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MASTER'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Let's all welcome to the approach of spring; I really like the sound of that! The time is here to begin spring cleanup, not only around home, but at the Grange hall where volunteers are always welcome



Fortunately for us the hall rentals continue to remain strong, and Judy P has been busy taking care of business. Thanks Judy! Do remember that April has been declared "Grange Month" so we will need to gear up for that as well. Everyone is asked to bring their ideas to the March meeting. When you enter the hall, be sure to look left and admire the new pocket door, which was installed by Jim and Stan of the Community Church. Those guys not only do a great job, but work fast. Thanks Guys.

Pomona is coming up on March 6th, and our next regular Meeting will be on March 2nd, I hope to see everyone there.

Master: *Ken Schillinger*

GRANGE MEETING

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

Our next Grange meeting will be held on Tuesday March 2nd, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. Bring your ideas for Grange Month (April).

CAN YOU BAKE OR CAN? WE NEED YOU!!!

Make your entries at the hall between 9 and 11AM Saturday March 6th. This is a County wide competition, anyone may enter, and each Category winner will be eligible to enter the statewide competition at the end of June.

Here are the categories that will be judged:

Candy Contest: Cooked Candy.

Baking Contest: Yeast Breads & Dinner Rolls; Sweet Yeast Pastry; Quick Breads; Bread Machine Breads; Frosted Layer or Frosted Sheet Cake; Bundt Cake; Cake Mix Cake; Baked Cookies (adults only); Cookie or Cake Mix Cookies; Diabetic Quick Breads; Diabetic Cookies; (for Juniors, Baked Cookies (ages 5-9); and Quick Breads (ages 10-14)).

Canning Contest: Fruits; Vegetables; Soft Spreads; Meat, Poultry, or Seafood.

For details refer to the "Program Handbook". For help contact Tarey Kay 341-2008 or Judy 222-3110.

FAMILY GARAGE SALE

Our first family garage sale at the Grange Hall was profitable as well as lots of fun. We had good participation from the public. The next one will be April 3 from 9 to Noon. Set up will be Friday April 2 at 6 pm. If you're interested, talk to Judy, 222-3110, to get the particulars and sign up. If you have things to sell and want to donate the money to the Grange we will have a table manned by a volunteer. So, if you don't like working sales, You won't even have to attend and it will help out our treasury.

UPCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITY

- Island County Pomona, March 6th.
- 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.
- The talent contest is April 25th.

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 March 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