Harmony Grange No. 92, Patrons of Husbandry, 103 Hurd Ave., Monroe, CT 06468



NOVEMBER 2024 Harmony Grange Newsletter



Welcome to Harmony Grange!

If you are a visitor, please make yourself known. We welcome you and encourage you to get to know the Grange better.

St. Pete's Late Fall Market

St. Peter's Grace Episcopal Church, our neighbor up at the Green, is having a vendor market event on the first Saturday in December. The market will take place in the Harmony Grange meeting hall. We will participate with our own entry table, selling items Made by Grangers. We will also offer coffee and treats to visitors downstairs.

Making Things

Grange members met this month to begin making felt Christmas trees for the Made By Grangers table at the St. Pete's event. We learned to thread needles and quickly assembled some colorful trees!



Harmony Grange Christmas

We are not having a Christmas fair this year. Instead, all members are getting together to share time and have fun together on the afternoon of December 15. Details will follow in emails and in the December newsletter.

Bingo is coming to Harmony Grange! Talk to Cynde to volunteer. Details will follow.

Rent the Grange for Your Event

To rent the Grange, call Sue: (203) 414-8476 (We are thankful for Sue's magic touch here!)

Calendar of Events

Contact <u>harmonygrange@outlook.com</u> to find out more about any event. RSVPs to events are welcome (but not required).

NOVEMBER 2024			
Sat. 2	Grange Beautification Day		10:00 a.m.
Thurs. 14	Executive Committee Meeting		4:30 p.m.
Fri. 22	Monthly Meeting (6:30 social)		7:00 p.m.
Thurs. 28	Happy Thanksgiving!	4(1)	
DECEMBER 2024			
Sun. 1	Decorate the Hall Day		TBD
Sat. 7	St. Peter's Fair		10:00 a.m.
Thurs. 12	Executive Committee Meeting		4:30 p.m.
Sun. 15	Harmony Grange Party		TBD
Fri. 20	Monthly Meeting (6:30 social)		7:00 p.m.

The Coat Drive

We collected thirty winter coats (117 pounds!) in September and October and Bob delivered them to the Bridgeport Rescue Mission. Thanks to everyone who contributed. These coats will warm a lot of souls this winter.

Junior Program 1+

The State Grange vice president Ted Powell visited us at our October meeting and encouraged us to have a Junior Program. Children are the future of the Grange.

The Junior Grange 1+ Program allows a single child between the ages of 5 and 14 to start in a Junior Grange program. We have three such children, ready to go!

Read more about it: https://www.nationaljuniorgrange.org/what-is-a-1-junior-grange/. Let's encourage our youth to be Grangers!

Ag Tip - Time to bring in the Cannas! But don't worry, if you can't get to it, we will have a bunch for sale at the Harmony Grange Spring Fair.

The State Grange

Our president Betty Blackwell and her husband Bob attended the 140th Annual State Grange Convention and brought back many words of wisdom. Betty presented our Grange with a check for \$45 and a certificate from the State Grange for adding new members. Betty learned the importance of getting the fifth degree, offered at our Pomona Grange this March.

Our Grange needs to make a legislative proposal to the State Grange this year. We need to adapt to survive, to honor our past but embrace the present. Ted Powell reminded us to apply for the Bronze Honored Grange Award.

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