



POMONA NEWS

Washington-Yamhill Pomona Grange

GRANGE CONNECTIONS



150TH ANNIVERSARY

This Year's Theme:

“Grange Connections”

The Washington County Fair has “Dis-Connected” the Grange.

Yes, you read that correctly – we have been officially “uninvited.”

In Facebook terms “unliked.”

After 144 years– **“One Hundred, Forty–Four years”** of community fair support, we have been tossed aside like a rotten tomato.

The good news is –

That rotten tomato is full of seeds, which in turn sprouts new tomato plants that bear fruit.

The generations before us labored hard. They put time, money, and a whole lot of labor into the community and county fair. To recognize their efforts, Washington Grange #313 submitted a resolution to Washington-Yamhill Pomona Grange, who in turn adopted the resolution (see page 2).

Tomatoes can be peeled, crushed, diced, stewed, made into paste, salsa, and a few other things.

The point being, a tomato has many uses as does the Grange.

You can't have a good plate of spaghetti without tomatoes.

A community cannot be strong without the Grange.

Time to fix those broken connections and re-connect.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2018

Celebrating
150 Years of Grange

Oregon State Grange
June 23 - June 28 , 2018
Astoria, Oregon
92937 Walluski Loop
Astoria, OR 97103

Good of the Order Meetings
Begin 10:00am
Hosting Grange to supply refreshments

*May 26, 2018 - Leedy Grange

*September 22, 2018 Scholls Grange

*November 24, 2018 Hillsboro Grange

*February 23, 2019 -Winona Grange

Pomona Grange Meetings
Begin 10:00am
Lunch \$5.00

*July 28, 2018 - Winona Grange

*October 27, 2018 - Washington Grange

*January 26, 2019 - Scholls Grange

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Above photo: Beaverton Grange members working on their fair booth, 1959.



MISSION STATEMENT

The Grange provides opportunities for individuals and families to develop to their highest potential in order to build stronger communities and states, as well as a stronger nation.

144 YEARS OF GRANGE COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

The Washington County Agricultural Society was responsible for the county fair for many years after holding the first county fair in 1864 at Forest Grove. With the responsibility of starting and managing the county fair came praise and criticism.

The fair would showcase farm, home, art, craft, music, livestock, racing, game of chance, gambling and of course liquor. The fair would draw a large crowd of diversified individuals and the conservative members of the community wanted to see a community fair focused more on healthy completion of farm and home goods than on horse racing and gambling. In 1875 the Agricultural Society had a heated discussion regarding the sale of alcohol on the fairgrounds. By a vote of 109 to 102 the society prohibited the sale of alcohol on the fair grounds that year.

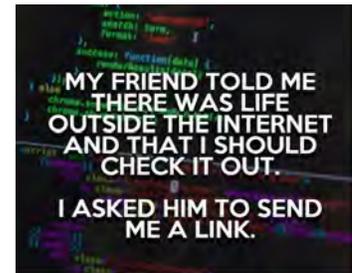
The Washington County Fair predates the Grange by several years. However, one can find charter members of the Grange in the agricultural society, most notably Robert Imbrie, charter member of West Union Grange, 1873.

In short, after several years of bringing the county fair to the public, the agricultural society backed out and by 1918 the Granges of Washington County shouldered a large responsibility for the county fair. Well rehearsed in running community fairs (Scholls, Tigard, Leedy, Washington and Green Mountain to name a few who held their own community fairs). The Granges held their presence at the Washington County Fair until 2018. Of note, in 1983, on the floor of the Pomona Grange was the discussion of selling or leasing the fairgrounds. A discussion of developing the present fair grounds into a major cultural recreational complex was also entertained. Cost and management weighed heavy on the minds of Grange members. Washington County Fair was in part a good healthy event for the community that stretched generations.

In the fall of 1984, it was announced the fair would have a new superintendent for the fair booths and would welcome any suggestions or help from the Granges. This is the same year the hotel tax measure to raise the tax by 2% was on the ballot; the county fair would see half of

the 2% increase. Pomona Grange went on record in support of the measure.

The Granges of Washington County have a long history in support of the county fair and the fairgrounds. It is not possible to make a detailed account in such short space. However, I do wish to encourage everyone to write your county commissioner. Let them know you support recognition of the Grange in the new exhibit hall.



<http://TheFunnyPlace.net>

Here's the link:

<http://orgrange.org/>

Check out the calendar of events!



BREEDS

RESOLUTIONS

Grange Requests to be Recognized

Resolved:

That Washington Grange #313 and Washington-Yamhill Pomona Grange respectfully request that a "Plaque of Recognition" for the Granges, and other organizations, who have supported the Washington County Fair, be prominently displayed at the main entrance of the new Event Center, and be it further Resolved a copy of this resolution be sent to each member of the Washington County Fair Board and each Washington County Commissioner.

MENTAL HEALTH RESOLUTION

Washington Grange #313
and
Washington -Yamhill Pomona Grange
Continue to support WHO's
(World Health Organization's)
World Mental Health Day on October 10th
of each year to help
educate and support education on mental health.



TERM LIMITS of Grange Officers

Winona Grange #271 submitted a resolution limiting the time any one person could hold a specific office.

Resolution failed

Sorry Secretaries - you have not been fired - Same goes for the Treasurer

AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Aloha Grange #773 - The Grange Hall is being stripped of the old siding and new siding will be placed around the hall. Aloha Grange Hall will be used by the IBEW for meetings on the west side. The upside of having electricians renting the hall is the "connections" they provide.

Dixie Mountain Grange #860 - They will be holding their annual Father's Day Weekend Strawberry Festival.

Forest Grove Grange #282 - Meets: 2nd Thursday 7 pm

Hillsboro Grange #73 - Hillsboro Grange has three members on the Rosebud team this year, and delegates attending the State Grange session in Astoria.

Kinton Grange #562 - **Member Joe Peter is "Granger of the Year"** for

Washington-Yamhill Pomona and will receive a plaque to hang in the Grange hall for a year with his name attached along with a long list of previous honored members.

Leedy Grange #339 - **Congratulations to Leedy Grange** - They won the Ice Cream Social for District 3 for having the largest percentage in membership gain.

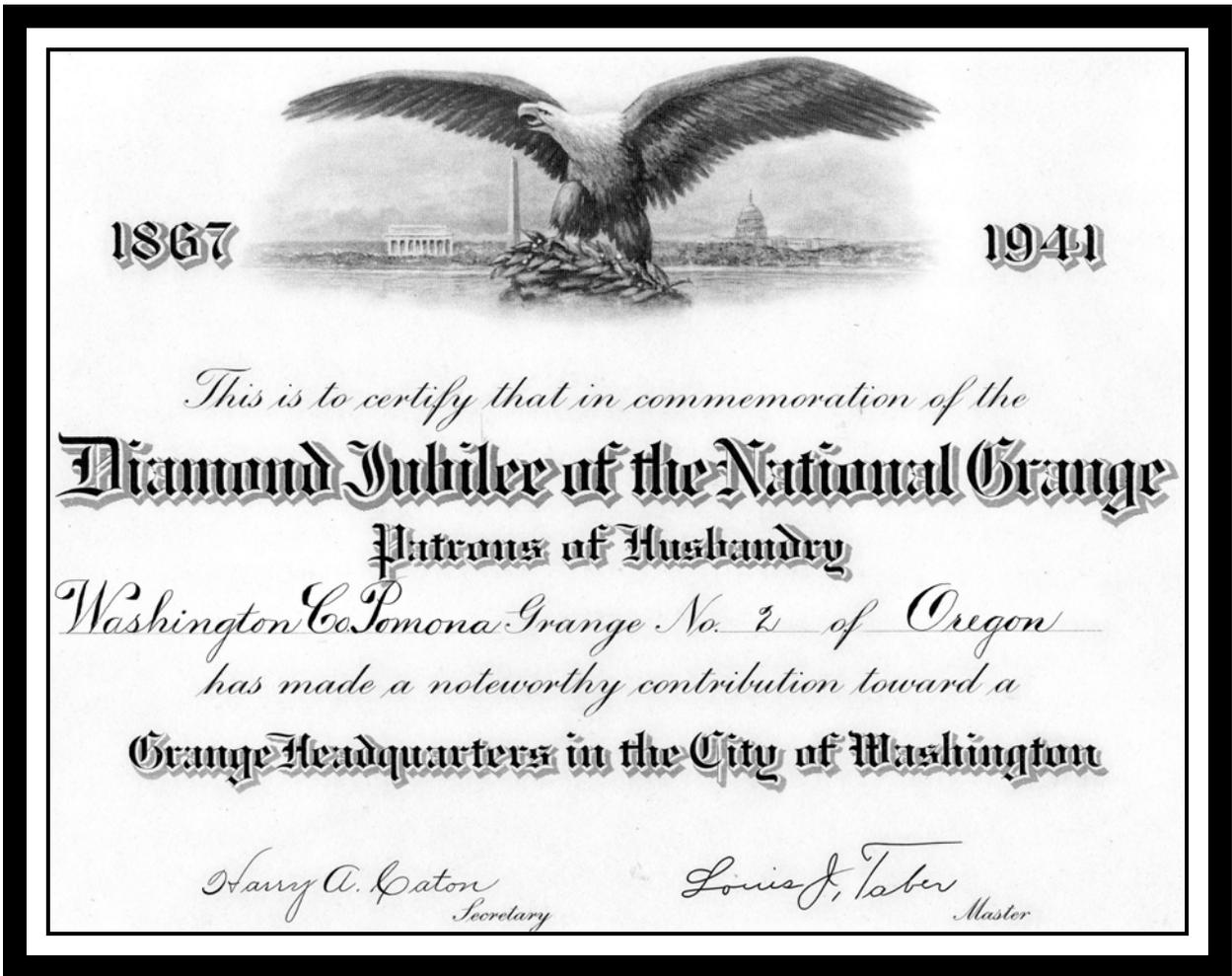
McMinnville Grange #31 - They had one application for their scholarship, which is one more than Pomona received. McMinnville is still dancing and holding their Farmer's Market. Should you need to use the restroom, they now have a fresh coat of paint.

Scholls Grange # 338 - The back foundation has been fixed and the stage is now sitting on a solid foundation.

Tigard Grange #148 - With heavy hearts the members of Tigard announced they will not hold a haunted house this fall that they were looking forward to holding.

Washington Grange #313 - In Celebration of Grange Month & Grange 150 years of serving our communities, Washington Grange invited county commissioners and those running for county commissioner to an open house, which was held Saturday April 7th, during a wind storm (no it was not due to having so many politicians in one room --).

Winona Grange # 271 - Held a Garden Party that was well attended by the community and hosted a First-Aid class.



HERE IS A LITTLE FORGOTTEN FACT.

WASHINGTON POMONA GRANGE HAS A DISTANT "CONNECTION" TO GRANGE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

OUR POMONA GRANGE SENT A CONTRIBUTION TOWARD THE ELEVEN STORY NATIONAL GRANGE HEADQUARTERS.

LOCATION:

1616 H STREET NW.

WASHINGTON. DC 20006

THE NATIONAL GRANGE HEADQUARTERS WAS DEDICATED BY PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER ON JUNE 29, 1960.

OUR NATIONAL BUILDING IS THE ONLY PRIVATE EDIFICE IN A FEDERAL BLOCK ACROSS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE.

Do you have a story to share?

Please tell us

We will be happy to pass it on

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