

Deer Lagoon Meeting, Tuesday August 7th, 2012

Grange meeting will be held on Tuesday **August 7th**, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.. Items of business will include: Grange Display at the Fair; Our participation in the Fair (Superintendants, Judges, Entry receivers, and Stewards (we need you to sign-up). Hopefully everyone will take a shift); building fund; etc.

Fair Display Committee

Committee meeting will be July 31st at the hall. Call Tarey 341-2008 or July 222-3110 to confirm time.

Whidbey Island Area Fair

As in years past, we need some help from many of you. Watch for notices. Department responsibilities are: Baked Goods, Chris Williams; Grasses and Grain, Karen Bishop; Honey, David Neel; Herbs; Vegetables; and Fruits, Chuck and Ken. Janet Hall will be our judge for Compost again this year. I am finalizing arrangements for a judge for Grasses and Grains.

STEWARDS ASSIGNMENTS

We still have several shifts available: Thursday morning, late afternoon, and evening; Friday late afternoon and evening; Saturday late afternoon; and Sunday morning, afternoon, and late

afternoon. Thus far, we have 25 people committed to help.

Grange Building Fund

We are at a critical stage, **we only need \$2005** to get us to being able to start construction (This is contingent on a matching fund pledge and a 4% loan from Washington State Grange; both will happen). The key now is timing; our permit expires at the end of October. Since this time last month, we have received nearly \$1475 from the **Kays, Joanne Hicken, Russ Weston and Rome Grange**. Ken and Chuck will be meeting with McMasters Construction later this week to see what we can do to perhaps start in August.

Grange Insurance Association

We have an agent on Whidbey Island. She is Jackielynn Larsen, RIS Insurance Services, 360-240-9911.

National Grange Convention

The WSG is working on chartering busses to go to Boise for the National Grange Convention. Depending on demand, it may be like a one day trip so that you can attain your **7th Degree**. This is something that everyone can plan for. The **7th Degree** is only given at National Conventions. The last

National anywhere near our area was in Sparks NV in 2007.

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Visit the National Grange website for information on the hotel and tours, and to download the convention schedule and Seventh Degree application. www.nationalgrange.org .

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 16-19, Whidbey Area Fair, Langley WA.

November 13-17: 2012 National Grange Convention, Boise Idaho.

FOOD BASICS-(Watch for the Fall Program)

MASTER'S MESSAGE:

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

Three years ago, our Executive Committee voted to authorize a structural survey of the hall. The survey was completed and plans were drawn up, and permits were issued; we are still working on obtaining funds for the project, but I can now say that we anticipate the start of construction soon.

The hall is in need of other minor repairs, which we are tackling a little at a time. Everything else seems to be going well enough, so I'll just go on about my business and hope the trend continues. Another year has come and gone, and it's time to make preparations for our participation in the Whidbey Island Area Fair (Aug. 16 – 19). I think that with the experience we have gained in the last few years (and with all of your excellent help) it should go smoothly. Once again, Tilth will be teaming up with us, and I have invited Whidbey Island Beekeepers Association (AKA Whidbees) to join in with us. The building is in fairly good condition, but will need washing-down, sweeping, and mopping, followed by decorating. Our Fair Committee has been at work designing the Grange display, and things are progressing nicely. Our next regular meeting is Aug. 7, and I hope to see everyone there. The meeting starts at 7: PM with a social period before.

Fraternally yours,

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