



# Grange Beacon

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## Master Lawrence Spencer

Hope everyone is enjoying the summer. If you are, then you made it through the record setting year of rains and heat waves we had. Summer is the time to relax and vacation. I hope you and your family are well and are getting ready for fall.

I, again want to thank the four Pomona's for conferring the four degrees in April for our new members. Getting new members is a full-time job. Always ask people you meet if they would like to join.

In June our State Grange Church Service was in Newport County. I would like to thank those who attended and especially thank Newport County for all the great food after the service as well as the Deputy Crew that assisted the members. The New England Church Service has been put on hold.

In July, the Northeast Youth Conference was held in Maine where a group of youth attended. Rhode Island's drill team took a break this year. To have a team, the youth need to give up many nights to rehearse.

In August the Lecturer's Conference was also put on hold. Also, in August is the Washington County Fair. I want to thank all the volunteers who helped out at the Rhode Island State Grange Corn Dog Booth to make it another huge success. I especially want to thank Walter and Danielle for all their hard work. They have the booth running like a fine oiled machine. I would like to thank Steve Logan for his help with storage of supplies for the booth.

In September, all your entries for various contests are due. Also, the Big E is September 14 – 30. GRANGE DAY is September 23. It is getting harder and harder to get tickets for this event. It is starting to feel like the Big E doesn't want us there.

This year The Junior Department will hold Junior Awards Day on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Moosup Valley Grange at 2pm. This is an excellent opportunity to show our support for the Juniors and the results of their hard work this past year. Following dinner, pre-session meetings will be held.

**STATE SESSION** will be here before you know it, Sept 27, 28 and 29 at the Radisson Hotel in Warwick, RI. **Reservations for the hotel need to be made as soon as possible in order to get the grange rate.** Please plan on being there so you can find out how busy your State Grange Executive Committee was this year. Betsy Huber,

National Master will be our guest this year. I am sure she can tell you all you want to know about National Grange. State session goes from Thursday morning to the close of session on Saturday. All delegates need to be there till the end as budget and reports still have to be voted on. You should have information on session by the time you receive this notice. Without your support, the State Grange cannot survive.

In November, National Session will be in Stowe, Vermont, November 13 – 17, 2018. Rhode Island is the host on Tuesday, the 13<sup>th</sup>. The 7<sup>th</sup> degree will be conferred on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

This will be my last Master's column, as we have election this year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported me during the past 4 years in my term as Master.

In closing I hope this article finds you well and **"BE PROUD TO BE A GRANGER"**.

Contact me at (401) 206-6866 or [gto65@cox.net](mailto:gto65@cox.net)

*Ed. Note: My apologies for the lateness of this issue. I received some information late, and some information was not received at all.*

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## Information Howard Paster

Since the last issue, I have continued to attend a number of events and some special meetings with Granges honoring recipients on Awards Nights. Took pictures at a number of those meetings.

Attended all four Papa Gino Fundraisers supporting the Community Service Department with dictionaries. Participated in May with Bowling event for Deaf & Health Department for benefit of the Kidney Foundation. Attended the State Grange Church service in June at First Congregational Church in Bristol, hosted by Newport County Pomona Grange.

Took pictures at many Grange meetings. Pictures are shown in this issue.

I have participated in two different walkathons in April in which other Grange members also participated. The first walk in April was with the State Grange Youth Department. It was a 5 mile walk for the benefit of Patrons in Need (PIN Fund). The walk started and finished at Moosup Valley Grange Hall. It was followed by a Pot Luck Supper. The second walk was for Exeter Grange for the benefit of Exeter Food Bank and Exeter Animal Shelter.

Attended State Grange Degree Day in April at Roger Williams-Rumford Grange Hall, hosted by Newport County Pomona. Participated as a Harvest Marcher for the 3rd Degree and Overseer for the 4th Degree. In May, was present for WAC Day and Ag Contests at Exeter Grange Hall. Took pictures and asked to be a judge for the Baking Contest and sent Publicity to newspapers.

Also in May of Memorial Day weekend, took pictures with Grangers participated with Memorial Day Parades in Exeter and West Greenwich and took pictures. Exeter Grange provided a float in both parades. Also in West Greenwich, Moosup Valley Juniors provided a float, Jonathan Riley played Taps and Peggy Fish was the Grand Marshall.

If anyone needs assistance in the department, you can call me at 401-295-8381 or anyone on the committee.

### AT RIGHT ----->

Exeter Grange recently held an extremely successful 2-day Yard and Bake sale with the proceeds benefitting the Grange. The Yard Sale was held at Exeter Grange Hall. Many people were there both days.

The middle photo shows an example of how busy it was. The bottom photo shows that there was a special guest, Ray Wolfe, on Saturday of the Yard Sale. Ray Wolfe is an author and a regular collector of many car care books and many books about Rhode Island.



(photo by Carole Paster)

Participants in the 14th Annual Walkathon sponsored by Exeter Grange, with the proceeds going to the Exeter Animal Shelter and the Exeter Food Bank. The photo was taken in front of the Exeter Animal Shelter, which was both the start and end point for the walk.



(photo by Howard Paster)



(photo by Howard Paster)



## Lecturer Danielle Hartley

Who pray tell, could not wait 'til Summer to arrive. Surely not I! I truly hope that all who were anxiously awaiting the warmth of summer are getting their fill. You can keep the heat and humidity – I will graciously appreciate the cool crisp air of Autumn and the delightful chill of Old Man Winter! May the good old days of summer bring hours of good times, rest and relaxation.

Congratulations to Moosup Valley Juniors for their beautifully decorated float entry in the West Greenwich Memorial Day Parade on Monday May 28<sup>th</sup>. The small but mighty group earned second place over all. Great job for your hard work and good grange team spirit.

Kudos to Newport County Pomona for hosting the State Grange Church service at the First Congregational Church in Bristol on Sunday, June 3, 2018. Fellowship following the brief service was delicious and appreciated by all!

Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup> found a “just right” sized group of grangers enjoying an old fashioned family movie night and ice cream social hosted at Kickemuit Grange. The movies viewed were *The Greatest Showman* and *Wonder*. Hope all were entertained and enlightened. As always, the ice cream and good company proved refreshing and pleasing. Thank you all who attended or helped in any way. Thank you Kickemuit Grange for your ever present hospitality, warmth and welcome.

By the time you are reading this, submissions for the Lecturer's department contests will be completed. Good luck to all and thank you for sharing your skills and talents.

Looking forward to seeing some of you at this year's co-sponsored Lecturers-Youth Department banquet at state session. Hope you all enjoy this year's session.

As we have shared with all of you, Walter, Nettie and I will be attending National Grange Session this November in Vermont. If anyone needs anything transported either to or from, don't hesitate to contact us for assistance. Hope to see you there. In the near future, Barbara Rush and I (Rhode Island's hospitality co-sponsors) will be reaching out to all granges for your help and assistance with the request for items for the hospitality room. More to follow as time draws closer to National Session. Please start planning now!

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my committee for all their help, support, suggestions and participation in this year's lecturers department sponsored activities. Members are Eileen Hebert, Lillian Kruszyna, Louise Roberts – Chepachet Grange, Leo and Shirley Guertin, Jeannette Kenyon-Kickemuit Grange, Barbara and Paul Rush- Moosup Valley Grange. Lastly, Walter and

Nettie from Team Hartley for your unending love, help and support. Great job team!

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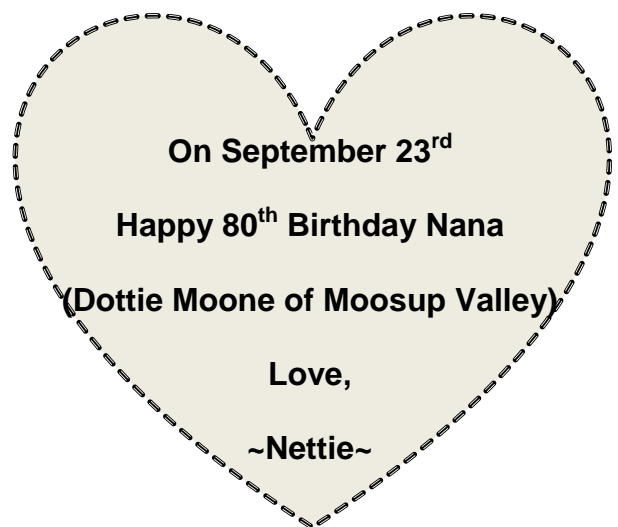
Well, National Session will be here in just 2 short months. If you haven't already spoken to me about wanting to volunteer in one way or another, please reach out. Also, I still have a suitcase full of those awesome blue t-shirts that I'd love to sell. It would be nice for those that are going up to National to be seen wearing theirs.

Please don't forget our Community Service project this year will be collecting those travel size toiletries to distribute to the VETS and homeless. I'm hoping to have a lot brought to me at our State Session at the end of this month.

And another reminder to anyone needing stuff transported to National, please contact me to make arrangements.

Thanks,

~Walter..







## Agriculture Joyce Bastien

As I am writing this, I am enjoying our short lived summer and the many wonderful things we get to do in Little Rhody.

On May 12<sup>th</sup> I held my Compost & Bird House Contests. The winners were as follows:

### Compost,

Adults: 1<sup>st</sup> Peggy Fish, Exeter Grange, 2<sup>nd</sup> Amanda Carsten, Exeter & 3<sup>rd</sup> place Adam Aquilante, Exeter.

Juniors: 11-14 yrs, 1<sup>st</sup> Kaitlyn Little, Moosup Valley Grange, 8-10 yrs, 1<sup>st</sup> Madison Paul, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brooke Houle, 3<sup>rd</sup> Madison Sherman, Honorable Mention Jessica Sherman & Antonio Aquilante all of Moosup Valley Grange.

### Bird House

Adults: 1<sup>st</sup> Celeste Spencer, , 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeannette Kenyon, 3<sup>rd</sup> Amanda Carsten & Honorable Mention to Kristen Flynn.

Juniors: 4 & ½ 1<sup>st</sup> William St. Jean, Newport County, 8-10 1<sup>st</sup> Annette Hartley, Moosup Valley 2<sup>nd</sup> Madison Sherman, Moosup Valley, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brooke Houle, Moosup Valley, Honorable Mention, Madison Paul & Antonio Aquilante, Moosup Valley, Noah Hall, Dan Nyuyen, Jeremiah Ziegler & Calvin Hall, Newport County. 11-14 yrs, 1<sup>st</sup> Walter Winchenbach, Newport County, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jessica Sherman, Moosup Valley, 3<sup>rd</sup> Kaitlyn Little, Moosup Valley, Honorable Mention, Andrew Damiano, Newport County.

Thank you for all your entries! They were all great & hard to choose the winners! Thank you to Master Larry Spencer for helping with the judging!



*Photo courtesy of Joyce Bastien*

May 30<sup>th</sup> was another great day at the State House for Agricultural Day. We passed out over 300 milks donated by Arruda Dairy & Farm & over 500 cookies and 350 muffins donated by Cross County Bakery in Pawtucket. They have been very good in supporting the Grange in our effort to get the word out about how important it is to buy local! Helping that day was Master Larry Spencer and Gatekeeper Jim Rebello who both were a BIG help in making our day a HUGE success!!! Thank you very much!



Many, many thanks to all those that helped in Corn Dog Booth last month. We sure do know how to have a fun time!! Please join me at State Session this year, September 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, for the full report.  
~Mr. & Mrs. Corn Dog..



*Photo courtesy of Joyce Bastien*



## Membership

Diane Andrews

The recurring theme at this year's membership drive at the Washington County Fair was recruiting new members into our organization. I know we have been hearing that for years! Whether we are hosting an open house, passing out Grange information at the neighborhood fair or the constant push to ask anyone and everyone to a meeting - it is all about new members.

But for a moment let's flip that and take a closer look at our current and very active members. You know who you are - you try to make every meeting, you set up, breakdown and always accept additional responsibility.

As current RISG membership director I would like to thank you for your valuable support and remind you that it is your service that makes this organization great.

The following quote "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush" is an interesting approach to membership building. Think of all our members who are on the books but haven't been to a meeting recently. It's time to revisit them and take advantage of every opportunity to reach out to those members we haven't seen in a while and find out why.

Let's put the emphasis on retaining members and make that the foundation for recruitment. Once we have this solid foundation recruiting becomes fun and easy.

And I do mean fun. Imagine for a moment being part of a team which for five days has only one assignment -telling our Grange story. That is what we do during the membership drive and it's more fun in a booth filled with members. So a big thank you to everyone who visited the membership booth and shared their Grange story with fair goers. It was this group of members that made the 2018 membership drive a success and I look forward to reporting the results next month.



## Deaf and Health

Jennifer Lawson

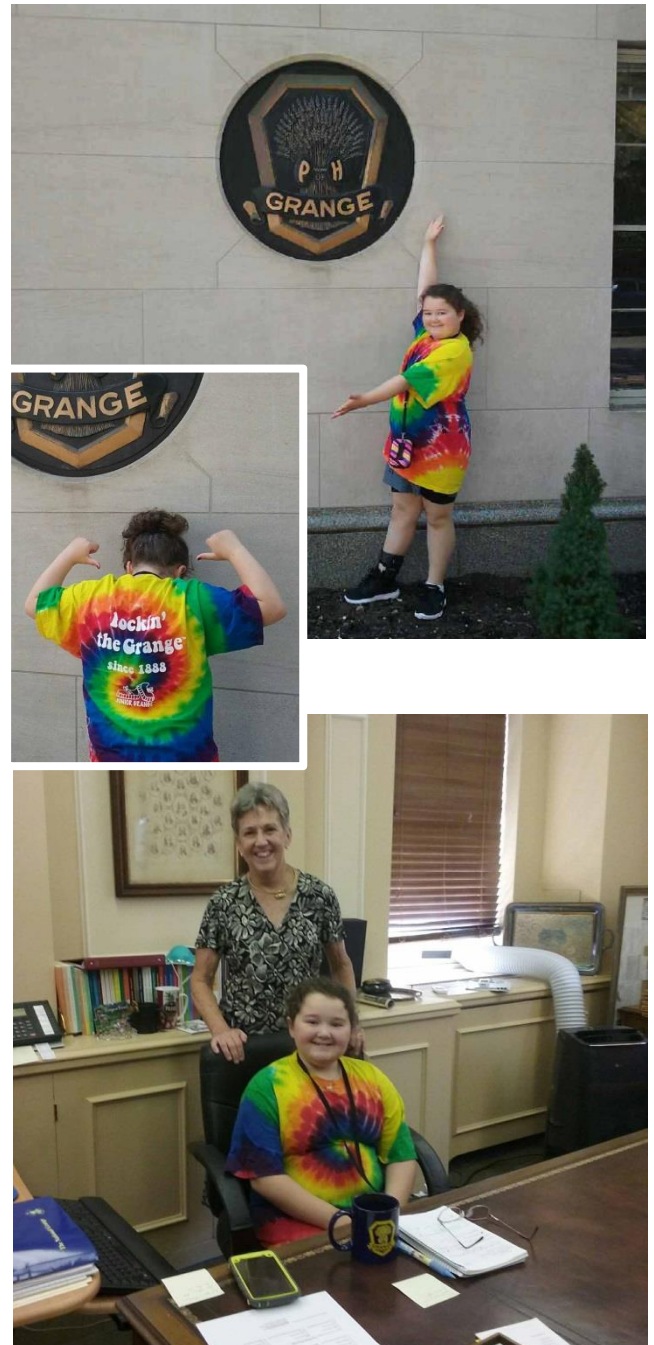
Hi all,

Hope that everyone is trying to stay cool. Not much happening know as we are getting ready for State Grange. Please remember to keep collecting Box Tops and sending them to me.

I hope to see everyone at State Grange.

## A visit to National Grange Headquarters

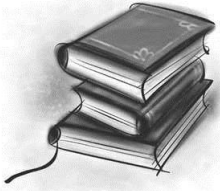
(photos by Walter Hartley)



On a recent trip to Washington D.C., RISG Steward, Walter Hartley, and daughter Nettie visited many of the attractions including the National Grange Building.

**Top photo:** Nettie Hartley outside the National Grange Building in Washington D.C. and **(bottom photo)** in the office of National Grange Master, Betsey Huber, where Walter remarked, "Nettie is here to check out her 'future office!' "





## Secretary Shirley Lawson

Since the last issue of the Beacon, we have heard from several members interested in the position of Assistant State Secretary and one who is considering Assistant State Treasurer. The final decision will be made by the State Grange Executive Committee at a later date.

As in all the State Secretary's columns for the Beacon, the following information is gathered from quarterly reports and membership award applications. If I have not received your Grange's report before the deadline for the Beacon, the information will appear in the next issue.

### **Congratulations and welcome to the following new members:**

Nick Godena	Richmond #6
Matthew Ullicci	Hope Valley #7
Joseph Mesnia	Moosup Valley #26
Rachel Mesnia	Moosup Valley #26
Christina Satterway	Chepachet #38

### **In Memoriam**

Joseph Langton	Moosup Valley #26
Andrew Townend, G.S.	Chepachet #38
Frances Tetreault, G.S.	Laurel #40
William MacIntosh, Jr., G.S.	Roger Wms.-Rumford #52

### **Membership Awards**

#### **25 Years – Silver Star Certificate**

Michael Brown	Perryville #14
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#### **50 Years – Golden Sheaf Certificate**

Harold Stedman, Sr.	Perryville #14
Keith Tucker	Perryville #14

#### **65 Years**

Marjorie Carsten	Perryville #14
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#### **75 Years - Diamond Certificate**

Ann Beals	Perryville #14
Nancy Beals	Perryville #14



## Chaplain John A. Lawson, Jr.

Very special thanks to the Grangers of Newport County for hosting the State **Grange Church Service** at The First Congregational Church of Bristol on Sunday, June 3rd. I am sorry to say that the attendance was very low, but thanks to all those who made a special effort to attend this time of worship together as well as the time of fellowship and delicious refreshments that followed.

It's too bad that the New England Church Service was cancelled this year as we truly enjoyed our annual trip to the beautiful Cathedral of the Pines and the special time it offered for fellowship as well as worship with our fellow Grangers from New England. Hopefully, this event will be planned again in the future.

### ***Holding Your Hand***

*Sometimes God puts you with the flowers,  
Sometimes He lets you walk in the sunlight.  
But often you are in the shadows,  
And then you walk in the deepest night...  
But He is there in every valley,  
Even when you do not understand...  
Trust Him because He's always there...  
Guiding...leading....holding your hand.*

M. Schoeberlein





## Juniors Judi White

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather we've been having as of recently; the Junior Grangers have been very busy working on their crafts and other projects within their respective Junior Granges over the last several months.

I hope that you will all come out to Junior Awards Day on September 23<sup>rd</sup> to see everything the Junior Members have accomplished this year (see below for the specifics). Awards Day is a day to celebrate and support the Junior Members of this organization. I would love to see a full grange hall that day; the Juniors would love this too.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm State Wide Junior Awards Day at Moosup Valley Grange, dinner will be provided free of charge for those who attend.

Please come out and support the Juniors.

## West Greenwich Memorial Day Parade

(photos by Howard Paster)



**Above:** The float entered by Exeter Grange, which took fourth place.

**At left:** Peggy Fish, Grand Marshall of the West Greenwich Parade. Peggy is a member of Exeter Grange and affiliate member of Moosup Valley Grange



**Above:** Moosup Valley Juniors earned third place for their float entry.

**Below:** Jonathan Riley, a member of Moosup Valley Junior Grange in Foster, played "TAPS" on the trumpet for the memorial ceremony.







## Community Service Marie Robidoux

Hi Everyone. Hopefully we are all rested from a relaxing summer. Please continue to feed the needy and support your favorite pet shelter. Thank you to all who came to the Papa Gino's fundraisers for dictionaries. They were all a success. Time to start donating dictionaries for the 2018-19 school year. Veterans Administration Volunteer Service (VAVS) are always in need for hygiene articles, backpacks, and small denomination gift cards, especially with the holidays just around the corner.

Thank you to my committee and to all Grangers, one and all, for your continued support and generosity to Community Service!

I lost my younger brother on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Ernie and I were very close and there is a big hole in my heart. Thank you so much to everyone who came to pay their respects or sent sympathy cards. I really appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

See you at State Session.



## Slocum Grange - "Fill the Cruiser"



(photo by Howard Paster)

The North Kingstown Police Department recently hosted a "Fill the Cruiser" food drive in the front parking lot of its headquarters on 8166 Post Road in North Kingstown. Slocum Grange was one of many organizations and residents in town that donated nonperishable food items, along with personal hygiene products. The donations after the cruiser is filled, are delivered and donated to the North Kingstown Food Bank.

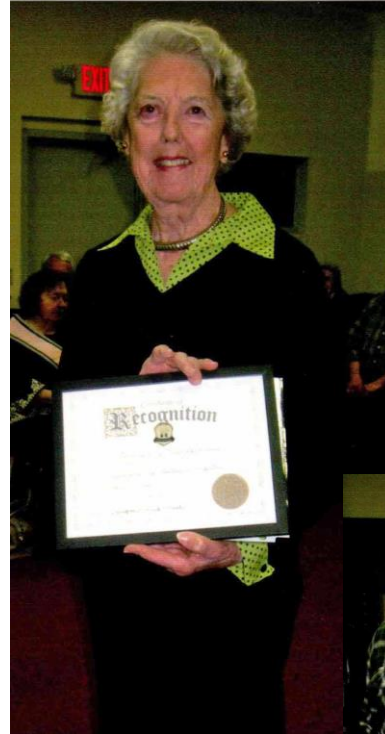
Pictured above are food drive volunteers and members of Slocum Grange.

## Awards Night at Little Compton Grange

*Photos by Howard Paster*

Little Compton Grange recently held their Annual Awards Night, honoring a number of recipients in the Little Compton community.

The event was held at the Seaconnet Lodge Hall on 32 Hall Street in Little Compton.



(at left) Carolyn Jane Camara Montgomery was presented with Little Compton Grange Citizen of the Year for 2018



(Above) Jeffrey and Sheila Brady from Harmony Home Farm in Little Compton, were presented with the Agriculturist of the Year for 2018.



(Above left) Patrolman Andrew J. Morgan of the Little Compton Police Department was honored as the Policeman of the Year by Little Compton Grange for 2018.



**Programs of the Granges of Rhode Island  
September 1, 2018 thru November 30, 2018**

Moosup Valley Juniors - 10:00 am  
Newport Cty Juniors - 10:00 am  
Providence County Pomona – 4:00  
Washington County Pomona - 7:00  
unless otherwise stated

Newport County Pomona starts at 4:30  
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

**Please note the following changes to meeting times:**

**Kent County Pomona – from 8:00 to 7:30**

**Moosup Valley – from 8:00 to 7:30**

**Chepachet – from 7:30 to 7:00**

**Newport Cty Juniors – from 7:00 Friday to  
10:00am Saturday**

**Tuesday, September 04**

\*Chepachet Chain Reaction

**Wednesday, September 05**

\*Perryville Oyster Farming guest speaker

Moosup Valley Ha! Ha! Ha!

RW-Rumford Grandparents Day Program

**Thursday, September 06**

\*Portsmouth Women's Activities Program

Voting on by-laws

**Saturday, September 08**

Newport Cty Pomona Kickemuit

Joint meeting with Providence Cty Pomona

Program – Batter Up Bean Bag Baseball

**Sunday, September 09**

Entries for Lecturer's contests due – drop off at RW-  
Rumford Grange 2:00-4:00pm

**Monday, September 10**

Entries Due Information

Newspaper article, Single Article and Essay

Kickemuit Installation of Officers

By Eileen Hebert, Overseer, RI State Grange

**Wednesday, September 12**

Kent Cty Pomona Rocky Hill

Fair Foods and Facts

**Friday, September 14 - Sunday, September 30**

Big E Springfield Mass

Grange day – September 23rd

**Saturday, September 15**

Washington Cty Pomona W.C. Fairgrounds

Start time 4:00pm and a pot luck supper

Program – Scavenger Hunt

Moosup Valley Public Roast Beef Dinner  
Slocum Public Breakfast 7:00-10:00am  
Chepachet Hi-Lo-Jack – 1:00pm  
Newport Cty Jrs. Installation of Officers by  
Shirley Guertin, Pianist of the RI State Grange

**Tuesday, September 18**

\*Chepachet Installation of Officers

**Wednesday, September 19**

Portsmouth Women's Activities Program

RW-Rumford Installation of Officers

By John A. Lawson, Jr.

**Thursday, September 20**

\*Rocky Hill Welcome Back!

How to deter violence in the schools

**Friday, September 21**

Richmond(PL 6:30pm) Welcome Back!

Let's get back in the swing of things

Newport Cty Jrs. Bean Bag Baseball

**Sunday, September 23**

Junior Awards Day.- 2:00pm Moosup Valley

Pre-session committee meetings at 5:00PM

Rehearsal for Sixth Degree to follow

**Monday, September 24**

Kickemuit Warren Fire Dept. visits with

Safety tips

**Wednesday, September 26**

Old Warwick Education for all Misquotes

and Spelling Lessons

**Thursday, September 27- Saturday, September 29**

Rhode Island State Grange Annual Session

Radisson Hotel, 1081 Post Rd, Warwick RI

**Tuesday, October 02**

\*Chepachet Discussion on autonomous vehicles

**Wednesday, October 03**

Moosup Valley Don't Be Scared!!!

RW-Rumford. Report of State Session

And Pack your bags

**Thursday, October 04**

\*Portsmouth Report of State Session

**Friday, October 05**

Richmond TBA

**Saturday, October 06**

Newport Cty Jrs. Awards Presentation

**Monday, October 08**

Kickemuit meeting omitted

**Tuesday, October 16**

\*Chepachet Program only (TBA) at 7:00

**Wednesday, October 17**

\*Little Compton(PL 6:00pm) Installation of Officers/

Report of State Session

Old Warwick What are you Wining about?

Red or White

RW-Rumford. Heroes

**Thursday, October 18**

\*Rocky Hill To be announced

**Friday, October 19**

Richmond Ritual Trivia

**Saturday, October 20**

Moosup Valley Public Roast Beef Dinner

Slocum Public Breakfast 7:00-10:00am

Chepachet Hi-Lo-Jack – 1:00pm  
 Newport Cty Jrs. Halloween Party(no meeting)  
 Come in Costume

**Monday, October 22**

Kickemuit Report of State Session  
 Scary Night

**Saturday, October 27**

Washington Cty Pomona Slocum  
 Dinner at 6:00pm Program – Family Feud

**Thursday, November 01**

\*Portsmouth Agriculture/Thanksgiving Program

**Friday, November 02**

Richmond Community Service Awards Night

**Saturday, November 03**

Providence Cty Pomona RW-Rumford  
 Afternoon – Did they really eat that?  
 Evening – Brown Bag auction for Community Service  
 Newport Cty Jrs. Let's go to the Races

**Tuesday, November 06**

\*Chepachet Deaf Activities

**Wednesday, November 07**

Moosup Valley Turkey Time!  
 RW-Rumford. Harvest Time

**Saturday, November 10**

Newport Cty Pomona Portsmouth hosts at Kickemuit  
 Pot Luck Dinner at 4:30pm – meeting to follow  
 Program – Agriculture and Legislation

**Monday, November 12**

Kickemuit Reap the Harvest – Agriculture Night

**Tuesday, November 13- Saturday, November 17**

152<sup>nd</sup> National Grange Session Stowe, Vermont  
 Seventh Degree – Saturday, November 17

**Thursday, November 15**

\*Rocky Hill Thanksgiving theme  
 and Mid-term election results discussion

**Friday, November 16**

Richmond Cookie Bake Off  
 Bring your best cookies for some judging

**Saturday, November 17**

Washington Cty Pomona Richmond  
 Dinner at 6:00pm Program – Youth Night  
 Slocum Public Breakfast 7:00-10:00am  
 Chepachet Hi-Lo-Jack – 1:00pm

**Tuesday, November 20**

\*Chepachet Program only(TBA) at 7:00

**Wednesday, November 21**

\*Little Compton(PL 6:00pm) Agriculture  
 RW-Rumford. Omitted – “Happy Thanksgiving”

**Monday, November 26**

Kickemuit Women's Activities Program  
 Dues paying Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30pm

**Wednesday, November 28**

Old Warwick Peanut Butter Month

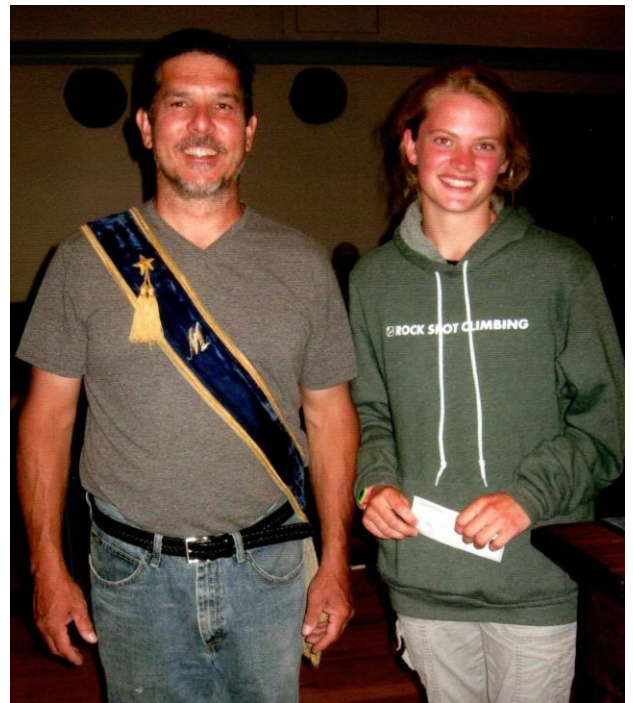
(Photo at right) At a recent meeting of Slocum Grange, Thomas Gotauc, Master/President, presented the Gardiner-Gardner Scholarship to Kaitlyn Brayman. Kaitlyn, a senior at North Kingstown High School, will be furthering her studies at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina.



(photo by Howard Paster)

Special Recognition Certificates were presented to Roger Williams-Rumford Grange for the 10th Anniversary of the merging of two Granges from East Providence.

. Dennis Kamowski(right), State Grange Deputy presented a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition to John A. Lawson Jr.(left) Master/President of Roger Williams-Rumford Grange. The certificate was signed by Sheldon Whitehouse, United States Senator. The grange also received a certificated signed by David Cicilline, congressman, the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District



(photo by Howard Paster)

The Gardiner-Gardner Scholarship is awarded to a high school senior, who has been accepted to an accredited school of higher education in the Agricultural or Environmental field. Awards are based on financial need, scholastic standing, community service, and Grange interest.



## Keep in touch...

Don't miss out on your next issue of the *RISG Grange Beacon*! If you have moved since your last issue, or you will be away temporarily for the winter or other reasons, please let us know. You may mail address changes to the address at the right or to the email address: ehebert94@aol.com. We must have your correct address for delivery, even temporary addresses. ***Beacon issues will not be forwarded by the post office even if you have filed a change of address form.***

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Mail to: **R.I. State Grange Foundation, Inc.**

**Shirley Lawson, secretary**

**120 Wilson Ave.**

**Rumford, RI 02916**

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