

NEWSLETTER

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MASTER'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The promise of warmer weather and new growth are in the air. I transplanted some lilacs yesterday, and there was new bud growth evident. I noticed some new growth on the other trees and shrubs as well. I guess I'll have to get busy and finish pruning my fruit trees. Hmm, got left-over bills; spring and summer will be more enjoyable if you prune those too!

Hall rentals remain steady, so our income is doing well enough to continue with a few improvements. I expect to see the promised hot water in the bathroom vanities sometime soon, and because our external lights are no longer legal, we'll be installing new exterior lighting too (lights and water heater have been purchased). It's been nearly a year since our country elected a new president; I'll let you decide for yourselves how that's going..., our state legislative session is starting up and there are already new battles shaping up. If there any resolutions you've been thinking about, it's time to get them submitted.

This was quite a month, with the Centennial Celebration and Awards Banquet. I was really impressed by everyone's dedication in putting it on. Thank you all! By the time you receive this newsletter we will have a new Grange in Island County; a big welcome to Penn Cove Grange #1149!!

We have a regular Meeting coming up on February 2nd and Pomona will be on March 6th. I hope to see everyone there.

Master: *Ken Schillinger*

GRANGE MEETING

Tuesday February 2nd , 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.

Our next Grange meeting will be held on Tuesday February 2nd, 2010 at 7:00 P.M

UPCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITY

- The 2010 State Convention Committee is issuing a challenge to our Island County Granges. The County with the highest percentage participation in members taking the 6th Degree this year will be awarded \$100 from the Committee.
- April is Grange Month.
- Get ready to make your entries: Baking, Sewing, Quilting, Cookies, Crafts, Arts, Photography, Canning, etc. Get with Tarey Kay, or Bob Cadwallader for more detail.
- The talent contest is coming soon.

SPECIAL EVENT , JAN 16TH

Our *Centennial and Service Awards Dinner* was an excellent event. A wonderful meal with great entertainment by Bob Cadwallader, not to mention the recognition given to our members for long term service. Those in attendance to receive their recognition were Jean Farnen, 60 Years; James Keyes, and Dr. R.O. Elis who received their Golden Sheaf Award (50 yrs); Tom Talbot received his "40 Year" seal; Ken Schillinger, and Chuck Prochaska, received their Silver Star Certificate (25 yrs).

Nancy Nordhoff was recognized for her contributions to Deer Lagoon Grange. Chuck gave a presentation on "100 years of Grangers on South Whidbey".

GRANGE and TILTH

DLG and SWT are co-sponsoring "2010 Food Gardening, the organic way". This Course, consisting of eight classes will be conducted in February and March. The course will make your gardening efforts a big success. Grange or Tilth members will be charged half price. Watch for more detail in the South Whidbey Record or [this website](#).

FOOD : Back to Basics

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

- Salmon as food; Dave Anderson
- Goats and dairy products; Vickie Brown

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 is leading this event, the next meeting will be Tuesday February 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