

## Ag Committee Annual Report

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The Ag committee had a busy year, with a presence at the Augusta Trade Show and at the MAAF (Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs) convention in January, and at Ag Day at the State Legislature in March.

At the Trade Show, committee members took turns manning our table, promoting our scholarship, and chatting with passers-by. At the MAAF meeting, we had a table promoting Grange fair exhibits, and shared information with Ag Fair exhibition hall superintendents. At the Legislature, we again promoted our scholarship, and had fudge (and some seeds) for those visiting our table.

At each event we were able to interact with many Ag related groups and enterprises from all parts of the state.

In early May, we met to choose scholarship recipients. The applicants were from all parts of the state. We were able to provide scholarships (\$500.00 each) to these nine deserving students:

Milan Bsullakmiller, South Portland - South Portland High

Allie Caron, Fort Kent - Fort Kent Community High

Quinn Cunningham, Jonesboro - Machias Memorial High

Ashley Kalloch, Whitefield - Hall-Dale High

Celia Linderoth, Cape Elizabeth - Cape Elizabeth High

Willis Rienhardt, Exeter - Dexter Regional High

David Tuttle, Sangerville - Piscataquis Community High

Nora Whitcomb, Hampden - Hampden Academy

Dylan Wombacher, Bucksport - Maine School of Science & Mathematics.

There was one entry for the Enterprise Award, *Creamy Acres Creamery* in Troy, owned by Kyle Crowell and Nicole Schofield. The sponsoring Grange was Knox Station.

We hosted the Maine Ag in the Classroom annual meeting and dinner at State Headquarters. A giant thank-you to Agnes Nelson for again taking charge of the dinner, and to anyone who helped carry items up and down the stairs.

Thank-you to all the Granges and individuals who contributed to our scholarship fund, including Somerset Pomona, Evening Star Grange, the Grange Store, Knox Station Grange, Sherry Harriman, the Virginia Clark Fund, St. George Grange, Maine Ag in the Classroom, Highland Lake Grange, John F. Hill Grange and Mill Stream Grange.

Congratulations to all Granges who exhibited at their local fairs.

Reported fair winners:Ossipee Valley (combined): 1st Maple Grove, 2nd Waterford; Union:(combined): 1st Medomak Valley, 2nd Union Harvest, 3rd Pioneer;Topsham (combined): 1st Enterprise, 2nd Merriconeag (educational): Enterprise; Windsor: (combined) 1st Winthrop, 2nd Union Harvest, 3rd Branch Mills; Washington: 1st Perry, 2nd Jonesboro, 3rd Alexander; Farmington: (Ag) 1st Community, 2nd Farmington, (Domestic) 1st Community, 2nd Mill Stream; Cumberland: (combined) 1st Danville Junction, 2nd Highland Lake, 3rd Harraseeket.