



# Maine State Grange Bulletin

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Hometown Roots.*

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*The two words 'information' and 'communication' are often used interchangeably, but they signify quite different things. Information is giving out; communication is getting through.*

Sydney J. Harris

## Highlights for Secretaries to Read

In this section, we'll try to help secretaries by providing a short synopsis of each article.

**Try just reading this highlights section during "communications" and offer the Bulletin to those interested in more information.** "The Bulletin contains the following information..." Then, post on the Bulletin Board or make copies so members can read the sections of interest.

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## President's Perspective

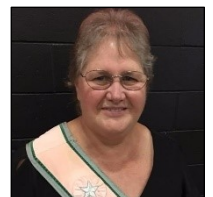
By Sherry Harriman, MSG President/Master

**HAPPY 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY.** "Six months after the first Subordinate Grange was organized in Maine, twenty men met in Lewiston at the GAR Hall on April 21, 1874, to found the Maine State Grange. Seventeen of the twenty were Masters of Subordinate Granges in Maine; one was a Subordinate Secretary. Also present was the Master of the New Hampshire State Grange, Dudley T. Chase, and a General Deputy of the National Grange, O.D. Hinkley. Nelson Ham of Lewiston was elected State Master at this session.

In December 1874, the State Grange met for its first Annual Session in Lewiston. By this time, the organization had grown from 18 to 64 Granges with about 2000 members."

*Excerpt From A Fair Field And No Favor--A Concise History of the Maine State Grange by Stanley Howe*

The first Grange in Maine, Eastern Star #1 in Hampden, was organized October 20, 1873. Six of those 18 early organized Granges are still continuing their positive impact in their communities.



- Excelsior #5 in Poland organized 3/5/1874
- Androscoggin #8 in Greene organized 3/24/1874
- Harraseeket #9 in Freeport organized 3/24/1874
- North Jay #10 in North Jay organized 3/27/1874
- Farmington #11 (N. Farmington) in West Farmington organized 4/3/1874
- Somerset #18 in Norridgewock organized 4/20/1874

***HAPPY 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY to each of you, we wish you continued success.***

The following Degree Days have been set up, and they will be conferring all 4 Degrees on the same day. (The word Degree refers to a level of the Grange, the first Four Degrees brings you into Subordinate or Community membership.) Degree Days are open to all candidates who must have been voted into membership in a Subordinate Grange to receive the degrees. Please bring the application for membership with you. If you have already received the Obligation Ceremony or the Welcome Ceremony, you are welcome to come and view these instructive beautiful degrees, or any current members are eligible to attend. Current members will be required to provide the annual password that you are entitled to receive from your Subordinate Master if your dues are up to date.

- **April 14** at North Scarboro Grange; 74 County Rd., Scarborough. Contact Mike Griffin, Master, for information and to let him know how many will be coming. Meeting starting at 1:00pm.
- **April 21** at State Grange HQ, 146 State Street, Augusta. Contact Maynard Chapman, Chief Deputy, for information and to let him know how many will be coming. Meeting starting at 1:00pm.

While on the subject of membership eligibility. As the prospective candidate/member, you must submit an application with a fee to a Subordinate Grange, the application must be voted on by the membership in a regular meeting with a quorum present, then you **must** receive the conferral of the 4 Degrees, the Obligation Ceremony or the Welcome Ceremony to become a member. Only then are you entitled to vote on issues, elections or business in that Grange. You are able to visit a Grange meeting, but to have a vote in the business you must become a member by one of the prescribed methods above found in the Grange Manual. Maine uses the ballot box with balls and cubes for membership applications.

## Ag Committee Report

By Roberta Meserve, MSG Ag Director

The committee met in Augusta in February to make plans and discuss details on upcoming activities and events. We will meet in May to choose this year's scholarship recipients.

Speaking of scholarships, there's still time to apply for our Ag Scholarship (due April 23). Keep encouraging high school seniors to send in their applications. This will give us lots of candidates to choose from.

The National Lecturer has some contests related to agriculture. They are the Sarden Design contest and the Weather Watcher contest. Both are open to all ages and have various categories. Check the Lecturer's Dept. program for more details.

Want a way to get some potential members to visit your Grange and to embrace one of the joys of spring? Consider hosting a plant sale or swap. You could include veggie seedlings, bulbs, house plants, even seeds. Invite your local garden club or other local plant enthusiasts.

I've started my first seeds (in the house), couldn't wait any longer to play in the dirt. Enjoy the early spring!



## Chaplain's View

By Christine Hebert, MSG Chaplain

Grange month is the perfect time to celebrate our heritage. After all, we hold a pattern that's issued from the ancient Garden of Eden. As we start our seedlings for our gardens, plant a little extra so we can give to others when we reap what we have sown. Let us be thankful for the sunlight that invigorates all life, making possible its growth, and for rain that enriches and freshens the earth.

"Hurt not the earth or the sea or the trees,,,"

Revelation 7:3



## Communications Column

By Walter Boomsma, MSG Communications Director

*"Bad noise crowds out good signal."*

Seth Godin



I left the Seth Godin Quote from last month because, to a large extent, we'll be continuing the theme of "Communications Hygiene" with some recent accomplishments and ongoing efforts.

I've finally completed the review of Subordinate/Pomona Websites, Facebook Pages, and Groups. This annual review aims to ensure we are putting our best face forward and abiding by Grange Policy. It is not one of the most fun things I do, but it is one of the more important.

Overall, the results were positive, but there were a few issues. One website simply wasn't working. One Facebook Group contained almost entirely spam posts promoting at least questionable work-at-home schemes. I have attempted to contact those Granges with an "FYI" email. In a few cases, I deemed removing the link from the MSG website necessary.

**As a reminder, whenever an online presence is created, at least two people should be capable of accessing it and committed to maintaining it. This is especially true of social media pages and groups.**

Also, as a reminder, if your Grange does have a social media presence, you should still submit your news and information to the MSG website. Once it's posted there (usually within 24 hours of receipt), sharing it on social media is easy. The buttons at the bottom of every post make it just a matter of a few mouse clicks or screen taps.

You are undoubtedly aware of the increased applications of AI (artificial intelligence). Part of keeping our best face forward has always been grammar-checking, spell-checking, and minor line editing. We've been relying on AI for help with this for some time and will continue to do so. You may find it reassuring that I sometimes win arguments with the AI.

I bet I could make your eyes glaze over if I went into detail about our subscription issue. I will continue to maintain the list and send occasional lists of posted items, but it may be a while before we can automate it again. Stay tuned!

In anticipation of needing to make significant changes to get the subscription feature back online, I continue to purge old information from the site. We're down below 1,000 posts--at one time, there were over 4,000! As a general rule (there will be some exceptions), information will be limited to the last two years. The data shows that older information is rarely viewed, and a streamlined site will be more efficient and much easier to manage. If you have any questions or concerns, [please let me know](#).

► **FACT:** During the first weeks of March, our "scholarship information" page has moved to the third position as the "most viewed" page or post. It's that time of year!

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## Community Service/FH&H

By Brenda Dyer, MSG Community Service/FHH Director



March is when Spring officially starts. We are on Daylight Savings Time and the days have more daylight in them. Many have started seedlings for themselves or neighbors or a community plant sale. Craft fairs are starting to spring up. EVERYONE is Irish for one day. The opportunities for community service are endless.

There are many services that will overlap from other Grange committees. Please make sure to include these in your report (ie. The CWA committee may make a quilt to be used for a community service event.) This should be reported in the Community Service report under the event and the CWA report.

I am receiving some Coupons for the Coups for Troops. Keep sending them! Thank you Valley Grange and Lakeside Grange.

### Family Health and Hearing

March Women's History Month

17 ST. Patrick's Day

30 National Doctor's Day

### April Grange Month

Maine State Grange is 150 years old as well as several Subordinate Granges.

Have an open meeting and invite the community to learn about the Grange. CELEBRATE!

Follow the National Grange Theme. Make sure to take pictures.

If you email me, please text me to let me know so it won't go to spam and/or get deleted. Thank you. Happy Spring!

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## CWA Report

By Margaret Henderson, MSG CWA Director



Happy Easter! Spring is just around the corner!

I hope that many of you have been working on entries for the contests.

I can't wait to see them. Please don't forget that your entries must be at State Grange Headquarters before August 20th in order to be logged in to be judged on August 23rd. The Conference will be on August 24th. You may contact me or call Headquarters to make sure that someone will be there to accept your entries.

My Grange is getting ready for some events. We just hosted "Freedom Follies." A fun night of music and the talents of local people. A pancake breakfast, some bake sales, and maybe some other Community happenings.

Hope that everyone is staying healthy and safe.

## Lecturer's Column

By Missy Baldwin, MSG Lecturer



I am pleased to update you on the upcoming 2024 North East Lecturers Association (NELA) Conference which will be held **June 21-23** at the **Holiday Inn in Norwich, CT**. A North East Lecturers Association Conference has not been held in over five years, so this is an awesome opportunity right here in Connecticut for all Grangers and Want-to-be-Grangers to join together for some great food, fun, education, and relaxation. Our event is open to all and we hope you will consider registering today at <https://sites.google.com/view/nelcgrange/home?authuser=2>. As Connecticut is hosting this conference for the North East Region this year, we chose to host it at the Holiday Inn in Norwich; the same hotel as Connecticut State Grange Annual Convention. We negotiated the rate down to \$139 per night, which is cheaper than if you contact this hotel directly and very reasonable for this shoreline destination right before the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday weekend.

### **Fun Night Friday – June 21, 2024**

Registration for this conference is only \$30 per person for which each registrant can attend all non-meal events, receive a Seven Strong tote bag loaded with gifts from all seven State Granges, and one complimentary Lecturers Program book. Additional Lecturer Program Books will be sold for \$10 each. Our registration table will open at 4:00 PM on Friday, June 21st, and we will also be offering an impactful service project for you to support. Dinner is on your own and then we will have our Spirit Night Extravaganza starting at 7:00 PM in the Chelsearose II ballroom with all seven state Spirit Teams parading into the ballroom. There will be a special prize for the most spirited team! All Connecticut State Grange members are asked to wear the color ORANGE, which is our state Grange color for the welcoming ceremony. Following the opening activities, the rest of the evening is set aside for Game Night hosted by NELA President Matt Clark, Judy Doyle and myself. Each state Grange will offer a game to participate in and to win prizes. After the games, North East SHIPmate Kelly Riley will offer Kahoots to play for prizes. And if you still have energy, a complimentary shuttle bus will leave the hotel at 9:00 PM for Mohegan Sun Casino, but you must be back to our hotel on the 2:00 AM shuttle.

### **Satisfy your Yearning for Learning Saturday – June 22, 2024**

You'll wake up refreshed to start the day at 8:00 AM with a \$10 buffet breakfast in Laurel/Rose room. State Grange Lecturers have chosen to subsidize both buffet breakfasts and our buffet pizza lunch so that our conference can be as economical for you as possible.

At 9:00 AM, we will begin our conference Opening Session the Chelsearose II ballroom with a Call to Order by NELA President Matt Clark, a Roll Call of attendees by State, Pledge of Allegiance, and our keynote presentation by National Grange Foundation Board Chair Joan C. Smith. Following the keynote presentation, at 10:00 AM, Workshop #1 will be focused on "Membership" and hosted by Rhode Island State Grange Lecturer's Department. At 11:00 AM, Workshop #2 hosted by Massachusetts State Grange Lecturer's Department focused on "Harnessing AI to Our Advantage, Promoting the Grange in all Media".

From 12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM, we will enjoy a Buffet Pizza Party in Chelsearose II for just \$10 per person. Following lunch, at 1:00 PM., Workshop #3 hosted by New York State Grange Lecturer's Department will focus on "How to Market Your Grange". At 2:00 PM, Workshop #4 hosted by Maine State Grange Lecturer's Department will be offered on "Community Service".

At 3:00 PM, for those who pre-registered, we will offer a complimentary tour of U.S. Coast Guard Academy. We will carpool about 20 minutes to the academy and the first stop is the gift shop. Following an opportunity to purchase souvenirs, we will then participate in a one-hour tour.

At 6:30 PM, we will head back to the Chelsearose II ballroom for our Celebratory Banquet and Entertainment. This banquet costs \$45 and you will have three menu choices (pork, pasta or fish). We will hold a Gift Baskets drawing and an opportunity drawing after dinner and then have some fun entertainment. And if you still have energy, you can leave the hotel at 9:00 PM for an optional complimentary bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino.

### **"Send-off Sunday" – June 23, 2024**

Today our final day together begins at 7:00 AM with our \$10 Buffet breakfast in the Laurel/Rose room. At 8:45 AM, we will offer an optional worship service by Charles Dimmick, Connecticut State Grange Chaplain. Our first workshop will be at 9:30 AM hosted by New Hampshire State Grange Lecturer's Department on the "Heirloom Program". At 10:30 AM, Workshop #6 hosted by Vermont State Grange Lecturer's Department will be offered on "GRIT". At 11:30 AM, we will offer some closing remarks and then pass the gavel from Connecticut to the New York State Grange Lecturer who will be hosting the 2026 NELA Conference in New York. We promise to have you out of the hotel and on your way by 12 noon.



## Membership Moments

By Rick Grotton, MSG Membership Director



April is Grange Month, and many Granges are busy with events scheduled during this time. Do you have any members who have not seen the four degrees or need to take them? If you do, then you are in luck! Below are the scheduled dates when the Community (Subordinate) Grange degrees will be performed. Please inform your new members and encourage them to attend one of these sessions. I haven't been to a degree day in a while, so I am looking forward to them.

April 14 at North Scarboro Grange, 74 County Rd., Scarborough. Contact Mike Griffin, Master, for information and to let him know how many will be coming. The meeting starts at 1:00 p.m.

April 21 at State Grange HQ, 146 State Street, Augusta. Contact Maynard Chapman, Chief Deputy, for information and to let him know how many will be coming. The meeting starts at 1:00 p.m.

Please refer to the website at [mainestategrange.org](http://mainestategrange.org) to find out what other Granges are doing. The site has a ton of information pertinent to all members, so please visit and subscribe.

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## Exploring Traditions--Meandering Around the Grange Way of Life

By Walter Boomsma, Guest Columnist

### The Opposite of Insubordination Is Now Enrollment



*Complete subordination might have been the goal in an industrial setting. But now, it's dangerous, expensive and inefficient. Because people close to the work know exactly what needs to be done.*

*Someone who is enrolled in the journey doesn't have to be told exactly what to do. Instead, given the goals, the tools and the culture, they will figure it out.*

--Seth Godin

I can't be the only person who wonders about the term "Subordinate Granges." Seth Godin raises the point that subordination had value during the Industrial Revolution, but the Grange, with its Subordinate Granges, was founded before then.

At some point, the Grange was seen as a "grassroots movement." That implies growth and movement from a local area and seems inconsistent with the local Grange being "subordinate."

Are your mental wheels turning yet?

There's a notable shift in language, identifying "Community Granges" rather than "Subordinate." That seems more consistent with the alleged "grassroots" nature of the Grange. Of course, we could debate to what extent word changes change the actual nature of things. For example, does adopting the term "president" change the role and character of the "master?"

From an organizational design perspective, the Grange seems to have developed a bit of a conundrum. Is the local Grange a grassroots organization, or is it subordinate to higher levels?

I know; the easy answer is "It depends." It's also probably the correct answer. But is it the **best** answer?

Seth's observation, "The opposite of insubordination is now enrollment," may offer a clue. As a retired organization design and development consultant, I practiced through an era when "employee empowerment" was more than a fad. It was an attempt to create engagement and encourage employee loyalty. I remember working with one organization that actually had a job title called "Extra." (They also had an attendance problem--they hired and scheduled these extras as part of their solution.) One of my recommendations was to drop that job title and create a "Gold Team" of cross-trained employees. Would you rather be an extra or a member of the Gold Team? Did I mention that to become a member of the Gold Team, you had to maintain a good attendance record?

I "get" the original structure of the Grange- its grassroots nature encouraged enrollment and engagement. An umbrella was necessary for it to be effective at state and national levels, and that is still true to a large extent. But when we start looking around for the active, relevant, growing local Granges they are locally focused. One might even say they are insubordinate.

Note that Seth's observation, by implication, compares the industrial setting with today's society. During the Industrial Revolution, fitting in was more than important—it was essential. We've gone from standing in line to punch a time clock to wanting flex time and the ability to work remotely.

We could have an interesting discussion about society's journey.

If I'm involved in that discussion, I'll probably refer to Robert Frost. In 1954, he defined freedom as "Being easy in your harness." He wasn't just referring to horses.

The notion of freedom does not mean the absence of constraint. Becoming an insubordinate Grange could mean "being easy in your harness."

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*Any degree or ritual quotations are from the forty-seventh edition of the 2023 Subordinate Grange Manual or the most recent edition of the Pomona Grange Manual. The views and opinions expressed in "Exploring Traditions" are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the official doctrine and policy of the Grange. Information about the book "Exploring Traditions—Celebrating the Grange Way of Life" can be found on Amazon or by contacting the author.*

# View from the Farm

## By Quill's End Farm's Endians

**Editor's note:** The format of this column includes all of the Quill's Endians participating at various times and in various ways! This month's column is by Phil.

Two years ago I resigned myself to the reality that, despite my best intentions, I would just never get to the task of improving an overgrown two and a half acres on the farm, the "Hidden Field". I had cleared and rocked it 15 years earlier, but never improved its fertility so that it would produce good grass. I looked away for a second and it grew trees.

I had to come up with a plan that put me down in the Hidden Field every day because, as the adage goes, "A farmer's feet are the best fertilizer." The first step was to level the alder patch.

A friend of ours had just started a land clearing business with a machine that literally shreds trees and incorporates them back into the soil. It is a beast of a machine that exists only for tree death. After he finished his work, and I was still ruminating potential uses for the new clearing, it grew nasty woody shrubs. Time for action.

With Benjamin's return to the farm from college last spring, uses for that piece of land started to become more possible, so... I called in the hogs.

We have now rotated hogs over about half of that ground. They match my friend's machine in disruptive power, but also fertilize and produce pork on the side.

How clever am I?

Coming into this "winter," I had to choose whether to leave the hogs on that patch or move them closer to the barn. Getting feed and water to them 1/3 mile away and across our main field could prove difficult in the shoulder seasons. I thought I'd order up two different weather scenarios in order to cover my bases. Old-fashioned Maine winter with frozen ground for easy transport of food and water OR mild, dry winter for less easy, but not all that messy, transport.

I got mixed results with my order and got a mild and wet, wet winter. Not the ideal that I ordered up. Getting a truck to them has become tricky, and has churned more soil than I like. I'm afraid that working that two and a half acres has now become slightly more. I'll have to clean up my mess come warmer weather. My cleverness thwarted, at least there's still bacon.

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*Heather and Phil Retberg and their three children run Quill's End Farm, a 105-acre property in Penobscot that they bought in 2004. They use rotational grazing on their fifteen open acres and are renovating thirty more acres from woods to pasture to increase grazing for their pigs, grass-fed cattle, lambs, laying hens, and goats. Heather is Vice President of Halcyon Grange #345 and writes a newsletter for their farm's buying club of farmers in her area and has generously permitted us to share some of their columns with Grangers. Visit the [Quill's End Farm Facebook Page](#) for more information.*



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## Communication Shorts

### A few short items of information and interest!

#### Deering Grange Website

Check out the new [Deering Grange Website](#)! It's great that another Grange now has an Internet presence.

#### USDA Assistance for Severe Weather

If your farm suffers losses in this severe winter weather, you might qualify for USDA's disaster assistance programs. Also, a reminder: if you have crop insurance, contact your agency within 72 hours if you suffer losses in this severe winter weather. (*Compliments of UMaine Extension*)

#### Ideas for Granges

Is it time for some spring cleaning? Can your hall and grounds become a community effort? Is there a local garden club that might help with landscaping?

#### Thought for you:

*"I find my greatest freedom on the farm. I can be a bad farmer or a lazy farmer and it's my own business." Robert Frost*

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## But Wait! There's More!

Space limitations prevent us from including a list of additional posts this month... visit the site to see what you might be missing! There's plenty of events and news. Make FOMO (Fear of Missing Out) disappear!

# Grange Events

Please note that events scheduled in advance are always subject to change. State and Regional events are listed, as well as Degree Days, Officer Installations, and Pomona Meetings. Sorry, but space does not permit us to include regular local meetings, but we do include local Grange Special Events.

## April 2024

- Grange Month Celebrations throughout the month
- April 2, 2024, Open Mic Night at Trenton Grange. Doors open at 5:30 pm, and the event is from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. \$5 donation cover. [Trenton Grange Website](#).
- April 2, 2024, Piscataquis Pomona Meeting at Valley Grange Hall. Contact Bill Bemis FMI.
- April 5, 2024, Community Potluck Supper at Trenton Grange, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., 1134 Bar Harbor Road in Trenton. For more information, visit the [Trenton Grange Website](#).
- April 6-7, 2024, Community Bazaar (crafts, farmers' market, yard sale...) at Trenton Grange from 9 am until 2 pm both days. For more information, visit the [Trenton Grange Website](#).
- April 8, 2024, Solar Eclipse Day – Are you Safe?
- April 13, 2024, Kennebec Valley Grange Take-out Dinner, starting at noon.
- April 14, 2024, Deadline for the MSG Bulletin
- April 14, 2024, Cumberland Pomona Degree Day at North Scarborough Grange starting at 1:00 pm. [Contact Yvonne Johnson FMI](#). (603 506-1374)
- April 20, 2024, Junior Grange Meeting at Enterprise Grange. Contact [Director Betty Young](#) for more information.
- April 21, 2024, Androscoggin Degree Day at MSG Headquarters starting at 1:00 pm. [Contact Maynard Chapman FMI](#). (207 312-5591)
- April 23, 2024, Ag Scholarship Applications are due.

## May 2024

- May 3, 2024, Community Potluck Supper at Trenton Grange, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., 1134 Bar Harbor Road in Trenton. For more information, visit the [Trenton Grange Website](#).
- May 4-5, 2024, Community Bazaar (crafts, farmers' market, yard sale...) at Trenton Grange from 9 am until 2 pm both days. For more information, visit the [Trenton Grange Website](#).
- May 7, 2024, Open Mic Night at Trenton Grange. Doors open at 5:30 pm, and the event is from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. \$5 donation cover. [Trenton Grange Website](#).
- May 14, 2024, Deadline for the MSG Bulletin
- May 17, 2024, Valley Grange Community Celebration with potluck supper at 6 p.m. and Celebration at 7 p.m. Visit the [Valley Grange Website](#) FMI.
- May 18, 2024, Junior Grange Meeting at Enterprise Grange. Contact [Director Betty Young](#) for more information.
- May 25-26, 2024, Community Bazaar (crafts, farmers' market, yard sale...) at Trenton Grange from 9 am until 2 pm both days. For more information, see this post or visit the [Trenton Grange Website](#).

## June 2024

- June 3, 2024, Ag Scholarship Recipients will be notified.
- June 6, 2024, Piscataquis Pomona Meeting at Wayside Grange Hall. Contact Bill Bemis FMI.
- June 7, 2024, Community Potluck Supper at Trenton Grange, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., 1134 Bar Harbor Road in Trenton. For more information, visit the [Trenton Grange Website](#).
- June 8-9, 2024, Community Bazaar (crafts, farmers' market, yard sale...) at Trenton Grange from 9 am until 2 pm both days. For more information, visit the [Trenton Grange Website](#).
- June 14, 2024, Deadline for the MSG Bulletin
- June 21-23, 2024, Northeast Lecturers' Conference at the Holiday Inn in Norwich CT. Contact MSG Lecturer Missy Baldwin FMI.
- June 22, 2024, Junior Grange Meeting at Lincolnville Grange. Contact [Director Betty Young](#) for more information.

## July 2024

- July 5, 2024, Community Potluck Supper at Trenton Grange, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., 1134 Bar Harbor Road in Trenton. For more information, visit the [Trenton Grange Website](#).
- July 6-7, 2024, Community Bazaar (crafts, farmers' market, yard sale...) at Trenton Grange from 9 am until 2 pm both days. For more information, the [Trenton Grange Website](#).
- July 14, 2024, Deadline for the MSG Bulletin
- July 20, 2024, Junior Grange Meeting at Enterprise Grange. Contact [Director Betty Young](#) for more information.
- July 27, 2024, Regional Church Sunday at the Vermont Grange Camp.

## August 2024

*Note that contest information is typically available from the appropriate officer or directory or the Program Book. Books are available on the [Program Books and Information Page](#).*

- August 1, 2024, Grange Ag Enterprise Award Applications due
- August 2, 2024, Community Potluck Supper at Trenton Grange, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., 1134 Bar Harbor Road in Trenton. For more information, visit the [Trenton Grange Website](#).
- August 3-4, 2024, Community Bazaar (crafts, farmers' market, yard sale...) at Trenton Grange from 9 am until 2 pm both days. For more information, visit the [Trenton Grange Website](#).
- August 3 -5, 2024, Junior Grange Camp at Highland Lake Grange. Contact [Director Betty Young](#) for more information.
- August 14, 2024, Deadline for the MSG Bulletin
- August 20, 2024, Drop off CWA Contest items at MSG Headquarters, 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
- August 24, 2024, Subordinate and Pomona CWA Reports Due to State Director.
- August 24, 2024, State CWA Conference begins at 9:00 a.m.

## September 2024

*Note that contest information is typically available from the appropriate officer or directory or the Program Book. Books are available on the [Program Books and Information Page](#).*

- September 1, 2024, Lecturer's Skit Writing, Poetry Writing, and Book Reading Contest entries are due.
- September 1, 2024, Community Service and FHH Reports are due.
- September 6, 2024, Community Potluck Supper at Trenton Grange, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., 1134 Bar Harbor Road in Trenton. For more information, visit the [Trenton Grange Website](#).
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- September 24, 2024, Junior Grange Meeting at Headquarters. Contact [Director Betty Young](#) for more information.

## October 2024

- October 3, 2024, Piscataquis Pomona Meeting at Valley Grange Hall. Contact Bill Bemis FMI.
- October 4, 2024, Community Potluck Supper at Trenton Grange, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., 1134 Bar Harbor Road in Trenton. For more information, visit the [Trenton Grange Website](#).
- October 5-6, 2024, Community Bazaar (crafts, farmers' market, yard sale...) at Trenton Grange from 9 am until 2 pm both days. For more information, visit the [Trenton Grange Website](#).
- October 14, 2024, Deadline for the MSG Bulletin
- October 18-19, 2024, Maine State Grange Annual Convention, tentative

## November 2024

- November 1, 2024, Community Potluck Supper at Trenton Grange, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., 1134 Bar Harbor Road in Trenton. For more information, visit the [Trenton Grange Website](#).
- November 2-3, 2024, Community Bazaar (crafts, farmers' market, yard sale...) at Trenton Grange from 9 am until 2 pm both days. For more information, visit the [Trenton Grange Website](#).
- November 12-16, 2024, 158th National Grange Convention in Bettendorf, IA.
- November 14, 2024, Deadline for the MSG Bulletin

## December 2024

- December 6, 2024, Community Potluck Supper at Trenton Grange, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., 1134 Bar Harbor Road in Trenton. For more information, visit the [Trenton Grange Website](#).
- December 7-8, 2024, Community Bazaar (crafts, farmers' market, yard sale...) at Trenton Grange from 9 am until 2 pm both days. For more information, visit the [Trenton Grange Website](#).
- December 14, 2024, Deadline for the MSG Bulletin
- December 21-22, 2024, Community Bazaar (crafts, farmers' market, yard sale...) at Trenton Grange from 9 am until 2 pm both days. For more information, visit the [Trenton Grange Website](#).

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