



Master's Message – Kendal Holden

As you read this Spring is springing, the grass is rising, buds are budding, flowers are popping up, fields are being plowed and soon the sower will go forth to sow. What shall we sow? Let's sow kindness, empathy, caring, love for our fellow beings. Our Legislative Day in Montpelier didn't quite go as planned. It seems the staff at the capital were less than hospitable when we first arrived, and information we could have used, such as no shuttle, was not shared. At least one of the pages, Miss Chittenden, was more concerned about our situation than the staff. Once we were able to interact with our lawmakers, they were friendly enough and happy to speak with us. Watching the Senate in action was educational and surprising, (no seconds to a motion). While eating at the cafeteria has been a staple in the trip, eating away from the noise and hubbub, the trek to Capitol City Grange Hall, allowed us to enjoy lunch, which was very good, and engage in conversations we might not have had otherwise. I thank Kathleen Paglia for her efforts in putting this day together and providing the lunch.

I urge you to go to our Grange Facebook pages. We need more up to date information for the general Grange page. Coming events and pictures of recent events would be helpful. The Youth and Jr. FB pages are up to date and worth visiting. Our GRIT workshops will have been held by the time you read this article. I wish to thank Sister Brenda Rousselle for the information she was able to share with the presenters, as well as presenting parts of the program. Thank you also to Deborah Ploof for dredging up

information and being a presenter. Thank you to Sister Janice Rousselle for making copies of handouts. Thank you to Brother Errol Briggs, Sister Nancy Perkins, Sister Alice Daley for their presentations, and all the aforementioned Sisters for the food goodies they provided! Especially a big THANK YOU to Bomoseen and Bridgewater Granges for opening their halls to us.

Earlier in May I asked Lois Allen to send out a communication from Amanda Brozana Rios concerning SHIPmates, a membership and leadership development fellowship program. Any Subordinate Grange member may apply up until July 15th. One member from each of the five National Grange Convention host regions will be selected. Remote training begins this September, then a nine-day hands on experience at the 157th Annual National Grange Convention in Niagara Falls from November 10 to the 19th. Work will continue in 2024. Convention registration, housing, three ticketed dinners and two ticketed lunches will be covered by program funds as well as a few other group meals. Delegates/Officers will help by providing additional meals throughout the convention week So far, in this, paragraph I've only repeated a portion of the explanation letter, which I hope you've read. If you're interested but don't have the information, contact me and I'll email it to you or see information at this web address:

<https://www.nationalgrange.org/shipmates-program/>

I hope you are reading "*The Patrons Chain*", it is putting out a good deal of information from which we can benefit as individuals and as an organization. Sign up for the

newsletter via email by submitting your email address to information@nationalgrange.org to join the mailing list.

BIDS NEEDED for SIXTH DEGREE and AWARDS BANQUET

The VSG Executive Committee in an effort to reduce expenses and reduce time spent at the annual state session has voted to have the degree and banquet in a Grange building in Vermont. The following are the requirements for submitting a bid:

1. A Grange Hall that can accommodate (large enough) the 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, as much as possible.
4. We have to know if there is a tuned piano or if Lester Gibbs, VSG Musician, needs to bring his keyboard. And if so, need a place to plug into power.
5. The Hall needs to be available several hours before start time, either same day or the day before, to give Flora time to set up her stage.
6. I believe we want a dinner--or depending on the timing--a lunch that is served. The hosting Grange will keep the money for the meal. Reservation will be encouraged,
7. Preferred date is in September or early October.
8. Bids should include:
 - a. Date and time
 - b. Menu and Price
 - c. Piano and/or power

Bids being accepted until July 1st, 2023, for plans to be made and members notified. Send bids to State Master.

2023-2024 Program Book will be into the hands of every Grange Master by July 1. There are many new programs and contests, and, in most cases, Pomona has different requirements for points than the Community Granges emphasizing the leadership/communication role Pomona Chairs are charged with. It will be put on the Vermont State website AFTER Family Camp. See www.vtstategrange.org/.

Chaplain's Message – Jenny Nelson

God has a way of helping me out at times like this. Ever find it to be true, if you stop and listen and observe the situation around you? What will I write to you? Well, the “*Patron's Chain*” came today and last night one of our Presbyterian ladies had a devotional and program for our group. I had also attended a Presbyterian Women's Retreat in NH last weekend. All of these programs merged with a springtime lesson. The Parable of the Sower, garden planting, and sharing kindness and love all have something in common. We need to prepare our own soil as a community of helpers. We need to be humble and plant words of wisdom and seeds of kindness. In Luke 8:5-8, we read “Once there was a man who went out to sow grain. As he scattered the seed in the field, some of it fell along the path, where it was stepped on, and the birds ate it up. Some of it fell on rocky ground, and when the plants sprouted, they dried up because the soil had no moisture. Some of the seed fell among the thorn bushes, which grew up with the plants and choked them. And some seeds fell on good soil; the plants grew and bore grain, one hundred grains each.”

To be a Sower, you must have God in your heart. People need to feel a sense of belonging and a purpose, not be lonely or isolated. Do we

share or are we listless and adrift. How can we help others to feel secure and strong and absent from struggles and doubts? Grange can be one avenue to share our ways of coping and caring as Christians, our understanding of God's love and His on-going role in our lives when we invite Him in and believe in His gift of salvation and eternal life. This is the season to grow your seeds of faith.

Lecturer's News - Alice Daley

On April 22 and April 29, we assembled for the GRIT workshop. Both were well attended and lots of information was shared. We also learned new information. The program books are coming along nicely and will be at the printer by June 1st and to Pomona and Community Masters before the end of June.

Are you working on your Lecturer's report? A reminder that they are due by noon July 8th at Family Camp. Have you read your 12 books and written book reports? Have you put together a multimedia project? Maybe take a bunch of items to your next meeting and have your members make something. Remember that you need at least 3 different media. Ex: foam, metal (coat hanger or craft wire), plastic, wood, and anything else you can think of. How about some photos? They must be matted or in a frame without glass.

As always, I would love to be invited to your meeting. Just send me a note. If you have any questions or concerns, please ask. I can be reached at adodds0322@gmail.com.

Executive Committee Notes - Brenda Rousselle, Secretary

The Executive Committee met on April 16, 2023 at the home of Brenda Rousselle. The first in-person meeting is quite some time!

Under Old Business---Work is continuing on the sale of Maple Valley #318 Grange Hall. An update was given by Worthy Master Kendal Holden on the upcoming GRIT Workshops.

Under New Business---The scholarship applications were received, and work will begin on reading and scoring the forms. Sister Debbie Ploof gave a brief summary of the committee work she has been doing with the National Grange on the future of Pomona Granges. The dates for the Junior and Youth Camps were confirmed and a request is being sent out to the Subordinate Granges seeking proposals to host the Sixth Degree this summer/fall.

All in all, a productive meeting. It was good to see everyone's face around the table!!!!

As with notes from all Executive Committee meetings, a full copy of the minutes will appear in the VSG Journal of Proceedings.

National Grange Convention; Niagara Falls, NY; Dates: 11/14-11/18 - Linda

Sanderson-VT Coordinator

National Grange had an informational zoom on May 8th. I am sorry that the link was not posted well in advance, and I am sure there will be more later this year. The Host Committee is now meeting monthly, fine tuning the details. Tours are set, van transportation still needs a few good drivers, the Host Banquet has picked out their menu, we are allowed to bring in home baked goods for our hospitality room...YAY. But we have reread the Convention contract and it closes--depending on the day of the week--at 10 or 11 pm. Sheraton at the Falls rooms are \$135 a night and only 3 blocks from the falls. Vermont still has one room for Friday & Saturday night (17th & 18th) to help in the Hospitality room and at the Registration desk on the Convention Ctr. Let Linda Sanderson know if you can come out and help, VT will pay your mileage.

Educational Aid Fund Trustees - Lois Wakefield, Chair

We are in the process of scoring scholarship applications. We had 62 VSAC scholarships, a few Waterbury

applications, and a couple Grange Member only applications. We still have loan applications and grants available. Contact Janice Rousselle for information about them.

Grange Center - Ruth Hovey-Sicely, Chair

I think that Summer might actually be on the way. By the time you receive this GMG, it should be time to come to the Grange Center and help us clean up. Our Clean Up Weekends have been moved to Saturday, June 10 and Sunday, the 11th and again the next weekend, June 16-18. Hopefully our well might have been repaired by then! We're reconnecting all the pipes on Friday, June 9th.

Our first in person meeting will be held at the Grange Center on Saturday, June 17th. It will be good to see folks in person again! Our first Food Break at the Rest Area in Sharon will be held on June 18 & 19. A Huge Thank You to those Granges who have contributed money to allow us to buy mixes for our Rest Areas. Ruth will be calling around and having Lois Allen send out emails, looking for volunteers to help man the booth for the three Rest Areas we have.

The Center Board has been asked to provide the food for Family Camp, that's being held on July 7-9, 2023. We had a meeting on May 20th to decide what our menus would be for all our upcoming events. A registration form is included with this GMG issue. It's a good Package Deal of only \$40 for the weekend, for food and lodging. If you have a camper trailer, it's an extra \$10 per night. **Please return the Reservations by June 23rd** to Ruth Hovey-Sicely, 270 Eagle Ledge Road, Worcester, VT 05682. We have another Food Break Rest Area on July 29 & 30.

Then we skip ahead to our Annual Chicken Pie Dinner being held on Saturday, August 26th at 5:30pm. We kept the price at \$15/Adults and \$7/Children 10 and under. I just wanted to give you a reminder that it was coming up.

We had a productive meeting on the 20th, and all our meals have been planned out. Remember, if you come to help at the Center, we will feed you. Please come join us at all the fun events coming up.

Agriculture and Environment – Jenny Nelson, Director

What a wild fluctuation in temperature we have witnessed! Did anyone eagerly plant any seeds or set out plants that didn't survive that crazy drop in temperature in May? I'm always so eager to plant the garden, but I do realize those plants can't be set out too early. This year's freeze even did some damage to the perennials- Wow! We use our best knowledge and experience and hope for traditional weather patterns. But, like so many other issues in the world, change just keeps coming. We need to use the weather forecasts, not get too anxious, and cover up what we can as the need arises, I guess.

I tip my hat to all of you who grow at least some of your own fruits and veggies. I bow to those of you who share some of your bounty with senior centers, food shelves, and/ or schools and hospitals. And I applaud all of you who are able to use all that you grow, not letting one tomato drop or green bean get moldy. For me, that's the hardest and most frustrating.

And you know, it isn't just the garden produce, it's any food! I try hard not to waste anything, but it is much harder than when we had all the kids at home, and everyone was always hungry!! I'm sure many of you have the same issue. I'm doing better; leftovers are incorporated more often than not. I truly appreciate the yummy veggies and try to freeze what we can't eat. That's always brought a sense of accomplishment, don't you think?

On another note, our Church ladies group got into quite a discussion about plastic bags and food containers, reminiscing about the past and the new items like beeswax paper material to use instead of Saran Wrap. For example. I

remember stacking freezer containers in the freezer, using them year after year. Somehow in recent years, I went to freezer plastic food bags- shame on me! Anyone else guilty? We talked about people washing out bread bags, smashing tin cans, having compost piles long ago, way before the 3 R's- Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.

When you hear the news of the tons and tons of plastic at the bottom of our ocean waters, along with so much other debris, and the piles and piles of buried trash in our community waste facilities, we all know that we need to do better. Ocean waters continue to increase in temperature, causing worse storms- they say El Nino has been activated again for this year. I ask you to set a goal for your home and family. Maybe put a reminder on your frig and another on your waste baskets! See if you can make a difference.

Community Service – Deborah Ploof, Director

I have more information about the National Convention Community Service Project to share. The NE Host Committee has chosen Community Missions of Niagara as the recipient of this year's community service collection. Granges in every state will be asked for warm socks, mittens, and hats (store bought or handmade) for all ages, but adult sizes are needed the most. Vermont's collection points will be Family Camp, Fall Festival, and VSG convention 2023. Items collected after October 31st, 2023 will be going to shelters in Vermont. I will be keeping track of each subordinate Granges contribution and an award will be given out to the Grange that donates the most usable items! Monetary donations can also be made. Put a pair of socks, mittens, or hats on your shopping list or pick up those knitting needles and crochet hooks from now till VSG convention on October 27 & 28 and you can build up a stash to deliver to me then. I am volunteering at the National Session, so I want a car full of donated items.

If you have any suggestions for Community Service projects, please let me know. Phone number is 802-989-3237 and email is deborah.ploof@outlook.com. Please put Grange in your subject line. **National Community Service Reports are due by noon on Saturday of Family Camp** along with your state reports. I am looking forward to reading these reports and seeing what Granges are doing for their communities across the state. See you at Family Camp!

Junior Grange – Martha Bissell, Director

Just a friendly reminder that the 2022-2023 Contest Projects are as follows:

- Rock Painting - Find a nice rock to paint or color. Size of rock no larger than 3" x 3" x 3".
- Duct Tape project - Create a project using duct tape. Size not to exceed 6" X 6" X 6".
- Buttons--Create something interesting or useful using buttons. Decorate with any medium. 4" X 4" X4"
- Other state contests can be found on the Community Service, Fall Festival, Family Activities, Legislative, and Lecturer program pages in the program book. Junior aged people can enter those contests as well.

Any contest entries need to be brought to Family Camp by 12:00 noon on Saturday, July 8, 2023.

Each entry must be clearly labeled with the following information: Name, Age (w/ birth date), Grange name & number, Mailing address, Phone &/or Email, & Junior Age Group. (Junior Age is determined as of January 1, 2023) Jr. Age groups: Group 1: 5-7, Group 2: 8-10, Group 3: 11-14

Junior Camp – Melody Falker

Junior Grange Camp is almost here! This year, the camp will be taking place Sunday, July 9th - Saturday, July 15th at the Grange Center in Brookfield, VT. Registration is available for \$100 to children ages 5-17; with a 50% discount available

to low-income families. This year we will be having daily themes including Welcome Day, Water and Dirt Day, Maple Day, Pirate Day, Nature Day, Farm Day, and Family Day. There is a Facebook event titled "Junior & Youth Overnight Grange Camp", so please share the event! Registration forms can be found at <https://www.vtstategrange.org/juniorsyouth.html>. For any questions (or if you would like to volunteer!) please email Melody at mfalker03@gmail.com or call me at 802-483-4330.

Fall Festival – Beth Morse, Director

Have you ever thought "What if it didn't take so long to register my items for Fall Festival? Could I enjoy the festivities sooner?" Well, the answer is yes. I am asking people to pre-register their items for judging and send the form to me by August 26th. Not sure at this point what veggies and/or fruits you will bring in? That's ok, write down all you plant, it is far easier to cross an item off your list than write a whole list that day. By pre-registering your items, I can have everything prepared for you ahead of time to display them. A registration form is available in this issue. Think about it, quicker registration means that much sooner you can get to the festivities. What can you expect this year? Here is a list of some of the games/activities:

- Pumpkin/gourd carving/painting contest
- Cornhole contest
- Horseshoe tournament
- Selfie Picture Booth
- Pumpkin Ring Toss
- Cornhusk doll making
- Rolling pin throwing
- Frying pan throwing
- Checkers Contest
- Cribbage Contest
- Hula Hoop Contest
- Baking Contests

Check out the Fall Festival pages (92023-2024 Program Book) for more details. I have completely reworked these pages, I included suggestions on how to display your items for those who have never done this

before and arranged the arts and crafts by types. I have broken the divisions for Juniors and Youth to be in line with those departments and I have updated the other divisions. If you have any questions about the program book, please reach out to me.

Take a close look at the Program Book Report for Fall Festival that too has been updated. Pomona's need points, going to Fall Festival? Consider being a contest/game attendant for at least part of the time and earn 10 points for your Pomona. Can we have any more fun? Yes, we will be having a movie night on Friday night with a build your own caramel/candy apple bar. Saturday night and Sunday morning are still in the planning stages, more to come. Door prizes, we will be offering door prizes again this year. Want to get rid of some nick knacks, craft kits, books, etc. that didn't sell at your yard sale or are just tired of or will never use? Have a present that is still sitting in its box because it just isn't you but didn't want to hurt the giver's feelings. We will take them out of your hands for door prizes.

Family Activities - Linda Sanderson, Director

I have submitted the 23-24 contest/info for the Program book. As soon as I get the ok, that it's good to go, I will make copies and mail them to the

Chairs/Secretary's/Master so there is a copy in each Grange. Also, in that mailing will be patterns for the walker/wheelchair tote bags, medical/comfort pillows, and a tea cozy. So, if you or your Grange doesn't have it by July 1st let me know and I will send it again. Read to find out more about the new contest for this coming year.

- **Please bring any contest entries to Family Camp July 8th (by noon).** This includes any crafts and the cooking contest that uses VT Maple Syrup. I have judges lined up and ready to start by Wednesday July 12th so I can return them to you so you can enter them into your local fair and make even more

money. If you have made anything for the Store at the New England Grange Building you can also bring those to Family Camp, as the Building Trustees will be meeting sometime in July to clean and get ready for the fair September 15-Oct 1.

- May was National Health Observance for Physical Fitness, Mental Health, Older adults and more. So, try to get out to do some walking when it's nice out. If you have a good relationship with your doctor, you will be more satisfied with your health care. Write down your questions before your visit, listing your most important first. If you don't have a health history start one and each visit add to it. Also bring your meds or at least a list of them and maybe someone to go with you as you might not catch all the information.
- June is Children's awareness Month-which aims to encourage, support & educate children while prioritizing their health & wellbeing. Also, it is LGBTQ, Men's Health Awareness, Gun Violence Awareness, Alzheimer's Awareness Month to name a few.
- July is Disability Pride Month, French-American Heritage Month, Plastic Free Month, National Minority Mental Health month & National Bison month.
- August 3rd is National watermelon day (refreshments for your closest meeting), 5-11 is National smile week, National "Don't be a Bully month and National Immunization Awareness Month.

Get your garden (or just a few veggies planted in pots) to have some fresh home-grown veggies for a meal.

Health and Wellness News - Alice Daley, Director

Working on your report yet? Don't wait until the last minute. Remember to list the 6 different topics you reported on during your meetings. Have you written a resolution yet?

I recently attended the GRIT workshops where we all heard and learned new information.

- Did you know that May 20 is Armed Forces Day? It is also National Egg Month along with Healthy Vision Month and National Dental Care Month.
- June is Dairy Month, Fresh Fruit and Veggies Month. It is also Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month.
- July 16 is National Ice Cream Day.

As always, contact me if you have any questions or concerns. My email is adodds0322@gmail.com.

Membership/Leadership – Deborah Ploof, Co-Director

I hope you attended one of the GRIT workshops. If you didn't, one discussion item was about Associate Members. I have a new brochure and application forms if you need them. Contact me at deborah.ploof@outlook.com or 802-989-3237.

Associate Members in Subordinate Granges

- A person or business with an interest in the advancement of agriculture and improvement of rural life may become an Associate Member.
- Annual dues are determined by the Community Grange. Remember: \$24.00 is paid to the State Grange so make it more than that. Suggestion is \$40-\$50.
- Associate members shall be entitled to receive State Grange information publications and participate in State Grange services as provided for by the Vermont State Grange. The Associate member shall be entitled to attend regular Grange meetings except when Degrees are being conferred but shall not be entitled to vote on matters of Grange policy or participate in Vermont State Grange sponsored contests that are designed for Grange members only.

Continuing the series with Step 3 of "Four Steps to Successful

Recruitment of New Members"

The information is taken from the National Grange Brochure, Recruiting Members by being a Grange Ambassador. We talked about setting the stage in the February Issue. Last time it was LISTENING and learning about the person and their interests and needs.

Step 3: Fill the Need This is where you share with them how the Grange can fill the needs that they expressed in Step 2. Some examples of how the Grange fills needs:

- If they are lonely, share your experience of being part of the Grange family.
- If they have children, share the values of the Grange and the opportunities of the Junior or Youth programs
- If they are frustrated with government, share the legislative program of the Grange and our grassroots philosophy
- If they talked about a local problem, share how our community service program works and how they can make a difference through the Grange

Give the person a brochure or business card with your name and phone number and ask for their number, then follow up!

Youth Department - Jessica Falker, Director

July will be here soon! Please email me at JJEM1999@yahoo.com or call 802-483-4330 to register for the Northeast Regional Youth Conference, July 15th at 8am through July 16th at 11am. Vermont Grange Center, 308 West St, Brookfield, VT 05036. For Youth Members age, 14-35, but all are welcome to attend! \$25 for Vermont Grange Members includes all meals, activities & lodging. Thank you to Champlain Valley Pomona for their donation of an attendance grant. If you are unable to afford the \$25 fee, please note that with your registration.

Pomona Grange Reports

Heart of Vermont Pomona held their Fun Day in conjunction with their 5th Degree. On May 6th at 10 AM, people showed up at Middle Branch Grange Hall in East Bethel dressed as circus performers. There was Ariel Swinger the trapeze artist (aka Lois Wakefield), Boomer Jackson the ringmaster (aka Mark Belisle), FBI Agent Swift (aka Brenda Rousselle), The Strong Person (aka Mary Roberts), and many others. The occasion...a role-playing murder mystery called "Murder Under the Big Top". Two members of Blue Spruce Grange participated in the event. They were Brenda Rousselle and Alice Dailey. Thank you, ladies, for your help. All players were doing their jobs well, but there was one performer who outdid herself. That would be FBI Agent Swift. I think she was trying to be Columbo! She was voted by the cast to have received the "Drama Queen" award. The murderer was unmasked (Ruby the Clown! {aka Barbara Chambers}) After the acting was finished, we all went to the dining room for circus type food.

This picture shows The Strong Person asking Ruby the Clown if she will take a bribe. Ruby had the most bribe money at the end of the day. At 2PM, we exemplified the 5th degree with most officers present. Worthy Brother Garry Sharon from Industrial Grange acted as the Specter again this year. Thank you, Garry, for traveling so far to help us out. Next meeting will be June 3 at Moss Glen Grange in Granville. It will be the Youth/Junior program.

New Horizon and Champlain Valley Pomona Granges are working together to exemplify the Fifth Degree at Bomoseen Valley Grange Hall on May 25th. Potluck at 6 pm and degree at 7 pm. We have 3 new Pomona members from Champlain Valley taking the degree all members of Blue Spruce Grange.

Community Grange Happenings

Blue Spruce is continuing with the lap quilts people put together from the Champlain Valley Fair last summer. Make sure you stop in and see what we will assemble this coming August.

We exemplified the 2nd Degree in April. It was a great time. We will be doing the Third Degree in July. Two of our members recently joined with Heart of Vermont at Middle Branch Grange Hall to put on the play "Murder Under the Big Top". It was great fun! Six of our members attended and/or presented at both GRIT workshops. At present we are working to get our float ready for the Essex Memorial Day Parade. We have had a presence every year of the parade. Pray for warm weather and no rain. Alice Daley, Master

Gassetts Grange is excited to announce That our first Dance of 2023, was on April 1st and we had a full house. We had a lot of people and Great music. We decided we would hold the Dances on the 1st Sat. of the Month at 1-4PM, this change is for people that want to come, but do not like to drive after dark. It turns out that the time change made a big difference. So, we are keeping it this way. The "Dance" will be held the 1st Sat. of the Month, so in May it will be held the 6th at 1-4PM. (\$5.00/person at the door) We will have finger foods, soda, water, and coffee, available for donation. We will have a 50/50 Raffle. (\$1.00 per ticket.) We have a web site and are on Facebook with photos and information. Just go to Facebook and type in Gassetts Grange and it will go to our site. We are always looking for new Members to join our organization. If you need other information, please call Donna @ 802-591-4290. We also rent out the Grange for different Occasions, if you would like to rent it, call our Secretary, Bonnie Sanderson @ 802-875-3500 for details. We are located 5 Miles above Chester on Route 103N, 200 feet above the Jct. of route 10 and route 103N. Our

address is 3553 for GPS. Donna King, reporting

Maple Valley Grange #450 will hold their May meeting on Saturday May 27 at 1 P.M. We will have electricity! We are in the process of renting a corner of our lawn with power to a sugar maker who has agreed to pay the electricity for the whole year and fix the driveway. We feel that it will be a win, win situation and hopefully interest other town's people to investigate and take an interest in the Grange. We are hoping people will be interested not only in renting the hall for Family Get-togethers but joining the Grange. Marion Cubit, Master

Marble Valley Grange – Three of our members attended the GRIT meeting at Bomoseen Grange, where we obtained lots of useful information! We also donated 118 packets of seeds to 3 local food shelves and upgraded our plots at the Community Garden with raised beds where we will grow produce which will then also be donated to the food shelves. Coming up in July we will be hosting the Homegrown & Handmade Exhibit at the Brandon Carnival. Jessica Falker reporting.

Tunbridge Grange - Our hall has been closed for the winter months so we could cut down on our heating oil and electricity costs. We reopened for our April meeting. We are now officially assisting our member, Tracy Amell with the Tunbridge Memorial Day parade and will be entering a float. At our May meeting much discussion went on about repairs to the hall and will be painting the outside and doing a thorough cleaning inside. Five of our members attended the GRIT workshop on April 29th. We are preparing for our evaluation on June 7th when Lester Gibbs returns. Bingo ended for the season at the end of April with a full house. Attendance has been very good and we were happy to see many new faces. We've been

discussing doing a pet food donation drop-off where donations of pet food can be left for families needing food to feed their pets or possibly connecting with an animal shelter to offer pet food. Linda Lazaroff, reporting

Family Camp July 7-9, 2023

Come and have a fun time at Family Camp at the VT State Grange Center at 308 West Street in Brookfield, Vermont on July 7-9. Activities: Outside: Frying Pan Toss, Rolling Pin Toss, and Croquet. Inside: Card games, Board Games, chess, cribbage, checkers. See Reservation Form. You do NOT have to be a Granger to attend.

By Noon on Saturday all Lecture Contest entries and Family Activities Needlework Entries as well as entries in Cooking/Baking Contest using Vermont Maple. National Community Service books and State Notebooks are also due. Details in 2022-2023 Program Book on these contests. Your Master/President has a copy of program book and it is also at <https://www.vtstategrange.org/>.

Family Camp Meal & Lodging Registration Form July 7-9, 2023

- Friday night – 6:30 pm Potluck (Bring something good to share with everyone)
- Saturday
 - Breakfast – 7-8 am (\$7) – French Toast, Sausage, Syrup, coffee & juice
 - Lunch - 12-1 pm (\$12) - Choose 2 Meats, 2 Sides, Chips, Dessert & Drink (Hamburger, Cheeseburger, Hotdog, Macaroni Salad, Potato Salad, Chips, Watermelon & Drink)
 - Dinner - 5 pm (\$12) Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Tossed Salad and Cake for Dessert.
- Sunday – 7am \$7 Breakfast – Waffles, Cold Cereal, Milk, coffee & juice

Meals	Lodging
_____ # people Friday Potluck (bring a dish)	_____ # nights for Camper Hook-Up (\$10 each night)
_____ # people Sat Breakfast (\$7 each)	_____ # people Friday night (\$10 each)
_____ # people Sat Lunch (\$12 each)	_____ # people Sat night (\$10 each)
_____ # people Sat Supper (\$12 each)	
_____ # people Sun Breakfast (\$7 each)	_____ # people Package (\$40 each)

Name(s) _____

Address & Phone # of Contact person:

Come spend the weekend with friends and have fun. Mail form back to Ruth Hovey Sicely at 270 Eagle Ledge Road, Worcester, VT 05682 for reservations by June 23rd, or call 802-223-7961. Make checks payable to VT State Grange Inc. and put Family Camp on memo line.

Feel free to copy this form to share with friends.

Fall Festival Entry Form

(To be completed by exhibitor before entries are accepted)

Name _____ Grange Name & No. _____

Grange Member? Yes No (Non-grange members may enter but must be sponsored by a Grange) Sponsoring Grange Name & No. _____

Division:

- Junior I (5-8 yrs.) Junior II (8-10 yrs.) Junior III (11-14 yrs.)
 Youth (14-21 yrs.) Young Adult (22-35 yrs.)
 Adult (36-59 yrs.) Senior (60 ≥ yrs.)
 Family (Please attach a separate entry form for any Jr/Youth entries included w/ Family)

Do you want your ribbons? Yes No

Class from Premium List			Description	Is item being donated to auction?	Award
	CLASS	Name			
Example	E	Fresh Flower Arrangement	Example of entry – Wildflowers	Yes	
1				No Yes	B R Y
2				No Yes	B R Y
3				No Yes	B R Y
4				No Yes	B R Y
5				No Yes	B R Y
6				No Yes	B R Y
7				No Yes	B R Y
8				No Yes	B R Y
9				No Yes	B R Y
10				No Yes	B R Y
11				No Yes	B R Y
12				No Yes	B R Y
13				No Yes	B R Y
14				No Yes	B R Y

