

Marys River Messenger

The Marys River Grange Newsletter



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Harvest Fest Success



Old Time Fiddlers and Friends



Blues & Sunshine



Tim Dehne and friend were inspired to take a spin to the music.

MRG's first annual Harvest Fest on October 13th proved popular with nearly 300 people who attended and enjoyed the entertainment, booths of crafts and foods, cider pressing, raffles, and activities for kids. And, the weather was perfect.

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mail to Marys River Grange, PO Box 1301, Philomath,
OR 97370.

No fee for advertisements from Marys River Grange
members.

Suggestions: community notes, recipes, letters, Grange
photos, local profiles, gardening and household tips...

Historically Grange

Excerpts of Minutes from November 16, 1929

*Mary's River Grange #685 met at the hall at 10:30 A.M.
with Master S. I. Pratt presiding.*

Grange opened in due form.

*...A member of the Agriculture Committee, E.P.
Edwards reported a trip he had made to Eastern
Oregon. Particularly telling of a Co-op Creamery that
was successfully functioning and urging that interest be
created in Corvallis for such a venture.*

*...Insurance Agent M.M. Porter reported a very
commendable amount of Fire Insurance with a fair rate
of increase from time to time.*

*...Following lunch the Lecturer presented the following
Peace Program.*

Ladies Kitchen Orchestra

*Pageant of unveiling of Peace Pact. Sisters Betty and
Eva M. Phinney, C.J. Baker, Mable and Dolly Robbins.
Moved and carried to adopt resolution mentioned in the
pageant and that the sec. be instructed to write of such
action to the Congressmen and Representatives.*

Solo O Happy World – Mrs. White

Dialogue "Michael" by Mrs. Huffman's and Claude

*Song No.3 in The Patron America the Beautiful by
Patrons.*

Song The Peace Hymn of the World L4 members.

*Standing vote of thanks given Mrs. White for assisting in
the program.*

*...Master requested permission that the sec. be
instructed to write letter to Gazette-Times putting the
Editor right as to who started the Referendum Measure.
This was granted. Bro. Muishall [sp?] reported action of
committee appointed to investigate progress of
Referendum Petition.*

*Moved and carried to have joint installation of Officers
by inviting other Granges of Benton County and that the
Master secure Bertha J. Beck as installing officer for a
date convenient to her. The sec. was then to write letters
of invitation and requests for a part of program and
refreshments.*

Good of the Order.

Penny Drill – 24 cents.

...Closed in due form.

Eva M. Phinney – Sec. Pro Tem.

Recipe Corner

Potato and Ham Sandwiches—Into a pint and a half of
well-seasoned mashed potatoes stir two eggs without
beating. Spread two tablespoonfuls of this potato out
smoothly, and lay on it a slice of neatly trimmed boiled
ham. Cover this with potato, pinch the edges together
well, lay in boiling lard and fry a delicate brown. Scraps
of any kind of meat minced and seasoned may be used
instead of the slices.

*The Daily News Cook Book,
Menu for Christmas, Breakfast, c1896*

Messenger Editor's note: Recipes wanted! Please
share a favorite for the new year. See submissions
info.

Most Wanted by the Philomath Food Bank:

Personal care items, feminine products, canned meat and
fish, condiments, canned entrees, boxed entrees, ready to
eat soups, laundry soap, jams, jellies, syrups. Everything
is appreciated! However, they cannot distribute home
canned foods, previously opened packages, or food
without original labels.

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Harvest of Happenings

Calendar of upcoming community, Grange, gardening, livestock, land-based or farming events in the local area. Send info to marysrivergrange@gmail.com

Painting Oregon's Harvest: The Art of Kathy Deggendorfer, traveling exhibition, Oct. 5 – Dec. 29, Benton County Museum, 1101 Main Street, Philomath. Tues. – Sat. 10 to 4:30.

Willamette Valley Gleaners Rummage Sale & Crafts, Sat. Nov. 10th, 10-3 at Willamette Grange Hall, Hwy 99 at Greenberry Rd.

Linn Benton Food Share Community Holiday Food Drive, Sat. Nov. 10th, 8-5, Guerber Hall, Benton County Fairgrounds.

Willamette Grange monthly meeting, Tues. Nov. 13th. Potluck at 6:30 p.m., business meeting at 7. Corner of Greenberry Rd. and Hwy. 99.

Wild & Scenic Film Festival, Thurs. Nov. 15th, 5:30 – 9 p.m. at the Whiteside Theater. Program of 13 short films focusing on environmental education, outdoor adventure and conservation, connecting to the community and the greater world. corvallisenvironmentalcenter.org for tickets.

Fall Forage Festival, Fri. Nov. 16th, 8AM-9PM, Guerber Hall, Benton County Fairgrounds. Call 541-990-5409 for event info.

Fungus Family Fun, Sun. Nov. 18th, 10 – 2 at Peavy Arboretum. Investigate mushrooms and more: mushroom display, samples of fungus food and drinks, art activities and guided hikes. More info at corvallisenvironmentalcenter.org.

Marys River Grange Community Game Night, Fri. Nov. 30th, starts at 6:30 p.m. 24707 Grange Hall Road, Philomath. Open to all. Come play a wide assortment of games and bring your own. Free popcorn.

Marys River Grange monthly meeting, Weds. Dec. 5th. Potluck at 6:30 p.m., business meeting at 7:00. 24707 Grange Hall Rd., Philomath.

Willamette Grange monthly meeting, Tues. Dec. 11th. Potluck at 6:30 p.m., business meeting at 7. Corner of Greenberry Rd. and Hwy. 99.

Marys River Messenger deadline for submissions, Fri. Dec. 21st.

Marys River Grange Community Game Night, Fri. Dec. 28th, starts at 6:30 p.m. 24707 Grange Hall Road, Philomath. Open to all. Come play a wide assortment of games and bring your own. Free popcorn.

Save the Date!!

Alea Hope Grange

Annual Christmas Bazaar

December 1st, 2018 ~ 10 am to 4pm

Bring your kids to visit with
Santa from 11am to 1pm



For more information or if you are a vendor
and would like to rent a space please contact

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MRG Members News

Holly Rios is now the Youth Director for Marys River Grange. She will help with childcare and youth activities during monthly meetings. Thank you, Holly!

Why I am in the Grange...

Jay Sexton: *I admire the long history of the Grange, both locally and nationally. Today in the Grange we support our community and work together with nonpartisan, nonsectarian mutual respect.*

Toni Hoyman: *Friendship, Community, Food.*

Sonny Hays-Eberts: *The Grange was founded after the Civil War to help heal the strident and passionate divisions in America at that time. I think that healing is needed again. My wife's and my involvement in Marys River Grange has allowed me to participate in community service projects and meet new people who share my interests. Talking to community members who attend public Grange events, I am often told stories about the influence our Grange and Hall has had over the decades, and I am proud to contribute to an organization that improves our community and is so well regarded by those it touches.*

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Benton County Granges

There are currently five active Grange Halls in Benton County. Each Grange is issued a consecutive number when it is chartered. The oldest Benton County Grange is Willamette #52, located in Corvallis at the corner of Greenberry Rd. and Highway 99W. This hall is commonly known as Greenberry Grange, although this has never been its name. Willamette was organized in November of 1873 during the first year of Oregon Grange promotion.

The present hall is the third hall of Willamette Grange, two having been lost to fire. This hall was completed in 1923 and is in need of significant repair. Happily, there is a new effort underway to apply for grants and proceed with this rehabilitation with the aim of completing the work in 2023 on the 100th anniversary of the hall's construction and the 150th anniversary of the chartering of Willamette Grange.

Summit Grange #432 was chartered and built in 1911 and is one of the centers of the close-knit Summit Community. This charming hall was damaged by fire about 20 years ago and has been repaired. It is the site of community celebrations and dances.

Marys River #685 was chartered in 1927 and the hall was completed in 1934. Most Grange Halls are built with volunteer labor and this hall is no exception. The hall was built as a log cabin with logs squared off with the saws of a local lumber mill. After a closure scare in 2009, new membership and enthusiasm has brought a return of activity, and mentions in articles by the New York Times and NPR.

Fairmont #252 was chartered in 1891 in North Albany. The original hall, prone to flooding by the Willamette River, burned in 1929. The present hall on North Albany Rd. is just ¼ mile north of Hwy 20, and is rented for local celebrations and events.

Hope Grange #269 was chartered in 1894 in Alsea. The membership met in an original hall that was lost to fire and the present hall was completed in 1944, ½ mile south of the town center. This hall has long been a center of community activities including seasonal parties, dances, and craft fairs.

Over the years there have been several other Granges organized in Benton County, including Mountain View #429, whose building is today known as the Lewisburg range, and which combined with Marys River in 1991, selling their building. Philomath #13 and Locke #14 were also formed in Benton County in the first year of Grange formation in Oregon; 1873, but these did not survive into the 20th century. Today's Granges support their communities and answer local needs, just as they have always strived to do.

- Jay Sexton

Rent Marys River Grange for your event!

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MRG 2018 Community Service Report

To date, Marys River Grange has contributed \$136 in cash, 68 lbs. of pet food, 78 lbs. of household goods, and 280 lbs. of food to the Philomath Food Bank.

We have partnered with the Philomath Gleaners and Rebekahs at our inaugural Harvest Fest, providing them space to raise funds for their own projects.

Our annual clean up of Highway 34 was attended by six people and removed a dozen bags of garbage.

Marys River Grange continues to host a low cost medical clinic for low income farm workers sponsored by Gathering Together Farms every month. We are pleased several of the staff have become Grange members and are also contributing to our other community service efforts as well.

Marys River Grange also continues to sponsor free game and movie nights for our community.

Philomath and the surrounding rural area is a great place to live, and Marys River Grange members want to make it even better by adding to the spirit of volunteerism and support for our community that already exists.



Philomath Gleaners at Harvest Fest 2018

Grange Lessons: A Brief History of the Grange

The National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry was founded in 1868, in Fredonia New York, after President Andrew Johnson asked Oliver Kelly to travel through the South after the Civil War to collect data from Southern farmers to help develop a program to rebuild agriculture damaged by the conflict. Southerners were suspicious of Kelly, until he found he could overcome their suspicions through the fraternal bond of Masonry. He felt there was a need for an agricultural fraternal organization that could bring the North and South together.

Seven men and one woman founded the first Grange. The Grange was unusual at the time because teens and women, who did equal work on farms, were considered full-fledged members. Granges have been instrumental in implementing women's rights, free rural mail delivery, extension services, the direct election of Senators and many laws that benefit all Americans. When originally formed, membership was restricted to farmers, but with the decline of family farming contributing to the decline of Grange membership, the National Grange opened membership to all. The Grange today recognizes its roots in agriculture, but also strives to support rural communities. The National Grange philosophy is "The Grange provides opportunities for individuals and families to develop to their highest potential in order to build stronger communities and states."

There is a National Grange, which oversees the actions of each State Grange. The State Grange oversees the Subordinate (community) Granges and Pomona (county level) Granges. National and State Granges also work to lobby for resolutions presented by members. Any Grange member can present a resolution to his or her Subordinate Grange to be presented to the State Convention, where it could possibly be referred to the National Convention, and if passed, the National Grange will lobby on behalf of it.

Granges are numbered in the order they are founded within the state. The oldest Grange in Benton County is Willamette Grange #52 in Greenberry. The first Grange founded in Philomath was Philomath Grange #13, founded in 1873, which lasted until 1892.

In 1927, Marys River Grange #685 was founded at the Philomath High School. The first Master was Morris Goodrich. The land where the Grange Hall now stands, at 24707 Grange Hall Road, was donated by a member. The Hall was completed in 1934, for a cost of \$1,294. Many of the roads around Highway 34 reflect the names of founding Grange families such as Boetkins, Gellatly and Goodrich.

- Sonny Hays-Eberts



Lending Library in MRG Hall

The Marys River Grange Lending Library is now available to members and the public whenever the Hall is open. Free, no due dates. Simply use the sign out sheet on the clipboard provided. Currently there is a selection of great cookbooks, gardening, farming, livestock, crafts, historical, children's books and other media, all donated.

The library committee would like input about what people want to see. This library could stay small and agrarian, focused on community organizing, food and cooking, agriculture and agricultural policy...or go anywhere. It's also important that it be fun and engaging for children and youth.

Check it out!

Donations are welcome. The library committee reserves the right to make selections as appropriate, and will pass materials on to other organizations as well.

"Man and woman are the educators of youth and co-students through life; therefore both must acquire knowledge and wisdom. Education adds the greatest charm to woman; it is a companion of which no misfortune can deprive her, a friend no enemy can alienate, an ornament in prosperity and a refuge in adversity."

- MANUAL of Subordinate Granges
of the Patrons of Husbandry



Tues-Sat, 7-3, 13th & Main in Philomath

Join Marys River Grange as a Business Member for \$50/year.

Business card-sized ads in the *Messenger* are free to all MRG members. Six per year!

Contact marysrivergrange@gmail.com

I'm Glad We Belong to the Grange, Maggie.

1

I'm glad we belong to the Grange, Maggie,
For life it is helping us through.
Though hardships our fortune may change, Maggie,
Our Grange friends will always be true.
They meet us with smiles in the hall, Maggie,
Their friendship we clearly may see.
No matter what trials befall, Maggie,
Our Grange friends true will be.

Chorus

The seasons bring change after change, Maggie,
Yet bravely the years we go through,
With faith in the dear old Grange, Maggie,
Assured that friends are true.

2

I'm glad we've been Grangers so long, Maggie,
For richly the years it has blessed.
Our hearts still have many a song, Maggie,
Refreshing and sweet is our rest.
And O it is comfort to know, Maggie,
That when the dark shadows shall fall,
Our Grange friends affection will show, Maggie,
And let the teardrops fall.

3

No matter what waits us ahead, Maggie,
Whatever the last miles may be,
The Grange still its brightness will shed, Maggie,
Its comforting light we shall see.
I'm glad to belong to the Grange, Maggie,
For life it is helping us through.
Though hardships our fortune may change, Maggie,
Our Grange friends will be true.

- No. 103, *The Patron*,
The Official Song Book of the Grange

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Send art and poems to the *Messenger*!
This newsletter is for you!

"I must call your attention to the domestic animals that are committed to our keeping by the Great Author of our being. We are dependent upon them, for without their aid man could never have risen from barbarism to civilization. Practice mercy and compassion toward them. Never overwork or overload them, and guard against haste in reprimanding them. Treat them with kindness and affection, and they will learn to love you. It is one of the objects of our Order to protect dumb animals from abuse, and any member who countenances their ill-treatment is liable to censure, suspension, or expulsion."

- MANUAL of Subordinate Granges
of the Patrons of Husbandry



Rooster by Rolly Hart