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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 Master and President

Among the brown leaves I saw several bunches of daffodil and jonquil shoots up about 4 inches, the forsythia is budded, and even little spots of green are showing up more and more — that's progress for "spring" to be upon us.

CELEBRATING GRANGE MONTH

As we get back into our halls for meetings, I remind you again that specific actions must take place for all meetings. Opening the Grange & Alternative Opening to open in "full form or due form" means to follow the prescribed Ritual/instructions in the Grange manual, which includes opening the Bible, taking the passwords & reporting, opening the implement case, the salutation given (prescribed hand salute), Salute to the Flag, and the Charter displayed in the hall. The Grange MUST be opened in full form for Conferral of Degrees, Obligation or Welcome Ceremony, even at a special meeting where this is all you are doing, at your own meeting or someplace else. Alternative Opening is a little shorter version of the full form.

The Annual Password: may only be given by the Master/President of your Grange to members who have paid their dues up to date including the current year. If you are taking candidates to Degree Day(s) please let your Secretary know the member has received the Degrees.

Signs and Salutations: The Code Book or Secret Work describes how to make the signs of each of the degrees (levels) and the Salutation is made by giving the signs of all the degrees consecutively and is accompanied with specific wording during the opening and closing ceremonies. The Master/President says the words and the members silently and simultaneously make the salutation.



Business of the Grange: including motions may only be conducted or carried out when the Grange is opened and working in full form with a quorum present (7 members of your Grange). Opening in full form means following the prescribed manual format for either traditional or alternative opening. Both include opening the Bible, opening the implement case, giving the salutation (the hand signals) and salute to the flag. Business cannot be conducted outside the meeting then announced to the rest of the membership. All must have the opportunity to discuss and vote on all issues.

Making Motions: Any member of that Grange may make a motion and it **MUST** be seconded by a different member of your Grange. If the motion is not seconded, discussion cannot take place and the motion is lost. Simple majority carries or loses the motion. The Master may not make a motion, however they may ask the membership if someone wants to make a motion.

Subordinate and Pomona By-Laws: Granges are to keep By-Laws up to date and provide a copy for the office. Changes may be made by vote of 2/3 of members present and voting at a subsequent meeting after the suggested change has been submitted in writing to all members.

Vacancies in Office: May be filled by election at the next regular meeting of the various Granges of the divisions of the Order. Or not later than the 2nd meeting after the vacancy.

Membership: Fraternal Individual Membership (standard) and Affiliate Membership are the two types of membership we have in Maine. Both are attained by application into a Grange, fee paid, voted into membership and receive degrees or obligation ceremony. Affiliate membership may be held in one additional Grange at the same time as the standard membership, affiliate members have the right to vote and hold office in the additional Grange.

Election of Officers: Full elections are required in each Grange and yes, we use paper ballots for each officer. After election the reelected or newly elected Master will appoint and give the names of the committee chairmen to the Secretary asap after election, so the Subordinate or Pomona Secretary can provide the info to the office.

Reimbursement Grant Program: The 2026 Reimbursement Grants for Community Service Program we **do** have is to reimburse half of the expenses up to \$250, for Community Service work done by your Grange such as the Dictionary Project, Cemetery cleanup, or Christmas party for area families. Your secretary will receive the paperwork for the program or contact the office for the form. The Maine State Grange does not give Grants for building repairs, improvements or property upgrades, etc. One reimbursement per Grange per year. Forms sent to the Secretary in a mailing earlier this year. **The project must be completed and the receipts for materials only, sent to the Maine State Grange by September 1.**

Communications Column

By Walter Boomsma, MSG Communications Director

Magic Meetings

I recently consulted with a group (not Grange-related) that is setting up a new type of meeting. It was an interesting, if not frustrating, experience.

They had a unique opportunity to create something extraordinary and engaging. Yet they seemed determined to keep things as ordinary as possible.

The group focused on safety in the planning process. Much of the discussion centered on what the group didn't want to do. It was as if they were determined to focus on the limitations. However unintentionally, they committed to creating and promoting boredom.

Lately, I've been hearing a lot of frustration from Granges (including my own) that are struggling to reach a quorum of seven members at meetings. It's an undeniable reality that there is a lot of competition for members' attention.

Perhaps we're missing the magic. If we want something to be exciting, why aren't we excited about planning it? Much of Grange's policy and practice encourages tradition, and that's important and valuable. But we need to acknowledge that tradition can become boring, especially for people who thrive on excitement.

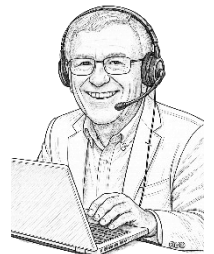
In plain language, would someone rather watch their grandchild's baseball game or come to the Grange hall to complete the ritual?

There's some irony in this. I am usually elected moderator of our town's meetings. I always invite people to join in the Pledge of Allegiance as we begin. This year, I was thanked both privately and publicly for doing so. I didn't expect people to be excited over reciting the pledge! I also am quite sure people don't come to town meetings just for that. In fact, this year our attendance was double the usual because of competition for one particular office. Attendance also improves when there's something to "fight" about.

I'm not suggesting Grange meetings should be based on fighting, but we'd better find some ways to create some magic and engagement. Our meetings should not just focus on an obligation to attend. We need to make some magic!

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FACT: In the past twelve months, site views have increased 7%, and post/page views have increased 16%!



CWA Report

By Margaret Henderson, MSG CWA Director

Happy Spring. I hope it starts to warm up soon.

I have an update on our contests and conference. It will be held at the Manchester Grange. Entries will be accepted on Thursday, August 20th, from 9 am - 2 pm. Judging will be on Friday, August 21, and the Conference will be on Saturday, August 22, at 9:30 am. The baking entries need to arrive by 9 am on Saturday.

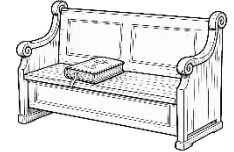
If you cannot bring your entries on Thursday, please contact me so we can arrange a meeting and ensure your entries are entered in the contest.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. If I don't answer, please leave a message, and I will call you back.

From the Deacon's Bench

By Clay Collins, Guest Columnist

Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." [John 13:34-35]



My friends and fellow Grangers, happy spring and happy Easter! As I write this today, I am looking out the window at the snow. Just sitting here watching the snow come down makes me think about all the things going on in the world.

All of the homeless people, the high cost of groceries, and the cost of gas and heating oil. We might not be able to do much about these things, but there is one thing that we, as a human race, can do to make it more bearable, and that is remember what Jesus said. "Love one another as He loves us!"

Many of you already do this, and I commend you for it. For the few that are stand-offish, take it slowly. When you meet someone, say, "Hello", and strike up a conversation. Before you know it, you have a new friend. It might not be easy to start with, but do it long enough, it will become second nature. Think about it.

Until the next time, remember, "Be well, do good work, and keep in touch".

Benediction: "Gracious Father, thank you for giving us your Son, Jesus, for whom we would never have learned how to love one another as He loves us. Amen."

Thought for the month: "May your right hand always be stretched out in friendship, and never in want." [Irish Blessing]

Editor's Note: While Chaplain Christine is burdened with technology challenges, she has invited Past MSG Chaplain Clay to share some spiritual thoughts with our Grange Flock.

Membership Moments

By Rick Grotton, MSG Membership Committee Director

How is the Grange supposed to take in new membership and teach them the rituals and traditions when there are people out there disrespecting the use of a Grange Hall and the rituals of the Grange? First, the Grange is a non-partisan organization, meaning that if you hold discussions and debates, ALL parties must be involved. In a recent political ad, the name of the Grange appeared. This activity is a direct violation of the bylaws of the National Grange. It is an embarrassment to our membership and to the reputation of the Grange name. Many members have commented in shock at the direct violation of the bylaws.

Second, if you have not opened in full form for a Grange meeting, any business transactions and voting are void. Again, this is a violation of the bylaws. Grange is not just for a social group, but certain traditions and rituals MUST be followed. Many Granges in the past, and I suspect in the future also will be closed for disrespecting our traditions and rituals. This is not Grange.

Third, there are no such "associate memberships" in the Grange. These groups are actually "friends of the Grange" and are not recognized as members. They are not allowed to have a vote in any Grange, cannot take an office, and they cannot be part of your quorum. For example, if you have only six members and fifteen "friends of the Grange" present at a meeting, you are not allowed to conduct business. They have NO say in the decisions made by the Grange itself. It is good to have outside help for projects; however, the Grange members must make the decisions.

Fourth, any Grange is not "owned" or "operated" by any one person or clique. We have lost so many Granges because individuals want to control and dominate. So many hard feelings and disrespect for the Grange and its members are exhibited. All members have a say, and if it doesn't turn out the way you want it, then so be it. Instead of getting up and leaving with a bitter taste in your mouth, remember that you are showing disrespect to your Grange and its members.

There are more examples that could be used; however, the above four examples are prime examples of why our membership and



the number of Granges have dropped considerably. With many respectful and loyal members out there trying to build our numbers, there are also others who just don't want to respect or care for others. They have their own objectives and goals, completely opposite of what the Grange stands for. We must rise and bring the good name of the Grange back so that we can continue to strive.

I am sorry to write about such negativity; however, it is a losing battle trying to bring in new members when such disrespect is being shown. How am I supposed to be doing my job as State Membership Director when there are supposed members working against me? I feel as if I am lying to prospective new members when I remain strictly positive, and when they encounter just the opposite, it comes back to me. Wake up all! If you love your Grange with its traditions and rituals, then defend them. Speak up to the disrespectful ones and say, "Enough!!" There is safety in numbers, but those numbers are decreasing. Help save our Grange!!!

Exploring Traditions--Meandering Around the Grange Way of Life

By Walter Boomsma, Guest Columnist

Preparing the Path

I couldn't resist commenting on a post about homeschooling this morning. The post emphasized that the system wasn't designed for your child and spoke against standardization. My paraphrased comment was "Children are not standardized. But some things in life are, and education should not forget that. We need to discuss the scope of the educational efforts. Homeschooling offers a unique opportunity to consider that and prepare the child for the road, not the road for the child."

As I turn to this month's Exploring Traditions Column, my initial reaction to the homeschooling post still lingers. Both situations raise an important question: are we preparing people for the world, or trying to shape the world around people?

When the Patrons of Husbandry (Grange) was formed, its founders sought to prepare farmers for the road ahead. They weren't trying to prepare the road for the farmers. When we don our farmers' thinking caps, things start to fit together. We still claim to be a grassroots organization. "Grassroots" refers to ordinary people (farmers), rank-and-file members, or local communities, rather than elite leadership or centralized power, who often drive bottom-up social or political movements. Grassroots focus on local engagement, mobilizing citizens to create change through tactics such as volunteering, petitioning, and local organizing.

Of course, times have changed. While agriculture remains our bedrock, our grassroots have broadened. That expansion raises interesting questions about what kinds of bottom-up social or political movements we pursue today—a topic for a different discussion.

Returning to the original intent, it's clear the early Grange set out to prepare farmers for the road to improvement, not to prepare the road for the farmers.

That's more than a play on words. After all, who is better qualified to improve farming than farmers themselves? The early success and growth of the Grange (Patrons of Husbandry) is credible proof.

In organizational design and development, we need to consider scope, span of control, and unity of control. In simple terms, bigger is not always better. For example, homeschooling often works well because it meets certain criteria: it allows quick adaptation and flexibility, letting homeschoolers take advantage of learning opportunities. While there are limitations, the team can overcome and compensate for them, illustrating how effective organization leads to success.

Likewise, a local Grange can turn and refocus quickly in response to needs and opportunities. While limitations exist, members of the Grange can overcome and compensate for them.

Finally, passion is indispensable. The ability to act has no real value unless it's matched by a passion for doing so. Whether we're educating children or improving communities, success depends on keeping that sense of meaning alive. Don't lose it.

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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

Practice Resurrection

Last fall, as the drought lasted and lasted, we started to bale feed in our neighbor's field. Bale feeding can improve soil and the stand of forage in a hurry. By rolling out round bales and placing an electric fence just so, the cows waste little of the hay and manure the ground below them in an even manner. What is left behind is a thin compost pile that feeds the communities of bacteria,



insects, and microbes as they break down the hay and excrement left behind from the cattle's slow move through the field. Organic matter increases, minerals are made bioavailable, and the seed bank, including the new seed from the hay, is stimulated. Time does the rest.

If our previous experience with bale feeding holds, the field will become a lot more useful as not only feed, but also a carbon sink and soil creator. Wendell Berry wrote "practice resurrection". On a very small scale, we can help it along and benefit the ecosystem while we benefit the cows by letting them live out their design as ruminants.

As this spring has progressed, this particular field, which is sandy-soiled and sloping, has been able to bear traffic with no damage. So, we resumed our incomplete march to Back Ridge Road, and will be able to treat the whole field to bale feeding. It is a pleasure to see the cows outdoors taking nutrients uphill that require no shoveling, no composting, and no spreading to do the thing.

Here is to cows pooping where they ought!

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

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. Quill's Endians are members of Halcyon Grange and publish a newsletter for their farm's buying club of farmers in the area, and generously permit us to share some of their columns with Grangers. Visit the [Quill's End Farm Facebook Page](#) for more information.

Communication Shorts

A few short items of information and interest!

- **Changing Column Images:** You may have noticed some changes to images in posted columns and the Bulletin. One reason is that photographs do not print well in the Bulletin. This will be an ongoing project for the next few issues.
- **Scholarship Updates:** Our statistics show an increasing number of "hits" (visits) to the scholarship information posted on our website. It's that time of year! Please check to be certain that any scholarships your Grange offers are correct and current.
- **Grange Visiting:** We've been getting questions from folks interested in visiting Granges other than their own. It's a great idea! Be fraternal!
- **To Ponder:** "Over the years of grassroots advocacy, I have learned: People want help, but they don't want structure. People want leadership, but they resent authority.." – *June Stoyer*
- **An Idea for Your Grange:** Mystery rides are surprise outings or trips in which the destination and itinerary are kept hidden from participants until the last moment. See the Grange Visiting short. You could stop for ice cream on the way back!

But Wait! There's More!

Here are some posts you may have missed since the last Bulletin

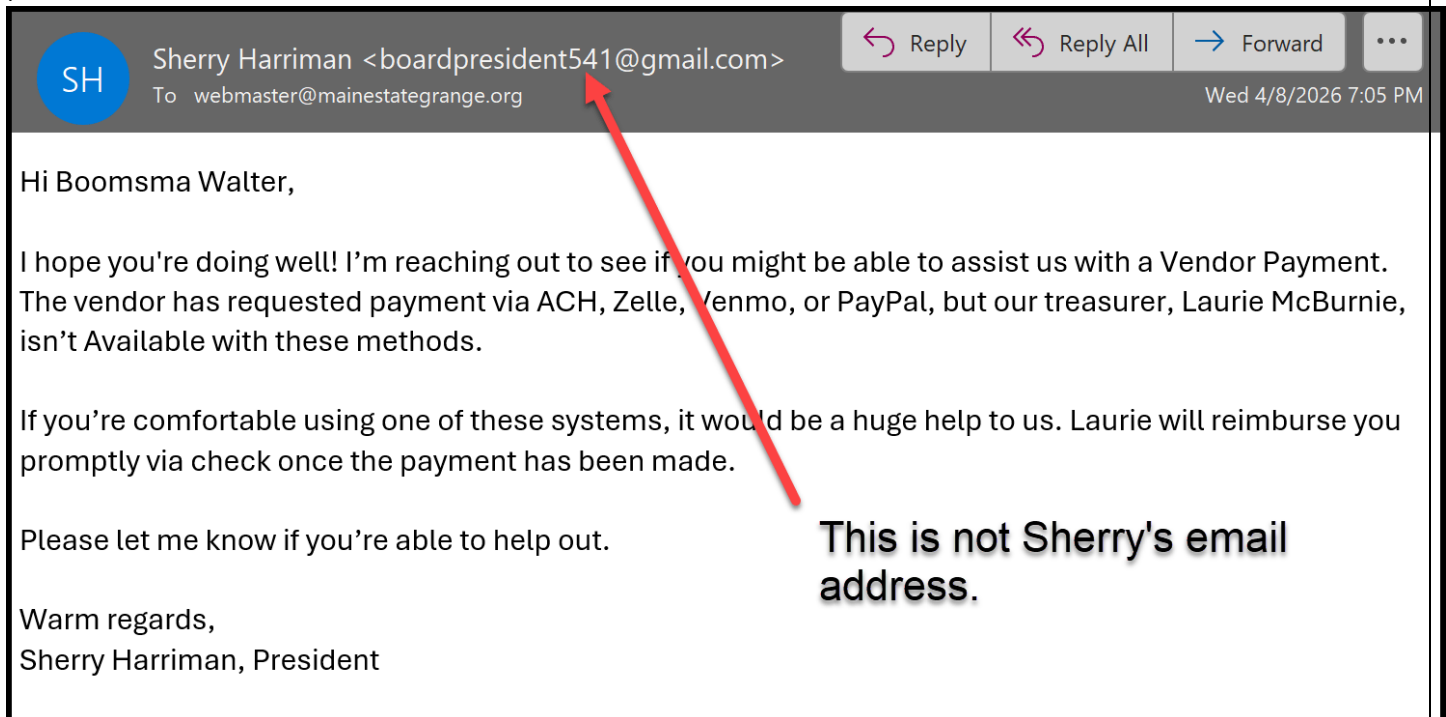
- Wild Fibers at Evening Star Grange
- Valley Grange to Celebrate Community
- Grange Today
- Fraud Watch-Social Security Notice
- Email Scam
- Parkman Grange Mothers' Day Tea
- Seeds of Service Community Recognition Dinner
- Grange Heirloom April 2026
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- Unclaimed Property!
- St George Grange Public Suppers
- Sorting at Valley Grange
- Tractor Safety Certification Courses

Remember, you can also subscribe to our website and receive weekly summaries of new posts by email. Subscribing is easy-peasy. Just go to the site and click "Subscribe" at the top.

Email Scam

by Walter Boomsma, MSG Communications Director

It pains me to say, "I hope you're getting used to this..." but it's become a regular attempt at scamming Grangers. If you receive an email like this, do not reply! Just delete it!



SH Sherry Harriman <boardpresident541@gmail.com>
To webmaster@mainestategrange.org Wed 4/8/2026 7:05 PM

Hi Boomsma Walter,

I hope you're doing well! I'm reaching out to see if you might be able to assist us with a Vendor Payment. The vendor has requested payment via ACH, Zelle, Venmo, or PayPal, but our treasurer, Laurie McBurnie, isn't Available with these methods.

If you're comfortable using one of these systems, it would be a huge help to us. Laurie will reimburse you promptly via check once the payment has been made.

Please let me know if you're able to help out.

Warm regards,
Sherry Harriman, President

This is not Sherry's email address.

The Grange: More Than a Place

Originally posted in The Guilford Register Magazine in celebration of Grange Month

One of my greatest pleasures in life is attempting to explain the origins and purpose of this organization called "the Grange" to excited third graders as part of our "Words for Thirds" program. I start by attempting to determine what they already know about the Grange, and I'll always remember the young girl who waved her hand enthusiastically and announced, "I was born there."

It took a little thinking to realize she'd heard me say "LaGrange" – one of the small, rural communities here in Maine. Her answer was certainly amusing, but it was also insightful and telling. Like the organization she was learning about, she was proud of her roots and heritage. She announced her connection and kinship to LaGrange just as enthusiastically as I announce my connection to the Grange.

For those unfamiliar with it, the Grange, officially known as the Patrons of Husbandry, was founded in 1867 to revitalize American agriculture and foster a sense of belonging among rural families following the Civil War. By establishing local "Granges," the organization provided a vital social hub that offered educational lectures, cooperative buying power to lower costs, and a rare space for men, women, and youth to participate equally. This focus on mutual aid and collective improvement transformed isolated farmsteads into tight-knit networks, cementing the Grange as a cornerstone of rural social life and civic engagement for over a century.

A sense of connection often attracts people to rural small-town America. But even small towns are experiencing a "social disconnect" as things like regional school systems and social media change the traditional model of community. We now have cell phones, tablets, and computers to stay "connected" with people – in many cases, people we rarely see and certainly can't touch.

But beneath all the communicating, we still want to see people – to touch and be touched – and to feel a part of something. People will claim their families are going "in a million different directions" but not really consider why. Some of it has to be the search for connections and belonging. One reason every community needs a Grange is that folks are searching hard for a sense of community, and geographic boundaries no longer provide it. Being from "LaGrange" is not enough. Being from "the Grange" offers more.

The Grange, with its fundamental principles and practices, is one place where the entire family can not only be together but also feel connected to other like-minded people and families. The Grange's rich heritage as an organization with shared values and missions remains relevant today. One hundred years ago, it was about farmers coming together and overcoming rural isolation. Today, it



is about a larger and redefined community, but it is still about coming together and overcoming isolation.

In a study, psychologists McMillan and Chavis identified the four elements required for a “sense of community”: 1) membership, 2) influence, 3) fulfillment of needs, and 4) shared emotional connection. An in-depth study isn’t required to see how an active Grange contributes to those elements and builds a sense of community. From potluck suppers to community service projects, Grange members and friends feel a sense of kinship and demonstrate a cooperative spirit.

There are several important factors that distinguish the Grange from other civic and community organizations. The family orientation is one notable exception. Grange families find occasions when they don’t go in a million directions. Another is the diversity of programming and interests. The Grange offers social, political, economic, and educational benefits to all. You can’t be born there, but you can belong.

Grange Events

Please note that events scheduled in advance are always subject to change. Sorry, but space does not permit us to include regular local meetings, but we do include local Grange Special Events. Additional information is usually available on the MSG website.

May 2026

Every Monday, at 7 PM, **St George Grange** hosts Music Night. Enjoy live music, bring a musical instrument and play, or get up and sing.

Every Saturday, 10 AM-4 PM, Kennebec Valley Grange hosts a flea market on two floors. Call Diane Pinkham at 207 314-5135 FMI.

- May 2, 2026, Craft Sale at Benton Grange, 9:00 – 2:00 pm. FMI contact Mary Colson.
- May 2, 2026, Blanketeering at Valley Grange, 9:00 – noon. FMI Valley Grange Website or Pat Engstrom at 207 564-8290.
- May 3, 2026, MSG Educational Aid Meeting at MSG Headquarters, 2 PM
- May 3, 2026, Wild Fibers from around the World presentation at Evening Star Grange.
- May 9, 2026, St George Grange Public Supper, 5 pm.
- May 9, 2026, Parkman Grange Mothers’ Day Tea, 10 am – noon.
- May 14, 2026, MSG Bulletin Deadline
- May 15, 2026, Victor Grange in Fairfield hosts a free senior lunch, 11 AM – 1 PM.
- May 15, 2026, Community Celebration at Valley Grange, potluck supper at 5:30 PM, program at 7:00 PM. FMI Valley Grange Website.
- May 24, 2026, Evening Star Grange in Washington, ME, sponsors a seedling swap, 11 AM – 1 PM. FMI call Steph Grant at 207 315-0709.

June 2026

Every Monday, at 7 PM, **St George Grange** hosts Music Night. Enjoy live music, bring a musical instrument and play, or get up and sing.

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- Elections of Officers
- June 13, 2026, St George Grange Public Supper, 5 pm.
- June 14, 2026, MSG Bulletin Deadline
- June 19, 2026, Victor Grange in Fairfield hosts a free senior lunch, 11 AM – 1 PM.

July 2026

Every Monday, at 7 PM, **St George Grange** hosts Music Night. Enjoy live music, bring a musical instrument and play, or get up and sing.

Every Saturday, 10 AM-4 PM, Kennebec Valley Grange hosts a flea market on two floors. Call Diane Pinkham at 207 314-5135 FMI.

- July 11, 2026, St George Grange Public Supper, 5 pm.
- July 14, 2026, MSG Bulletin Deadline
- July 17, 2026, Victor Grange in Fairfield hosts a free senior lunch, 11 AM – 1 PM.

August 2026

Every Monday, at 7 PM, **St George Grange** hosts Music Night. Enjoy live music, bring a musical instrument and play, or get up and sing.

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- August 8, 2026, St George Grange Public Supper, 5 pm.
- August 12, 2026, Fairview Grange Hunter Safety Class
- August 14, 2026, MSG Bulletin Deadline
- August 19, 2026, CWA Deadline for contest entries (except baking) to arrive at Manchester Grange.
- August 22, 2026, CWA Conference at Manchester Grange starting at 9:30 am. Subordinate and Pomona Reports are due to the state director.

- August 22, 2026, Fairview Grange Hunter Safety Class
- August 31, 2026, Community Service Reports are due, including nominations, FHH Activity, etc. See Program Book FMI.

September 2026

Every Monday, at 7 PM, **St George Grange** hosts Music Night. Enjoy live music, bring a musical instrument and play, or get up and sing.

Every Saturday, 10 AM-4 PM, Kennebec Valley Grange hosts a flea market on two floors. [Details here](#) or call Diane Pinkham at 207 314-5135 FMI.

- September 1, 2026, Lecturer's Contests Due – skit writing, poetry writing, Grange book reading.
- September 12, 2026, St George Grange Public Supper, 5 pm.
- September 14, 2026, MSG Bulletin Deadline
- September 16, 2026, Victor Grange in Fairfield hosts a free senior lunch, 11 AM – 1 PM.

October 2026

- October 10, 2026, St George Grange Public Supper, 5 pm. FMI
- October 30-31, 2026, MSG Session at the Black Bear Inn in Orono.

All events, letters, or articles submitted for publication must have content relating to the Grange and may be edited for length and grammar. Our complete editorial policy is available on the Maine State Grange website.