

NEWSLETTER

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MASTER'S MESSAGE

A special thanks to Chris Williams and the FANTASTIC Food: Back to Basics program. Another month has passed and our hall is looking good. Rentals remain steady, and I am happy to announce that the floor under our kitchen and dining area has been insulated; kudos to all involved. Our septic issues haven't been totally resolved yet, but I think progress is being made. I'll offer up special thanks to Bro. Scott for his enthusiastic shovel work on this one. Our first Grange Symbolism Class was held on the 19th, and we plan to meet every month at 5: pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. All members are welcome, and encouraged to join in the fun. I hope to see you all at our next gathering. I'm sure our Editor will give us an update about the newly forming "Penn Cove Grange", but I want to tell you that I am stoked! **It's Happening!** One more item is that we want to think about what we are doing for Thanksgiving at DLG let's make sure to have it as an agenda item. Our next meeting is on November 3rd. I look forward to seeing you all there. Fraternaly Yours,

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Master: *Ken Schillinger*

GRANGE MEETING

Tuesday November 3rd, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.

Our next Grange meeting will be held on Tuesday November 3rd, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. Guest Speaker Representative Norma Smith. The Resolution Committee is meeting at 5:00PM prior to the business meeting. This is the time to bring your "There ought to be a law" idea.

B. Y. O. Brownie Ice Cream Dance

Our Third annual Chris Guenther dance was a wonderful event. The music was great, lots of folks had a great time dancing. We had nine entries in the Brownie Contest, Thanks everyone. The ice cream, brownies and toppings were delightful.

INTERNET WEB SITE

Our internet web site is looking good. Go to www.deerlagoongranger.com and see.

WORDS FOR THIRDS 2009

Dictionaries were distributed to Third Graders of Whidbey Island (Coupeville and South) Oct. 15 by Roxie Chamuler, Chuck Prochaska and Bob Jimenez. Bob Jimenez, Chairman (331-4088) is looking for volunteers to help with distribution of the other Third Graders of South Whidbey.

FOOD : Back to Basics

The first of the FOOD: Back to Basics discussion group was held on Monday Oct 9th when Rebecca Bartsch gave an interesting talk on fermentation. What really got people excited was the tasting session of her many home made products. Ever tasted fermented salmon that was about a week old? Tasted great!

Grange members, regular attendees and a group of first timers all had a new appreciation for an ancient food preservation technique. Thanks very much Rebecca.

The second session will be on Monday Oct 26th 7 pm when Mary Leonard of Island Tree Ranch in Coupeville will be talking about APPLES : how to manage your trees and what to do with the fruit.

The third session, Monday Nov 9th 7 pm will be presented by David Neel of Island Apiaries. He is also president of the Whidbey Island Beekeepers Association and is helping to network bee keepers with people who like the idea of bees on their property but do not want to actually work with the bees.

Final and fourth session for the fall will be on Monday Nov 23rd 7 pm when Georgie Smith of Willowood Farm in Coupeville will be talking about the historic Rockwell dry bean, an heirloom bean unique to Whidbey which is being brought back from the edge of extinction. Her ancestors farmed Ebey's Prairie and grew this bean which was a staple of church suppers and community potlucks.

For the Winter sessions we are planning on the following topics:-

- Salmon as food; Dave Anderson
- Goats and dairy products; Vickie Brown
- Chickens, small scale eggs and broilers; Stinger Anderson
- Cooking from the Pantry: Healthy meals within your budget; Roberta Hacking.

Plus we are working with Tilth and it is likely that the Tilth Organic Growing classes will be held at the Grange in Feb and March. If you have ideas for speakers or topics please let me know. There will be more sessions in the spring, and then we stop.

For comments and questions e-mail here.

GRANGE STUDY GROUP

Ken Schillinger led the first study group meeting Oct. 19. The next meeting will examine the Second Degree will be Monday Nov.16th at 5:00PM.

PUBLIC ACCESS TO P/Cs

Bob and Yvette need volunteer help to support our new schedule for "Public Access" to our computers. They will be "open to the public" on Mondays Noon to 3PM and Thursdays 1PM to 4PM. Call Bob at 678-5939 to schedule your time to help.