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From the President's Desk

I hope everyone's gardens are doing well. With all this rain, we haven't had to water them much. Some garden's have been producing a good harvest already with summer squash, zucchini, etc. with the promise for a great harvest this fall.

The Governor for the State of MA is not currently planning on bringing back any restrictions due to Covid but since there continues to be an "uptick" in Covid cases recently, some communities may put some restrictions in place on their own. Please adhere to any changes made by your community Health Department and keep communication open with your members.

Inspection Reports have been coming in. I have just started going through them. I know this has been a difficult time but please work with your Deputy in completing this information if you haven't done so. If you have any questions, also please reach out to your Deputy.

I'm excited to be able to attend various Fairs this fall including the "Big E". We are always looking for volunteers for the MA State Grange Food Booth. Please contact Louise Jordan for more information.

We're moving forward with planning a physical State Session. This will be a great time to be able to meet up with your fellow members and strategize on how to "kick-start" our next Grange year.

Persevere on,
Glenn

Third Quarter Report of the Executive Committee

Now that the Covid restrictions in Massachusetts have been lifted, Granges can again hold in-person meetings. Many Granges have a relaxed schedule for the summer months. This is a great time to meet informally and discuss the meetings and programs for the coming year.

The Executive Committee will continue to hold its meetings virtually until State Session. Please remember that in order to hold a virtual meeting, a Grange must have a quorum, take minutes and record votes.

Resolutions to be submitted to the State Grange must be approved at an in-person or virtual Grange meeting. In between meetings Grange Masters and Executive Committees can conduct normal business such as bill payment.

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Upcoming Events

Monday, August 9, 7 p.m. — Holden Grange #78 Meeting at Jordan Dairy Farms in Rutland. Brad Mitchell, Executive Director of Massachusetts Farm Bureau will speak on solar energy on farms.

Saturday, August 14, 9 a.m. — Virtual Regional Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song Contest.

Monday, August 23, 7 p.m. — Holden Grange #78 Meeting, location to be determined (email holdengrango78@gmail.com for information). Program: "All About Birds".

Wednesday, August 25, 7 p.m. — State Grange Zoom Meeting. If you need assistance with how to attend, contact stategrange-news@massgrange.org or a member of the Communications Committee.

September 17 - October 3 — Big E at the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.

October 28 - 31 — State Grange Session, Devens.

Please submit event information to:
stategrangenews@massgrange.org

Submissions will appear in this section as well as on the Massachusetts State Grange website's calendar.

In Memoriam

Arline Tripp	Westport #181
Carlton Macomber	Westport #181
William Holmes	West Stockbridge #246
Doris Lempicki	Dudley #163
Henry Koebeke	Dudley #163
Priscilla Peck	Pittsfield #14
Rose Marie O'Coin	Dunstable #31
Robert Hokenson	Holden #78



Membership Recognition

Welcome to our New Members

Oakley Campbell	Acushnet #285
Michael Lehmann	North Orange #86
Gregory Lehmann	North Orange #86
David Lehmann	North Orange #86
Lucien Rolski	North Orange #86
Axel Perez-Ramos	North Orange #86
Rachel Wilder	Sterling #53
Laura Hergewhan	Dartmouth #162

25 years

Dorothy St. Jean	Sterling #53
Debbie Woodward	Beverly #306

27 years Non-Consecutive

Corey Spence	Beverly #306
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50 years

Jane Howe	Holden #78
Ronald Belder	Whately #414
Steven Hannum	Whately #414
Christine Drake	Whately #414

55 years

Brenda Clemons	Whately #414
Mary Baronas	Whately #414
Wilma Brooks	Whately #414
Christine Drake	Whately #414
John LaSalle	Whately #414
Peter Hannum	Whately #414

60 years

Louise Jordan	Holden #78
Beverly Sanderson	Whately #414

70 years

Virginia Allis	Whately #414
Adelia Bardwell	Whately #414
Dorothy Baronas	Whately #414
Grace Dwight	Whately #414

75 years

James LaSalle	Whately #414
Marilyn Wentworth	Whately #414

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From the Agriculture and Environment Committee

CONTESTS! CONTESTS! CONTESTS! Its all about the contests!

Hi Everyone! As you can tell by the heading, this month's column is all about contests. If you haven't had a chance to look through your program book or haven't picked it up since the world went into hibernation, let me just remind you.

The State Grange Agriculture Innovator Award is given to two individuals who are actively engaged in farming, gardening, agricultural enterprise, or rural development. One individual must be a Grange member. For full rules, check out page 2 of the program book. The deadline is September 15th.

Can you use some easy cash? Then the next two contests are for you.

The Poster Contest is open to all ages in four different age groups. 5-7, 8-10, 11-13, 14 and up. This year's theme is Pollinators. All the rules for this contest and the next are on page 3 of the program book. Do you like to draw, color, or paint? Can you picture \$40 of extra money in your hand? Then pull out the art supplies, dust off the easel, and start creating. We are hoping to get some very creative posters this year. The deadline for the posters is September 15th so you have a month or so to get inspired!

The weather hasn't been the greatest, but we are hoping the Juniors were able to plant and tend their squash plants. Along with the finished plant, Juniors are required to keep a journal of the plant's life from seed to harvest. This is also in conjunction with the Junior Gardening Badge. So, not only do you earn the badge, but you can trade your squash for some cabbage! The deadline is September 15th.

We are looking forward to some great entries! If you have any questions, feel free

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From the Home & Community Service Committee

The Needlework Contest will be August 29th at the Grange Museum in Rutland. Entries need to be at the museum between 12:30 & 1:00 p.m. No later. If you are unable to bring your entries yourself, please contact someone from the Home & Community Service Committee. Members have pamphlets with all the rules. These are also on the website. If you have questions don't hesitate to contact your Grange director or someone on the State committee. This is short notice we know but hope some of you have been busy on projects since Covid shut us all down.

Also, if you are able and thinking of donating to any of our projects – Hearing, Foster Care or for Veterans the donation must be in by Sept. 15th. At this point, many Granges are still in recovery mode. Whether you can donate or not, we understand and the Committee appreciates all that you do for the Grange & your Community.

Sister Dottie Carr wants to remind Grange directors that the Home & Community Service reports are also due by the 15th of Sept. These reports can also be found on the Grange web site. Even if you were unable to do anything PLEASE fill in your Grange name & committee person and send it to Sister Carr. These reports will still count towards the number we need to have to receive money from National Grange.

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Contact the Communications Committee

To submit news items, photographs and events for use on the Massachusetts State Grange social media pages, website and The State Grange News, please e-mail: stategrangenews@massgrange.org

The deadline to submit content for publication in The State Grange News is the 20th of each month. If you have any questions or need assistance, please reach out to the committee via the above email.

Massachusetts State Grange Big E Booth

The Big E is back and volunteers are needed to man the booth.

The dates of the Big E are **September 17 through October 3**, and volunteers are needed for each day. Due to the Pandemic, this year we will have only two shifts each day. **The shift schedule will be 9:30 – 3:30 and 3:30 – 9:30.** As usual, parking passes and fair tickets will be provided to all volunteers. Louise Jordan will be coordinating the volunteer schedule, so please contact her and let her know when you are available to help out. You can reach Louise by phone at 774-696-3392 or email her at jordanfarm2@verizon.net. Contact Louise as soon as possible to get your first choice of dates and shifts and be sure to tell Louise what Grange you are representing.

Each year, during the Big E, Grangers serve thousands of lobster rolls and bowls of chowder and share information about the Grange in Massachusetts with thousands of fairgoers. The Big E booth allows us to promote our Order to potential members and raise funds necessary to support the activities and programs of the Massachusetts State Grange. The profit-sharing opportunity also allows individual Granges to raise funds to directly support their local Grange's programs.

Thank you for your support of this project, the volunteers from Granges across the State make the booth a success year after year. We hope we can count on your support again in 2021.

Big E Booth Coordinating Team

David Ames

Roland Giguere

Louise Jordan

Terry Vaill

Deb and Brad Goodrich

Follow MA State Grange Online!

Website: www.massgrange.org

Facebook: Massachusetts State Grange

Instagram: massgrange

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State Steward Chris Szkutak updated the Executive Committee on the preliminary plans for State Session and the draft program was reviewed. It was again voted to underwrite the cost of the session meals.

Summer starts today! This is the perfect time to get together with family and friends. Enjoy the summer and all it offers. See you in September.

Take care.

Kathy Peterson, Chairman

Massachusetts State Grange Executive Committee

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to contact any one of the members from the Agriculture and the Environment Committee and we will be happy to help you out.

Stay dry and happy growing!

Matt, Kathy, Warren, Peter, Jessica, Ann, & Sam

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Recognition reports are due to Co-director Barbara Giguere by Aug. 15th. These can also be found on line. At this point, no changes to dates have been made on the web site for any of our reports. It is alright to use these reports. When you fill them out simply cross out 2020 & write in 2021.

Again, please get in touch with me or someone from the committee if you have any questions.

With that, have a wonderful & enjoyable Summer. Here are a few tips for a safe Summer. Use sun block 50 or higher, stay hydrated. Drink plenty of water especially when temperatures are high. Avoid alcohol. You need to watch your sodium & electrolytes to avoid heat stroke & heat exhaustion. Most important, when at the beach or a pool, stay alert. Watch your children constantly. Do not rely on someone else to do it. Anything can happen in the blink of an eye.

Susan LaFleur, Co-director

Lecturer's Corner

The Massachusetts State Lecturers Department sponsors the following Awards and Contests for both Granges & individual Grange members. We will be awarding prizes to the winners on Lecturer's Night at the MA State Grange Annual Session on Oct. 30, 2021.

Grange Recognition Awards: **1] Agriculture Education Honor Roll** (AG program described on Lecturer's Quarterly or Annual Reports) **2] Outstanding Grange Subordinate & Pomona Granges** that submit a **one page report with pictures** describing one of the following Programs: a] Agricultural Fair or Festival, b] Veteran of the Year Award, c] Citizen of the Year Award (Public Service). **3] Visitation Prize** (Virtual attendance counts & 1 or more can visit) **4] Lecturers Annual Report** must be emailed or postmarked by September 15 to be considered for judging. **5] Certificates of Recognition** will be handed out to qualified Subordinate & Pomona Lecturers.

State Lecturers Contests for individuals: will be held with 1st, 2nd, & 3rd prize ribbons and money awarded. AGE DIVISIONS in all Lecturer Contests are: Adults [22+], Youth [14-21], and Juniors have 2 divisions: Ages 5-9 & Ages 10-14.

Art Contest: 1) Animals, 2) Flowers, 3) Landscape, 4) People [Artists may enter all the 4 categories using any medium: a) Oils/Acrylics; b) Watercolors; c) Charcoal/Pencil Drawing, d) Pastels, and 5) 3-D Sculpture: woodcarving, papier-mâché, plaster, metal, glass, etc.

Create-a-Card: Categories: 1) Computer, 2) Hand-drawn, or 3) Stamped or crafted card. Subjects: Thank-you, Veteran, or Get Well. Juniors: Thanksgiving, Christmas, & Easter.

Create a Recipe: "Recipe for Creating a Garden" with at least: 8 ingredients & 6 steps for preparation. Juniors: "Recipe for Buying a Pet".

Create a Grange Program: a) Must be your original work, b) Give sources & credit to copyrights, c) 20 – 35 minutes in length, & d) Include all the following elements of **PRIME**: Participation, Recreation, Inspiration, Music, & Education.

Creative Writing: a) Poem entitled "My Hero" or "My Heroine" [4 to 8 stanzas of 4 lines] & / or b) Essay: "Downsizing" [up to 3 pages]. Juniors: a) Poem: "My favorite Animal" & / or b) Essay: "If my pet could talk" [one page]

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Granges Meeting Virtually

Central Community #22 — 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., Deb Goodrich, bdgood@charter.net.

CTValley Pomona #19 — 4th Monday, 7 p.m., Roland Giguere, rolandgig@gmail.com.

Dartmouth #162 — 1st Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Elizabeth Newton, enewton1775@comcast.net.

Easton #196 — 3rd Monday, 6:30 p.m., Bill Ames, wbames@aol.com.

Groton #7 — 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Lori Jeromin, ljeromin@gmail.com.

Guiding Star #1 — 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Ruth Ellen Henry, ruthieh@comcast.net.

Hanover #206 — 1st Wednesday, 8 p.m., John Lawson, jalawsoniii@gmail.com.

Holden #78 — 2nd Monday, 7 p.m., Janet Segur, holdengrange78@gmail.com.

New Braintree #170 — 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., John Carter, johncarter169@gmail.com.

North Orange #86 — 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Niles Larson, nilesm.larson@gmail.com.

Ponkapoag of Canton #231 — 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m., Corey Spence, corey.spence@ymail.com.

Shelburne #68 — 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Roland Giguere, rolandgig@gmail.com.

Sterling #53 — 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Janet Segur, sterlinggrange53@gmail.com.

Ware #164 — 3rd Monday, 7 p.m., Randy Vaill, vaill@comcast.net.

Williamsburg #225 — 1st Saturday, 7 p.m., Candace Smith, Candysmi50@gmail.com.

Check out the State Grange Calendar!
<http://massgrange.org/calendar-of-events.html>

Mission Statement: "The Massachusetts State Grange creates opportunities for leadership and community improvement through its commitment to expand agricultural education in order to raise the quality of life for all."

SOUTH MIDDLEBOROUGH GRANGE 63RD ANNUAL AGRICULTURAL FAIR

Saturday, August 28, 2021

**South Middleborough Grange Hall
570 Wareham Street (Route 28)
South Middleborough**

Exhibits Received On
Friday, August 27 From 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. and
Saturday, August 28 From 7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Fair Opens to the Public on Saturday at 1 p.m.

Agricultural Exhibition Display
Baked Goods Sale • Traveling Bazaar

Baked Chicken Dinner at 6 p.m.

Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans,
Carrots, Cranberry Sauce, Rolls & Butter, Choice of
Beverage, Brownie and Ice Cream for Dessert

Reservations To (508) 947-1904

No Later than August 20

\$12.00 for Adults and \$6.00 for Kids

Agricultural Auction at 7 p.m.

Featuring Vegetables and Flowers



During Youth Night on July 8, 2021 at Upton Grange #125, Suzan Barrows received her 1st Place Public Speaking Award from Theresa Kane, MA State Grange Youth Director.

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Photography Contest: Categories: A) Agricultural, B) Animals, C) Flowers; D) Landscape, E) Patriotic, & F) People. Only original, non-copyrighted prints or digital photos taken between 9-1-2020 and 8-31-2021 are accepted for judging.

Individual Recognition: Grange Hero Award ~
Criteria to qualify for the Grange Hero award:

Grange attendance: Attend at least 75% of your Grange meetings (virtual counts for visits & attendance)

Recruit new member: Recruit at least one new or reinstated Grange member

Activities: Participate in at least 2 Grange-sponsored activities & 2 MA State Grange-sponsored contests

Networking: Inviting FFA, 4-H, Historical Society, or other organization to take part in your Grange meeting or event.

Grange participation: Become a Honorary Junior GRANGE member* (or Donate to MA Junior Dept.) & visit 2 subordinate Granges.

Education: Participate in Word for Thirds "Dictionary Project" or present an Agricultural Program & invite the Public.

Use Documentation Form to verify all above six activities at: <https://www.massgrange.org/lecturer-s-corner>

The detailed contest rules are online in the **Program Handbook** at: <https://www.massgrange.org/grange-info-documents> and all Lecturer's forms are at: <https://www.massgrange.org/lecturer-s-corner> Please mail all your contest entries to MA Grange Lecturer: Kristin Paulson, 67 Ridge Rd., Upton, MA 01568. You can always send your entries in early, **but to be eligible for prizes or awards, all entries must be postmarked no later than September 15, 2021.** You can also email any Writing Contest entries or Photography entries to Lecturer@massgrange.org or kep4grange@gmail.com.

If you or your Grange or any members need help with entries or contest forms, please contact the State Lecturer or any committee member for assistance. **Northeast:** Clio Fisher (508) 517-9467, fisherclio@yahoo.com; **Southeast:** Elizabeth Newton (508) 717-2503, enewton1775@comcast.com; **Central:** Merryl Havens (508) 234-9220, merrylhavens@yahoo.com; **Western:** Ruth Ellen Henry (413) 773-7466, ruthieh@comcast.net.

Fraternally, Kristin Paulson

(508) 272-0769, lecturer@massgrange.org

OUTDOOR ALMANAC

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Many moths (**hooded owlet moth caterpillar**) and butterfly species hatch a second brood this month so it's a great time to investigate the plants and trees for caterpillars and appreciate the amazing variety of protective camouflage.



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A few days after a rain look for Indian pipe flowers blooming among the roots of trees in the forest. These small, colorless plants have no chlorophyll and get their nutrients from the fungi that live in tree roots.

8

Listen for the regular chirps of Snowy Tree Crickets, which can be heard any time of the day or night. They are excellent thermometers; count the number of chirps heard in 13 seconds and add 40 to get the temperature in degrees Fahrenheit.

9

Young spring peepers no bigger than your pinky fingernail can be found on shrubs near ponds feeding on tiny insects.



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Peak of the Perseid meteor shower. After midnight, shooting stars, as many as 60 per hour, flare through the darkened sky.

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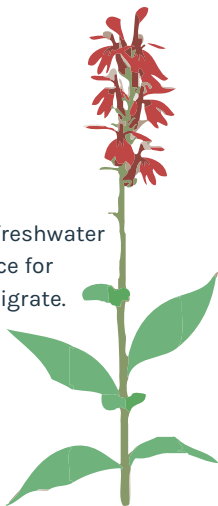
Monarch butterflies are toxic to birds, and their orange and black coloring serves as a warning to any that have tried to eat one. Check out all the other orange and black insects on milkweeds. Most of them are not toxic, but birds that have eaten a Monarch are inclined to avoid all similarly colored insects.

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The incessant high-pitched, whining drone of the Dog Day Cicada is a common sound on hot days.

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Tall, bright red **cardinal flowers** blooming in clean freshwater wetlands are an important late-season nectar source for Ruby-throated Hummingbirds as they prepare to migrate.



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Unlike most moths, the beautiful clearwing moths are diurnal (daytime feeders) and look more like small hummingbirds or large bumblebees as they fly from flower to flower.

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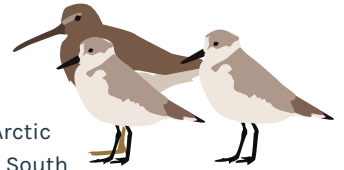
Full Green Corn Moon. The season when corn could be picked and eaten fresh, even though it would be another several weeks before the corn would be fully ripe and could be harvested to store for the winter.



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Watch for flocks of **migrating shorebirds** in muddy estuaries, along the coast or in open fields.

Most of these birds breed in the Arctic and spend winters in Central and South America. Adults come through first, followed by this year's juveniles.



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Green Herons can be seen somewhat more easily as they spread out from their nesting sites. These beautiful birds nest and forage around many of our ponds and other calm waterways.

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Dragonflies and damselflies can be found hunting over fields and wetlands. Dragonflies are stout bodied and land with wings out flat. Damselflies have long, slender abdomens, eyes out on the sides of their heads, and most sit with wings together over their backs.

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Garter snakes are hatching. These snakes are ovoviviparous, which means the females lay eggs but hold them in their bodies until the young hatch and are then released. A good adaptation for a reptile in a colder climate that can't dig an incubation nest.

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Solomon's seal fruits hanging under the plant's curving stem have ripened to a deep blue-black. Clusters of ripened red false Solomon's seal fruits hang from the ends of the stems.



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Dear Worthy Secretary,

As many of you know, the "State of Emergency" in regards to the Covid restrictions has been lifted as of June 15, 2021. What does this mean for our Granges? We are allowed to hold in-person meetings with no restrictions. Even though the restrictions have been lifted, I suggest that you have a discussion with your members to come to an agreement as to what everyone would be comfortable with when planning meetings and events. Many Granges do not normally meet in July and August but this may be an ideal time to hold an informal outdoor get together to make plans for the new Grange year starting in September.

With the state re-opening and the threat of Covid seemingly under control, we can look forward to many fairs being held this fall which were cancelled last year as well as a full State Grange Session.

If you have any questions, you can reach out to me or your General Deputy for your area.

Fraternally,

Glenn P. Gibson, State President



STATE GRANGE BOWLING CONTEST

Deadline for Submission October 1, 2021

Winners will be announced at State Session on October 30, 2021

For this Grange calendar year 2021, we are implementing an individual State Grange Bowling Contest. Here are the steps to participate:

1. Visit your local bowling alley and bowl as many strings as you like, however – you will only submit one score.
2. Please post score on an official score sheet from the bowling alley or attach a business card or brochure.
3. Please complete the form below, include documentation of your score and email information to youth@massgrange.org. If you are unable to send via email, please send to one of the co-youth directors and mailing addresses can be found in the State Grange directory.
4. You can bowl at your leisure, keep your scores for one string and possibly win a prize!
5. Deadline for submitting your entry is **October 1st**.

Point of Contact (Captain):

Name: _____

Best Phone Number: _____

Email _____

Type of Ball: _____ Candlepin _____ Tenpin

Bowling Score: _____

Name of Grange Number: _____

Categories:

_____ Junior Grange

_____ Youth (age 14 – 18)

_____ Young Adult (18 – 35)

_____ Youth Alumni (36+)

Any questions, please contact one of the Youth Co-Directors at youth@massgrange.org.