

# GRANGE MATTERS

## January - February 2019

A Bi-Monthly Newsletter from Pomona of  
Whatcom County

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### Planning for 2019

All Granges are asked to send representatives to our Whatcom County 2019 Planning Meeting, Saturday January 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 – 10:30 at the Rusty Wagon Restaurant on Hannegan (meeting in the lounge area for a no-host breakfast). Bring your calendars and ideas for activities for the new year. Masters, Lecturers, and CFLs are especially encouraged to attend; however, all are welcome.



### Annual Baking Contest

Pull out your tried and true recipes, or opt for something new, at our 2019 Annual Baking Contest, in conjunction with our February Pomona meeting, on Tuesday Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>. Entries are due that morning, from 10:00 till noon. As of press time, we have not yet had our Whatcom County Planning Meeting (see related article), but you can probably count on this event being hosted by Ten Mile Grange. Although the 2019 Program Handbook is not published yet, you can get all the rules and guidelines in the 2018 Handbook. If you don't have a copy, it's available on the State Grange website: <http://wa-grange.org> and then click on Program Handbook. There will be a Potluck meal at 6:00, followed by an auction of the baked goods at 6:45. The Pomona Meeting will then follow the auction. If you didn't get the sweet treat you wanted for Valentine's Day, come to the auction for a plethora of goodies!

### End-of-Year Reports

Reminder for Grange Secretaries to send in your Election Report and 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter update to both the State Grange office and to the Pomona Secretary (Russ Weston). Lecturers and CFLs also have year-end reports to submit to the State Grange.

This year's **Grange Leadership Conference** will include presentations for many positions in the Grange: Master, Secretary, Lecturer, CFL, Membership, Community Service, and Youth & Juniors. If you hold one of these positions in your local Grange, you are highly encouraged to attend. The closest Conference to us is Saturday January 19<sup>th</sup> at Fredonia Grange in Skagit County. It begins with a 6:00 Potluck, with the Conference following. Some folks have already expressed concern about driving at night. If you can offer a ride, or even pick up another member, or if you are the member needing the ride, please coordinate with Bekki Weston, at 360-671-7862 or via e-mail at: [russweston2223@gmail.com](mailto:russweston2223@gmail.com). The next closest Conference is earlier that same day (noon Potluck) at Tualco Grange, near Monroe, in Snohomish County. Maybe that will be an option for some of us.

Here is a photo from the **Grange Christmas Party** hosted by Laurel Grange on Dec 8<sup>th</sup>. The photo is of the Hosts with Santa.



It was good food (like all Grange potlucks); Laurel supplied the main course of a Prime Rib. Santa came and handed out gifts to the young ones. Some that are young at heart also told Santa what they wanted for Christmas also. Penny Mumford did an amazing job of decorating. *Thank you Penny.*

### Monthly Grange Meetings:

**Lummi Island** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday  
**N. Bellingham** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday thru March  
**Rome** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday  
**Ten Mile** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday  
**Laurel** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday  
**Haynie** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays

### Haynie Grange Details

January  
11- Regular Meeting - 7:30  
13- Breakfast - 8am to Noon - \$6  
25 - Potluck/Program - 6:30

February  
8 - Regular meeting - 7:30  
10 - Breakfast - 8am to Noon \$6  
22- Potluck/Program - 6:30

# A Grange Success Story

Ed Scott, Lummi Island Grange #925 Communications

In 2017, the Lummi Island Grange #925 received a requested safety inspection from the Whatcom County Fire Marshall. This inspection pointed out several safety issues which needed to be addressed for the continued safe use of the Grange building by community members. Several of the minor findings were able to be resolved by our Grange Maintenance Team, however, major egress issues were identified, which reduced our legal occupancy of our main hall to only 49 persons. This had a major effect on the community's ability to use the hall as a meeting place, as it had for nearly 80 years. A building improvement committee was formed at a Grange meeting, and plans were started for finding a way to address the egress issues. A local island architect volunteered to inspect the as-built conditions, and produce drawings and blueprints for necessary structural modification to the building. A local building contractor volunteered his time and efforts to work with a team of other volunteers, to complete the required construction work. Individual members of the community, and island organizations, donated over \$6,000, for the necessary building materials. Whatcom County Public Works issued a building permit for the construction to begin. By October, 2018, all construction was completed. A new set of French Doors were installed on the West side of the main hall, leading out to a large deck. Installation of the doors required modifying the building roof with a gable, to allow full height doors where the roof had been too low to permit. A new front landing and stairs were constructed to permit rapid exit from the existing doors on the East side of the hall. In November, 2018, Whatcom County Public works conducted the final building inspection, and approved all modifications. The Whatcom County Fire Marshall was invited to come and re-inspect the building, and he then assigned an A-2 building code, and raised the occupancy permitted to 99 persons. Once again, the Lummi Island Grange is able to serve the community's needs for public events, thanks to the many generous neighbors who share our small island.

