

# Marys River Messenger

## The Marys River Grange Newsletter



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### Caring for One Another

What a long, strange trip it has been.

So many ups and downs for Marys River recently. We have already lost three members this year, however the loss of Matt Coen, after a short but fierce battle with cancer, called clearly into focus that which is truly important: not our Hall, not our meetings, not our ceremonies, not agriculture, not even our hard work on behalf of our community, but our own people.

It has been inspirational to see how many people gathered at Windy Hill Farm to help the family with farm chores. Matt was sick, yet I hope he was able to see how many people cared for him, his dreams and his family. Grange members and family friends all pitched in, and continue to sign up for work sessions. Members flooded the Hall with flowers for the celebration of life, and Laura's Elementary School co-workers and Coen family and friends all helped us (especially Caroline, Susan, Suzy, and Tanya) create a fitting tribute to Matt. So many members, including some who don't regularly attend meetings or events, shared their flowers or time for the celebration.

I cannot thank everyone by name who helped, and continues to help, our Grange and the Coens through this challenging time. It has been so many people, and I also fear I would forget some names. However I must give honorable mention to Caroline Choquette. She requested the office of Chaplain, and vowed in January to take the role seriously. Little did she know what 2022 held in store for her. She has been tested and has risen to the occasion. She has been stretched far beyond what she expected and she has responded with grace, compassion and humility, and she has my deepest gratitude and respect.

It is a true example of what our Grange community is. It's the spirit of pioneer neighbors coming together to rebuild a barn or home after a fire, or work with a family to bring in their crops. Doing more for others,

even when you may be tired from a full day's work, because they need your help in this time.

I think there is a yearning across America for this very feeling of community, and we are lucky enough to have found it. Did I say found? No, it is not something we found, it is something we built – connection by connection. It is something we should take the time to treasure, as it is no simple gift; it is something we have created, all of us. Not through luck, yet because we have come to know each other, and therefore care for each other.

The potlucks are wonderful. The community service makes my heart feel good. The social time we enjoy together is fun. However, this caring for one another is why I joined the Grange and why I put my energy into our Grange.

- Sonny Hays-Eberts, Marys River Grange President



**Marys River Grange #685 regularly meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 PM** at 24707 Grange Hall Road in Philomath and online via Zoom. Potluck at 6:30.  
**Contact [marysrivergrange@gmail.com](mailto:marysrivergrange@gmail.com) or 541-829-2907. See also: [marysrivergrange.org](http://marysrivergrange.org)**  
[facebook.com/Marys-River-Grange-Hall-288171007887164/](https://facebook.com/Marys-River-Grange-Hall-288171007887164/)  
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 The Farm Stand is now open 10-4 on Sundays



**“How well do you know Philomath?” challenge.**  
**What is this spot and where is it located?**  
 [The answer is on another page.]



Dear Grangers,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my life in stories and poetry on Sunday, June 5th. The hall was filled with flowers in memory of one of your fellow Grangers and I got to share them. What a beautiful ambiance for poetry. You have no idea how much this means to me.

Remember the final message of my simple talk, “Read poetry just for fun, learn some poems, good for you, share poems at the next coffee hour or happy hour. Write some poems. Have fun with poetry.”

Thank you for this gift you gave to me. Special thanks to Judy and Sonny who made it all possible.

Sincerely,  
 Marion J. Whitney

Congratulations to newly elected Oregon State Grange President Jay Sexton and re-elected State Treasurer Sonny Hays-Eberts! And heartfelt Thank Yous to former OSG President Susan Noah!

**Renew for 2022**  
**Dues - \$50 per person or \$100 per family**  
 Send to  
**Marys River Grange #685**  
**PO Box 1301**  
**Philomath, OR 97370**

Marys River Grange maintains a fund to assist those members who are active in the Grange and desire to maintain their membership but have difficulties with the cost. This generally pays half of the dues, yet for exceptional circumstances may even be able to do more. All decisions are made by a small committee with respect for privacy concerns.

If you would like to contribute to this fund, please add to your dues payment, and indicate so in the correspondence. Thank you for helping your fellow Grange members.

If you are an active member and are dealing with a challenge to pay your dues, please contact the Grange President.





## A Joyful Heart

By Suzy Johanson

Sharing with you the many wonderful members of  
Marys River Grange

Marys River Grange #685 held our first ever Women of the Grange meeting on June 12, 2022, with a tea social at my home and eight members in attendance. Each shared topics of interest for conversation.

We heard an informative general history and current affairs of the Grange at all levels. We marveled about the success and opportunities created with the first present-day theater production at our Hall. We discussed various Grange event possibilities and community involvement thereby encouraging more people to enjoy our Hall. An important point was made that we have many members with unrecognized talents who may be encouraged to participate in growing our Grange potential.

Several of us agreed that a main interest in our group is to get to know one another and develop friendships. One member graced us with a fascinating history of her life. The conversation then turned to inclusion and community outreach supporting local agricultural vendors... The meeting was unstructured, yet conversation flowed easily. You may notice I have mentioned no one by name in this first report. We are creating a space where people feel free to share their thoughts in a supportive group situation.

It will be interesting to see the ways this group grows and develops! The possibilities are endless! All are welcome at our next meeting, an iced beverage social on July 17th in Judy's backyard, 3-5pm. Contact her at [jhe@peak.org](mailto:jhe@peak.org).

Huckleberries with Crackers and Cream—Pick over carefully one quart of blueberries and keep them on ice until wanted. Put into each bowl, for each person, two soda crackers broken in not too small pieces. Add a few tablespoonfuls of berries, a teaspoonful of powdered sugar, and fill the bowl with cold sweet cream.

- MONDAY, AUGUST THE NINTH.

*The Daily News Cook Book, c1896*

# AMAZING GRANGE DAY

Aug 27, 2022  
10am - 4pm

ISSUE 4

RUMMAGE  
SALE!!!
POW!
PIE AUCTION!

Special  
Appearance  
by  
Sunbow  
Organic  
Produce

Proceeds benefit Marys River Grange Hall  
24707 Grange Hall Road  
Philomath

BY: MARYS RIVER GRANGE

## MRG's Wish List of Tools and Materials

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our wish list program to date. We have improved our collection of tools and materials, replaced our failed old aluminum coffee urn with a healthier stainless steel model, and added a substantial amount of new storage for the bathrooms and Junior Grange Hall and also our records in the connecting room.

**This month, however, we are requesting donations for our Amazing Grange Day rummage sale on Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup>, 10-4. The proceeds will be added to our Building fund as we save up for the large expense of repairing the main Hall foundation.** Our lone estimate to date is for \$33,000, and we will be looking into additional estimates, as well as grants.

**If you have things you'd like to donate, please contact us via the Grange phone at 541-826-2907 or email at [marysrivergrange@gmail.com](mailto:marysrivergrange@gmail.com).**

— Sonny Hays-Eberts and MRG's Building Committee

Coming together is a beginning.

Keeping together is a progress.

Working together is a success.

Plan your work, and work your plan.

- OSG Home Economics Committee Handbook, 1954



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## Hello from Willamette Grange #52!

Hello Grangers!

Willamette Grange has been working to restore its Hall in time to celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2023. Last year we completed the roof structure replacement with new trusses, and wall strengthening at specific points. We were all covered and dry inside for the winter and started to work on the next big projects.

This spring we received a Grant from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund of \$5,000 for the removal of the asbestos tiles in the kitchen and asbestos taping on some of the heating ducts. This hazard had been identified previously and we needed to remove it to ensure a safe environment for our volunteers and visitors to the hall.

With the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund grant we were able to contract with a hazard removal contractor to safely remove and properly dispose of the asbestos from the Willamette Grange Hall. Our match for this grant is the replacement of the rotten sill plate in the kitchen and some minor repairs to the foundation in that area. We have a wonderful crew of volunteers dubbed the "Fab 5" who work dependably, professionally, and with good cheer on improvements and restoration of Willamette Grange. Thank you, Volunteers!

The Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund has been a great supporter of restoration projects at the Willamette Grange Hall and has helped make it possible over the years for us to continue to have activities for the community at our Hall. We greatly appreciate their confidence in us to responsibly use their grants. Thank you, Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund!!

If you would like to help financially or volunteer please contact Willamette Grange at [willamettegrange@gmail.com](mailto:willamettegrange@gmail.com) or call 541-609-8335  
- Toni Hoyman

### 2022 schedule of events at Willamette Grange

Blueberry Bash, July 23  
Music at the Hall - Ancient Ways Marimba, Aug 20  
Cider Saturday, Oct 1  
Pumpkin Palooza, Nov 6  
Winter Warm-up Holiday Fair I, Nov 12  
Wreath Making Holiday Fair II, Dec 3

**Willamette Grange #52 meets on the second Wednesday of the month, 7 PM.**

Contact Jay Sexton/Toni Hoyman at 541-929-5452 or [willamettegrange@gmail.com](mailto:willamettegrange@gmail.com). Historic building at the corner of Hwy 99W and Greenberry - 27555 Greenberry Road  
[facebook.com/willamettegrange52](https://facebook.com/willamettegrange52)  
**See also: [willamettegrange.org](https://willamettegrange.org)**



### Grange Etiquette

1. Never miss Grange unless it is absolutely necessary.
  2. Be there on time.
  3. Take your whole family. The Grange is not a convention that a family should merely send a delegate.
  4. Be attentive. Go to learn, not to whisper, lounge or sleep.
  5. Be thoughtful of the comfort of others.
  6. Always remember that visitors are the guests of the members. Treat them with the same courtesy as you would if they should visit you in your own home.
  7. Be a booster in whatever your Grange sponsors.
  8. Never rush for the door after closing as though the Grange were on fire. Speak and be spoken to.
  9. Never stay away from the Grange because the Grange is not perfect. How lonesome would you feel in a perfect Grange?
  10. Ask yourself, What kind of a Grange would my Grange be if every Granger were just like me.
- OSG Home Economics Committee Handbook, 1954



Toni and Taigue created Taigue 2 in Junior Grange in May at Marys River #685



Marys River Nature Detectives met in Marys River Park on June 10<sup>th</sup> to gather materials for their art project with air dry clay. And play by the river and look for bullfrog tadpoles...



## Windy Hill Farm

Eggs - Honey - Nigerian Dwarf Goats - Flowers - Produce  
[www.windyhill-familyfarm.com](http://www.windyhill-familyfarm.com)  
 Philomath, Oregon

### Health Care for Farm Workers

Farm Clinic is expanding services to uninsured & underinsured agricultural workers in Benton, Linn, & Lincoln Counties. Any small-scale & family-run farms (vineyards, tree farms, dairy, ranching, etc.)

Contact: Lisa Quick, Community Outreach & Farm Clinic,  
 541-758-3000

**Philomath Farmers Market**  
 Sundays through October 16, 11-3



Answer to "How well do you know Philomath?" challenge:  
 "1501 Applegate Street

Dale Collins Park was created with the construction of the highway couplet. Its most prominent features are the community electronic readerboard sign that is used to advertise local events and the whimsical "Traveling the Applegate Trail" mosaic public art structure. In addition, it has a park bench and picnic table where visitors can take a break in the shade of the park trees."

Excerpt from the City of Philomath website. - Suzan Foley

Check this out: *How to Garden When You Rent* by Matthew Pottage, "the gardener for Generation Rent", c2022, in the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library collection. Inspiration for not only renters and first-time gardeners, for anyone interested in making use of small spaces.



Drawing by Alice Neely, Junior Granger

Free and Family Friendly:

### Music in the Park

Philomath Concert Series

**City Park, 299 S 23<sup>rd</sup> St.**

**6-8 pm**

**July 21<sup>st</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>**





Hwy 34 Cleanup Crew, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022:  
Judy, Sonny, Tanya, Talia, Marilyn, Suzy, Susan, Michael  
Not pictured: Izzie, Jeannette, and Greg



"About the borders of the woods grow spontaneously a variety of bushes such as the wild red and white rose black currant gooseberry whortle berry blue berry black berry the mulberry leafed raspberry and a berry resembling our thimbleberries besides these there is a large bush whose leaves not a little resemble the orange leaf but of a much darker shining green the berry is large of a black colour and has a very pretty taste [the salal]..." [1790-1793]

- John Hoskins' Narrative of the Second Voyage of the *Columbia*



Jeannette Miller Mickenham and Wendy M. McCoy played Patsy Cline and fan/friend Louise Seger in sold-out performances of *Always, Patsy Cline* at Marys River Grange Hall in May, featuring a live band and 25 songs! Thanks especially to Greg Mickenham for doing so much to make it happen, including repainting the stage (three coats), benefitting us all.

## Planes

*What is a plane like?  
Soaring above the sky*

*Uncomfortable in a seat that you can't get out of  
Complimentary drinks*

*But only half of the can  
On-board wi-fi*

*For seven dollars  
Cross the country in six hours!*

*With three hours layover  
Don't worry you can take your bags*

*For thirty dollars apiece  
There's food in the airport!*

*If you want to pay \$10 for an Amazon sandwich  
What is a plane like?*

*Honestly, it sucks  
But it sure is fast.*

- William Shafer, 2022

With this sithe my grasse I mowe-

Cold herbes now wholesome bee.  
But let no blood in any wise :  
By running streame and shadow tree  
Thy booke thou mayest well exercise.

- *Observations in Iuly, Ram's Little Dodoen*, 1606

## More of MARYS RIVER GRANGE NEWS, 1974:

We will need a donation of pies, homemade your choice... we need 45 pies so please we need your help. The success or failure depends on you as Grangers. We will have a quilt to sell chances on and other door prizes at the dinner.

We have card party pinocle, on each Sat. eve. that is not a meeting nite. Potluck dessert and .50 each.

There is quilting at the Grange each Tues. from 10:00A. M. for as long as you wish to stay. You may bring your own fancy work and join us if you don't quilt. There will be bazaar items to work on later. Bring a sack lunch and come join the group we have lots of fun.

Home Ec. meets once a month, the second Thursday of each month, we quilt or if you have a craft or idea to share come on out, this day is potluck dinner and starts at 11:00 A. M.

### Marys River Grange #685

#### Secretary Record

July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1932

Marys River Grange #685 – met in regular session with Worthy Master M. M. Porter presiding. Chester Huffman acting as G. Keeper and Emma Bennett as Ceres. HEC announced Ida Bennett, Elma Huffman & Katie Hoyt would serve ice cream & cake at next meeting assisted by Christine Gellatly, Alice Coolidge & Agnes Clark. Master spoke of importance of HEC getting in report. Communications were read from South Benton Lecturer, invitation to their carnival July 22<sup>nd</sup>. From Mr & Mrs C J Baker & relatives, in appreciation of floral offerings & kindness of Grange members. – State Secretary in regard to reducing state dues, etc. from Olney Grange, asking for \$1 for Grange Hall. Ag Ch made report. Legislative Com no report. Fair com not got together yet. Insurance agent read letter stating there would be another assessment. Discussion followed. Moved & carried our agent write in and protest extra assessment. Moved that we send Dollar to Olney Grange. Motion lost. Master discussed decrease in state grange rates. HEC asked opinion of Grange on ways to make more money. Relief committee reported flowers sent for funeral of Mrs M E Brent. Melvin Castle still sick. Mrs Parker still sick & losing weight. Worthy Master gave a most interesting talk and report of time spent at State Grange. HEC asked ladies to bring table cloths and silver knives for Pomona meeting. Grange was closed in due form.

Members present 26 Visitors none Penny drill .29

Receipts	Disbursements	
Dues. 8.52	Light 1.00	
	Rent CC .50	Effie F Dubois
	State Dues 19.50	Secretary
	Rent IOOF 6.00	
	27.00	

Iced Tea—Allow one teaspoonful of tea to one cup of water for each person. Steep in cold water four hours. Fill tall glasses one-third full of cracked ice; fill up with tea, and serve with thin slices of lemon and sugar to suit taste.

- SUNDAY, AUGUST THE TWENTY-SECOND.

*The Daily News Cook Book, c1896*

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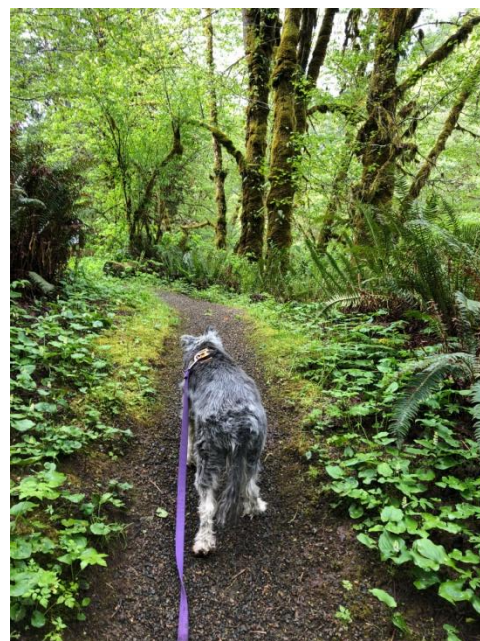
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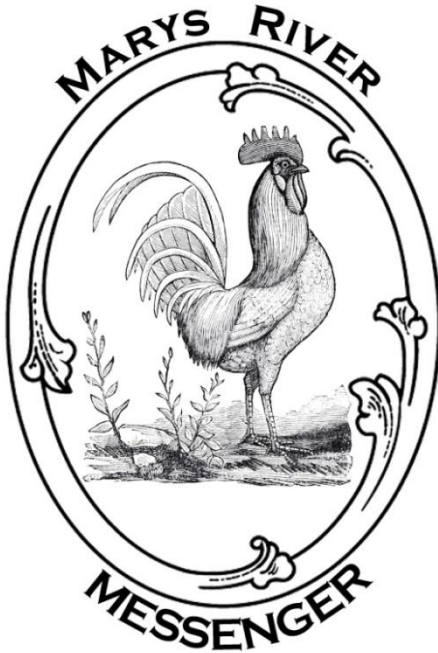


Oswald walks on. RIP 6/7/22  
Dogs are Grangers, too.

Send items for the *Messenger* to Judy Hays-Eberts at [marysrivergrange@gmail.com](mailto: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 MRG.  
**Deadline for Sept/Oct Messenger: August 25<sup>th</sup>**



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Coming soon: August 27<sup>th</sup>!

**COUNTRY DANCE**

LESSONS FIRST THIRTY MINUTES

**FRIDAY**  
**SEP 2 BOOT SCOOTIN**  
**OCT 14 FUN**  
**NOV 4**  
**6-8:30 PM**

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**MARYS RIVER GRANGE HALL**  
**24707 GRANGE HALL ROAD**

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THREE DOLLARS  
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The poster has a light brown background with a sunburst pattern. At the top, there's a guitar. Below it, a cowboy hat is centered. To the right of the hat, three people in cowboy attire are dancing. At the bottom left, there's a small logo for the Marys River Grange.

**AMAZING GRANGE DAY**

Aug 27, 2022  
10am - 4pm

ISSUE 4

**RUMMAGE SALE!!!**

**POW! PIE AUCTION!**

**KIDS GAMES**

Special Appearance by Sunbow Organic Produce

**Proceeds benefit Marys River Grange Hall**  
**24707 Grange Hall Road**  
**Philomath**

**BY: MARYS RIVER GRANGE**

The poster has a bright yellow background with a sunburst pattern. At the top, there's a small logo for the Marys River Grange. Below it, the title "AMAZING GRANGE DAY" is written in a stylized font. To the right, the date and time are listed. In the center, a superhero character in a blue suit with a yellow cape and a "GRANGE" emblem on the chest is standing. To the left of the character, the words "RUMMAGE SALE!!!", "POW! PIE AUCTION!", and "KIDS GAMES" are written in large, bold letters. To the right, it says "Special Appearance by Sunbow Organic Produce". At the bottom, it says "Proceeds benefit Marys River Grange Hall" and "24707 Grange Hall Road Philomath". The very bottom has a red banner with the text "BY: MARYS RIVER GRANGE".