

Marys River Messenger

The Marys River Grange Newsletter



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Marys River Grange Harvest Fest 2019



Grangers pressed cider for donations.



Philomath Gleaners offered baked goods to support local 4-H.



The Second Annual Marys River Grange Harvest Fest was an even greater success! Thank you, Susan Stogsdill, for your organization and efforts in bringing this to life!



With fifteen vendors (four of which were MR Grangers), music, cider pressing, Sunbow Produce, free prizes for kids, snacks and drinks organized by the Social Rebekah Lodge #73, and a cozy Hall, there was plenty to interest the over 200 visitors.

Marys River Grange meets on the first Wednesday of each month. 6:30-9:00 PM, 24707 Grange Hall Rd., Philomath. Potluck at 6:30. Everyone welcome. Business meeting and Juniors activities begin at 7 PM.

MRG members: Need a ride to meeting?

Call 541-829-2907 or email marysrivergrange@gmail.com

Fourth Friday Fun at the Grange now features soup and a potluck! Board and card games played and free popcorn provided. Everyone welcome. Bring favorite games and a snack or potluck item, if you like. Or work on a craft or jigsaw puzzle, sit and chat, sip tea or cocoa by the wood stove... Family friendly! 6:30-? PM. Marys River Grange Hall, 24707 Grange Hall Rd., Philomath.

Willamette Grange meets on the second Wednesday of each month. 6:30-8:30 PM. Potluck at 6:30. Everyone welcome. Historic building at corner of 99W and Greenberry Rd., south of Corvallis. Coming soon: BINGO!

Yoga classes at Marys River Grange continue through November 19th, Tuesdays 7pm-8pm

Classes are free for Grange members, sliding scale for non-members (\$5-\$20 per class).

Questions: contact Laura Coen, 331-201-5458

Friday Fun Night Jam Session

The recent change from fourth Friday game night to fun night, open to crafts, games and other entertainment, opens the possibility of Grange members getting together to play music and sing. Are you interested in bringing acoustic instruments or voices to the Hall once a month? I am far from an accomplished musician, but would be willing to help host such an event. Email hayseberts@peak.org if this idea appeals to you and you would like to participate. - Sonny Hays-Eberts

InFARMatIon:

**How to Buy Meat Direct from the Farm
Thursday, November 14th, 6:00p - 8:30p**

Do you have questions about how to purchase local pasture-raised meats?

We have a special **InFARMatIon** coming up at Marys River Grange in Philomath (24707 Grange Hall Rd) to tackle questions like: Why is it important to support pasture-based producers? How does meat get to market and what are the challenges for small-scale producers? What terms do you need to know when buying "half a cow"? In addition to our panel discussion, there will be a **"meat" and greet** where you can get to know several of your local pasture-based farmers!

Be sure to bring all your questions about pasture-raised meat to this **FREE** event!

First of the winter indoor Growing Organic educational meeting potlucks:

Sunday, November 10th from 4-7 pm

First Alternative South Co-op meeting room.

Please bring a dish to share and your own utensils.

Every Homestead and Farm should have at least a plan for how your part of a locally based food system will be passed through present and future generations. Guest speakers:

- **Traditional Family Inheritance Model:** Lackner Family Farm
- **Family Trust and LLC Expanded Family Trust to include non blood relative:** Harry MacCormack /Sunbow Farm
- **Sale Model:** targeted to Organic buyer(s) or Employees (ex. Dennisons, Wintergreen, Spring Hill)
- **Community Stake Holder Model:** Ten Rivers Food Web, Community Food Food Land Trust with Joe Esker
- **Conservation or Ag Easements:** Pros and Cons with Greenbelt Land Trust

Next: Dec. 8th - Fertilization for Nutrient Dense Foods During Climate Change

Do justice. Cherish the natural order. Nurture people.
- Doris Janzen Longacre, *Living More with Less*

Marys River Grange

*** PIE * BINGO ***

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

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Proceeding for Philomath Holiday Cheer Charity and Grange Hall Improvements

**At Marys River Grange Hall in Philomath, 7 miles from the Courthouse
24707 Grange Hall Road, Philomath**

*** Buy one game sheet and you will receive 10 pieces of pie for free. (The pie will be most quantities of the pie for you to enjoy the pie!)** *

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Check out our website: marysrivergrange.org

Want real? Get Grange. Do community.



New Furnace for the Hall

Six Grangers wrestled our monstrous 50 year-old wood-burning furnace out of the basement and brought in a new clean burning wood-fired furnace. The Ashley Hearth AF1500E meets EPA requirements for emissions, and will push heat out into the Hall through the two grates on the front of the stage, with a new cold air return in the kitchen ceiling. Its modern efficiency will reduce our firewood consumption, better convert wood to heat in the Hall, and has already shown its ability to warm the Hall in less time than the old system. Middleton Heating converted the existing ductwork to the new use and insulated the ductwork to improve the delivery of the heat to the Great Hall. They were a pleasure to work with, relocating the cold air return placement so heat would circulate to the kitchen, no longer leaving this area as a cold dead end.

After raising funds for the furnace purchase at Amazing Grange Day this year, we were still shy funds to pay for the needed duct and chimney connection work. We harkened back to the beginnings of Marys River Grange Hall and, like our founders in the 1920's, asked individual members for small short term loans for this needed work. The response was lightning quick and we met and exceeded our fundraising target in just a few days. We were very thankful and warmed by the swift support shown by our members. These loans will be paid back, in random order, as we take in rental income during the next twelve months.

Our new improved heating system will facilitate more comfortable winter use, and we look forward to many a cozy event during the dark wet winter months.

Warm thanks to our supportive members and the community which has supported us and the improvements to the Grange Hall. - Jay Sexton

New Life for Dead Trees

In the late summer of 2017, three cedars on the back of the Grange property slowly died. After standing dead for a year they were felled by Granger Lige Weedman with the assistance of Granger Demetri Balint and his Green Gable Farms Tractor, and the support of Grangers Stephanie and Taigue Weedman (Lige's wife and son), and Jay Sexton.

In September, Grange friend Dr. Billie Gaskill and Grangers Jay Sexton and Lige Weedman moved the logs from where they had fallen to the parking lot of the Hall. Particularly helpful was Lige's 1963 C1200 "Travellet" International pick-up truck with the 10,000 lb engine drive winch and 100 feet of cable for yarding the logs to their desired location.

In October, Marys River Grange had Jim Minter bring his Mobile Saw Mill to the Grange parking lot and with the help of Grangers Matt Coen, Toni Hoyman, Stephanie Weedman, Taigue Weedman, and Jay Sexton, we sawed and stacked the boards from thirteen logs from the cedars.

We plan to build benches, possibly a picnic table, and trim some of the recent interior work in the Hall with wood from these Grange-grown cedars. These were probably planted about the time of the completion of the Hall in 1935.

Beyond the boards cut from these trees, we harvested significant firewood from the small tops and the slab sides cut from the logs as we were sawing them into boards.

In the near future we will grind out the stumps of these cedars, and the pine stump we cut several years ago, and plant some new trees along this boundary of the Grange land. - Jay Sexton



Historically Grange

Excerpts of Minutes from **December 21, 1929**

Mary's River Grange #685 opened by Master C. J. Baker in due form at 10:30 A.M. The Roll Call of officers showed Treasurer Hilda Gray absent and Executive Committee Chairman absent. Other committees not yet being appointed they could not be counted.

...Bills

Lee Anderson for Buns \$1.50

Sanitary Market for Meal \$5.00

Mrs. R. D. Coolidge for decorations .90

...Penny Drill netted .35. Recess for dinner.

The lecture hour followed lunch and partook of nature of a Christmas celebration. The program rendered was as follows. –

Song Joy to the World

Reading Mrs. Pratt

Song Silent Night Sisters Pratt and Blake

Reading Mrs. Bennett

Violin solo Mr. Blake

Reading Mr. Pratt

Violin solo Mr. Porter

Gifts were then exchanged amidst the usual hilarity.

...Moved and carried to have a party during holidays and the following committee was appointed: M. M. Porter, Lester Bennett, Mrs. Huffman. They retired and reported party date as Dec. 27 with refreshments of sandwiches, pickles, and coffee to be furnished by the men.

Chaplain reported Relief Fund as follows

Bal. from 1928 8.81 Paid for flowers \$2

Penny Drill 1929 9.41 Bal. \$16.22

Treasurer reported as follows

Bal. Jan. 1 1929 43.54

Receipts 300.17

Total 343.71

Disbursements 308.13

Balance 35.58

...Attendance 30

Grange closed in due form.

- Eva M. Phinney sec.

I am grateful for the warmth of our dear old big Grange Hall,

I am grateful for friends in the fold.

All ages meet and greet and eat together there, Sharing through seasons hot and cold.

- Judy Hays-Eberts

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Here is a poem written by my father in 1986.

- Janet Cornelius

Thoughts While Raking Leaves

In our backyard alone I raked them into mounds-
Brown, gold, wet, of many a shape and size.
I paused to see the work I'd done, to wipe my brow
And listen for some sound.

Then I heard their voices clear
Of children in another year, so long ago,
Who helped me, each a child of mine,
To rake the leaves of Maple, Poplar and Pine.

Greatest are the maple trees
With mossy boles of burl, wide of girth.
They send down broad and pointed leaves
In golden flurries to meet the earth,
While underneath in green damp beds
Mushrooms or fragile fungi raise their heads,
Only to be spoiled when the rakes cut through,
Then examined by all five children mine,
While raking up the leaves of Maple, Poplar and Pine.

Beacon-like our poplars stand as one,
Bright yellow now, gold-glinting in late October sun.
Soft leaves, small oval and fine,
Tallest of all our trees she sends her myriad leaves
To mix with those of Maple and needles of Pine.

In other years when rain withheld
And leaves were dry, our children yelled with joy
To jump and play amid those crunchy leaves so fine,
Leaves of Maple, Poplar and needles of Pine.

So who will rake those leaves when I am gone
To take my place in some other rhythm of our living
universe?
Or will it matter if the leaves remain?
To turn their substance back again (like mine)
To put new life in other trees-Trees of Maple, Poplar and
Pine.

Homer J. Campbell

1920-2002

Biologist, gardener, father of five



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Effort to save Historic Willamette Community Center and Grange Hall underway

Willamette Community Center and Grange Hall, located on Highway 99W near Greenberry Road, will be 100 years old in 2023 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. You may have noticed this stately and majestic, yet dilapidated building if you drive to Monroe.

Several members of Marys River Grange have joined forces with Willamette Grange in an effort to restore this old building in honor of its Centennial celebration. A recent grant was obtained to install a new sign and obtain electrical supplies, while Toni Hoyman has also applied for additional grants to address the roof. Jay Sexton and Toni have also reached out to the Benton County Historical Society, and a GoFundMe page is in place (<http://gofundme.com/f/wccgh52>) to help raise funds for the many needed restoration projects.

This will be a long term and expensive restoration process, but the chance to save such a historic building should be taken. Anyone wishing to help with labor, funding, materials or even messages of support can email marysrivergrange@gmail.com.



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Remember, that leaves are one of the finest fertilizer materials because the roots of the tree go down to depths of twenty-five feet or more and bring up the inexhausted minerals found there. Leaves are rich not only in nitrogen, phosphorus and potash, but in the dozen or more rarer elements that are so essential to the welfare of plants.

- J. I. Rodale, *Organic Gardening*, Dec. 1948

Recipe Corner

Apple Butter

From Mother's Cook Book, published 1902

Boil one barrel of new cider down half, peel and core three bushels of good cooking apples; when the cider has boiled to half the quantity, add the apples, and when soft, stir constantly for from eight to ten hours. If done it will adhere to an inverted plate. Put away in stone jars (not earthen ware), covering first with writing-paper cut to fit the jar, and press down closely upon the apple butter; cover the whole with thick brown paper snugly tied down.

Vegetable Rice Torte

From 1947 cookbook by Genevieve Callahan

1/3 c uncooked rice

2 eggs

1/2 c cooked spinach, asparagus or other vegetable, chopped

1/2 c grated cheese (any kind)

5 T oil

Salt & pepper

Pinch of dried marjoram and basil

Cook rice tender in plenty of boiling salted water, drain and rinse it with hot water. Beat eggs, add the vegetables, rice, cheese, oil & seasonings to taste, and mix well. Bake in an oiled and floured shallow baking dish or loaf pan in 350 oven, 35-45 minutes, until firm. Turn out, cut in slices or squares, and serve plain or with tomato sauce. Serves 6.

- submitted by Janet Cornelius

The 2019 Oregon State Grange cookbook

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Celery and such root crops as beets, turnips, carrots, and rutabagas should be stored for the winter table. Spinach, kale, mustard, parsnips, and carrots can stay in the garden for early spring use. A good mulch will help these plants to withstand the winter temperatures. — *Organic Gardening*, Nov. 1948

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In October, Marys River Grange members split, toted, and stacked firewood for this winter. Marilyn, Matt, Jay, Toni, Sonny, Nate and Yadira completed the job with more than two cords of dry wood nestled into the basement. About 21 Granger-hours went into this task. (*Granger-hours are like person-hours, but with more jokes, smiles, and stories, all the while getting the job done.*)

Well done Grangers!

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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.

Food bank hours: Tues. 5:00-7:45 p.m., Thurs. 9:00-11:45 a.m. 360 S 9th St, Philomath; 541-929-2499.

Checks designated for the Philomath Food Bank may be mailed to PO Box 1334, Philomath, OR 97370.

Sharing Thanks

I am grateful to be home after many years away. Now I can enjoy the fruits (and vegetables!) of my labor as a new member of the Grange community. - Suzan Foley

I am especially thankful for all the people I've gotten to know through the Grange – newborn to 90+ years old – who are each unique and wonderful and part of the whole. It's great to see kids enjoy being at the Hall, as well as older folks getting together there. I am thankful for all the people who help, whether or not the effort is their idea. I am grateful for those who make/bring delicious foods for our potlucks. I am grateful for moms and dads and farmers, for all the people who share their time, experience, skills, and willingness. I am grateful for all the people who love their community and put their values into practice. I am thankful for all the people who came before and new ones who will carry the Grange into the future they envision for it. I am grateful for all the people who use their talents and abilities to care for each other, to deepen our roots, and produce such good fruit. May we all realize our blessings and be uplifted by the creativity and inspiration demonstrated through the presence of the Grange and continued for the enjoyment and benefit of all concerned.

- Judy Hays-Eberts

I am grateful for so many things – life, nature, my wife, my friends, and the youthful people I know who are actively engaged in ensuring the future of our world. But I want to give special thanks for art, and especially the gift of music. It allows us to share human experience, to understand we all breathe the same air, we cry the same tears, and we bleed the same blood. Developing understanding and empathy are to be encouraged.

- Sonny Hays-Eberts

I am thankful for the immediate and generous offers of assistance I get each time I have the forethought and willingness to ask for the help I need with the many tasks the Grange Hall requires.

– Jay Sexton – Steward of Marys River Grange



Wyatt Coen shows pins he made in Junior Grange.



A little Fourth Friday fun!

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- drawing by Rayna Rios

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