

NEWSLETTER

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MASTER'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Another Island County Fair is over, and our Grange has a right to be proud. Many of our members worked together and created a great display, not only for DLG #846, but for Pomona #50 as well! The new flooring in our hall looks wonderful, and we have an automatic dishwasher installed. Beauty bark has been spread in the front of the hall, making it look truly nice. Bob C has fixed the leak under the hall. I'd like to thank everyone for all they have done in the last month, but there just isn't space for all the names. All I can say is that you're all great! The building still needs a bit of washing, which I hope to get to soon. I had hoped to have it done by now, but went on vacation instead; now I'm getting behind both at the hall, and at home (dual tasking Whidbey style?). Our next regular meeting is September 1st, and Pomona has been moved to October 10th. I hope to see everyone there. One change I hope to make is to place a sheet of paper near the entry for everyone to write down their agenda items. Our meetings are getting awfully long, and I don't want to lose anybody's interest.

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 September 1st, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. We have lots to discuss, so please come.

FOOD PRESERVATION CLASS

Sue Ellen White is putting on a food preservation class at the Grange Friday August 28th. Learn the basics of home canning and leave with canned peaches, pickled cucumbers, and a great experience all for \$39. Preregistration is required. Mail your check with your email address to 5075 Zimmerman Road, Langley WA 98260.

ISLAND COUNTY POMONA

Deer Lagoon is hosting the Island County Pomona meeting Friday, October 9th. Coffee will be served for our guests starting at 10:00AM. The business meeting is at 11:00AM and is followed by lunch provided by us. This is an important meeting to attend, in part, because it is time to elect officers for the term beginning in January 2010.

FARM DANCE

Forget Me Not Farms 7th annual farm dance, Sunday, Aug. 30 at the farm. Starts at 4:00PM with dancing, followed by contests and a potluck dinner. We ask everyone to bring a main dish and last names A-O salad, P-Z dessert. Young people under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

We will have a berry dessert contest including any favorite berry dessert, a watermelon eating contest for the kids, and a candy scramble for the little ones. The dances we have are waltzes, jigs, reels, and various mixers most of which are easily learned.

DEER LAGOON OPEN HOUSE

We are having an Open House, Wednesday September 2. It's a great opportunity to bring your friends who are curious about the Grange and a good time for us to share with the Community.

THIRD FRIDAY DANCE

The Third Friday Dance will be September 18th, see you there. Lessons start at 6:30, dance at 7:30 till 9:30.

CRITTER WORKSHOP

The Third annual Critter workshop was Saturday August 8th. This was a great event for the kids, their parents, the Tilth merchants and, of course us. Thank you again Meena and Roland Prochaska and the Grangers who helped. Several of the kid's creations garnered blue ribbons at the Island County Fair.

DEER LAGOON FAIR DISPLAY

Our display turned out great! "Best Use of Theme" along with a blue ribbon. I think that Bob Cadwallader and his group (Lois Wenzek, Yvette, Chris Williams, Phyllis Rainey, Chuck and Judy Prochaska, Gary and Tarey Kay) really had "...a doggone good time!"

ISLAND COUNTY POMONA DISPLAY

"Can you find the Dog", the theme for the Pomona display garnered a Red Ribbon.

ISLAND COUNTY FAIR

A special thanks to those who helped by being Stewards and Judges; Bob and Yvette Cadwallader, Roxie Chamuler, Nancy Chery, Karen Epifano, Anne Erickson, Dawna Fowler, Linda Good, John Hannam, Jim Hicken, Bob Jimenez, Ginny Kuehn, Dorothy McCann, Anza Muenchow, Mike Nichols, Pam Nodus, Susan Prescott, Judy Prochaska, Roland and Meena Prochaska, Phyllis Rainey, Michael Seraphinoff, Diane Stone, Lois Wenzek, and Chris Williams. Entries in Vegetables were up 31% to 243. Fruits were up 12%. Deer Lagoon Grange and Tilth can be proud of our collective contribution to the success of this year's fair.

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. 28 and 29. Call Chuck for info; 222-3110.

FOOD : Back to Basics

The fall schedule is being developed, so bring your ideas of what topics or things you are just dying to know about to the Grange meeting. Christine Williams, 321-4027, e-mail

FOOD CO-OP

Phyllis Rainey is organizing food buying trips for several products in the Zillah area as they come in such as peaches, pears, tomatoes, melons, nectarines, corn, bell peppers, melons, onions, hot peppers, and apples, (425) 760-7607, e-mail