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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

STATE GRANGE SESSION

The banquet buffet is scheduled for State session on Friday evening October 30 at the Black Bear Inn. They will be serving beef tips, chicken cordon bleu, red potatoes, rice pilaf, green beans & baby carrots, stir fry vegetables, salad, rolls and dessert. Tickets \$40 each, purchased in advance, October 1st deadline. Lunches will be on your own. Session info has been mailed to Secretaries and Masters/Presidents of each Grange.

I am very pleased to announce our National Representative at State Session will be Barbara Foster, Pomona of the National Grange and Master/President of the West Virginia State Grange. I know you will give her a warm welcome.

Once again, **anyone may attend the State Grange Session**, as long as you are a 4th Degree (Subordinate/Community level) Grange member and have the passwords for the gate. (To receive the passwords from your Grange, your dues must be paid.) After the opening on the 1st day of State Session is completed, we lower to the 4th Degree and all work is conducted in the fourth degree, like your regular Grange meeting you are welcome to sit in at the meeting and listen. Only registered delegate(s), may vote on the issues and elections, but this does not exclude you from attending.



OFFICER and DEPARTMENT REPORTS

These are due in the office no later than September 15th. (written or emailed to my email SHarriman@twc.com and to the office). I prefer emailed reports. These dates may seem early but getting everything put together for session takes time, especially when we have to keep adding on the procrastinators.

MASTERS/PRESIDENTS and SECRETARIES

Of the 71 Subordinate/Community and 12 Pomona Granges, we have received 42 total roster forms. THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE PROVIDED THEM! Another strong reminder to the rest of you WE NEED YOUR CORRECT ROSTER INFORMATION– Which day or days and time is your meeting, (*example 1st & 3rd Tues at 7 pm*) Name, address, phone, cell phone and email address for each --Master/President, Lecturer, Secretary and CWA Chairman are due. Please type or print clearly. If you don't have a form, send the information we requested anyway. During the meeting when the Master asks, "Have the reports to State Grange and Pomona been made?" This question includes any information requested from your Grange. Even if there are no changes, please drop us an email or note to let us know that.

While on this subject of roster information I have received, several of you have changed the day or days and/or time of your meetings to something different. This is a bylaw change and does need a vote of the Grange and State Grange approval. So get those by-laws typed up and sent to me. If you have changed your dues fee, that is also a bylaw change, if your bylaws say \$3.00 that's what you charge, so adjustments must be made to your bylaws to accommodate the change. When you make the changes the word "minimum" may be added to cover future adjustments.

ANNUAL AUDIT OF GRANGE ACCOUNTS

This is a good time to remind you that your Grange Secretary's and Treasurer's books are to be audited at least once a year and carrying that out close to installation is the perfect time to get it done. The Executive Committee and/or the Finance Committee of your Grange are the ones to carry out the audit. Written records should be kept for all accounts in the Grange, receipts, and expenditures.

Maine State Grange By-Laws: Article XXI – Subordinate Officers and Their Duties

Section 8.1 It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee of each Subordinate Grange to see that the books of the Secretary and Treasurer and any other funds of the Grange are audited at the end of the fiscal year.

You will need the Secretary's Records and Secretary's Order Book. This is the 5x7 book the Secretary writes what bills have come into the Grange and need to be paid with an amount listed. This record book also includes donations made to whom, etc. You will need the Treasurer's books, checkbook, bank statements, savings book, etc. and receipt book (for funds received from the Secretary). You compare the Secretary's minutes and Order Book with the Treasurer's checkbook and statements for receipts and expenditures. All items should match between the Secretary and the Treasurer. **All** Committees of the Grange, that handle funds, such as CWA, Lecturer, Chaplain, Bingo, Dinner, Fund Raising, etc. should also be keeping written records of receipts and expenditures to have audited at the end of the Grange year.

GRANGE COMMITTEES

Committees are appointed by the Master and the Overseer and are responsible for organizing and implementing their programs in Subordinate, Pomona and State Granges. Each level has more responsibilities and activities for the membership. If you would like to serve on a committee, please contact the Master/President.

- Legislative Committee educates Granges about public policy issues of concern to members and encourages them to take action.
- Agricultural Committee brings to the Grange's attention issues affecting agriculture.
- Lecturer's Committee assists the Lecturer in the preparation and implementation of programs.
- Committee for Women's Activities conducts projects and contests, which encourage the development and use of the members' skills and talents.
- Youth Committee develops programs and workshops to inform and discuss everyday concerns.
- Membership Committee is responsible for making sure that recruiting new members is part of all Grange programs and activities.
- Publicity Committee reports information about Grange activities and efforts to the news media.
- Community Service Committee develops projects which improve the quality of life and the community.
- Family Health & Hearing Committee– promotes the Grange health program of deaf awareness and other wellness issues through community outreach and education.
- Junior Committee – provides activities for children in their community that are fun and teaches them the principles and Grange values.
- Special Committees -- appointed for limited periods of time to manage and control special projects.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

We have just installed a new metal roof; it affects and/or blocks my cell phone and internet service, so be patient, I'll do my best to answer calls and emails. Happy Summer!

Communications Column

By Walter Boomsma, MSG Communications Director

Putting Our Best Face Forward



One of the Communications Department's functions is to strive to present our best face externally. One way we do that is with honesty and transparency. However, that honesty and transparency should be expressed positively.

Items posted on the website are immediately available to **anyone**, including members, prospective members, community partners, and members of the media. It's too easy to forget that! A strength of fraternal organizations can easily become a weakness when the bonds we value create a sense of exclusion among others. We may be brutally honest with ourselves. ("We're having trouble getting a quorum at our meetings.") That doesn't mean we need to announce that "fact" to the world. Putting our best face forward means we communicate using the "Three C's."

1. **Clarity** means stripping away jargon and keeping the message simple and direct. The message should also be complete (another C!). I remember a conversation with someone unfamiliar with the Grange. She thought that "Grange meetings" were for Grangers only. Grange programs were for everyone. Whether she was right or wrong is not the issue. The important fact is we need to be sensitive to what others think. When I first joined the Grange, I lobbied for some signage and including the location of the Grange in flyers. One member said, "Everyone knows where the Grange is!" When we start thinking that way, we are in danger of discouraging others. We are not putting our best face forward.
2. **Confidence** is about projecting belief in the values of the organization and the message being sent. Just remember that people don't come to or join the Grange for your reasons. They come and join for their reasons. Be confident that their reasons are such that they will find value at your event or participating in your Grange.
3. **Connection** can be a result that includes empathy and engagement. When we list an event, it's easy to focus on the fact we're engaging in one-way communication. We can make a slight shift and focus on the fact that we're trying to create a connection. This is the "show, don't tell" approach that resonates well. If you're having an event, show readers what is going to happen or what they'll get if they attend. Write "you" messages, not "we" messages. "When you come to a bean supper at X Grange, you'll..."

There could be a fourth "C," **credible**. Wild, overstated claims (positive or negative) might be made clearly and confidently; they won't create connection if they aren't credible. I don't know about you, but I'd rather visit the Grange that offers some "pretty good coffee" than listen to a Grange claim they serve the best coffee in the state.

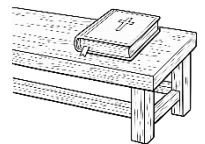
These things may not always be easy, but they definitely are simple.

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FACT: Since we migrated to a new server, we've had over 5,000 site visits! (Sharing that is putting our best face forward!)

From the Deacon's Bench

By Clay Collins, Guest Columnist



"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil." (Ephesians 6:10-11)

Here we are, the middle of the beautiful, hot, humid, lazy, hazy days of summer. Right where we said we wanted to be last winter! You remember those cold, blistery days when we were all huddled around the old "cook stove".

I trust you all are having a fantastic time enjoying all there is to do in this wonderful state of ours. Before we know it, the children will be back in school, and the temperature will be dropping like a "lead balloon," and the heating bills will be showing up. I apologize for being a "gloomy Gus"

Before I end this for another month, I want to remind you that the month of August is "International Peace Month", and it is observed throughout the month of August. It was founded on August 16, 1926, at the Fifth International Democratic Peace Conference in Rheims, France, to reflect on the devastation of World War One and to promote global cooperation

It was created by 4,000 pacifists from 30 countries to study international peace work and to prevent future global conflicts. (It doesn't seem to be working very well today!).

We might not be able to do very much on the global front, but we can do something in our own town and neighborhoods. Whenever a conflict arises, don't just bull your way into the situation. First, try talking, trying to defuse the situation. I have noticed that cool heads are a lot better than a fiery temper with a lot of shouting.

"Be well, do good work, and keep in touch." Amen.

Benediction: Gracious Father, help us to remember that it doesn't take a hot temper and loud voices to settle disagreements, but calm, cool minds and friendly attitudes to calm angry situations. Amen

Thought for the month: “Bless the food before us, the family beside us, and the love between us.”

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

Let's do something a little different. In these next columns, let's be interactive. Send in your success stories or ways you think we could attract more members (or even to prevent them from leaving). In a positive tone, sharing stories and opinions helps everyone, especially your Grange brothers and sisters. Actually, let's make it competitive to see which Pomona area sends in the most suggestions by the end of the year! Membership increases are up to ALL OF US, so help me with your suggestions. I hope your summer activities have attracted new members, and Grange awareness has been happening. Send your stories and suggestions to ricti@aol.com and I will put them in future columns. Let's work together to keep our Grange motor running smoothly so that our great organization will continue for many years to come. I have given you our success stories from Chelsea Grange and am looking forward to sharing yours! I know there are many stories out there as I do keep up an awareness of Grange happenings and want to thank those who have the devotion, loyalty, love and respect for the Grange. Your work is making a difference and is very much appreciated by your brothers and sisters!



The above paragraph was part of my column in August 2019, and I still have not heard from anyone concerning the request. That was seven years ago, and our membership has been declining since. Some Granges have been consistently increasing their membership over that period; however, many of you have not and do not seem to make membership gains your priority. The Membership committee could go out and schedule workshops and meetings, but will that help? We have done so in the past without much attendance or cooperation. Without cooperation and joint efforts, how are we to succeed? It is the duty of the Membership committee to provide you with tools and information to help, but what happens to that information? We all know what we must do, but most don't take it seriously or are not interested.

As we prepare for the busiest time of the Grange year with agricultural fair exhibits, installations, and the reaping of our harvests, please keep in mind that membership gains are also important. The gains are not important just for your Grange, but for all who belong across this State. We are always looking for new ideas, new leadership, and direction. Please help us in our quest to boost membership numbers in every Grange!

Secretary's Corner - August 2026

By Sharon Morton, MSG Secretary

August is the beginning of our late-summer months before our State Grange Convention in October.

I am reminding all Secretaries that Resolutions to be considered at our Annual Convention must be received at State Grange Headquarters postmarked no later than August 15th.

Updated State Grange Banquet information will arrive in August, with a return date no later than October 10, 2026.

The delegates representing your Grange must be elected at a regular Grange meeting. The delegate credential may be mailed (preferably) to me prior to State Session or brought to State Session in October. Remember that your September Quarterly dues must be in the office prior to October 15th in order for your Grange to have representation at State Session.

The Maine State Grange currently has 72 active Community/Subordinate Granges. I have received 67 June quarterly reports. There are still five outstanding June quarterly reports, and I have notified them of the lateness of their reports. As you can see, it is very hard for me to provide the National Grange with an accurate membership count for the State of Maine when I don't have that information. My report must be at National Grange no later than August 31, 2026.

I also need the Pomona annual reports. I have received three out of the 12 remaining Pomonas. I am also notifying the Pomona secretary that the annual report is now overdue.

You may also receive notification from the IRS regarding the filing of your 990N. Please do not respond to this letter. I have finished filing the 990N's with the IRS.

The role of a Grange secretary is vital to the success of your Grange. As the keeper of records and administrative backbone, a secretary ensures that meetings run smoothly and that members remain informed.

A Grange secretary is responsible for keeping precise minutes of meetings, recording membership details, and preserving historical documents.

Clear and timely communication with Grange members, officers, and committees is essential. Sending out meeting notices, reminders, and reports ensures that everyone stays informed.

The secretary is responsible for preparing and submitting Quarterly reports to the State Grange on time. (September 30th,



December 31st , March 31st and June 30th) Your report will not be considered late if it is postmarked on or before the 10th of the month following the quarter in which it is due. Remember that there is a \$5.00 late fee to be included with such a report if it is postmarked after the 10th. It is extremely important that you keep the State Grange informed of any changes in membership, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses.

As your State Secretary, I appreciate your dedication to being secretary in your Community/Subordinate and Pomona Granges. Have a safe and enjoyable remainder of the summer season, and I will see you all soon.

Membership Recognition

By Sharon Morton, MSG Secretary

Effective May 1, two changes took place in the Grange Store. This was reported in the April 24, 2026, issue of Grange Today!

The price of Golden Sheaf, Silver Star, and 75-year Awards, as well as the 80 – and 85-year letters, will increase to \$15.00 each plus shipping.

Additionally, shipping rates – which have remained unchanged for nearly a decade – will increase as shown on the chart.

As a reminder, orders must be made using the Membership Recognition Form, which is sent to me.

NATIONAL GRANGE STORE SHIPPING RATES-May 1, 2026

Order Total	
Up to \$10.00	\$6.00
\$10.00-\$19.00	\$9.00
\$20.00-\$49.00	\$10.00
\$50.00-\$74.99	\$12.00
\$75.00-\$99.99	\$15.00
\$100.00-\$124.99	\$20.00
\$125.00-\$249.00	\$25.00
\$250.00 and above	\$30.00

Exploring Traditions--Meandering Around the Grange Way of Life

By Walter Boomsma, Guest Columnist

From the Second Degree

"...constantly study the book of Nature." [Lecturer to the candidates]

These six words are perhaps a concise summary of the lessons learned in the Ritual of the Degrees. The book of nature doesn't just have value to farmers--that is one reason the ritual remains and the Grange Way of Life still has application. While we think of a book as a set of printed pages those pages represent knowledge. In today's society, that knowledge is distributed in various forms. Ultimately, a "book" is vehicle for conveying information.

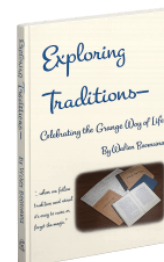
The founders of the Grange saw nature as a book, a vehicle for conveying information. Almost all the "the Ritual" encourages us to learn the many lessons Nature offers. Immediately after encouraging the candidates to "study the book of Nature," the lecturer explains "Learn from it the truths which may remind us of the immense greatness of God, and our own littleness—of His blessings, and the obligations they impose upon us." This is one of many places during the Ritual of the Degrees I often long for a pause so we can fully digest the thought. It is unfortunate that candidates are whisked away to the chaplain. But the chaplain makes a gallant attempt to keep the candidates focused by immediately referencing the book of nature. *"...the springing seed teaches us to increase in goodness and the growing trees to aspire after higher and broader knowledge."*

From a writer's perspective, those are two powerful metaphors. Many have heard the two questions sometimes asked that draw on that metaphor. "How many seeds are there in an apple?" illustrates that counting them isn't too difficult. The second question suggests a much bigger challenge. "How many apples are there in a seed?" If we work these thoughts into the Ritual, the springing seed teaches us to increase in goodness and just as one apple seed may produce endless trees and countless apples, the increase in goodness is likewise unlimited. (Thus sayeth the book of Nature.)

Of the husbandman (we are, of course, Patrons of Husbandry), the chaplain explains, **"In no other occupation does a man's daily labor bring him into such close companionship with the Great Creator as in the cultivation of the soil."** But before you object that you are not a farmer, let's remember that we are dealing with symbols, metaphors, and the book of Nature. If you're struggling with that, get a cup of potting soil and plant a seed in it. It's a simple but powerful way to learn about growth.

I have "edited" the actual Ritual and left out a lot. In practice we might breeze through these two lessons in five to ten minutes or less. You could rightfully feel cheated because beneath the words there are serious, ponderable concepts and lessons. We've only scratched the surface. In spite of that, let's fast forward to a few minutes later when the master uses the visual aid of a few kernels of corn.

"We are now to teach you how to plant the seed. Behold these inanimate kernels of corn! But the germ has life—the future plant is there. We loosen the soil—we bury (plant) the seed; and in so doing impress upon our minds the truth of the immortality of the soul. There is no object in which, to appearance, life and death border so closely together as in the grains of seed buried in the earth; but when life seems extinct, a fuller and richer existence begins anew. From this little seed we have, first the blade, then the



ear, then the full corn in the ear. So with the mind, when duly nourished with Faith and Hope. But be not deceived! Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

It might help if you are, but I don't think you have to be a farmer to "get" this. The book of Nature is for everyone! It's not particularly catchy, but we could offer the slogan, "We're Grangers; we learn from the book of Nature."

I could challenge lecturers to develop a presentation about "learning from the book of Nature." Much of the script has already been written. You learned it during the Ritual of the Degrees, right?

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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" is available on Amazon or by contacting the author.

View from the Farm

By Quill's End Farm's Endians

Eggs and chicken, chicken and eggs

Having poultry on Quill's End Farm has always seemed like a no brainer. In natural ecosystems, ground nesting birds follow ruminants and "clean up" the larvae that invariably populate ruminant's waste. This helps break the pathogen cycle and also cuts down the fly population. The poultry also add their own manure to the soil to stimulate growth.

The Quill's End hens and meat birds move on a regular basis in pens or behind electric netting that ensures their safety from ground predators. This gives them insects and pasture to augment their diet. It also makes for an incredibly tasty egg or chicken.

The business of getting eggs and chicken to you is not as idyllic. We currently process around 250 chickens three times per summer. These days are both long but immensely enjoyable. A crew gathers to make light work of the task, and a lunch unlike any other follows the work. Because the task is not loud, the conversation and laughter around the table elevate the work. Anticipation of the shared meal spurs the crew on.

Processing eggs lacks the communal aspect. Because eggs come in at a steady rate every day, washing and packing eggs usually is solitary work. We try to add a little whimsy to the process by "mixing" up eggs in the cartons. You might find a large egg next to a small one. You may find green or white eggs in your carton. You may find patterns in the placement of said colored or colorless eggs. The specialness of the eggs happens in the field, the patterns and size games are just for your, and our, entertainment.

We have oh so much plenty of eggs and chicken right now, we can cover your mornings and suppers all month. Avail yourself of the bounty.



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!

- ➔ **Words for Thirds - Book Exchange Boxes:** Are you getting ready for this year's dictionary distribution? Are your BEBs and Little Free Libraries stocked for fall? It may be the end of summer, but it's the beginning of the school year and learning.
- ➔ **Submitting Events Is Easier:** We now have a specific format for submitting events on the site. It's optional, but we strongly encourage it. It helps create event listings that include all the details. The event calendar is becoming an increasingly popular site feature! A copy of the form is included at the end of this Bulletin. The online version is available on the site.
- ➔ **An Idea for Your Grange:** How about a Cookbook Club or a Recipe Romance--good excuses to get together and share! Each meeting could have a theme...
- ➔ **To Ponder:** "You can always debate about what you should have done. The question is what are you going to do?"
Hubert Humphrey

But Wait! There's More!

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

- Grange Today! 8-14-2026
- Fraud Watch- Is It Really Your Grandkid?
- Resources for Seniors
- Greene Village Day at Androscoggin Grange
- National Grange Rep Announced
- Manchester Grange Calls for Craft Fair Vendors
- Maine Membership Anniversaries
- Saco Grange Clothing Giveaway
- Fraud Watch- Tech Support Scams
- Saco Grange Schedules Events for the Year
- Grange Heirloom- August 2026
- Calling All Granges
- Tractor Safety Foundation's Online Course
- Fraud Watch- Jury Duty Scams
- Pesticide Disposal
- Madison Grange Food Distribution
- August Grange Events
- Grange Today! 7-24-2026
- Free Eye Exams & Glasses for Veterans and Dependents
- Fraud Watch- QR Code Scams
- You'll Miss Us!- a webatorial
- St George Chair-ity Auction

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.

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.

September 2026

Every Monday, 10 am – 3 pm, Saco Grange Quilting Club meets to learn techniques for quilting for charities. \$5 donation. (Starts September 14th)

Every Monday, 6 pm – 8 pm, Winthrop Grange offers free sewing classes.

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 that fills two floors. Little Free Food Pantry is also open to anyone who can use it, no forms, no questions. 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 4, 2026, East Madison Grange Open Mic Night at 7 pm. All musicians, poets and other performers are invited to perform.
- September 5, 2026, Deadline for Educational Aid Scholarship and Howe's Nurses Scholarship applications.
- September 7, 2026, Work Day at the New England Grange Building in West Springfield MA.
- September 10, 2026, Deadline for claiming [Memorial Bricks](#) available from former headquarters.
- September 12, 2026, Greene Village Day at Androscoggin Grange includes pancake breakfast, craft fair, chili cookoff and pie cook off. FMI
- September 12, 2026 Winthrop Grange Public Supper 4 pm - 6 pm. Take-out available.
- September 12, 2026, St George Grange Public Supper, 5 pm.
- September 14, 2026, MSG Bulletin Deadline
- September 15, 2026, Educational Aid Scholarships Deadline
- September 15, 2026. Annual Officer and Department Reports are due. Send to the state office and Sherry's email address.
- September 16, 2026, Victor Grange in Fairfield hosts a free senior lunch, 11 AM – 1 PM.
- September 26, 2026, Trading Card Show at Saco Grange #53, 168 North Street, 9 am-2 pm. Sports, Pokémon, Magic & more.

October 2026

Every Monday, 10 am – 3 pm, Saco Grange Quilting Club meets to learn techniques for quilting for charities. \$5 donation.

- October 10, 2026, Deadline for banquet reservations at State Grange Session.
- October 10, 2026, Winthrop Grange Public Bean Supper, 4 pm- 6 pm. Take-out available.
- October 10, 2026, St George Grange Public Supper, 5 pm. FMI
- October 10, 2026, Public Bean Supper at Saco Grange #53 from 4 pm to 6 pm. \$10 pp. Don't have time to stop? We do take out! FMI
- October 11, 2026, Broomstick Making Class at Saco Grange #53 from 1 pm to 3 pm \$40 pp, \$10 deposit to reserve a spot. Make a broomstick to start the holidays. FMI
- October 13, 2026, Contra Dance at Vassalboro Grange Email FMI
- October 17, 2026, Harvest Fair at Saco Grange #53 from 9 am to 2 pm. Start your holiday shopping early with local crafter gifts & seasonal decor.
- October 24, 2026, Fall Craft Fair at Manchester Grange #172 from 8 am to 2 pm. FMI, including vendor information.

- October 30-31, 2026, MSG Session at the Black Bear Inn in Orono.

November 2026

Every Monday, 10 am – 3 pm, Saco Grange Quilting Club meets to learn techniques for quilting for charities. \$5 donation.

- November 7, 2026, *Public Bean Supper* at Saco Grange #53 from 4 pm to 6 pm. \$10 pp. On the menu are homemade kidney and pea beans, brown bread, red & brown hot dogs, American chop suey, coleslaw, biscuits, pies, and hot and cold beverages. Don't have time to stop? We do take out!
- November 14, 2026, *MSG Printed Bulletin Deadline*
- November 14, 2026, *Fall Fair* at Saco Grange #53 from 9 am to 2 pm. Join in the festivities, discovering handmade gifts from local crafters and seasonal decor.
- November 15, 2026, *Fall Fair* at Saco Grange #53 from 9 am to 2 pm. Join in the festivities, discovering handmade gifts from local crafters and seasonal decor.

December 2026

Every Monday, 10 am – 3 pm, Saco Grange Quilting Club meets to learn techniques for quilting for charities. \$5 donation.

- December 12, 2026, *Christmas Fair* at Saco Grange #53 from 9 am to 2 pm. Join in the festivities, discovering handmade gifts from local crafters and seasonal decor.
- December 12, 2026, *Girls' Night In* at Saco Grange #53 at 5 pm. Come shop with a handful of amazing local vendors! No need to stress about cleaning your house—just gather your girlfriends and join us. FMI
- December 14, 2026, *MSG Printed Bulletin Deadline*

Don't forget to submit your events and help us keep this calendar current and correct!
We are now adding events from November 2026 through June, 2027.



*American Values.
Hometown Roots.*

Maine State Grange 152nd State Convention

October 30-31, 2026

Black Bear Inn 4 Godfrey Drive, Orono ME

<http://MaineStateGrange.org>



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.

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Make checks payable to Maine State Grange. Copies may be made of this form.

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## Maine State Grange Communications Department Event Submission Worksheet



This form helps ensure you have all the information you need to submit your Grange event. When complete, use it to submit the event on the website. Once submitted, we'll create several promotional items:

- A **standalone post** that appears on the site. This can include a flyer, which you'll need to email separately. These posts can easily be shared on social media!
- A **brief listing** on the MSG Event Calendar and in the monthly printed Bulletin. This listing also refers people to the standalone post for more information.

### NAME OF PERSON SUBMITTING

We need your name in case something needs clarifying.

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### EMAIL ADDRESS

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### GRANGE NAME & #

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### EVENT NAME

(Potluck, Public Supper, Craft Fair, etc.)

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### EVENT DATE

(mm/dd/yyyy)

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### START AND END TIMES

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### IS THIS A RECURRING EVENT?

Tell us when it starts and ends

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### COST TO ATTEND

This could be an admission charge, free, by donation, etc.

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### EVENT DESCRIPTION

Examples: potluck or public supper, workshop, class, concert...

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**WHERE TO GET MORE INFORMATION:** Ideally, this is a person's name with an email address and/or phone number. You could also include your Grange's website and/or Facebook page.

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### ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

This could include things like "reservations required."

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Use this form as a guide to submitting the information on the [Maine State Grange Website](http://MaineStateGrangeWebsite). You can also email the completed form to [webmaster@mainestategrange.org](mailto:webmaster@mainestategrange.org). Any available flyers or photos can also be emailed as attachments. We can accept most file types, but PDF or JPG is preferred.