



GRANGE GAZETTE

Of Rainbow Valley Grange

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September 2017

Wed., September 13

Meeting @ grange hall

7 p.m.

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**Tentative dates & times*

What's happening at our Grange.....

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Five of our members attended **the 142nd California State Grange Convention** June 22-25 at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds in Santa Rosa. Ed Komski presided as State Master, assisted by First Lady Cynthia Komski while Mike Warner and I served as our grange's delegates.

Suzy helped set up the entries in the Expo



and I also served as chairman of the Citizenship and Taxation Committee.

The resolution that we submitted at convention (to the Education and Health committee) supporting the Over-the-Counter Hearing Aid H.R. 1652 bill, was adopted. A total of 40 resolutions were considered.

There were 67 delegates representing 39 granges. It was good to see some Grangers who hadn't been to a convention in a while



as well as many who belong to new Granges.

A resolution was passed that moves the annual convention to a late September - early October time frame starting next year.

The Expo has 130 entries this year. Suzy and I each entered several photos and a Christmas ornament while

our mom entered two centerpieces. Instead of ribbons, we were awarded pins for a change.

At our Grange hall, the new plants in front are doing well as Suzy and I water them twice a week. Ed recently mowed front, side and back areas, so the hall is looking pretty good. But, it is not getting much use. See page 2 for fundraiser ideas.

Mike has started a Facebook page for our grange and created our website—you can see it at www.grange.org/rainbowvalleyca689/

We haven't had a meeting since June—if a different day of the week would be better for you, please let me know.

Secretary's Report

Suzy Moramarco, Secretary, suncette@ gmail.com

We lost two members this last quarter, so our membership is shrinking. To help cut down on expenses, we have unplugged the freezer to lower the hall's SDG&E bill.

To try to attract more renters, a Hall Rental Brochure has been created to advertise our hall. These brochures have been placed at the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce. All local members should have some of them on hand to give out. Please come to our meeting or contact me to get the brochures.

Rentals are our main income and we had only one renter this summer. The hall insurance bill is coming due the end of October and our bank account does not have enough to cover it right now, so we will need to hold a fundraiser or two.

Lucette and I held a yard sale at the grange last month. We collected \$50 in rental spaces.

We are thinking of having a pizza and wine tasting dinner fundraiser. Lucette and I will handle the pizza part if someone else will recruit wineries to provide the wine for the tasting. Or we can do two separate events.

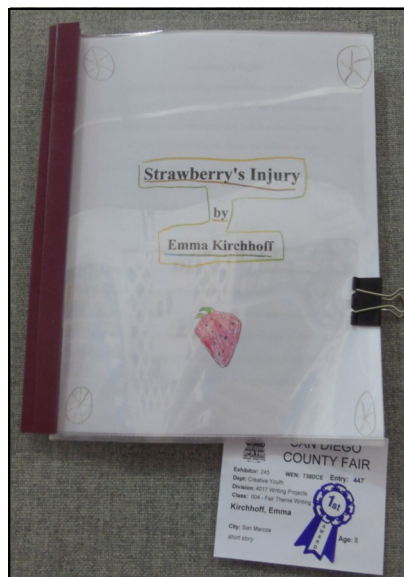
Let us know if you can help, or if you have any other ideas for both fundraisers and ways to attract more members.

If you know anyone who could give a talk or workshop that people would come to, that would help.

We are also planning an Artist Swap Meet in November. If you, or anyone you know, has

unused or leftover art supplies and would like to sell them let us know. Paints, brushes, canvases, scrapbooking materials, etc. are all welcome. Grange members get a discount on their space fee.

San Diego County Fair



We donated two \$25 special fair awards this year. In the Creative Writing division, we chose the First Place entry in the Fair Theme Writing Contest - a short story (*left*) "Strawberry's Injury" by 8 years old Emma Kirchhoff, from

Carlsbad.

In the Recycled Craft division, we chose a dragon made out of egg cartons by Ethan Jenne, a 7 years old from San Diego (*right*). Both recipients sent nice Thank You notes for their awards.



Left, Sonoma County Fairgrounds in Santa Rosa.