and build a kitchen stocked with ingredients that nourish and support wellbeing. This discussion will happen from 5:00 to 6:00 on April 4th, following a shortened Grange meeting starting at 4:30 PM. It will be followed, of course, by a Grange Community Potluck in the Lower Level. At our Grange meeting, we'll be voting on ordering 100 new, padded chairs for our Hall, using a very generous donation by North Branch Grange in honor of Charles Martin to cover most of the cost! We really appreciate their support—and we all miss Charles, who was the Master of North Branch for many years, as well as being our secretary.
On May 2nd we will have a regular meeting, which will focus on preparing for the performance of the First Degree on the following day. We'll be joined by experienced members from Caledonia #9 and North Branch #483, who will fill some of the offices for the ritual. Those Granges and our own will supply some new members to take part in the Degree. We look forward to carrying on the traditional Degrees, and the lessons they impart, as well as to discussing the place of these rituals in the Grange today. We'll be starting the Degree at 4:00 PM on May 3rd; we'll follow it with—of course!—another potluck dinner.
At our June 6 meeting, we will be holding our Chili Cooking Contest. Anyone can enter; we ask people to bring entries by 4:30 PM. Our "Local Celebrity Judges" will test out the entries in the Lower Level while we hold our June Sing-Along upstairs. At about 5:30 we'll adjourn downstairs to see which dishes the judges pick. We hope to share some of the chilies for our potluck dinner, as well as other foods—we know chili is not everyone's favorite! We're going to be accepting meat and vegetarian chilies, and we're not restricting the recipes, so we should have a good variety of choices.
April and May will include Dance Sing & Jump Around on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 3-4:30 PM; we hope that attendance will be good as it has been the first quarter of the year. We know that as the weather gets warmer, people find outdoor activities for their families.
We have Kids Trade & Play clothing exchanges on the 2nd Saturdays all year around, from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. The March 14 event was the 10-year anniversary, and we had record attendance of 151 adults and kids! A generous Capital City Grange member donated to cover the running costs of the event, so we didn't ask for any donations from families—but several made donations anyway, to support the work that we do to provide clothes for families to use, and a place to donate good quality items that kids have outgrown.
We continue to get regular use of the Grange by families for celebrations of all kinds, including no-cost "rentals" we provide for Berlin residents, as a thank-you for not charging us property tax. This arrangement has allowed us to provide affordable rentals for community groups of all kinds, as

well as letting us concentrate on our community service work, and on maintaining and improving our Grange Hall. Submitted by Tim Swartz, President (with everyone's help).

Charlotte Grange - Spring brings more activity to the Charlotte Grange. We have just completed a successful online auction that raises our operating funds for two years. We are very busy with building improvement projects including a new first-floor exit and ADA accessible ramp as well as a second-floor electrical upgrade. This spring our events calendar includes poetry gatherings, a children's clothing drive, a lecture about the history of the Charlotte Grange Hall and recent application to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the start of our Charlotte Walks monthly rhythm, a ceremony and flag placing on Memorial Day, and a food drive for farm workers. For more event details, please visit our website's event page at https://www.charlottegrange.org/events

Marble Valley Grange voted out 4 of our members who have not paid their dues or participated in any of our meetings or activities in many years. This is not the warm and fuzzy news we like to report, but it is the reality of needing to keep our Grange sustainable and not continuing to pay state and national dues for members that are not active. We are hopeful that someday they may want to re-join the Grange without accruing additional back-dues. In happier news, our remaining very active members are trying something new! We will be hosting a Legislative Day meeting with our Vermont State Representative on April 19th, 2 pm at the Maclure Library in Pittsford. All are welcome to attend! Jessica Falker reporting

Middle Branch #463 held five card parties this winter. The MIP Committee organized a bake sale table at the Cabin Fever Bazaar on February 14. This year, the Home Ec. Committee did something new for the cooking contest. On February 22, we invited the public to judge our entries, 11 in all. We provided the chili, cornbread, dessert and drinks and approximately 20 guests enjoyed a free lunch and voted for their favorite chili. The Community Service Committee collected donations at the door which were then divided between the Bethel and Randolph Food Shelves. Contest winners were Craig Wortman 1st place, Lois Wakefield 2nd place, and May Edson 3rd place. On March 6, thirteen Subordinate members and one Junior member traveled to Riverside Grange to confer the degrees. The regular officers of Middle Branch, led by Master Jillian Dean did the 1st Degree and Riverside did the 2nd. On March 15, Judy Powell and her team did the 3rd Degree at Middle Branch and Riverside's Master, Greg Tilton came over to confer the 4th Degree with some help from Middle Branch members. After the meeting, the Youth Committee satisfied everyone's sweet tooth with sugar-on-snow! Our Easter Bake Sale will be Saturday, April 4 at 1:00pm at the Octagon in East Bethel. Our Annual Dues Paid Supper will be Saturday, April 18 starting at 5pm at the Royalton Academy Building. The Building Committee has been working with an architect to work out a concern that was brought up by the Fire Marshall.
Judy Powell, Lecturer

Tunbridge Grange - We have made renovations to our kitchen, and we want to thank Jeff Young of Tunbridge for his kind offer of plumbing assistance (Grangers can do many things, but plumbing is not an area we Tunbridge Grangers wanted to tackle!)
We have started discussing our plans for this year's Memorial Day Parade. The Tunbridge Grange has been managing the parade (like herding cats) for many years to assist the Town of Tunbridge. This year's parade's theme will be the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence!
Rosemary Distel reporting