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Master's Message

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I'll start by saying THANK YOU!! Thank you to all of the Delegates/Alternates that were there during State Session and had the faith and confidence in me to be elected to lead the Rhode Island State Grange. Like I said when I accepted, this is truly a Junior Granger's dream come true. I will admit that it was a bit odd at first to not be in a hotel for this event, but in keeping a positive spin on things, I'm honored to have been the first State Master installed in a Grange Hall in quite a long time. Now if anyone wants to go back through some of the State Grange History books to come up with an actual number of years, then the winner will get to be the first one to select their desired shifts to work in the Corn Dog Booth.

As nice as it was to have our Connecticut family doing the install, I was honored to have been installed by my Junior Leaders and Mentors, Paul and Barbara Rush and to be "sashed" by my Mom. These three have been on my Grange journey since the very beginning and continue to support me in all of my endeavors, both in and out of the Grange.

If you were not at State Session on Saturday, I announced Department Heads and Deputies. The biggest change is with our Membership Department. After a few conversations with Kelly Riley, of Chepachet Grange, about taking on the task of our membership, she accepted. Kelly is a go-getter and a mover and shaker!! She's going to take this position seriously and I'm asking that everyone takes our Grange membership seriously as well! Without bringing in new members, our organization that we all love dearly, will no longer exist. We can all start by looking in our own halls to see whose missing, who hasn't been around in a little while or even years. Membership is vital, but retention of our existing members is crucial. Some of our members may have retired by now and may have more time to get back involved, they may have children that could join or even grandchildren that could join the Junior Grange. Both of our Junior Granges could use more members as they age out after only 9 years, if they join at 5. We do have that one resolution going to National to change the "termination" from 14 to be returned to 16, as it was in my junior years.

I'm asking that all Department Heads have some sort of "membership" component in their upcoming programs.

Another change you'll notice is that I've asked Switch Ullucci, of Hope Valley Grange, to be a Co-Youth Director with Eileen Hebert. You may already know him as Matt, but he goes by Switch now and requests that that's how he is addressed. He's been very active with the Youth programs and I'm hoping that with an actual "youth" co-director, that we'll see some great programs/events coming out of that department.

Please show your Grange Spirit and Support as these two take on their new roles.

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At the time of writing this article, the leaves are falling, and our days are getting shorter. The RI State Grange Junior Awards Day was held on October 2nd at The Lodge at Camp Westwood, what a beautiful setting we had for a wonderful day of celebrating all the accomplishments for the Juniors. Awards were handed out for the contests the Junior Department held throughout 2022 as well as all the crafts the Juniors worked very hard on. The Providence Grange Award went to Moosup Valley Junior Grange. The 2022 Master of the Year was awarded to Annette Hartley of Moosup Valley Junior Grange #27. The 2023 RI State Grange Junior Princess is Annette Hartley of Moosup Valley Junior Grange #27.

Annette will be representing RI at the National Grange Convention in November out in Sparks, Nevada. She will be participating in the Public Speaking Contest, and she will also be competing for the title of National Junior Ambassador.

The committee will be meeting during the month of October to plan the Junior Program for the upcoming year. I'm looking forward to an exciting program with tons of contest, events, & crafts for the Junior Members of RI.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Juniors of Rhode Island. A Huge thank you to the Junior Leaders and the parents for encouraging the Juniors to participate in events and contests. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Junior events throughout 2023.

Don't forget to keep checking the Junior Department website for all the updated information relating to the department.

Junior Grange and the Junior Program are wonderful opportunities for children ages 5-14 to grow and become future leaders, advocates, or whatever else they dream to be. If you know any children 5-14, don't hesitate to get them involved. You can reach out to any Junior Grange Leader or myself for more information.

I'd like to wish everyone a happy, healthy, holiday season and a wonderful New Year!



Photo by Howard Paster

In October, RISG Junior Grange Awards Day was held honoring all Junior Grangers with awards which they received for all the work that they had done in the past year. This event was held at Camp Westwood in Coventry.

At this event, Nettie Hartley, Master of Moosup Valley Junior Grange, was crowned Junior Grange Princess and was also named Junior Master of the Year. Nettie has been a very active junior member for 9+ years, participating in and winning many contests.

To my Grange Family

I would just like to say thank you to all my grange family throughout the state of RI for all the wonderful cards that I received after the passing of my wife Patricia L Stedman.

It's nice to know that at times like this your grange family is there to support and comfort you.

*Love you all,
Harold Stedman*

At left is Nettie with her family. From left to right, grandmother Dorothy Moone, father Walter Hartley, mother Danielle Hartley.



Photo by Howard Paster

Moosup Valley Junior Grange needed the Grange's help with their Community Service Project, which was raising money for a 3 1/2 year old little girl named Amelia. Amelia was diagnosed in February with Acute B Cell Lymphoblastic Leukemia, which is a blood cancer. Amelia has a very rough and long road ahead of her and needs the Grange's help. Amelia's Mom, Carly, is a phlebotomist, and she was able to help one of our Grange members when she was sick. So the Grange wanted to return the favor by helping her family. Their goal was to raise \$1000.

In October, the Moosup Valley Junior Grange made a very special presentation at the annual session of the Rhode Island State Grange. The Junior Grangers far exceeded their initial goal, collecting a total of \$4,500. The State Grange added another \$500, making a total of \$5000 for Amelia and her Mom Carly.

The above photo shows Amelia and her Mom, Carly (back row, third from left) Junior Grangers and their Leaders Paul and Barbara Rush, back left and back right respectively.



Community Service
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Hi everyone! We went from the beautiful days of October with spectacular foliage to Indian summer in November. If this is climate change, bring it on! Congratulations to our new State Master Walter Hartley. We wish him and his family a successful and fun trip to National Session in Reno. Congratulations to all newly elected and reelected State Officers, and newly appointed and reappointed Deputies and Directors.

The State Session was well attended and there was an air of warmth and friendliness. The highlight for Community Service was honoring community award

winners for Citizen, Law-Enforcement Officer, Firefighter, Teacher, and Group. Julie Silva, submitted by Roger Williams – Rumford Grange #52, was elected Citizen, Law Enforcement Officer was Maddie Pirri submitted by Portsmouth Grange #29, Group was the Jonnycake Center of Westerly submitted by Perryville Grange #14, Firefighter Maria S. Smith and Teacher Paula DiLuglio were submitted by Chepachet Grange #38. Family and friends were invited to a small reception downstairs after the Community Service Program. Thank you to Diane Andrews, Carol Perry, and Mary Petrarca for helping host.

The following are the Community Service Workbook winners: Honorable mention goes to Hope Valley #7, Exeter #12, Perryville #14, Little Compton #32, and Roger Williams - Rumford #52. Fourth place was Portsmouth #29, third place was Richmond #6, second place was Slocum #36, and first place was Chepachet #38. Their workbook is on its way to National for judging with Walter.

For the Empty Plate project honorable mention goes to Portsmouth #29 and Little Compton #32. Fourth place was Slocum #36, third place was Richmond #6, second place was Chepachet #38, and in first place Exeter Grange #12.

Words for Third – The Dictionary Project. Six Granges participated and donated 793 dictionaries to 13 schools. Honorable mention goes to Moosup Valley Grange #26 and Little Compton #32 Fourth place was Perryville #14, third place Chepachet #38, second place Richmond #6, and first place Exeter Grange #12th. We will again have Papa Gino fundraisers in 2023. Dates TBA.

All Grangers please try and adopt a few schools in your area. Paper dictionaries are such a valuable teaching tool and help build a foundation for learning not available on a computer. For more information, please go to: www.dictionaryproject.org. There are some great resources on the “Get Involved” page.

Community Service Junior Report for the VETS project which stands for a Very Enthusiastic Thanks for Service, Nettie Hartley came in first in the 12 to 14 age bracket. I will submit her poem in the next issue of the Beacon. Red Sneakers Step Up in the individual category: Nettie Hartley came in first for the volunteer work she did at a daycare center. Red Sneakers Step Up Group: Congratulations to Moosup Valley Junior Grange #27 for raising \$5000 to help the family of Amelia, a 3 1/2 year-old who suffers from an aggressive form of leukemia. This was a very, very successful project.

Unbelievable, but the holidays are here. We should be thankful Covid is less prevalent. Let's continue our good work to help needy families, our veterans, the homeless, and pets. We know what to do and how to do it.

May you all have a bountiful Thanksgiving with family and friends. Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy 2023. Marie, Dennis, Maggie.



Agriculture

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(Ed. Note – I inadvertently omitted Joyce's column in the September issue. The following contest results were part of that column. The two paragraphs at the end are her submission for the December issue. My apologies for this omission.)

As I write this, I am preparing for the Washington County Fair. That means summer is winding down and soon the kids will be heading back to school and the leaves will be changing. I am hoping everyone had a wonderful summer. In May, at the Women's Activities Day, I had my Birdhouse, Compost and Milk Jug Bird Feeder Contests. There were so many amazing entries! Here is a list of the winners...

Adults

Birdhouse

1st	Celeste Spencer	Exeter
2nd	Peggy Fish	Exeter
3rd	Michelle Andrews	Kickemuit
4th	Amanda Carsten	Exeter
5th	Christine Andrews	Kickemuit

Compost

1st	Peggy Fish	Exeter
2nd	Amanda Carsten	Exeter
3rd	Rachel Mesyna	Moosup Valley

Juniors

Milk Jug Bird Feeder

8-11		
1 st	Hailey Fish	Moosup Valley
2nd	Cameron Noka	Newport Cty Jrs (Newport)

12-14

1st	Nettie Hartley	Moosup Valley
2nd	Brooke Houle	Moosup Valley
3rd	Grace Lynne Johnson	Newport Cty Jrs

Compost

Pre-Junior	1st Mason Houle	Moosup Valley
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4-7

1st	Scarlet Gotauco	Moosup Valley
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8-11

1st	Tristan Gotauco	Moosup Valley
2nd	Hailey Fish	Moosup Valley

12-14

1st	Nettie Hartley	Moosup Valley
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2nd	Brooke Houle	Moosup Valley
3rd	Madison Sherman	Moosup Valley

Birdhouse

Pre-Junior	1st Mason Houle	Moosup Valley
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4-7

1st	Penelope Triano	Newport Cty Jrs
2nd	Calvin Noka	Newport Cty Jrs

8-11

1st	Cameron Noka	Newport Cty Jrs
2nd	Hailey Fish	Newport Cty Jrs
3rd	Isabella Johnson	Newport Cty Jrs
4th	Jeremiah Ziegler	Newport Cty Jrs

12-14

1st	Nettie Hartley	Moosup Valley
2nd	Brooke Houle	Moosup Valley
3rd	Madison Sherman	Moosup Valley

Thank you for all who participated and helped judge!
Everyone did a wonderful job!!!

Next Beacon I will have the winners of the Photography and Coloring Contest winners.

I hope everyone is doing well and enjoyed the beautiful days we had this Fall! I want to thank the Worthy Master for asking me to do another term as Agricultural Director for the RI State Grange! I love being a part of the Grange! Everyone is family to me and coming from a family of 9 children, I feel right at home. When we would visit my Uncle Tom (Richmond, my Moms brother), they would talk about Grange and the WCF. As a child, we came every year to the fair and would see my Uncle, usually in the ticket booth and then would spend some time with him later in the day. Little did I know back all those years of attending the Fair that I would actually be a Grange member and writing this right now! I have been working on trying to get new members to go, especially the Juniors because we need a new generation as we become older. Hopefully by the time you read this we will have many new members!

I am happy for the members who entered my contests! I have a new one this year for the Juniors. I have a list of all the winners and some pictures from Woman's Activity Day. Thank you for all your support & reach out to me with any questions about the contests or anything else I need to do! I am always trying to learn! I appreciate all who help me with MY questions!

I wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!!!



Agriculture Contest entries

Juniors birdhouses (top left)

Adult birdhouses (Center left)

Juniors Birdfeeders (Bottom left)

Juniors compost (Top right)

Adult compost (Top bottom)



Random thoughts...

There should be a calorie refund for things that don't taste as good as you expected.

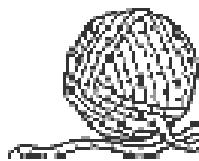
PROS & CONS OF MAKING FOOD
PROS – FOOD CONS - MAKING

I have a zoom meeting today. time to change into my business pajamas

Thanks to El Arroyo, Austin TX



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Women's Activities
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Happy Holidays.

I would like to thank our Worthy Master Walter Hartley for asking me to continue in this position.

Congratulations to all the award winners at state session, not only from this department, but from all of them.

We will be continuing with the Box Tops for Education again this year. This project/contest is an effective way for the Rhode Island School for the Deaf to get the extra money they would not normally get. We would like to set a goal of \$100.00 collected from the State Grange. If we can achieve this, it would be great. If you do not have the app, I can help you with that. Or, you can just send me your receipts and I will scan them. Please just remove the Credit Card information, as it will work without it.

We are adding at least one new contest for the Juniors this year.

The bowling will be held in March or May of 2023 at Dudek's in Warren. This year's profits will be helping Meeting Street School.

We are planning a raffle in conjunction with another department if possible. This raffle will be like the one that was previously held annually at State Session.

I would now like to just recap what I said at State Session:

1. Thank You to my Committee.
2. The bowl-a-thon in 2022 raised \$435.00, the second highest amount since it was started.
3. The department has two State Grange Funds and they are:
 - a. Hearing Aid
 - b. Project Close-up
4. Congratulations to this department's winners in the Box Tops, Subordinate Reports, and Pomona Reports.
5. Thank you to my neighbor, Carol Cappuccio, for all the time she has spent judging the reports.

Lastly, this department wishes the Rhode Island state Grange and all of its members a happy and healthy holiday season.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to call me at 401-489-8132 or email me statedeafhealth@rigrange.org.

Congratulations to all the winners in the WAC department. All winners are listed in my annual report. I am so proud of all of you and thank you for entering in 2021-2022.

My committee met and we are excited about a new state contest category which is Diamond Art, hope we will have entries in this group.

The Juniors have a new craft contest and a new recipe for the baking contest; can't wait to see the entries.

Save this important date: Saturday, January 14, 2023 at 9 a.m. at Exeter Grange. We will be hosting a food packing with the money we received from the Big E quilt raffle. We will be packing approximately 19,000 meals that day. Each Pomona Grange and Subordinate Granges will be receiving more information soon. We are asking all counties to take part in this event because all four counties will be receiving meals to distribute in their counties. Looking forward to this great event.

Wishing all of you a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.



Photo by Peggy Fish

Carol Perry and Howard Paster, both members of Slocum Grange were presented with Life Membership Cards for 50 years of Faithful and Continuous Membership, at the recent state grange annual session. Both members also received congratulatory letters for the 50 continuous years of Grange membership from Roxanne Nelson, RISG Secretary. Making the presentation were Eileen Hebert, RISG Master and Roxanne Nelson.

Programs of the Granges of Rhode Island
December 1, 2022 thru February 28, 2023

Moosup Valley Juniors - 10:00 am

Newport Cty Juniors - 1:00 pm

Providence County Pomona - 4:00

Washington County Pomona - 7:00

unless otherwise stated

Newport County Pomona starts at 7:00
unless otherwise stated

Other Grange meetings start at 7:30 except:

* meeting at 7:00 pm

** meeting at 8:00 pm

OM - Open Meeting PL - Pot Luck

Outlined items are state events – the department sponsoring the event is listed at the right of the box. In most cases more information is found in the column for that department

<<Note – Due to COVID issues, you should call ahead to verify that a grange is meeting>>

Thursday, December 01

Holiday Party- details TBA

Friday, December 02

Christmas Giving Time

Sunday, December 04

Secretary's School of instruction-1PM	OakLawn
State-Wide Information Day 3PM	OakLawn

Wednesday, December 07

Christmas

RW-Rumford Pearl Harbor- Patriotic Program

Thursday, December 08

*Newport Cty Pomona Little Compton
Christmas Crafts

Friday, December 09

Slocum Cookie Exchange
Bring 6 dz to exchange and 6 cookies for collation

Saturday, December 10

Washington Cty Pomona Christmas event-TBA
Monday, December 12

Hope Valley(6PM) Christmas Party
\$15 or less Yankee Swap

*Kickemuit Bring \$5 gift to exchange
Wednesday, December 14

***Note change of date

Providence Cty Pomona Chepachet
Pot Luck at 6:30PM, meeting to follow
Program – Christmas – bring cards to exchange

Thursday, December 15

Exeter Merry Christmas
*Rocky Hill Christmas Party

Friday, December 16

Richmond Christmas Party-details TBA
Wednesday, December 21

*Little Compton Christmas Dinner-no meeting
Old Warwick Christmas Party

RW-Rumford(PL 6:30) Christmas Dinner/Program
Bring unwrapped gifts for needy children
Wednesday, January 04

*Perryville Iceland
Moosup Valley Happy New Year
RW-Rumford "Ain't It A Shame"

Thursday, January 05
*Portsmouth New Year's Resolutions & Health Goals

Richmond **Friday, January 06**
BINGO Night!

Providence Cty Pomona **Saturday, January 07**
Zoom meeting Details TBA

Hope Valley(6PM) **Monday, January 09**
Ag Night

Kent Cty Pomona **Wednesday, January 11**
Rocky Hill Family Game Night

Slocum **Thursday, January 12**
Friday, January 13 What are you superstitious about?

Saturday, January 14

Food Packing Day-Exeter WAC
Starts at 9am – help is needed from all counties

Tuesday, January 17
Chepachet program TBA

Wednesday, January 18
*Little Compton(PL 6PM) Deaf & Health Program
Old Warwick Stormy Weather

Thursday, January 19
Exeter National Popcorn Day
*Rocky Hill Winter Fun

Richmond **Friday, January 20**
Casserole Cook off
Bring your best casserole for judging

Wednesday, February 01
*Perryville Saugatucket River
Moosup Valley Happy Valentine's Day
RW-Rumford Deaf & Health Program

Thursday, February 02
Portsmouth Valentine's Program Speaker

Friday, February 03
Richmond Youth Night

Saturday, February 04
Providence Cty Pomona Zoom meeting
Details TBA

Family Fun Night Lecturer
Slocum – 4PM

Tuesday, February 07
Chepachet program TBA

Friday, February 10
Slocum Deaf and Health Night

Monday, February 13
Hope Valley(6PM) WAC Night – Brown Bag auction

Wednesday, February 15
*Little Compton(PL 6PM) Women's Activities
Old Warwick Betsy Ross

	<u>Thursday, February 16</u>	
Exeter	National Almond Day	
	We are all going nuts!	
*Rocky Hill	US Presidents Day theme	
	<u>Friday, February 17</u>	
Richmond	Decades Night	
	Come dressed as your favorite decade	
	<u>Saturday, February 25</u>	
Washington Cty Pomona		Richmond
4pm – Meeting	5:30pm-Supper	7pm-Fair report

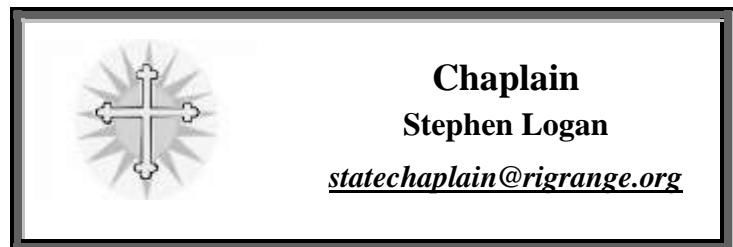


**Congratulations, Howard,
and thank you for your
service**



Left to right – Diane Andrews-Portsmouth Grange Master, Howard Paster, Kristin Paulson

On Thursday November 3rd, Portsmouth Grange held a very special Veterans Day Program. Howard Paster from Slocum Grange was honored by Portsmouth Grange Lecturer Kristin Paulson, who is also Massachusetts State Grange Lecturer, for 30 years of military service. On display were 2 photos of Howard wearing a Navy uniform and a uniform with the Army National Guard. This was in conjunction with a special program from the National Grange with a Patriots Program honoring Veterans. A number of State Grange Officers were present on to honor Howard.



Save the date for our annual State Grange Church service on June 4 at 3 PM. Let us all plan to come together as a Grange Family to worship at Wood River Baptist Church 246 (Rt 138) Kingstown Rd, Richmond, RI 02898. Be sure to invite Family and Friends to join us for worship and the social gathering to follow. Washington County Pomona Grange is our hosts for this wonderful occasion.

I am sure in your Grange life you have heard many times “Remember the Parable of the Mustard Seed.” Chances are you do not remember where you heard it or possibly do not know what it means. It comes from the last line of the installation of the Chaplain. Below is the parable written from three different books of the Bible.

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field; which indeed is smaller than all seeds but when it is grown, it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in its branches. [Matthew 13:31-32]

“Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.” [Matthew 17:20]

It's like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, though it is less than all the seeds that are on the earth, yet when it is sown, grows up, and becomes greater than all the herbs, and puts out great branches, so that the birds of the sky can lodge under its shadow. [Mark 4:30-32]

It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and put in his own garden. It grew and became a large tree, and the birds of the sky lodged in its branches [Luke 13:18-19]

What is the lesson of the mustard seed? We can see in all the passages above how a mustard seed can produce big change, both physically, and metaphorically. Another definition is that a mustard seed was the smallest seed, but it grew into a huge plant. This is Mark's third parable of growth. In this parable, Jesus teaches that although the Kingdom of God started small, with Jesus and the disciples, it would grow and spread across the world to unlimited numbers of followers



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Since the last issue of the Grange Beacon, on Sunday September 11th, State Grange Degree Day was held at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Richmond. Due to absences among some of the State Grange Officers, I was asked to fill in as Overseer for opening and closing the meeting, Gatekeeper for the 1st Degree and one of the Harvest Marchers for the 3rd Degree.

Also prior to Degree Day, I was made responsible for providing members for the Washington County Degree Team in the 4th Degree with the advice from two other members. I was able to have a full slate of officers for the Degree and were all present for the Degree. I filled in as Overseer for the 4th Degree.

I am announcing the winners of the contests with this department. The Juniors had a Bookmark Contest. Bookmarks were made out of card stock. The Junior Grange Leaders were supplied with card stock for their Junior Grangers to participate. Unfortunately there were just two entries, one from each Junior Grange.

The awards to the Juniors for the Bookmark Contest were 12-14 years old

2nd Place-Nettie Hartley-Moosup Valley Junior

4 1/2-7 years old

2nd Place-Penelope Troiano-Newport County Junior

Juniors Essay Contest "My Animal and Me"

12-14 years old

1st Place-Nettie Hartley-Moosup Valley Junior Grange

For the Subordinate Grange Entries-Newspaper Photo Contest, the winners were as follows;

1st Place Matt (Switch) Ullucci-Hope Valley Grange

2nd Place Peggy Fish-Exeter Grange

3rd Place Mary Petrarca, Portsmouth Grange

Subordinate Grange Entries-Single Article Contest

1st Place Kathy Stedman-Perryville Grange

2nd Place Carol Gafford-Kickemuit Grange

3rd Place Louise Roberts-Chepachet Grange

Newspaper Photo-State Grange Entry

1st Place Joyce Bastien

There was another contest in the Information Department for Subordinate Grange members to enter. It is called "Paint the Rock to Promote Grange." There were 5 rocks entered in this contest. All received ribbons.

1st Place Kathy Stedman
2nd Place Celeste Spencer
Participant Ribbons
Mary Petrarca, Michelle Andrews and Christine Andrews.

I attended all three days of State Grange Session that was held October 13-15, 2022 at Oaklawn Grange Hall. For much of the session, I filled in as Gatekeeper until the time of Installation of Officers.

A number of pictures were taken during the Session. During the report of the State Grange Secretary Roxanne Nelson, Carol Perry and myself with 50 year Life Membership cards for having been presented 50 year Golden Sheaf certificates during the past year.

There was a special Juniors program by Moosup Valley Junior Grange. It is a special Community Service Project called "Project Amelia." This project involves raising money for a 3 1/2 year old little girl named Amelia. The goal was to raise \$1000. The Juniors raised much more. A check was made out for \$4500. Then the State Grange added another \$500. So a total of \$5000 was raised for Project Amelia. A check was presented to Amelia and her mom.

Also a few of the Department Heads, along with Roxanne Nelson, were at a Zoom Calendar of Events meeting with State Grange Master Walter Hartley.

The contests and programs that this department will have for this year will be the same except for one. I expect to still have State Grange and National Grange Certificates made, Newspaper Photo Contest, Single Article Contest, Creative Bookmark Contest and Paint the Rock to Promote Grange. There will be a new Essay Contest that National Grange will have and we will have as well. The topic will be using the Agricultural Awareness theme of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. It will tell us how doing those three things can make an impact in the community and world around you. Entries can be sent to both National and State Grange with a chance to be awarded twice. Hopefully there will be a number of entries.

I am closing this Beacon column recognizing members of the Information Committee. They are Barbara Rush, Paul Rush, Peggy Fish, Cathy Kamowski, along with myself.

President... continued from page 1

Here is a list of Department Heads for the next 2 years:

Agriculture	Joyce Bastien
Community Service	Marie Robidoux
Deaf & Health	Jen Lawson
Information	Howard Paster
Membership	Kelly Riley
Scholarship	Raechel Robidoux
Tucker Research/Ed Center	Tom Gotauco & Carol Perry
Youth	Switch Ullucci & Eileen Hebert
Big E Trustees	Master, Overseer & Ex. Comm. Chair
Beacon Editor	Eileen Hebert
Fair Booth	Walter & Danielle Hartley
Web Master	John "Trey" Lawson III

Here are your Deputies:

Patty Cottrell	Special Deputy
Disa Johnson	Junior Deputy
Barbara Rush	Pomona Deputy
Paul Rush	Kent Novak Shirley Lawson
Cathy Kamowski	Eileen Hebert

I've scheduled a **State Wide Information Day for Sunday, December 4th at 3:00 PM** in the lower level of Oak Lawn Grange Hall. This will be after National Session, so I may have some items to report on at that time. I'm asking that all Department Heads have **ALL** their information ready for distribution on this day as it's very confusing to have things delivered after this date. Deputy assignments will also be announced that day. If anyone has any Junior contests, **PLEASE** send them to Judy White as soon as possible so she can get them added to her Junior program books. Also on **December 4th at 1:00 PM** is a **MANDATORY Secretary Workshop with our State Secretary, Roxanne Nelson**. I'm asking that **ALL** Secretaries attend this workshop. This will include quarterly reports, communications to and from members, recognition of membership and Grange anniversaries and anything else Roxanne thinks should be included. In the near future, I'd like to schedule a Master's meeting to cover some of their duties, requirements, responsibilities and what's expected of them as the Master of their Grange.

I'm very excited and extremely proud to mention that Nettie will be attending National Session in Nevada this year with Danielle and me. She has entered the National Junior Ambassador Contest as well as some other National level contests. Please keep her in your good-luck thoughts as she represents the Juniors of Rhode Island. And while I'm writing about the Juniors, I have to say, that I can't be more proud of our Juniors for that fabulous, over-the-top presentation made to Carly and Amelia at State Session!! To have raised **\$5,000.00** for their Amelia Strong Community Service project was **OUTSTANDING!!** Thank you to all those that donated, and as you witnessed, this is going to a great cause. I'm honored to still be actively involved with the future leaders of our Grange!

Before I close, I'll take this time to thank everyone that assisted in this year's Corn Dog Booth. This was the best

year to date and could not have happened without all of your help.

As you read the rest of this issue, you'll see that we have a lot going on. I'm hoping for your continued support to all of our department heads and their planned activities. To continue on my membership matters theme, here's a thought..... **I challenge each of you to bring a NON-member to at least two of any of our future planned events!** We all have friends and family that have either watched or heard us speak of the Grange and all that we do, what could be better than to bring them to see this for themselves. Whether it be bowling, movies, games, pizza or ice cream, who doesn't like to have fun!!

I ask that you keep Mrs. Corn Dog in your thoughts and prayers as she takes on her new role as First Lady, and has to deal with me and my new duties!!

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact me at 401-339-5012 or 401-934-3756.

I'll try not to have my next Master's Message too lengthy.. lol....

LOUISE ROBERTS RECEIVES 75 YEAR AWARD



In June, at the Anniversary Celebration of Roger Williams-Rumford Grange No. 52, our long time devoted, faithful and hard-working member of the Grange, Louise Roberts, received her 75 Certificate from National Grange, along with a fruit basket from Roger -Williams Rumford. Louise is also an affiliate member of Chepachet Grange No. 38 and has been found working in the kitchen of both of those Granges, as well as in Moosup Valley Grange where she helped with their public suppers. She is a Past Master of Rumford Grange and has served in many offices, most recently as Lady Assistant Steward. She has also held offices in the RI State Grange including Lady Assistant Steward and Deputy.

In the picture, Louise is presented with her certificate by the State Master, Eileen Hebert (on the right), and the Master of Roger Williams-Rumford Grange, Frank Moitozo, on the left.

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