



# WASHINGTON-YAMHILL POMONA

## BUILDING BRIDGES

The St. Johns bridge was dedicated June 13, 1931. The ribbon cutting was done by Rose Festival Queen, Rachael Atkinson Hancock, followed by a parade across the bridge. To get there was an amazing feat in itself. Most of Portland did not see a need for another bridge as they just added the Ross Island Bridge (1922), Sellwood Bridge (1925), and Burnside Bridge (1926) to their growing list of bridges. A bridge to St. Johns from the wooded shores at the foot of Germantown road was not looked upon as in dire need since a ferry was already in service.

With determination and a lot of citizen involvement a call for a bridge was loud and clear as lobbying efforts took shape that included a vaudeville-style show performed at Grange Halls and schools throughout the county.

In 1928, during the November elections the efforts of their lobbying and vaudeville shows paid off as the voters approved a \$4.25 million bond for the bridge.

Once the bridge was approved, it was designed by engineers David 11 Steinman and Holton D. Robinson, of New York. With many tradesmen, laborers, skilled and unskilled workers, the bridge slowly took shape as the towering cathedrals pierced the skyline and a span filled an empty void to carry the load of travelers safely from one side to another. When the bridge was completed, it was the longest suspension-type bridge west of the Mississippi River at the time of construction.

But our story doesn't end there, the bridge eventually fell out of grace as deferred maintenance forced her to crack and crumble from all the usage and neglect. The county could not afford to keep the bridge maintained and asked the state to take over. Eventually the state agreed to take responsibility for the bridge and a restoration project began in 1987.

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### 2021 CALENDAR

#### POMONA MEETINGS

10:00AM

Lunch \$5.00

\*July 17, 2021

Winona Grange #271  
8340 SW Seneca St, Tualatin

\*October 16, 2021

Washington Grange #313  
16430 SW Pumpkin Ridge Rd  
North Plains, Oregon



#### GOOD OF THE ORDER MEETINGS

10:00AM

\*May 15, 2021

Scholls Grange #338  
16917 SW Hillsboro Hwy  
Scholls, Oregon

\*September 18, 2021

Winona Grange #271  
8340 SW Seneca St, Tualatin

\*November 20, 2021

Leedy Grange #339  
835 Saltzman Rd, Portland

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Today the St Johns Bridge stands testament to what a band of community citizens can accomplish when working together for a cause. The beauty and engineering will endure as she is appreciated by many who know her and those who rely on her being there to support them in their daily travel.

As Oliver Hudson Kelley once noted in his travels down the Mississippi with its many united rain drops coming together to form the mighty river - the St Johns bridge was built with the vision and determination of many individuals coming together.

Much like the Grange who helps with connecting a land divided by deep and turbulent waters, we have a large number of individuals coming together and helping others on their journey through life.



### THE ADVERTISING CURTAIN

It is not hard to imagine the vaudeville acts put on during the time they were lobbying for the St. Johns bridge.

Granges have a creative way of expressing themselves with or without performers. The advertising curtain is an example of the Grange's influence over the public interest. A business would purchase a block to advertise and it could pay dividends in being patronized with so many people coming and going out of those halls at the time. Curtains were not the only place an advertising square could be found. Washington Grange #313 had advertising squares painted along the wall in the downstairs dining room and Beaver Homes Grange has card tables with advertising squares. Many individuals would dance the night away on solid wood floors, find comfort around the table enjoying the bounty of a good harvest, play cards, enjoy plays, lecturer's and so much more.

The (very short) story of the "Advertising Curtain"

Somewhere out there back East is a street scene created entirely out of blocks of advertisements. And size, the largest known painting on one of these curtains is attributed to Fred George Quinby hanging in Mt Israel Grange hall in Central Sandwich, New Hampshire. The painted curtain spans nearly the full width of the hall and was painted sometime around 1892. If quantity is your thing, Danbury's Grange hall has a complete set of theatrical scenery curtains painted by Egbert L. Foster and an advertising curtain painted by Arthur S. Ives. Not only does Danbury's Grange have a quantity of curtains but artists to boot.



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## COMMUNITY SERVICE



Our children have been through an experience like we have never witness in recent history. Due to our current situation I wish to share with you the opportunity to explore a few very good organizations that are doing our future a very commendable service:

### **Project Never Again**

This Organization is reaching out to foster children in hopes of making their traumatic event of moving to foster homes a little more comfortable by donating a duffle bag to carry their meager belongings. Inside those duffle bags the child will find an encouragement card. Project Never Again currently serves children in all 36 counties.

To learn more about this please see:

<https://www.neveragainpo.org/>

### **HomePlate Youth Services:**

<https://www.homeplateyouth.org/drop-in>

Many have been introduced to HomePlate when we held our last “Make a Difference Day” open house a few years ago. This organization helps with food, clothing and Provides resources to homeless Youth.

Make a Difference Day, Saturday, October 23, 2021, is just around the corner. Should we have the opportunity to open up - I sincerely hope we can once again take part in opening our halls for that special event.

Fraternally yours,

Theresa Thorud,  
Community Service Chairman

## **AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

**Washington - Yamhill Pomona Grange**  
**April 17, 2021**

**Hillsboro Grange #73** - No one from Hillsboro was present and very little was known about how that Grange is doing.

**Tigard Grange # 148** - No one from Tigard Grange was present. However, Sam Keator shared some very positive news with us that Tigard Grange is in the works of starting up a food bank. To find out what Tigard Grange has been up to see:

<https://www.tigardgrange.com/index.html>

**Winona Grange #271** – Master, Marilyn Reiher reported that Winona distributed 72 boxes of seeds and has scheduled seed giveaways for May 8 & 11. They are giving a \$2,500 scholarship to a Tualatin High School graduate who is looking forward to continuing their higher education in Oregon. The Grange has a new member, has replaced their 33-year-old hot water heater and Marilyn spent the winter researching old newspapers about Winona’s history and the Masters that served. We are looking forward to learning more about her findings. To learn more of what is happening at Winona Grange and stay up to date on their seed program see: <http://winonagrang271.org/>

**Forest Grove Grange #282** – Margaret Clute reported that they have 3 new members and they are going to try to have “Goat Poop Bingo” in August. Let’s hope 3rd time is a charm.  
*There are a lot of us looking forward to having a bit of fun.*

**Washington Grange #313** – Master, Linda Dorland reported that they are having another garage sale in conjunction with the North Plains Garage sale Friday April 30<sup>th</sup> and Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup>.

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# SCHOLARSHIPS

Education has always been the forefront of our Order. It is education and hands on learning that guides us down our path and aids in making our journey through life an experience we share with others.

The education system was vastly different when Patrons of Husbandry was formed in 1867 than it is today. In all honesty, there is no comparison to a child's learning from days gone by to the present. In the end, we elevate a child by giving that individual the tools to continue to ask questions and grow in understanding how to process information gained from every day experiences.

As an Oregon Grange member, you have access to a large number of scholarships. In our Pomona alone, Dixie Mountain Grange, Winona Grange, Tigard Grange, and McMinnville Grange to name a few in recent memory has offered scholarships to individual's perusing a secondary education. With spring break coming to an end and trees in full bloom, it is time to plant the seeds not only for fall's harvest, but the seeds to a higher education for those who are looking at graduation this year.

As we come to a close of the second quarter of 2021, lets celebrate the fact that even what little we have to offer in the grand scheme of things can make a difference.

## Scholarships:

Marcel "Muzzy" Mandel Memorial

Mary Helen Sauter Ramm Memorial Scholarship

Don Coin Walrod Memorial Scholarship

Charles E. Spence Memorial Scholarship

GWA Scholarship

National GROW Club Scholarship

All scholarships must be postmarked by May 1<sup>st</sup>. We missed the deadline for the Scholarship application with the exception of the National GROW Club Scholarship, for further information on the scholarships please see: <http://orgrange.org/scholarships/>

## Celebrating our youth's achievements!



### Savannah Hively of Leedy Grange

Savannah graduated from Western Oregon University with a degree in Special Education. She is working on a Master's degree in Adaptive PE at Oregon State University. She is also looking forward to getting a cosmetology license so she can continue her work making Adapted Needs children and adults feel good about themselves.

### Christiana Logan of Dixie Mountain Grange

Christiana graduated from Oregon State University with a degree in nutrition. Last May she was awarded a Master's degree from Tufts University in Massachusetts and is currently a Dietetic Intern at Tufts Medical Center in Boston.



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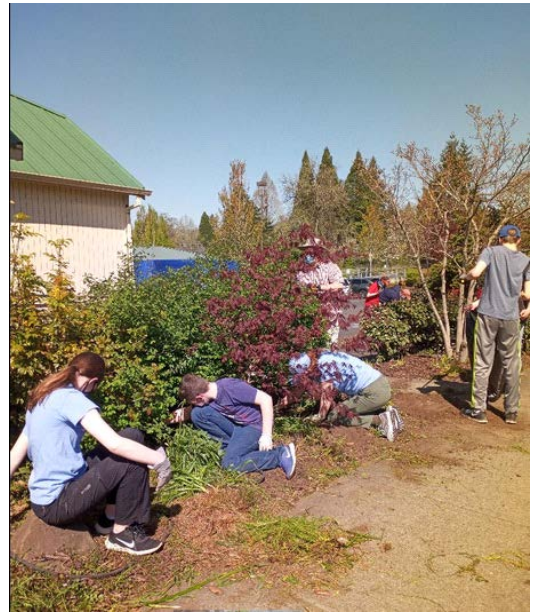
**Washington Grange #313** – A big Thank You goes to Peggy Ivy for her hard work on getting the Grange on social media such as Facebook, Twitter and Nextdoor, Peggy also developed a Go Fund Me page as Washington Grange moves forward with replacing their roof. The Grange members have been busy reaching out to the community by helping with the Governor's food drive, handing out Winona's seeds to people who stopped by the garage sale they had in March.

**Scholls Grange #338** –Member Toniann Perry reported Scholls has been holding Grange meetings via Zoom. Since February the meetings have been a personal choice of in person or via Zoom. They are still working on the building and are looking to replace the remaining siding that has not been replaced yet. Some of the rentals are back and because of Scholls location so close to the cemetery, the members are looking at the possibility of having more Memorials.

**Leedy Grange #339** - Cynthia Hively of Leedy Grange sent me a report and some photos to share. Leedy has been holding their meeting via Zoom as the members are finding it more convenient for them. They had about 30 scouts and parents help with cleaning up around the building. Dean Moberg did get elected as Associate Director for the Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District. - A Big Congratulations goes out to Dean -



Cleaning up outside  
of Leedy Grange.  
Photos compliments  
of Cynthia



**Kinton Grange #562** – No one from Kinton Grange was present.

**Aloha Grange #773** – Mike Duyck reported that They have had meetings during the first quarter and the exercise class that rents the hall is up and running although the attendance is small.

**Dixie Mountain Grange #860** – No one present.

**Fernwood Grange #770** – No one from Fernwood was present and we have very little news from them to share.

**McMinville Grange # 31** - Master Wayne Clemmer reported that they have had meetings during the first quarter and have five new members. They had an audit and created a budget. McMinville Grange will recognize Stephen Cone as a valued member of 65 years and John Albertson as a 75-year member with a 75-year membership pin at their next meeting. They are planning to present three scholarships and deliver dictionaries. The farmers market is doing well and they have a few weddings scheduled this summer.



## THE ADVERTISING CURTAIN

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Granges cannot boast the oldest curtain. That goes to Thalian Hall in Wilmington, North Carolina. It was hand painted in 1858, which pre-dates our order by about nine years. Most curtains were painted between 1890 and 1940.

We know our membership list includes great artists such as Norman Rockwell. But what about the Pacific Northwest? Who has been on our marquee with those Grand Curtains hanging in the background silently drawing the audience in and capturing the imagination ?

*We know now of a vaudeville act supporting and lobbying for the St. Johns Bridge.*



## Dates to Remember

First Friday in May -  
National Space Day

Second Sunday in May – Mother’s Day

Last Monday in May - Memorial Day

June 14<sup>th</sup> - Flag Day

Third Sunday of June – Father’s Day

July 4<sup>th</sup> - Independence Day



## GRANGER OF THE YEAR



**Lyle Wold (right) & Sam Keator (left)**

Photo by Terri Wold

This year Lyle Wold, Secretary of Washington Grange #313 was awarded Granger of the Year. Lyle is well deserving of the award. His knowledge of construction and leadership has been a valuable asset to Washington Grange as he has volunteered many hours with keeping the inside and outside of the Grange maintained. This past year Lyle worked remotely to coordinate the roof project for Washington Grange and has devoted many hours toward grant writing to acquire funds to help cover the cost of a new roof and find a contractor to replace the old leaky roof.

Lyle holds membership in not only Washington Grange but the North Plains Historical Society and the American Legion.

Lyle is a retired Oregon National Guardsman who served a year in Iraq. His interest in history was a huge asset to the Vancouver Barracks Military Association when he assisted with their historical military equipment museum.

Lyle is well spoken and the members were treated to his lecturer of dates in history and fascinating facts during our Pomona meeting.



