



Plumsteadville Grange #1738

American Values – Hometown Roots

Box 335, 5901 Easton Road, Plumsteadville, PA

GRANGE MEETINGS

April 8, 2015 – Plumsteadville Grange

- Monthly Meeting – 7:30 pm at the Grange Hall
- Program: Kathy Salisbury of PSU Extension speaking on Thousand Canker Disease

May 13, 2015 – Plumsteadville Grange

- Monthly Meeting – 7:30 pm at the Grange Hall
- Program: Barbara Hoenwarter of The Loom Room – hand weaving demonstration

June 10, 2015 – Plumsteadville Grange

- Monthly Meeting – 7:30 pm at the Grange Hall
- Program: Mark Fischer Castle Valley Mill – History of milling in Bucks County

July 8, 2015 – Plumsteadville Grange

- Monthly Meeting – 7:30 pm at the Grange Hall
- Program: Mary Ellen Noonan of Bucks County Conservation District – soil-related topic

GRANGE DINNERS

- **April 11 – Pineville Horse Company**

Help is needed for preparation, service and clean up. Contact Annette Crooke at 215-345-1276 if you can help

- **April 25– Point Pleasant Baptist Church**

Help is needed for preparation, service and clean up. Contact Annette Crooke at 215-345-1276 if you can help or if you can provide a pie (or two).

These dinners help generate needed revenue to fund our community service projects – thank you to ALL our loyal volunteers.

PLUMSTEADVILLE GRANGE COMMUNITY DAY –

APRIL 18, 2015 – 11 AM – 3 PM

Mark your Calendars. We will host an open house community day on Saturday, April 18 in celebration of April as Grange Month. A number of local community service organizations and farm market vendors have agreed to participate.

We will need help from all Grangers to assist in greeting attendees, serving food, assisting with parking, promoting our organization, etc.

Help us promote this event. Like/Share our facebook event on your social media sites and invite your friends, relatives and neighbors to attend .

Please contact Katie Graham at 215-932-9683 or kathrynlgraham@aol.com to help, participate in any way or if you need copies of the promotional poster.

Presentations Scheduled:

- 11:30 – Maximum Impact Karate
- 12:00 – Police Explorers
- 2:30 – PA Grange Young Couple
- 12:45 – Plumsteadville EMS
- 1:00 – Bucks County SPCA
- 1:30 – A Woman's Place
- 2:00 – Peace Valley Nature Center
- 2:30 – PA Honey Princess

Community Groups Participating:

- A Woman's Place
- Bucks County SPCA
- Peace Valley Nature Center
- Bucks County Dairy Princess
- PA Honey Princess
- Shamrock Reins
- Police Explorers
- Almost Home Dog Rescue
- Bucks County Beekeepers
- Bucks Clucks – 4-H chicken club
- Bedminster Land Conservancy
- PA State Grange Young Couple
- Plumsteadville EMS
- Tohickon Middle School – Bake sale benefiting Relay for Life

Farm Market Vendors:

- Rising Hill Farm – will have face painting
- Annie's Quilting
- Hobble Hill Farm – alpacas
- Macri Sisters – baked goods
- Lester Haycock – woodworker
- Edna White – the "Pie Lady"
- Nancy Young – bread/bagels as well as **fresh made donuts!**

FISH FRY DINNERS – A BIG SUCCESS

Big thanks go all around for our successful Fish Fry Dinners – we have raised approximately \$1500 over three evenings. Kudos to our chief organizer Jim Lomax and the dedicated volunteers who helped make this fundraiser a big success.

131 dinners were served at the last fish fry, the room rocked with music from George Thompson & Friends – people lingered, listening to the music, reluctant to go home. Overall, a BIG SUCCESS.

PLUMSTEADVILLE GRANGE / 4H SCHOLARSHIPS

Application Deadline May 1 – Members are reminded that Plumsteadville Grange is providing two yearly scholarships, of \$500 (now named the Ellen Elaine Crooke Memorial Scholarship) for Bucks County 4H members and Plumsteadville Grange members' children, one for agriculture based studies, and one for any study of choice. Students can reapply for study year 2 if they have maintained a grade pt average of 2.5, but they will also compete with new students applying for year 1.

Agriculture related students may apply in year 2 for a study of their choice. Students should apply to Plumsteadville Grange on a standard application form from the Extension Service. Application forms should be accompanied by a transcript of grades from school, an essay, and two letters of recommendation. Application forms are available at Bucks County Co – operative Extension office.

Address applications to: Plumsteadville Grange, Box 335, 5901 Easton Road, Plumsteadville, PA 18949. The deadlines for scholarship application entries is May 1st 2015. Contact Meg Lomax with queries on 215-766-9801 or meglomax@verizon.net

NEWS FROM OUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

REP. MARGUERITE QUINN (R-BUCKS)

Property Tax/Rent Rebate Forms Available Now

The forms for the state's Property Tax/Rent Rebate program are now available for eligible residents to begin claiming rebates on property taxes or rent paid in 2014.

Eligible participants can receive a rebate of up to \$650 based on their rent or property taxes paid in 2014. The program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians who are 65

years or older, widows and widowers 50 years or older, and those 18 years or older with disabilities.

Eligibility income limits for homeowners are set at the following levels, excluding 50 percent of Social Security, Supplemental Security Income and Railroad Retirement Tier 1 benefits:

- \$0 to \$8,000, maximum \$650 rebate (Homeowners and renters).
- \$8,001 to \$15,000, maximum \$500 rebate (Homeowners and renters).
- \$15,001 to \$18,000, maximum \$300 rebate (Homeowners only).
- \$18,001 to \$35,000, maximum \$250 rebate (Homeowners only).

Filing a PA-1000 requires no fee or cost. In addition, no one should have to pay a private entity for assistance in filing the forms. Copies of the forms, as well as assistance with filing them, are available at my office at no cost. The deadline to apply is June 30.

For more information on the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Forms, or any state-related topic, please contact my district office in Doylestown at 215-489-2126. I also encourage you to visit RepQuinn.net or Facebook.com/RepQuinn.

FROM THE BUCKS COUNTY DAIRY PROMOTION TEAM

Mornings are a busy time of day in most households with kids getting ready for school and parents leaving for work, but the next time you have a lazy weekend to enjoy, try making this pancake recipe. You'll have the whole family gathered around the breakfast table clamoring for more.

Chocolate milk has the perfect combination of protein and carbohydrates to give you energy for the day ahead.

Chocolate Milk Pancakes

- 2 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- pinch of salt
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1-1/2 cups chocolate milk

Directions: In a bowl whisk together the flour, baking powder, salt and sugar. Add the chocolate milk and eggs and mix until just combined. In a pan over medium-high heat, melt some butter and then ladle out your batter. When bubbles appear and pop, flip over.

The Bucks County Dairy Promotion is looking for events to have the opportunity to promote dairy products. If you have an event before May 31st that you would like the Bucks County Dairy Princess to attend, please contact Dairy Princess Sandra Krone at kronesandra@gmail.com.

PA STATE GRANGE EMAIL LIST

PA State Grange is developing an email list to inform members of happenings at the State level. They intend to send out more information in this manner, saving printing and postage costs. Please send an email to pasgrange@pagrange.org with “email list” in the subject line.

DOES ANYONE KNOW...

I am actively seeking information and a picture of a famous bull that was purchased by the Gardenville Dairy Farm. His name was the Gardenville Carnation King. I believe he was there in the 1940's or thereabouts. I have exhausted the usual resources such as newspapers, libraries, Del Val College, and was hoping Grangers would have access to this information. Please let me know. Contact: 215-675-5717 or merrickjoy@gmail.com Thanking you in advance!
Sincerely, Joy Merrick

HARMENAIRES AT SOLOMON'S UCC



The Harmenaires Quartet will present an exciting evening of inspirational southern gospel music on Saturday, April 25 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at

Solomon's United Church of Christ, 2990 Bedminster Road (Rt. 113), Perkasio, PA. The church is located between Center School and Keller Church Roads near Bedminster. There is no charge for entrance; however, a free will donation will be taken. Refreshments will be served following the concert. Call 215-536-5202 for further assistance or information, or visit www.solomonsucc.org

2015 QUILT RAFFLE

The quilting group has been hard at work and the next work of textile art is now ready to raffle. The quilt is on display at the Grange hall. Raffle tickets are now on sale at all Grange functions – \$2.00 per ticket, or 3 for \$5.00, or contact any Grange member. Proceeds are used to fund Grange Farm Market improvements.

4-H TEEN COUNCIL SHOE COLLECTION

Bucks County 4-H Teen Council has been collecting new/used shoes for two years. The shoes are sent around the world to those in need, Teen Council receives \$.50 a pound for the shoes they collect (funds are used for leadership opportunities and community service in Bucks County) and Teen Council has saved the Bucks County landfills from being filled with over 2,000 pounds of shoes that would take hundreds of years to breakdown in a landfill.

A collection box will be placed in the Grange Hall. The shoes must be wearable or still have wear value, no holes, rips or tears. Both shoes must be present and NO slippers, NO flip flops and NO heavy work boots. The shoes are shipped around the world to those in need.

MASSAI PROJECT UPDATE

For updates on the group's trip to Kenya this past February please send an email to info@massaiculturalproject.org. A copy will also be posted on the Plumsteadville Grange website.

PHOTOS WANTED

If you have photos of the Christmas party or any other Grange related event, please send copies to Jane Birk at jdbirk_2000@yahoo.com for inclusion in our community service book to be submitted to State Grange.

USE OF THE GRANGE HALL:

If you know of a group needing a meeting place, or to inquire about hall rental for an event, contact Meg Lomax at 215-766-9801 or meglomax@verizon.net

NEWSLETTER

As always, if you have something to share or want to get the newsletter via email contact Jane Birk at 610-657-7668 or jdbirk_2000@yahoo.com.

GRANGE REFRESHMENTS

A Grange meeting without refreshments is just a meeting – the informal time after a meeting is often the most fertile ground for discussion of ideas and forging new friendships. A sign-up sheet has been posted in the Grange Hall – please indicate which month you would like to provide refreshments.

The Plumsteadville Grange



SATURDAY APRIL 18TH

11 AM – 3 PM

FUN & ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY



5901 Easton Road, Plumsteadville, PA

**Farm Market
Grand Opening for the Season**

May 30, 2015

Look for more details on our weekly events
New vendors welcome

Volunteers needed

Saturday, April 11 from 9 am
to clean up the market prior to Community Day &
Grand Opening

Contact Meg Lomax for more info

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