

# NEWSLETTER

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## MASTER'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
November is nearly past, December and the Christmas Season is approaching rapidly. It won't be long before we're back outside and complaining about the heat; I can hardly wait. Looking back over the past year, I see many positive changes in our hall, and our membership. Our hall is sporting new floor coverings, insulation, and several new members. It appears as though our septic system is no longer an issue, for which I am quite pleased. Our next meeting is on December 1st. I look forward to seeing you all there. December 12th is Pomona which will be held at South Camano Grange. I'm also pleased to announce that Penn Cove Grange is now officially known as Penn Cove Grange #1149! They may be having their charter presentation ceremony at DLG #846, as I've extended an offer to use our hall for this important event. Stay tuned...

Fraternally Yours,  
Master: *Ken Schillinger*

## GRANGE MEETING

*Tuesday, December 1st, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.*

Our next Grange meeting will be held on Tuesday December 1st, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. One item of business will be to set the date for our Centennial Awards Banquet (please come to hear more). The Resolution Committee is meeting at 6:00PM prior to the business meeting. This is the time to bring your "There ought to be a law" idea.

## ANNUAL ELECTIONS

One important item of business at our December business meeting is Election of Officers for 2010. We have 15 positions to fill. They are; Master, Overseer, Lecturer, Steward, Assistant Steward, Lady Assistant Steward, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Gatekeeper, Ceres, Pomona, Flora, Family Activity Chairman, and Executive Committee 3yr. If you cannot attend, please let someone who is attending know what office you might be interested in.

## ISLAND COUNTY POMONA

The next Pomona meeting will be hosted by South Camano Grange on Saturday Dec. 12th . Coffee starts at 10AM, business at 11AM and lunch at NOON. This will be the first opportunity to meet our new fellow Grangers from Penn Cove Grange #1149 of Coupeville. Let's give them a wonderful welcome to the Grange!

## INTERNET WEB SITE

Our internet web site is looking good. Go to [www.deerlagoongrange.com](http://www.deerlagoongrange.com) and see.

## **WORDS FOR THIRDS 2009**

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**

A short review of this Fall's series and the upcoming Winter series follow. We all should extend a special THANK YOU to Chris Williams and all of those who have appeared at our Grange and made such wonderful presentations for our Community.

The second session was held Monday Oct 26th when Mary Leonard of Island Tree Ranch in Coupeville. The third session, Monday Nov 9th was David Neel of Island Apiaries. The final and fourth session for the fall was Monday Nov 23rd 7 pm when Georgie Smith of Willowood Farm in Coupeville presented the historic Rockwell dry bean.

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 second study group meeting Nov. 16. The next meeting will examine the Second Degree will be Monday Dec. 21st 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.