STATE SECRETARY
Sharon Morton

To: Sherry Harriman, President/Master of the Maine State Grange, Barbara Foster, National Grange Pomona, Officers of the Maine State Grange and Delegates and Members of the Maine State Grange.

It is with pleasure that I am once again presenting my annual State Grange Secretary report.

Our Community/Subordinate Granges are continuing to meet and grow their membership. They are busy within their communities with special projects, public suppers, letting of the hall for the Community use and in return are gaining new members.

REPORT ON OUR COMMUNITY/SUBORDINATE GRANGES

Our total number of Community/Subordinate Granges as of June 30, 2026 is 71 which shows a decrease of Community/Subordinate Granges from June 30, 2025 which was 76 Community/Subordinate Granges.

September 30, 2025 Subordinate Quarterly Report

Number of Granges	76
Number of Granges Organized	
Number of Granges Reorganized	
Number of Granges Dropped	
Number of Granges Consolidated	
Total Granges	76

Total Membership	2,095
Golden Sheaf	135
Non-Exempt Golden Sheaf	287
Family Membership	29

December 31, 2025 Subordinate Quarterly Report

Number of Granges	76
Number of Granges Organized	
Number of Granges Reorganized	
Number of Granges Dropped	1
Ashland 247	
Number of Granges Consolidated	
Mystic Valley 313 with Farmington 12	1
Total Granges	74

Total Membership 2,092
Golden Sheaf 123
Non-Exempt Golden Sheaf 265
Family Membership 29

March 31, 2026 Subordinate Quarterly Report

Number of Granges	74
Number of Granges Organized	
Number of Granges Reorganized	
Number of Granges Dropped	1
Community #593	
Number of Granges Consolidated	
Total Granges	73

Total Membership 2,041
Golden Sheaf 113
Non-Exempt Golden Sheaf 259
Family Membership 32

June 30, 2026 Subordinate Quarterly Report

Number of Granges	73
Number of Granges Organized	
Number of Granges Reorganized	
Number of Granges Dropped	2
Castine #250 Mt. Etna 147	
Number of Granges Consolidated	
Total Granges	71

Total Membership 1975
Golden Sheaf 110
Non-Exempt Golden Sheaf 249
Family Membership 25

As I write this yearly report, I like to provide the September 30, 2026 Quarterly Report status. As of October 12, 2026 I have received 47 Quarterly Reports for September 30, 2026. I still have a few Granges still outstanding for more than one quarter. Remember: **Dues are due postmarked on or before the 10th of the month following each quarter which are: March 31st, June 30th, September 30th and December 31st.**

Membership 2026

This year I have reported that our Total Membership has dropped each quarter. Our Family Memberships have increased from five (5) Family Memberships in June 2025 to seven (7) in March 2026, however, we lost two (2) Family Memberships in our June 2026 quarterly report to National Grange. Our current Family Memberships are in the following Granges: Deering 535; Huntoon Hill 398; and Trenton 550.

Pomona Granges

Our number of Pomona Granges remain at 12. The annual reports have been received from 11 of the 12 remaining Pomona Granges.

Pomona Membership

Androscoggin 1 60 members Cumberland 15 86members
Excelsior 5 49 members Hancock 13 No Report
Lincoln 19 62 members Oxford 2 47 members
Penobscot 8 No Report
Sagadahoc 9 20 members Somerset 6 82 members
Waldo 12 35 members Washington 16 31 Members
York 14 48 members

Junior Granges

Maine State Grange participates in the National Grange Junior 1+ Program. If your Subordinate Grange has Junior 1+ members, please advise Maine State Grange. This can be done by completing the portion of your Maine State Grange Subordinate Quarterly Report with the space provided: Additional Reporting Info- Total Junior Members (1+)

Membership Recognition Certificates

I am always amazed with the requests for Continuous Membership Recognition Certificates each year.

North Scarboro 495
Silver Star Certificate
Ronald Benner
Kristin Walls Wood
Eugene Libby
Golden Sheaf Certificate
Martha Varney
75 Year Certificate
Luther Merry
Joan Labbe
70 Year Certificate
Joan Labbe
Charlotte Douglas
65 Year Certificate
Joan Labbe
Alfred Douglas
60 Year Certificate
Kevin Straw
Alfred Douglas
55 Year Certificate
Sarah Matteau
Beatrice Griffin
Cheryl Walls

North Jay 10
Golden Sheave Certificate
Robert Jones
Marcia Jones
Linda Merchant Deane

Willow 366
65 Year Certificate
Sandee Gordon
75 Year Certificate
Robert Clark

Valley 144
Golden Sheaf Certificate
Bonnilee MacDonald
55 Year Certificate
Sherrill French
Jean Wright

Mt. Etna 147
Golden Sheaf Certificate
Glenn Haines
Jeffrey Grant

Benton 458
Golden Sheaf Certificate
Sandra Lawrence
55 Year Certificate
Beverley Hayward
60 Year Certificate
Connie Perry
George Shores
75 Year Certificate
Virginia Boudreau

Dirigo 98
Golden Sheaf Certificate
Merrily Stevenson
Lorraine Overlock
William Ingraham
Margaret Henderson

Bauneg Beg 382
60 Year Certificate
Charlotte Stevens
65 Year Certificate
David Harriman

Highland Lake 87
Golden Sheaf Certificate
Debra Ivers
Silver Star Certificate
Cheryl Goodrich
40 Year Certificate
Peter Ivers
60 Year Certificate
Elizabeth Small

Saco 53
Golden Sheaf Certificate
Roger Bergeron

Tranquility 344
Golden Sheaf Certificate
Betty Heald
George Winslow
Rosemary Winslow

Technology

Our new Grange membership data base is up and running and I am now able to update your membership list. Our data base can only be as correct as what you as Secretary furnish. I am going to enclose a membership list for your review with the December Quarterly Dues report and would like them to be returned to State Grange Headquarters with your quarterly report for December.

Maine Grange Store

This year the Maine Grange Store, comprised of Granges of Androscoggin Pomona 1 and members of the Maine State Grange Agriculture Committee ran a booth at the Fryeburg Fair having for sale farm fresh vegetables, fruits, Amish jams, jellies, pickles, maple syrup, honey products, eggs, milk, cheese, apple crisp, apple cider, dry beans and a nice variety of home-made items of crochet, quilted and wooden. This year was busy, just a busy as last year, as the weather was cool in the mornings, warmer during the day, cool at night with just a little bit of rain, but made for a very successful week. I would like to thank Maynard Chapman for all the traveling he did again this year to get supplies; Steve & Sue Verrill for providing vegetables, getting other supplies to the fair when needed. Our dedicated workers: Norma Meserve, Cynthia Maxwell; Maynard Chapman; Steve and Sue Verrill; Sheila Bosse and Bill Small and sister Corrine. The week wouldn't have run as smoothly as it did without the Manager of the Farm Stand, Henry Morton and his crew. Thank you!!!

Newsletter Articles

This coming year I am going to write an article pertaining to the Secretary's roll in the Grange. I know that new secretaries will have loads of questions and I hope I will have answers for you all, and if not, I will surely find an answer.

In Conclusion

I would like to thank all the Community/Subordinate Secretaries for getting your information to the office on time. This year is coming to a close and with that I wish all our Granges the best. Be a voice in your community!

I love enjoy working with all of you and visiting with you as I travel the State of Maine.

I am leaving you with this thought:

> "Change is inevitable. Change will always happen, but you have to apply direction to change, and that's when it's progress." –Doug Baldwin

Fraternally submitted;

Sharon

Sharon Morton, Secretary
Maine State Grange