

Marys River Messenger

The Marys River Grange Newsletter



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Abundant Harvest of Autumn Activities at the Grange Hall



The Harvest Fest is almost here! October 8th & 9th. We have some new artistic vendors joining us this year; can't wait to see all they have to offer. A new twist on our Art show: This year it will be a Mini Art Sale, all proceeds going towards the repairs to our building's foundation. We have a large variety of Artists each creating three Mini pieces of Art. Wait till you see the wall of images. So exciting. We will have live music, possibly sing along or you get to sing! Still working those little details out. Kid and Adult activities, games. Come join in the fun. It's Time to get your Harvest on!

- Susan Stogsdill, Harvest Fest organizer

-Philomath Bluegrass Workshop/Jam-
2nd Wed. every month - Sept. 14 / Oct. 12 / Nov. 9 / Dec. 14

Musicians....
get off the couch,
come play music with others!

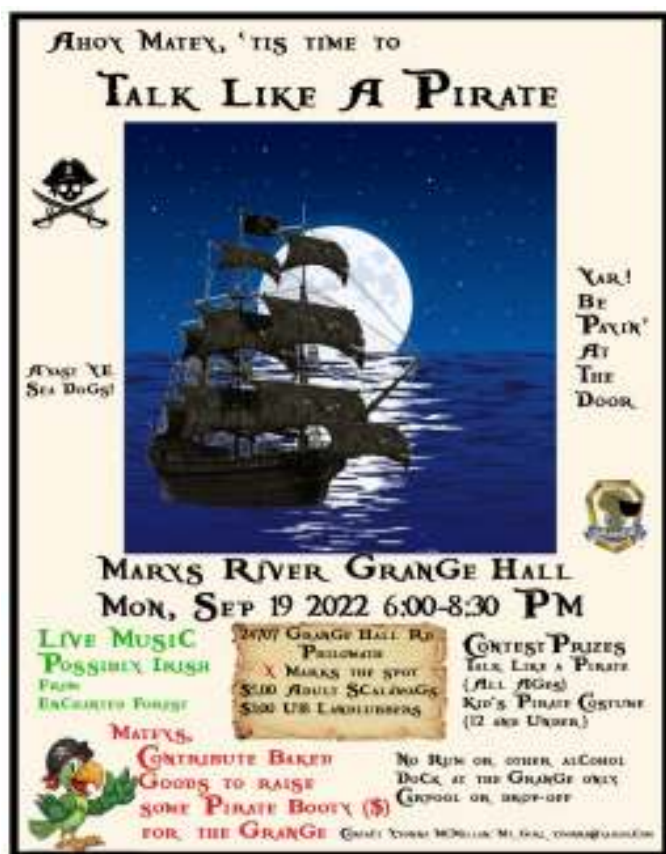


Marys River Grange
24707 Grange Hall Rd
Philomath, OR
7:00 p.m. instruction
7:30 p.m. jam
\$7.00 adults - \$5.00 youth
Contact Yvonne McMillan
mt_girl_yvonne@yahoo.com

Listeners only? Donate as desired.



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Marys River Grange #685 regularly meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 PM at 24707 Grange Hall Road in Philomath and via Zoom. Potluck at 6:30.

Contact marysrivergrange@gmail.com or 541-829-2907. See also: marysrivergrange.org facebook.com/Marys-River-Grange-Hall-288171007887164/ To rent the Grange Hall, see Rental at marysrivergrange.org



Many dancers enjoyed the Country Dance at Marys River Grange in September. Line dancing, two-step, cha-cha...

Send items for the *Messenger* to Judy Hays-Eberts 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 MRG. Deadline for Nov/Dec *Messenger*: October 28th

Many hands make light work.

During Amazing Grange Day, a member mentioned to me that she felt like she wasn't able to put in the amount of work she would like to.

I understand, share, and greatly value the desire of our members to invest more time and energy into our activities and Hall. It is an investment in our future.

It has also been my intent as President to increase the involvement of all our membership and to not have the load carried by a small pool of people. It creates an unfair burden on those so tasked, and furthermore it makes anyone who may consider replacing them give pause and consider the workload. It is much more enjoyable to host a Grange event and have a large number of friendly, helpful volunteers than to do it all yourself. It should be fun, not drudge work.

Amazing Grange Day was a huge success. We made money to add to our foundation repair fund. We had two new members apply. We made lots of people happy by finding items they treasured and we kept items out of landfills. Yet what may make me happiest is that at least 25 members (I may have overlooked some, so it is probably more) helped out in one form or another. Making pies, donating items, bringing and storing items, working and cleaning up afterward, so many people put in a little bit of effort here and there, and in the end a lot was accomplished from all those parts. With so many people, cleanup took less than two hours!

Putting on an event does involve a lot of small tasks – designing, printing and hanging up flyers, posting on social media, putting out roadside signboards, collecting payments, socializing with the community, setting up and cleaning up, possibly handling concessions or interacting with vendors and more. There are opportunities to utilize the talents and inclinations of every Grange member who is willing, and opportunities to learn new skills, in addition to helping build our Grange community by participating with others in shared work.

To our members who do not often participate in meetings or events: I understand that not everyone wishes to participate in the same manner. However, know that you are always welcome to attend the meetings, participate in the events, and actively join your Grange community. You will discover that by participating in a small manner, our combined efforts have a large impact.

Taking care of our Hall and aiding our community takes effort. If that effort is shared, it not only reduces everyone's load, it makes it more likely that effort will persist into the future and not fall into disarray if one or two people are no longer able or willing to participate.

- Sonny Hays-Eberts, Marys River Grange #685 President

50 Years at Sunbow Farm

A Quick Glance

In the last term of her first pregnancy, Harry MacCormack's first wife Linda declared she needed a stable place to raise their child. When he laid eyes on it, Harry knew the land that would become Sunbow Farm was destined to be their home. That was in the fall of 1972. At first, they sold organic fruits, vegetables, herbs, goat milk and cheese. By 1977 Harry and Mia Posner opened up the Sunbow Soy Dairy, a soy processing operation dedicated to vegan protein alternatives. Very quickly the dairy was producing 1,000-1,500 lbs/week of tofu, plus soy sausage, and two burger mixes. It became internationally known as a small, farm-based, wood-fired alternative and became a supplier to many groceries and restaurants between Portland, Eugene and the coast. In late 1984 the Soy Dairy was closed. Sunbow participated in very early Farmers Markets in Corvallis, Newport, Albany and Portland and shifted the focus to expand production of 82 vegetable, herb, and fruit crops, plus beans, grains and edible seeds. In order to accomplish this, there was extensive green manure cropping to create biologically robust soils.

In the late 1980's Harry began sharing how all the production was accomplished through his writings, (which included a weekly gardening column in the *Corvallis Gazette-Times*) workshops, and at Tilth, Extension, and national conferences. Harry and others at the farm were involved in developing compost teas. In 2002 cosmic compost from leaves became part of the mix. By then, Cheri Clark was instrumental in creating a farm product list that was emailed to customers weekly, an early prototype of what is now very common online commerce. She also started home produce delivery service, well before it was trendy. In 1997 the farm became a Trust, never to be sold, and in 2014 as Nate Johnson and Yadira Ruiz took over the farming and marketing from Cheri and Harry an LLC was formed to assure the generational passing of the farm. For much more see www.sunbowfarm.org

This fall we will celebrate 50 years of bounty at Marys River Grange on September 24th. Please visit sunbowproduce.com for details and to register.



www.sunbowproduce.com

The Farm Stand is now open 10-4 on Sundays

The GreenGable Pumpkin Patch at 24689 Grange Hall Road in Philomath will have a **Corn Maze** with a **Scavenger Hunt** and a fun **Cinderella's Carriage** to take pictures in, also farm flowers, wreaths and other decorations, and over **200 varieties** of pumpkins, gourds and squashes, every color, every size, shape, stripes and bumps!

U-pick patch and already picked pumpkins.

OPEN Saturday, September 17, 2022

Hours: Fri-Sun 9-6, Tue-Thu 10-5

www.greengable.com



"How well do you know Philomath?" challenge.

What is this spot and where is it located?

[The answer is on another page.]

Pre-Order to Fill Your Pantry

Mark your calendar for early October to check the Ten Rivers Marketplace page for the pre-ordering window for pantry and freezer quantities of onions, potatoes, cabbages, beets, carrots, breads, preserves, meats, dry beans, and so much more!

See www.tenriversfoodweb.org/fill-your-pantry

Fill Your Pantry is a one-day bulk buying event where you can save money and eat local all winter long. Stock up on beans, grains, storage crops, meats, preserves and more. Come support our local beekeepers, farmers, fishers, orchardists and ranchers to move large quantities of produce before the slower winter season. Pre-ordering is encouraged for the best selection and required for orders of 100 lbs. or more.

Guerber Hall, Benton Co. Fairgrounds

Sunday, November 6, 2022

Nate's Ag Committee Report, August 2022

The world spins like a top, and a season can turn on a dime. Mild and moist becomes hot and dry faster than you can find your hoses and pipe lengths in the grass, untangle, repair, and deploy them. It's a race against evaporation, which happens all about, rapidly, while you have to pick your favorite crops to get the water you may or may not have enough of.

Heat means the rhythm of the days change, early and late becoming the most active times, and the cultural genius of the siesta is understood to be undeniable. Iced sun tea is invaluable, as is shade and true humility. When your day's schedule plays chicken with the sun, you'll find out which is the immovable object and which the resistible force. This is where another cultural stroke of genius comes in: remember, there's always manana. Which is where the weeds will be waiting for you.

Blackberries look to be a bumper crop. A long wet Spring into a cool early Summer set them up nicely.

Tomatoes ripen, melons lengthen vines and form fruit, Summer squash and cucumbers start to bear in bulk.

Fall and Winter crops are growing or going in the ground, at least they will be when the heat abates.

Foxes leave us offerings, we feed a cat with too many ribs, and songbirds give themselves away in the sprinklers.

- Nate Johnson, Sunbow Produce,
MRG Agriculture Committee

Like so many foods – freshly prepared and home-made is best. Here is an easy recipe for a common household item that is just so much better than what you may purchase.

~Sonny Hays-Eberts

Graham Crackers

1 1/3 c whole wheat flour
1 c all-purpose flour
1/2 c light brown sugar
3/4 tsp baking soda
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp cinnamon
1/4 tsp ground ginger
1/4 c (1/2 stick) unsalted butter, cut in slices
1/3 c honey
5 tbs cold water
1 tsp vanilla

Oven: 325

Place all ingredients except honey, water and vanilla into food processor and combine with a few on-off pulses. Add remaining ingredients and process 30 seconds until ball forms. Divide dough in half, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate. Butter a rimless cookie sheet and place remaining half on sheet and roll out. If you wish to make crackers, score with knife and prick crackers with fork, else bake as is for crumbs. Repeat with second half of dough. Bake 15 minutes, or until brown and firm to the touch. Cool on racks.

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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. Historic building at the corner of Hwy 99W and Greenberry - 27555 Greenberry Road
facebook.com/willamettegrange52

See also: willamettegrange.org

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

Autumn 2022 Events at Willamette Grange

Cider Saturday, Oct 1

Pumpkin Palooza, Nov 6

Winter Warm-up Holiday Fair I, Nov 12

Wreath Making Holiday Fair II, Dec 3

Windy Hill Farm

Eggs - Honey - Nigerian Dwarf Goats - Flowers - Produce
www.windyhill-familyfarm.com
Philomath, Oregon

MRG's Wish List of Tools and Materials

Thanks to everyone for donations to our **Amazing Grange Day rummage sale on Saturday August 27th!** The proceeds added more than \$3,400 to Marys River Grange's Building fund toward repairing the main Hall's foundation. The estimate so far for the needed repair is \$33,000, with additional estimates desired, as well as grants.

As ever, donations of tools, supplies, or project materials for use by the Grange are appreciated. Please contact 541-826-2907 or marysrivergrange@gmail.com.

Thanks again!

— Sonny Hays-Eberts, MRG Building Committee



Woodfired Pizza and Sunbow Produce offered delicious food at Marys River Grange's Amazing Grange Day 2022.



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



Answer to “How well do you know Philomath?” challenge:
Downing Forest on Philomath High School property along
Chapel Drive. – Photos by Suzan Foley



What do you see in this picture?
Photo by Talia Neely



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Her roots ran deep into the cool dark earth, reaching down, down, down with the tips of her many toes. Dampness traveled up her long legs and trunk and arms and burst from the skin of her brow. Green and blue and golden hues surrounded her body and extended in all directions out into the universe. Her hair was tousled, wild from wind and wear and time. She was ancient and young, dying and birthing all at the same time. She was as she is: endless and beautiful and always dreaming. – Judy Hays-Eberts

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Susan Stogsdill, Owner

“The feathered tribe are not very numerous nor do they form any great variety ravens, crows, brown eagles with a white head and tail, herons, robins, house and bank swallows are the most numerous besides these there are three sorts of wood peckers the Virginia red birds yellow or bastard canary birds snow birds, long tailed thrushes ground birds tomtits sparrows wrens blue jays partridges quails a small species of hawks owls pigeons and doves and several sorts of humming birds add to these the water fowl which are pretty plenty from the last of august until the beginning of march...”

- John Hoskins' Narrative of the Second Voyage of the *Columbia* in the area of British Columbia islands now named Haida Gwaii [1790-1793]

Marys River Grange #685 Secretary Record October 21st, 1932

Marys River Grange #685 met in regular session, with Worthy Master M.M. Porter presiding. Elizabeth Baker acting as Chaplain, balance of officers present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

HEC reported Cora Porter and Nannie Brown would serve and C. J. Baker, Claude Huffman and Terry Brown will wash dishes. "Eats" to be announced later. She also read a letter from Miss Nye who will give talk on canning etc. at Willamette Hall, Oct. 24th at 1:15, and wants all ladies to come.

Legislative chairman reviewed bills to be voted on.

Agriculture chairman reported 27A oats and vetch, 5A wheat and 10A for spring grain on Grange farm.

Resolution committee proposed, verbally, that be it resolved that Marys River Grange is opposed to bill closing Rogue River to commercial fishing. Moved & carried resolution to be adopted. Discussion followed and a copy of resolution is to be sent to Rogue River Grange.

No insurance report.

Secy. letter from Chaplain mis-laid and reported verbally that he had sent in resignation. Moved & carried resignation be accepted. Com. from Elizabeth Baker resigning from Executive Committee. Moved & carried we accept resignation. Invitation from Woman's club, to hear Mrs. Sager speak on "re-modeling clothes", at public Library, Nov. 8th at 2:30 P.M. From Mtn. View Grange to attend their Harvest Home dinner, Nov. 12th, at noon, and communication from Miss Lucy Case who helped with the judging.

Bill for \$2.45 for fair printing, and \$52.35 for grain planted on Grange farm were presented. Moved & carried bills to be paid.

Grange was asked to put on program for Community meeting, last Tuesday in November. Moved & carried Grange put on program.

Worthy Master appointed C. J. Baker on Executive Committee and Elizabeth Baker Chaplain to finish out year.

Announced that there would be election of officers next meeting.

Referring back to new business. Moved & carried we refer back to new business. Worthy Master spoke of moving Grange to little church on Alsea highway. Robt. Gellatly is to see trustee in regard to this and report next meeting. Moved & carried that we see if we can get rent reduced here, or a rate for a year and report next meeting.

Grange was closed in due form.

During supper HEC announced we would have vegetable salad and sandwiches at next meeting.

After supper Lecture hour was taken up with dancing, music supplied by Mr. & Mrs. M.M. Porter and Louie Gross.

Members present 31. Visitors none. Penny drill .29.

Effie F. Dubois, Secretary

Keep us O Lord from pettiness. Let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.

Let us be done with faultfinding and leave off self seeking.

May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face, without self-pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straightforward and unafraid.

Let us take time for all things, make us grow calm, serene, gentle.

Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences; that in the big things we are one.

And may we strive to touch and to know the great woman's heart of us all; and, O Lord, let us not forget to be kind.

- Oregon State Grange Home Economics Committee Handbook,
1953-54



October/November in the Garden

Harvest pumpkin and winter squash when skins are hard to the fingernail.

Plant garlic, bare root fruit trees, roses, cane berries, grapes, artichoke, asparagus, rhubarb, spring bulbs, and evergreens.

- Gardening by the Moon calendar




Sunbow produce at Amazing Grange Day 2022

Philomath Farmers Market
Sundays through October 16, 11-3
at the Community Library, 1050 Applegate St.

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