

GRANGE MATTERS

March – April 2018

A Bi-Monthly Newsletter from Pomona of Whatcom County

Pomona Haynie Laurel Lummi Is.
N. Bellingham Rome Ten Mile

Grange Secretary, Treasurer, or other responsible body: Reminder to prepare (on line) your Grange 990 form to the IRS by March 31st. If you are unsure what to do, contact Rebecca at the State Office 800-854-1635.



N. Bellingham Grange awarded its 2017 \$2,000 scholarship to Alexis Kudsk, a member of Haynie Grange, who graduated with honors from Ferndale High School in 2017, where she was active in the school's FFA chapter. Alexis is currently attending Washington State University, pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering. In the Grange, she has served at many different positions at all levels, including National Youth Gatekeeper, State Youth Master, Pomona Executive Committeeman, Subordinate Lecture and Lady Assistant. Congratulations Alexis!

Lummi Island Grange

January 1st some of the Grange members joined another island organization in lighting their cars and pickups for a cruise around Island after dark. Fun time waving to our neighbors as we drove by.

February 11th Grange men cooked and served prime rib dinner to the Grange ladies and guests for a fun evening.

March 17th All island game night from 6 to 9pm at the hall. Come join the fun. --Dorothy

Haynie Grange:

March 9 - Regular Business Meeting - 7:30
March 10 - Haynie Opry - 7 to 9 pm - \$10 - Contact Matt Audette 360-366-3321 for more information. Doors open at 6:00, Show starts at 7:00.

March 11 - Breakfast - 8:00 to Noon. \$6 all you can eat Pancakes, French Toast, Biscuits & Gravy, Eggs cooked to order, & Sliced Ham

March 23 - Potluck Dinner -6:30 with Activity to follow.

April 8 - Breakfast

April 13 - Regular Business Meeting

April 14 - Haynie Opry

April 27 - Potluck Dinner

--Scott Hackett

The Whatcom County Grange Baking Contest was held on February 20, with a total of 19 entries, including both Junior and Youth entries. Funds raised from the auction totaled \$171. Pomona Master Scott Hackett was our Auctioneer, and Haynie Grange Junior Member Melissa Kudsk served as his assistant. There was a great assortment of cookies, sweet breads, pies and cakes among the entries. Luckily, Russ Weston baked two blackberry pies, as his intended entry slipped out of his hand as he was leaving his house that morning, and landed upside down on his outside welcome mat! His "alternate" pie was entered, and garnered him a purple ribbon, and a chance to try again at State Convention. A special thanks to Jean Swift from Skagit County, for serving as our Judge. 17 blue ribbons and 2 red. Way to go. The following received purple and will enter at State Grange in June. Russ Weston NBG: pie. Jean Hauck TMG: Hawaiian cake. Lew Gaskill TMG: Carmalitas. Helen Scott LIG: Buttermilk pound cake. Cindy Kudsk HG: Angel biscuits and Gumdrop cookies. We had 5 Juniors, 4 with purple. Hannah Snow: Peanut B Cookies. Damian Miller: Crazy Cake. Trevor Kudsk: Gluten free Brownies. Melissa Kudsk: Decorated Chocolate Cake.



Laurel Grange

March 10th 1 p.m. meeting.

April 14th we change to our summer hours, with a 6 p.m. meeting.

On February 15th we delivered 110 dictionaries to the Irene Reither Primary 3rd graders.

The Haynie Opry begins its 13th season this spring, kicking off with **2nd Saturday concerts from March through May**, and expanding to its full 2nd Friday and Saturday concerts in June, July and August. As always, the Haynie Grange at 3344 Haynie Road hosts the Opry. The evening shows being at 7pm and are \$10; the afternoon Gospel matinees are at 3pm, and entry is \$5. For all shows, tickets will be sold at the door, beginning one hour before the show. The house band, and creator of the Haynie Opry is **Matt Audette and the Circle of Friends Band**. Here's the line-up for March and April: Sat. March 10 – Gospel matinee; evening tribute to **Don Williams, Fats Domino, and Mel Tillis**, second half special guest **Marcia Kester** featuring a tribute to **Patsy Cline**.

Sat. April 14 – Gospel matinee; evening show is a repeat of March, with special guest **Mike Bohson** a jazz guitarist. At intermission, coffee, water, cookies are available for donation. The remainder of the season will be announced in the May-June newsletter. For questions, contact Matt Audette at 360-366-3321.

Donation Opportunity

It has been brought to our attention that the former sponsors of the NW WA Fair Round Robin 4H & FFA championship belt buckles are no longer able to sponsor. Looking to see if any Whatcom Co. subordinate Granges are wanting to donate towards these belt buckles. Please bring it up at your next meeting and then call or text Cindy at 360-305-4410 with response from your Grange. This will allow her to give an answer of our support or not. If any individual member wishes to support this cause, please contact Cindy as well. Thanks.

Lecturers and CFLs meeting at the Ferndale Senior Center, 1998 Cherry St., March 8th at noon. Preparing for the April contest entries. You can eat lunch beforehand or buy your lunch there. Contact Penny at 360-647-9672.

Rome Grange

March 4th and April 1st Breakfast 8:00 – noon.

If anyone would be interested in taking a class on how to judge baked good and/or food preservation, Jean Swift, a Skagit County Granger would be willing to set up a class here in Whatcom County at one of the Grange Halls. You may call her at 360-757-4491. If interested, you might be asked to help with the judging at the State Grange Convention, as numerous judges are needed.

Pomona Meeting at Rome

April 16th CFL (food preservation, needlework, quilts) & Lecturer (photo, arts and crafts) Contest: have items there 9 a.m. –noon.

April 17th 6 p.m. potluck, meeting to follow.

Coming Events

Pomona Meeting at Laurel

June 19th Flower Contest Have items there between 9 a.m. and noon. Potluck at 6 p.m., meeting to follow.

State Convention (June 27-30) at the Skagit County Fairgrounds. We (Whatcom County) are one of seven counties "hosting" this year, so there are lots of opportunities to help out.

Junior Grange Camp August 5-10 (might be discount if you sign up by June 30th)

Grange Meetings:

Lummi Island First Wednesday

N. Bellingham First Thursday

Rome Second Wednesday

Ten Mile Second Thursday

Laurel Second Saturday

Haynie Second and Fourth Fridays