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MASTER'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Another month has come and gone, and it's time to make preparations for our participation in the Island County Fair (Aug. 13th - 16th). I think that with the experience we have gained in the last few years, it should go smoothly. The building is in fairly good condition and will need nothing more than some light washing-down and sweeping, followed by a bit of decorating. Our next regular meeting is Aug. 4th, and I hope to see everyone there. In August and maybe September, I hope to get everyone to help with a clean-up party at the hall. We really need to do some maintenance to the outside of the hall.

Fraternally Yours,
Master: *Ken Schillinger*

GRANGE MEETING

Tuesday October 6th, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.

Our next Grange meeting will be held on Tuesday August 4th, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. We have a full agenda for this meeting.

CRITTER WORKSHOP

The Third annual Critter workshop is Saturday August 8th, so PLEASE plan on helping. This event is Great for the Kids, the Community, Tilth, Deer Lagoon Grange and Island County Fair. If you can, bring carving utensils and vegetables that you would not mind giving to the kids. The event will be from 10AM until 2PM. If you are helping to set-up the awning and tables come at 9:30AM.

DEER LAGOON FAIR DISPLAY

Our display will be set up on Monday August 10th. Call Bob Cadwallader for the time, 360-678-5939. Let's have "...a doggone good time!"

ISLAND COUNTY FAIR

This is a big event for us. We are in charge of the Fruits Section and the Vegetable Section. We still need help at the following shifts:

Thursday 9:30AM - 1:00PM;

Thursday 4:00PM - 7:00PM;

Friday 7:00PM - 10:00PM;

Saturday 4:00PM - 7:00PM;

Sunday 9:30AM - 1:00PM.

Sign up at our meeting Tuesday or call Chuck at 222-3110.

Please remember that if you help you will get an all day pass to the Fair paid for by Deer Lagoon Grange (You can't beat that deal).

Hall Improvement Activity

We have new flooring in the kitchen/dining area of our hall. The City of Langley was the first to experience our upgraded facility. They left us with many compliments on the transformation of the last few years!

Many thanks to the Grangers who helped with clearing out the room and replacing everything once the flooring was installed. Kudos to Chris Williams, Tom Talbot, Bob and Yvette Cadwallader and Chuck and Judy Prochaska. And to Roc Dahl for his stapler. A special thanks to Barry Prochaska for interrupting his dinner to bring the toilet he donated for the little bathroom and along with his son-in-law, installing it for us.

Bob Cadwallader needs help in getting our new dishwasher installed. Please call him at 360-678-5939 if you can help with this.

GRANGE GROWTH

Our Grange is helping with an effort to create new Granges in Coupeville and Oak Harbor.

Volunteers are needed at the informational meetings Aug. 21 and 22. And to distribute flyers in those areas. Call Chuck for info; 222-3110.

FOOD : Back to Basics

Chris Williams shared an upcoming event that may interest some of you.

WSU Tree Fruit Specialist Gary Moulton will present an in-depth overview of Hard Cider making and orcharding Saturday, August 22, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Ed's Apples in Sultan. The presentation will include varietal selection, growing and harvest information, as well as an informal look at the production steps from raw fruit to finished bottle. Cost is \$65 per person (early bird registration is \$55 per person before August 12) and includes a box lunch. To register, use the attached form or download a form from www.snohomish.wsu.edu/ag/workshops/hardcider09.pdf and mail with your check.

FALL program. If you have ideas of what future topics or things you are just dying to know about, call Christine Williams at 321-4027, or e-mail

THIRD FRIDAY DANCE

No Dance in August, we will see you September 18th.