

Marys River Messenger

The Marys River Grange Newsletter



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For information, questions, or to volunteer please
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Proceeds help support Ten Rivers Food Web
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Friends of Family Farmers is asking for support in their work to support small farms in Oregon. This local organization advocates for sustainable farming practices and local foods. This year they are working on State Inspection of Meat, The Government Pandemic Response, Farmer Disaster Relief, Farmland Access, Pasture Producer Promotion, and their InFARMation presentations on different farm and food topics. Donations to Friends of Family Farmers can be made at their website FriendsofFamilyFarmers.org or mailed to them at PO Box 396, Corbett, OR 97019



Jay Sexton's sisters had a 1920's photo of Willamette Grange made into a blanket for Jay's birthday.

2020 Volunteer of the Year

In 2019 the Marys River Grange community service committee decided to begin honoring the work of our members by recognizing a Volunteer of the Year. Not as a competition, but to illustrate and honor the work of our members. After completing Marys River community service reports for several years, I have been privileged to document the time and effort put forth by our members to aid our community, on both Grange projects and their own time. We are fortunate to count among our members so many people and businesses who willingly give time, money and energy to support Philomath and the surrounding rural area. While we highlight the work of one person, all volunteers are volunteer of the year, and all the more so in a year like 2020.

Our volunteer this year puts in countless hours of her time ensuring our namesake, the Marys River as well as the Marys River Park, is kept clean and attractive. She is a regular volunteer at Grange events, and an awesome baker who contributes to our Pie Auctions (and when we can have potlucks, a crowd favorite). She has helped us with fundraising on many levels, and is always an inspiration with her cheerful attitude and unflagging spirit. She is active in our support of the local food bank, and her genuine caring and concern is appreciated. This year she worked with Grange Juniors to help develop the Nature Detectives program, encouraging our young people, and their families and friends, to get out into nature and learn interesting facts and make observations about the river, hills and forests. Congratulations Caroline Choquette and thank you so very much for all you do.

– Sonny Hays-Eberts, President of Marys River Grange

Previous Volunteers of the Year

2019 – Susan Stogsdill



Marys River Grange regularly meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 PM, either at 24707 Grange Hall Road in Philomath or online via Zoom.
MRG also meets for a monthly social on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 PM, currently via Zoom.

Contact marysrivergrange@gmail.com or 541-829-2907. See also: marysrivergrange.org facebook.com/Marys-River-Grange-Hall-288171007887164/



**To rent Marys River Grange Hall
See Rental at marysrivergrange.org**



Willamette Grange meets on the second Wednesday of the month, 7 PM.
Contact Jay Sexton/Toni Hoyman at 541-929-5452 or willamettegrange@gmail.com. Support the restoration of this historic building at the corner of Hwy 99W and Greenberry Road, seven miles south of Corvallis:
facebook.com/willamettegrange52
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Holiday Cheer volunteers on distribution day, Friday December 18, including Marys River Grange members Phoebe Coen, Cynthia and Nicole Ferguson, Sonny Hays-Eberts, and Wyatt Coen. Also pictured is Sophia Rasmussen, student at Philomath High School.

Holiday Cheer 2020

On December 17 & 18, 2020, twenty volunteers, including Marys River Grange members Sonny Hays-Eberts, Phoebe Coen, Wyatt Coen, Cynthia Ferguson, Nicole Ferguson, and Suzan Foley, helped Holiday Cheer serve 60 families from Philomath and Western Benton County. These families included 163 children and 113 adults. Each family received a food box with the following:

- bacon
- breakfast sausage
- one dozen fresh eggs
- two packages of fresh cinnamon rolls with cream cheese frosting
- a loaf of bread
- a jar of jam
- 3-pound bag of oranges
- four bags of frozen hash browns
- one pound of margarine
- one gallon of milk
- 2-pound bag of frozen vegetables
- Families with 5 or more members also received a whole frozen chicken.

Each family also received a hygiene basket, which included:

- a sturdy laundry basket
- liquid laundry detergent
- dish soap
- hand soap
- hair shampoo
- hair conditioner
- hand lotion
- toothpaste
- dental floss
- toothbrushes for each member of the family
- men's deodorant
- women's deodorant
- dozen razors
- 2 rolls of paper towels
- toilet paper
- hand sanitizer
- band aids

Gifts were donated by sponsors for every child age 0-18 in each family. Each child received a toy or gift and new clothes. Gifts were estimated at \$75 per child, for an in-kind donation of **\$12,225**.

Philomath Community Services would like to extend a special thanks to Marys River Grange for their contribution to the 2020 Holiday Cheer season. Marys River Grange sponsored eight children this year, providing clothing and Christmas gifts for each individual child. The thoughtfulness and support delivered by Marys River Grange and the Grange members who shopped for each child helped to make a difference in the lives of families in our community.

– Laura Coen, Program Manager, Holiday Cheer
Philomath Community Services

Please join our effort to Restore Willamette Grange!

We are working to restore this community building by its 100th Birthday in 2023.

From this



2020

To this

original
condition

1923



Save The Hall – Phase 1: stabilization with new trusses will repair roof damage in 2021

We are presently at about 30% of our \$80,000 goal.

We seek tax deductible donations through our non-profit 501(c)(3) foundation.

Donations can be sent to WCGHHBF at P.O. Box 1923, Corvallis OR, 97339

Or donated online at: <https://gf.me/u/yj54kk>

All donations to WCGHHBF are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

Willamette Community and Grange Hall Historic Building Foundation is gathering partners and funds to fully restore this resource for community use. When restored, this building will be available for rental, community educational, social, and cultural activities, and family events.

History: Built in 1923 as a joint effort between the community and Willamette Grange #52, it has served as a community center for south Corvallis and Monroe as a place to gather for weddings, school graduations, meetings, dances, educational programs, and more. In 2008 it was accepted in the National Register of Historic Places.

Work so far: We have received grants and donations to replace all rusted water piping and the water pressure tank, repair rear stairs and bathroom floor, restore the entrance portico (happening soon), temporarily cover the roof to stop leaks and stop bird damage, removed damaged plaster and lath on the second story, and complete roof engineering plans.

Questions? Contact Toni Hoyman or Jay Sexton 541-929-5452
or email WCGHHBF@gmail.com

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Recipes from *The Daily News Cookbook*, c1896

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY THE NINTH.
DINNER.

Potato Soup – One quart of milk, six large potatoes, one stalk of celery, an onion, one tablespoon of butter. Milk, onion and celery boil together. Pare potatoes and boil 30 minutes; turn off the water and mash fine and light; add the boiling milk, butter, pepper and salt to taste. Rub through a strainer and serve at once.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY THE TWENTY-SIXTH.
BREAKFAST.

Eggs a la Suisse – Spread the bottom of a flat pudding-dish with a tablespoon of butter broken into bits, cover this with grated cheese, break five or six eggs upon the cheese, being careful not to break the yolks. Season slightly with salt and pepper, pour a little cream on the surface, strew a thick layer of grated cheese over the top and set the eggs in a moderate oven for a quarter of an hour.

OLD BLUE Raw Honey

Old Blue Raw Honey is a small beekeeping enterprise owned and operated by Henry and Camille Storch in Philomath, OR. Henry's ecologically diverse apiaries provide his bees the ideal environment for producing varietal honey. By raising his own survivor queens, Henry is working to preserve and propagate the hardy honeybee populations adapted to the flora and climate of Western Oregon. His practice of incorporating local feral genetics into managed colonies for migratory pollination is critical to the long-term resilience of regional food systems.

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There can be no doubt whatever that by far the most economical plan of supplying a household with necessities for consumption is to lay in a stock for the week in lieu of purchasing, as but too many do, from hour to hour.

- *Economy for the Single and Married*, c1845

When the materials and cooking are of the best, the plainest, cheapest food has attractions which is seldom to be found in the most laboured attempts.

- *Things a Lady Would Like to Know*, 1874

CORVALLIS
INDOOR
WINTER
MARKET

SATURDAYS

JAN 9 – APR 10

9 AM – 1 PM

BENTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Grangerbread Village 2020

Thanks to the inspiration, creativity, and volunteer nature of Marys River Grangers, a holiday gingerbread village came together on Marys River Grange Hall's Facebook page in December.



Clockwise from top left: Mini-village by the Woo family, lighthouse by Sonny Hays-Eberts, animal pens with silo and silo with house by Jim Rouff and Camille Hall, and house with chimney and hedge by Yadira Ruiz and Nate Johnson. (Some entries were eaten before they were photographed).

"I always take some Flour; just enough for the Cakes I want to make: I mix it up with some Buttermilk if I happen to have it, just enough for the Flour; then I take some Ginger: some like more, some like less. I put in a little Salt and Pearlash, and then I tell John to pour in Molasses till I tell him to stop."

- Old Farmer's Almanac





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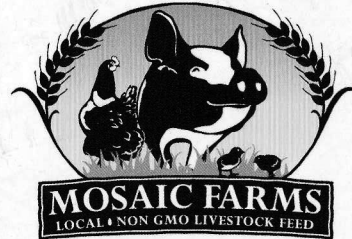
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Contributors welcome! Email submissions to Judy at marysrivergrange@gmail.com or mail to Marys River Grange, PO Box 1301, Philomath, OR 97370. No fee for business card-sized advertisements from members of Marys River Grange.

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Why Join Our Grange?

- Join to support a local organization in action for local sustainable healthy food.
- Join to help support a historic building and community resource.
- Join to meet and socialize with like-minded individuals, face to face.
- Join an organization that encourages you to follow your dreams.
- Join to be a part of family fraternal organization not affiliated to any church or political party.
- Join to help the Grange, again, lead us into a better agricultural future by supporting rural communities.

In this time of social unrest and anxiety, Grange members renew our pledge to combat prejudice and racism and will continue to strive to do better. We continue our 153-year-old tradition of welcoming all to our membership, building an inclusive family fraternity and providing our communities with a place for civil discussion and proactive, positive change.

- National Grange, nationalgrange.org



A Grange is a family friendly community organization that responds to local needs. We have a 150+ year tradition of promoting local food and nonpartisan, nonsectarian face to face connections.