

**Deer Lagoon Meeting, Tuesday
October 2nd, 2012**

Grange meeting will be held on
Tuesday **October 2nd**, 2012 at 7pm

Officers Elections in November

We have our own elections planned for the business meeting of Nov. 6th. Please think about how you can help YOUR Grange. We need someone to fill each of the elected offices. Things you should know: 1. Every member in good standing is eligible for every office (some cases allow a person to hold two offices; for example; Sec. and Treas. or Lect. and Ex. Comm.). 2. Nominations are made from the floor without seconds. 3. A ballot can be cast for any eligible member (nominated or not). 4. We have 16 offices to fill by the election process. Master, Overseer, Lecturer, Steward, Assistant Steward, Lady Assistant Steward, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Gatekeeper, Ceres, Pomona, Flora, Family Living Chair, Exec. Comm. 3 years, and Exec. Comm. 2 years.

Grange Building Fund

We have collected \$20,547 since Oct. 20, 2011. That is wonderful; but we still have a long way to go to meet our goal of \$46,500. Thanks to Sharon Dunn, Linda Good, and Chris Williams for their contributions since our last meeting.

Our loan request from Washington State Grange was approved, so we should see the check very soon.

Please keep contributions coming in, we are still short of enough funding for the other significant improvements that are part of the plan for our hall.

Whidbey Island Fair

Our "After Fair" Celebration was well attended and everyone had a good time sharing their experiences from the Fair. The Groups that helped in the Burrier building lean-to were Whidbey Island Beekeepers, South Whidbey Tilth, and Deer Lagoon Grange. Chuck reported that entries in the Honey, Herbs, Vegetables, Grains and Grasses, and Fruits were up nearly 25% from last year, mostly in the Honey and Vegetables Departments. Ten percent of the people attending the Fair voted in the People's Choice for Critters. WOW! Special kudos's to Tarey Kay for the great baked barbeque chicken.

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 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.

REGISTER NOW

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

Nov. 10: Island County Pomona, at Penn Cove Grange.

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

FOOD BASICS-(Watch for the Fall Program)
Jan. 26: Leadership Conference, Summit Park Grange, Anacortes.

Feb. 9: Island County Pomona, at Deer Lagoon.

MASTER'S MESSAGE:

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

Hooray its October already so we can start looking forward to rain and cold (do I seem a bit cynical?) you're right; I'm really going to miss this warm dry weather we've enjoyed. The youngsters are back in school, so we can get down to the business of enjoying "Senior Summer" as the weather in October is often just right to

work outside; let's hope it works that way this year. The time is here to make ready for the cold and wet of winter; I've already started, and hope you have too. Our contractor is making good progress on the Grange Hall, and the new main support beam where the old hall and old hall addition join is nearly all tied together. Soon, the floor will be level and the south wall will be straight. We were also approved for a \$10,000 loan from the Washington State Grange, so we have nearly enough money to do the structural work. With luck, we'll be able to raise enough money for a few other improvements. Keep your fingers crossed; unless you're digging into your pockets for donations that is ;-)

Our next meeting is on October 2nd. I'd like to start the meeting at 7: pm, so I encourage you to come a bit early for a social period. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you.

Fraternally Yours,
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