

Deer Lagoon Meeting, Tuesday January 7th 2012

Grange meeting will be held on Tuesday January 7th at 7:00 P.M. Topics will include building fund, maintenance, bingo, and Words for Thirds.

Building Fund

We have in hand \$1536.00; \$1000 of that is from South Whidbey Community Church. We have \$11,300 pledged; \$10K in matching funds. An exploratory meeting with South Whidbey Rotary will be on 1/31. The results of that event will be discussed at the business meeting.

WILD FOODS

We had a record turn out for author Jennifer Hahn's presentation on wild foods that are native and abundant on Whidbey Island and the Salish Sea region. The event was a co-sponsorship effort between Deer Lagoon Grange and Slow Foods Whidbey Island. We had something over eighty attending the presentation, book signing, and seafood samples at the end. Great job; Chris and Jim.

TANZANIA

What an event! Great food, great company, and a wonderful learning experience. Nyangusi and Rebecca really made everyone in attendance fall in love with Maasailand.

<http://www.maasailandexplorer.com/index.html>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 4, 2012 WSG Leadership Mtg. at Horseshoe Grange

February 11, 2012 Island County Pomona at Penn Cove Grange

May 12, 2012 Island County Pomona at DLG

June 20-24, 2012 Washington State Grange Convention (Spokane County Fairgrounds)

September 8, 2012 Island County Pomona at South Camano Grange

November 10, 2012 Island County Pomona at Penn Cove Grange

November 13-17 2012 National Grange Convention, Boise Idaho

Grange Food News

TANZANIAN POTLUCK PARTY TIME!!!!

At the Grange Hall Monday Feb 6th from 5-7. Come and meet little Nunu (Precious). Stanley Sirikwa will tell us how he made the great food we ate on Nov 22nd. There will be roast goat for him because he hasn't had any proper Maasai food for a long while.

Goat is Maasai party food! Bring some potluck food, African if you can make it, Tanzanian if you can find a recipe that sounds good to you. Chris is going to make Zanzibar goat stew with yoghurt. Call her 321-4027 if you are looking for goat meat.

USDA launched a new food safety program in December

www.onfarmfoodsafety.org is designed so small and midscale fruit and vegetable farmers can generate their own customized food safety program, on their own time, free of charge.

Homestead Skills Classes

In February starting (Feb. 13 through March 4), every MON and WED evening at the Deer Lagoon Grange Hall, taught by South Whidbey Tilth members and co-sponsored by the Grange. Cost: \$15/class or \$90 for the whole course (Grange or Tilth members pay half price)

- 1. Where to Start?**
- 2. Building the infrastructure to raise animals.**
- 3. Building the infrastructure to raise vegetables and fruit.**
- 4. How to make Cheese in the Homestead Kitchen.**
- 5. Pruning and tree care.**
- 6. Growing Grains and other calorie crops.**
- 7. Preserving your bounty.**
- 8. What can do I do with my bounty to make extra money?**

Go to <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/2707142135> for schedule and registration. First class starts Mon Feb 13th **6 pm** at the Grange Hall.



MASTER'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Although it's still too cold for a weather weenie like I've become to spend much time outside, there are promising signs of warmer weather on the way. I saw my first pussy willow of the year yesterday, which is always a welcome sign. We're fortunate in that our hall rentals seem to be remaining steady, allowing us to pay our bills, and our Grange

Improvement Fund is growing. If there are any resolutions you've been thinking about, it's time to get them submitted. Bro. Gary Kay is our Resolutions Committee Chairman this year, and I know he'd like to hear from you. Resolutions can also be brought to our regular business meeting.

We have a regular Meeting coming up on February 7th at 7: pm and on February 11th, Island County Pomona will be at Penn Cove Grange. I hope to see everyone at both meetings.

Fraternally yours,

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