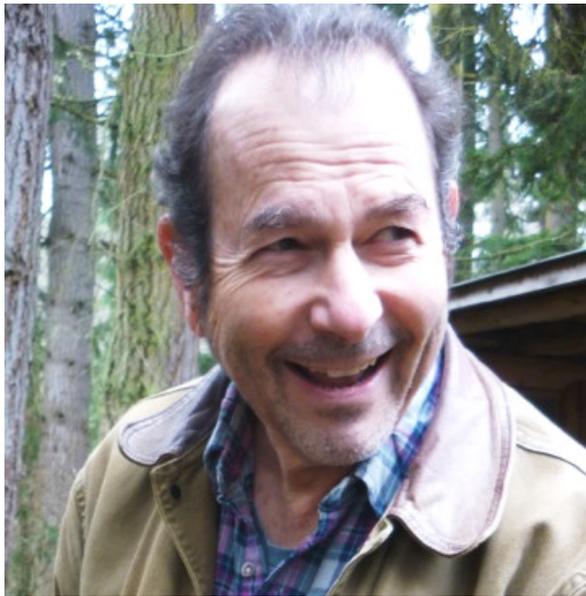


**Deer Lagoon Meeting, Tuesday
March 5th, 2013**

*Please come and enjoy our Potluck at 5:30PM on Tuesday March 5th prior to the business meeting. Grange meeting will be held on Tuesday **March 5th**, 2013 at 6:30pm. Business matters will likely be planning for 2013, resolutions planning, and fund raising.*

Please note this is an early meeting!

Community Citizen of the Year



At our business meeting February 5, Deer Lagoon Grange selected Drew Kampion as its Community Citizen of the year, for developing the admirable Drew's list which provides such a

valuable service to numerous individuals and organizations on South Whidbey. April is Grange Month and so we will be presenting this award at our April 2nd meeting during our Pot-Luck dinner starting at 5:30PM.

Grange Month 2013

We will be celebrating Grange month April 2 at our hall with a pot-luck Dinner and a presentation of our "Community Citizen of the Year" award to Drew Kampion. This will be a good time to see the progress on our building.

American Values - Hometown Roots

Grange Food Basics

The remaining Winter/Spring schedule as follows;

March 4: 7pm Five Acre Sustainable Agriculture Project in Thailand by Joe and Bua Nattress.

March 11 (Monday, 9am): Sheep Shearing Open House at Mutiny Bay Black Welsh Mountain Sheep farm at Claudia Pettis' farm on Wahl Road,

March 12: Draft Work Horses on Whidbey by Greg Lange,

March 26: Noxious Weeds by Janet Stein, WSU Extension.

April 9: Food, Farming, and Culture in the Himalayas by Cary Peterson.

April 23: Introduction to Fermenting Food – Sue Ellen White.

Where can you go to get local food, now that the markets are closed?

Mike Nichols of Whidbey Green Goods, www.whidbeygreengoods.com Get on his E mail list and receive his weekly fresh sheet, then you can order what you want.

Grange Building Restoration

Cheese making Class donated \$222 to the Building Fund. Great!

Grange Building Status

In 2011, members of Deer Lagoon Grange recognized that their historic building (Island County Historical Building, built in 1904) was in urgent need of major repair and modernization. The problem was that the group did not have the resources to accomplish the things that needed to be done. The decision was made to ask the South Whidbey Community to come forward with help to preserve this important building for future generations to use much like they have for the last century (South Whidbey

Record, p1. Dec. 13, 2011).
<http://www.southwhidbeyrecord.com/news/135511133.html>). We believe that the Grange Hall is the oldest, non-residential, non-farm building in Bayview.

Collectively, the Grange Membership, members of the Community and other Community groups have raised in excess of \$22,000, nearly half of the original goal. Significant donors are recognized on the Grange website, www.deerlagoongranger.com .

Work completed on the building up to now include:

1. Installation of a 34 foot long structural glue-lam beam and related structure to support the 1904 roof structure. All that is visible of this installation is the support structure for the beam.
2. New foundation structure for the South and East walls replacing the inadequate support that was there.

- This repair also entailed insulating a portion of the South wall and replacement of some of the siding.
3. Addition of roof truss gussets to provide for more structural integrity of the original 1904 roof structure.
 4. In the process of accomplishing steps 1, 2, and 3, the main floor was leveled, the outward bow of the South Wall was corrected, and the roof line was restored.
 5. Installing insulation in the ceiling area of the main hall and the kitchen.

This amounts to a great beginning, but much more remains to be accomplished. Now we will repair the roof, re-sheath the stairwell, upgrade the heating system, replace the single pane windows in the kitchen, upgrade the stove/oven area, rebuild the sink counter, upgrade the wiring, and more.

The Grange would like to renew our appeal to the Community to help us get the job done so this structure can continue to be a

preferred place for the Community to use long into the next Century. So if you want to help us keep this piece of Bayview's history going, please donate to our Grange Building Repair Fund.
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FFA

South Whidbey High School is getting a FFA Chapter! Great news, this is an organization that the Community needs to and *will* support.

This is our first three page edition

DUES ARE DUE IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY PAID.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FOOD BASICS-(See the Spring Program)
Feb. 9: Island County Pomona, at South Camano
May 11, Island County Pomona,
May 11, Family Living Contests,
May 11, Lecturer's Program Contests.
June 27-30 State Grange Convention, Ocean Shores.

MASTER'S MESSAGE:

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

Looking back over the last few years, I see that I have been talking about spring cleanup. This year is no different; it's time to get started. We can start turning the sod under in the garden if you are plowing and have good drainage. Now is also time to get ready to start seeds indoors. It's always a bonus when preparations are made ahead of time. Hall rentals are holding up well, but I don't believe we have any resolutions ready to submit. If you have something to submit, I suggest writing it up and getting it to Gary Kay soon. Our next regular business meeting will be on Tuesday, March 5th. I'm sorry to say I won't be there, but Brother Chuck Prochaska has had a lot of practice, and is sure to run a smooth business meeting.

Fraternally Yours,

Master: *Ken Schillinger*

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