

Marys River Messenger



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Another Amazing Grange Season!

The Future of the Grange is One of Passion

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A passion to see the fields of fruit, flower, and grain

Brought to harvest for the nourishment of body and soul.

A passion to see such work done eye to eye, and hand in hand

With our neighbors close and far, of all origins, creeds, sects, in unity.

A passion to see every American is afforded the liberty to pursue happiness.

A passion to extend charity to others so as to bring these ideals to fruition.

But the road is long, and the work of another day demands our attention

To see that sectionalism is again rightfully dead and buried in the past,

To see that our progeny are provided a greater land than we leave it,

To see that our fellow peoples are treated with equality and respect.

For in this most worthy cause, Patrons of Husbandry stand ready

To exemplify rural America, together for all of our common good,

To exemplify Earthly stewardship and its benefits for our issue,

To exemplify neighborliness, a supreme virtue above others.

Those who will see our passion for greater prosperity today

Will realize there is a path forward for a greater tomorrow.

It is our passion that drives us, and through out passion

We have Faith in the perpetuity of the American ideal,

We have Hope for our nation to overcome adversity,

We give the Charity of kindness to our countrymen,

And we hold fidelity in all our actions.

Patrons, I ask you to keep

Passion.

- Mike Terry



Marys River Grange Happenings

Ice Cream Social/Open House – Sat., July 19, 3-5
Free! Enjoy a sundae and the Grange!

Amazing Grange Day – Saturday August 16, 9-2,
Annual Rummage Sale & Pie Auction. Contact
541-829-2907 or marysrivergrange@gmail.com to
donate items, or bring them to the Grange on reception
day Aug. 10th. Annual fundraiser for the Grange Hall,
this year dedicated to upgrade the kitchen in 2026.

BINGO, 2nd Friday – July 11, August 8, 6-8:30 pm,
\$10 for 10 games (3 cards each), \$1 blackout tickets;
drinks & snacks for sale, free door prizes

Bluegrass Monthly Jam/Workshop – will return in
September, 2nd Weds.

Moonlight Country Mixer – Mondays, 7-10 pm,
\$5, host/instructor Jamie Lee

Wood Carving Circle – 3rd Weds., 5:30-8:30 pm,
no fee; bring tools & green wood

Yoga at the Grange – Tuesdays, 6-7 pm, July 22 –
Sept. 9; \$10 for Grange members, \$15 for non-Grange
members

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

Marys River Grange #685 regularly meets on the first
Wednesday of each month at 7 pm at 24707 Grange
Hall Road in Philomath. Potluck at 6:30. Join us!

Vice President Mike and wife Amanda Terry are moving
back to their small home town of Gridley, CA, in late July.
Mike's service has been exceptional. Thank you so much!
Sending along our love and best wishes.

Marys River Grange Kitchen Remodel “Wishlist”

Marys River Grange is beginning to raise funds to remodel the kitchen in 2026. If a Grange member or member of the community would like to donate to help us achieve our goal, here is a list of items that could be purchased.

Item	Estimated Cost	Donor Pledged
Commercial 3 basin sink	\$1,000	Yes
Commercial faucet	\$600	
Commercial garbage disposal	\$1,500	
Commercial dishwasher	\$6,000	
Commercial 6 burner electric stove	\$5,000	
Ventilation Hood/exhaust fan	\$1,000	
Commercial refrigerator	\$2,000	
Small chest freezer	\$500	
Hand washing sink and faucet	\$500	
Kitchen Cabinets	\$15,000	
Counter Tops	\$4,000	
Total	\$37,100	

- Kurt Wiedenmann,
MRG Building Committee

Upgrading the MRG kitchen was requested in a Building Projects poll of members in 2021, and desired for decades.

Happy Summer from Willamette Grange!

We are so grateful for all the donations and volunteer effort that has happened at our Hall. Our new heating and cooling system came on line. We have completed the insulation installation and all the drywall/taping/texturing and interior painting has been done. Volunteers are refurbishing the interior trim and returning it to its proper place. It feels a little like working on a jigsaw puzzle. It is all coming together and looks fantastic.

Our next event is Puppy Fest, Sept 6th. Bring your furry friend and join us at Willamette Grange to celebrate our 4 legged buddies.



Spoon Jam

Spoon jam is happening at Marys River Grange in Philomath, third Wednesday of the month from 5:30-8:30 pm. It's an open session for anyone interested in carving spoons (or forks...or anything else you can hold in your hands while you work).

Build skills, knowledge, neighborliness, community! Bring your dinner and/or any snacks you might want to share. We have a table and plates, etc. There's no fee, but donations are welcome!

And please note there's a liability waiver; be prepared to sign an acknowledgement that you've read it and are accepting the inherent risks of working with sharp tools!

Share techniques & resources, show off tools & projects, swap spoons, have some good conversations, and get to know new (and old!) folks. This is not a structured class, but friendly carvers are usually willing to share tips and tricks. Experienced folks may review specific skills on request. We are aligned with Tarweed Folk School in nourishing a culture of open and democratic exchange and learning.

Please bring wood if you have it! (Fresh/green!) Chopping block(s) too, if you have one/some. If you don't have tools, let me know. I have some loaners. Minimum age 16, though parents with competent, focused younger kids are welcome to a test run.

- Kiko Denzer

Check out upcoming **Tarweed Folk School** classes at <https://www.tarweedfolkschool.com/calendar>

What economic model, still in use today, was imported from England and made popular by the Grange? Cooperatives.

See Philomath Frolic & Rodeo Events, July 9 - 12:
<https://www.philomathfrolic.org/2025-frolic-events.html>

Saturday July 12 - 10:00-11:30 Grand Parade. Grand Marshal: Retired Police Chief Ken Rueben and Percy the Police Dog

Independence Day

The Fourth of July, or Independence Day, commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, marking the birth of the United States as an independent nation. It is a federal holiday, and many folks celebrate with picnics, fireworks and family gatherings. We need to remember all the beliefs that the Declaration upheld. We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

This is the preamble to the Declaration of Independence which many of us had to memorize in school. The Founding Fathers envisioned a nation founded on principles of individual liberty, limited government, and self-governance, with a system of checks and balances to prevent tyranny. They sought to create a government that protected fundamental rights and promoted the well-being of its citizens. This vision was reflected in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, documents that emphasized ideals of equality, unalienable rights, and the consent of the governed.

- Karen Hudspeth

Yoga at the Grange Summer 2025

Tuesdays 6pm - 7pm
July 22nd - September 9th, 2025



Classes are \$10
for Grange members,
\$15 for non-Grange members.

Questions? Please contact
Laura Coen: 331-201-5458

July 18, 1987 Minutes of Marys River Grange:

"LouAnn took lots of pictures of float but they are not back yet. It was reported we got 2nd place – lots of fun, lots of help – Terry Bullis was the bathing beauty."

"We have this year's placemats. They have our hall picture on them."

"Tom announced Jim [Gray] is on State Energy Committee."

"Archie reported deal to move State Grange to Salem [from Portland] went down. They had a good time at Convention."

We believe in democracy.

We believe in the rule of law and our rights as American citizens.

We believe in freedom of speech even if our neighbors do not agree with our perspectives.

We believe in treating others fairly in the ways we ourselves expect to be treated.

We believe in factual truths along with scientifically proven data.

We believe in the power of positive actions for needed change in our society.

We believe that the least of us are as important as the rest of us.

We believe in our responsibility to engage in our democracy by voicing our concerns and casting our ballots.

We believe in civility, humility, empathy, tolerance, and justice for all.

We believe that democracy is of the people; the power and legitimacy of the government reside with the citizens.

We believe that democracy is by the people; that government exists to serve the people.

We believe that democracy is for the people; created by them and is accountable to them.

We believe in our rights of liberty, the pursuit of happiness, and for all to receive equal treatment.

We believe in our Nation and United States Constitution.

We believe in democracy.

- Suzy Johanson

What five words are on the Grange flag?
Faith, Hope, Charity, Fidelity, Perseverance



A Southern Royal Albatross and Peter Moore

Albatross research on Campbell Island, New Zealand subantarctic with Peter Moore at Marys River Grange, Wednesday August 6th at 7 p.m.

Peter Moore will give a presentation on his trip to Campbell Island in the New Zealand subantarctic. He joined a 10-week expedition in 2024/25 to assess the current status of three species of albatrosses due to concerns that populations are in decline. Peter will show some of the unique plants and animals that inhabit this remote nature reserve, including species that are now thriving since Norway rats were eradicated in 2001.

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Nate's Ag Report for July

The first fruit trees to blossom for us here at the farm are a few wild cherries, mainly unpalatable, but followed soon after by *Prunus Cerisifera*: Cherry Plum; aka. rambler's joy, child's boon, and fox's folly.

They kindle some cheer in February, when I'm dimmest, and refresh me in June before I parch. Each tree's fruits are somewhat unique, with flavors distinct as dialects. Every year new saplings erupt from the hedgerows and forgotten whims of the wild and provident scrub jays. Different trees with fruits the same color will vary tremendously in thickness of skin, size of pit, texture of flesh, aroma, and piquancy. Some hang brassy as apricots, or drop to out-stain the cherries, or blend in mottled hues like true pluots. It's said this prodigy of fulsome possibilities was the progenitor of our cultivated plums, and I'm a believer. The combinations are inexhaustible, the creations ceaseless, and while they rise and fall alongside us all, the world with every atrocity and deathly abuse is yet, somehow, alive and well.

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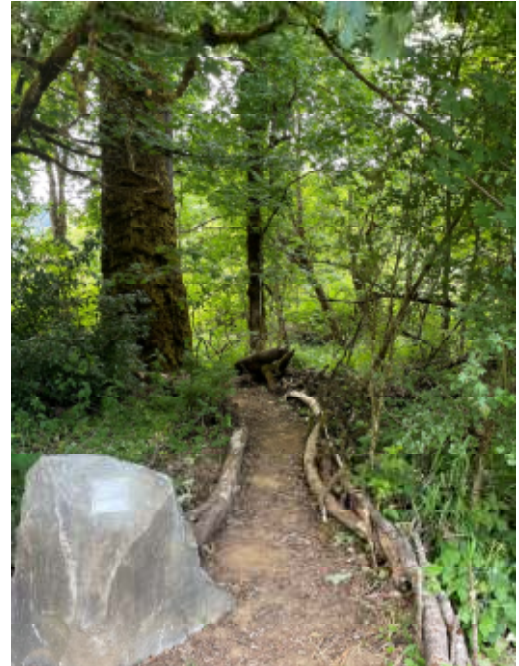
Philomath Farmers' Market – Sundays from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, May 25 to Oct. 19, at Philomath Community Library. Fresh local produce, baked and prepared foods, hand-crafted goods. See friends and neighbors!

Check out the Oregon Small Farm News at

https://smallfarms.oregonstate.edu/sites/agscid7/files/smallfarm/s/summer_2025_small_farm_news.pdf

A popular feature originally introduced by Suzan Foley:

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



“Early in the 1850's [Oliver Hudson] Kelley acted on his conviction that the way to success for frontier farmers was through the utilization of the latest technology and scientific information. The Benton County [Minnesota] Agricultural Society (BCAS), organized by Kelley in 1852, started out as a mutual improvement effort where neighboring farmers shared information about agricultural production.”

- People, Pride and Progress: 125 Years of the Grange in America



Biking the C2C Trail

Last year I walked the Corvallis-to-the-Sea (C2C) Trail from our house on Old Peak Road over the Coast Range to the sea. This year I was keen to bike the trail.

The trail is an impressive grass-roots effort by the nonprofit C2C Trail Partnership which reached fruition in 2020 when new trails on Forest Service land were completed. The 55-mile cycling route is a mixture of public roads, public and private forestry roads and connecting trails, and differs from the walking route for the western half of the trip. See [Corvallis To Sea Trail | Linking the Willamette Valley and the Pacific Ocean \(c2ctrail.org\)](https://c2ctrail.org). You can read about trail alerts and download GPX files from the website and an excellent map can be purchased at local hiking and biking stores. The Marys River Grange supports the trail by allowing people to camp at the Grange.

Stacy's brother Kent joined me for the adventure and Stacy acted as our support crew. This allowed us to take the easy option of carrying daypacks rather than carrying camping gear.

The first day took us up Old Peak Road, through the Corvallis Watershed, and up Woods Creek Road to 1,780 feet on the north slopes of Marys Peak. This is the biggest climb and high point of the trip. Continuing west mainly on private forestry roads we crossed the attractive Shot Pouch Creek and climbed up to a viewpoint of the Coast Range. Then there was a nice descent on a single-track section to the Big Elk Valley followed by an easy cruise along Marys Peak Road, through Harlan and on to Big Elk Campground, where Stacy had set up camp. In total we had travelled about 23 miles in about 4 hours of biking, leaving time for R&R in the afternoon and evening.

Soon after heading off in the morning, we were climbing steeply up Hilltop Road, mainly through National Forest, to the second summit for the trip, at around 1,300 feet. We were rewarded for our efforts with some nice downhill riding to 1000 Line Road alongside Horse Creek, which had an attractive riparian border, including some impressively large bigleaf maples. After another moderate climb we dropped into the North Beaver Creek drainage and after another 12 miles we found ourselves at Ona Beach, having biked about 24 miles for the day.

Once we made it to Ona Beach, we dipped our hands in the ocean, and keeping with tradition, we celebrated our successful trip over a beer and meal at Rogue Brewery in Newport.

The C2C Trail is right on our doorstep and I highly recommend biking or walking to anyone with a good level of fitness. Intrepid folks can carry their camping gear, but having a support crew makes life easier, especially by lightening the load for the steep climbs.

- Peter Moore

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

If you or someone you know who works in agriculture, forestry or the fishing industry is struggling, call or text **833-897-2474** for help. The Agristress Helpline is free, operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and has trained counselors with experience in those industries who can take phone calls in 160 languages, with English, Spanish and Vietnamese professionals available to respond by text.



We will be at the Philomath Farmers Market all summer, sharpening knives and garden tools.

Community and Contentment

The three sisters that are your support team to finding true happiness are positive affirmations, statements of gratitude, and silence.

In community, we find unity of purpose and intent that become the values we share in our gratitude.

As individuals seek happiness as one of our higher goals, service to others is a way of being that also promotes true happiness. And the three sisters that promote our happiness are affirmations, gratitudes, and the silence that allows us to connect to that which is greater than our self.

We give thanks for our shared experiences of life in community and service. As individuals we affirm our values, we give thanks, and we find unity with life in silence.

Our Grange community also has a positive influence on the larger community of Philomath. We serve the greater community and this is good.

- Mark Files, MRG Chaplain

Would anyone know men or women Vets in all age groups who could have an interest in forming a fun group once or twice a month for conversation, coffee, cards, and just having someone who has the experience of hot and cold war? Contact Ron Paddock, 406-679-0404, MRG Veterans Committee.

August is Immunization Awareness Month

National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) is an annual observance held in August to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages. Together, we can help raise awareness about the importance of vaccination and encourage people to talk to a healthcare provider they trust about staying up to date on their vaccinations.

- Karen Hudspeth, MRG Deaf Awareness & Family Health

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Mateo and Vienna Kao Ledger won five 1st place and two 2nd place ribbons and cash prizes for their entries in the Junior contests at the Oregon State Grange Convention in June. They are six and eight years old.



Nancy Weidenmann won first place for her mosaic in the Home Décor category of the GWA contests at the Oregon State Grange Convention.



OSG President, and member of MRG, Sonny Hays-Eberts presided over the 2025 Oregon State Grange Convention.

Answer to “How well do you know Philomath?” challenge:

I don't know if you're familiar with the Philomath heritage tree program, but I recently cleared a path to the giant heritage cottonwood in Marys River Park at the end of 9th Street. The Public Works Dept. put a small plaque on a boulder at the entrance to the path, so the tree is officially open for business! (Before it was impossible to access because the brush around it was thick.) It's a truly beautiful old tree, and I'd be happy if more people could know about it and appreciate it.

- Giana Bernardini



Philomath Community Services received \$2,217 from Marys River Grange, presented to Exec. Director Sharon Thornberry by MRG President Judy Hays-Eberts on May 15th, proceeds from MRG's annual Plant Sale & Seed Swap that benefits PCS.

Nancy's Food Pantry and June's Kids Klose Hours:

Tues. 4:30–7:30pm

Thurs. 9:00am–12:00pm

Third Sat., 12:30 to 3:30pm

(closed holidays)

Addresses:

Physical: 360 S 9th St Philomath OR 97370

Mailing: PO Box 1334 Philomath OR 97370

Philomath Community Meal – every Tuesday, 6 pm, at College United Methodist Church (1123 Main St.), free to all. Live music after meal. (Tax deductible donations accepted.)

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 July/August Messenger: August 25

Read more local news at
<https://philomathnews.com/>

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**Ice Cream Social
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July 19 3-5pm

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Meet our members, learn
about what we do and what
a Grange is and enjoy a free
ice cream sundae.

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Saturday August 16

9am until 2pm

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