



# FRIDAY HARBOR GRANGER



Friday Harbor Grange #225

**APRIL 23, 2014 at the GRANGE**

Bring contest entry to San Juan Grange 10:00AM – 12:00PM

Contest Judging 12:00PM – 2:00PM

Potluck and Prize Announcements 4:00PM – 6:00PM

**CONTESTS!**

Win! Cash and Ribbons

You do not have to be a Grange member to enter!

**Poetry  
Baking  
Canned Goods  
Needlework  
Photography  
Art/Craft**

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For entry form and More Information Call Minnie Knych 378-7040



## COMING EVENTS

APRIL 9, 2014  
 FH Grange meeting  
 Potluck 5:30PM  
 Meeting 6:00PM

APRIL 23, 2014  
 POMONA GRANGE  
 Arts & Crafts Contest

APRIL 26, 2014  
 ARBOR DAY  
 Tree giveaway

## PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE

A change of the meeting day will be discussed on at the April FH Grange meeting.

This will require a bylaws change.

**LIVE IN SUCH A WAY THAT YOU WOULD NOT BE ASHAMED TO SELL YOUR PARROT TO THE TOWN GOSSIP.**  
 -Will Rogers

Please plan to join the Pomona Grange members for the potluck dinner on April 23, at the San Juan Grange.  
 Enjoy dining with friends and find out who the winners of the art and craft contests are.



## SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS

Irene Herring owner of San Juan Coffee Roasting Company has a son serving in the Navy. Alex Herring serves on the USS George Washington and has been stationed the Persian Gulf among other places.



Irene was recently awarded a Blue Star Banner in honor of the service of her son Alex Herring.

Irene also supports troops overseas by her participation in a group called:

<http://www.untileverytroopcomeshome.org>

Irene sends monthly packages to several servicemen in all branches of the service. She has a jar on her counter to accept donations for the cost of postage. A box that is going to a soldier costs \$15.45 to send.

If you would like to help Irene in her mission to support our troops; stop in and have a cup of great coffee at San Juan Coffee Roasting Company. Donate to her cause by dropping your change into the jar for postage expenses.

## PROGRAM PREVIEW HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY



As with the orca, the Straits Salish followed the salmon from the ocean into the Strait of Juan de Fuca, toward San Juan Island, and beyond. So too, did the Hudson's Bay Company (HBC), which by the mid-1800s was one of the first international business conglomerates trading in raw materials.

The HBC established forts at what is now Vancouver, WA, as well as throughout Oregon and into northern Washington, Canada and Alaska. Their trade routes saw the export of beaver pelts, salmon, timber, wheat and other products to far away places, including England, the Hawaiian Islands, Asia and Russia.

In 1853, British Chief Factor, James Douglas (from Fort Victoria, BC), and HBC employees imported over 1,300 sheep to graze on an expanse of prairie on the southern tip of San Juan Island. While this area was ideal for agriculture and livestock, Douglas's primary purpose was political. The presence of British agricultural interests would solidify Great Britain's claim to the island, which had been in dispute with the United States since the two nations signed the Treaty of Oregon in 1846.



*Hudson Bay Company's Belle Vue Sheep Farm. 'Home Prairie' Establishment - painting by Richard Schlect*

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## THE STRUCTURE OF THE GRANGE

The ultimate object of this organization is for mutual instruction and protection, to lighten labor by diffusing a knowledge of its aims and purposes, to expand the mind by tracing the beautiful laws the Great Creator has established in the Universe, and to enlarge our views of creative wisdom and power.--- from the Preamble to the Constitution of the National Grange

The Grange is often considered an agricultural family fraternity. Historically, it has promoted building rural America through grassroots activities. The organization grants each member a voice within his or her local unit and subsequently the opportunity to impact national policy making. Founded in 1867 by seven individuals with varied agendas, the Grange has grown to be a conglomeration of interests; a shared vision to empower and improve the opportunities of agricultural people by offering a formal support group to address agricultural concerns and to reinforce family values in the context of religious heritage. While emphasizing the relationship between agricultural life and moral development, the Grange employs fraternal rituals based upon symbols relevant to the art of farming. C. Jerome Davis, Field Assistant to the National Master relates that "[t]he teachings of the ritual enable our Order to be political without being partisan, religious without being denominational, and though it binds its members with a strong fraternal tie, it assures a complete individuality."

Grange ritualism begins at the local or Subordinate level and at its most basic, is organized into seven degrees, the first four of which are the seasons of the year: spring, summer, autumn, and winter. The county

Grange proffers the Fifth Degree, the State Grange the Sixth Degree and the National Grange, the Seventh; these degrees are those of Pomona, Flora, and Ceres or Demeter. W.L. Robinson, author of the *First Century of Service and Evolution: The Grange, 1867-1967*, relates that "These degrees are available to all those who fully subscribe to the long-established custom of teaching by symbols and emblems, to the principle of using the power of ritualism to bring out the finer characteristics of the members and the beauty of rural life." The Bible sits in the middle of the Grange Hall during meetings and is opened and closed at the start and end of the gatherings. A prayer is usually said at these times as well. As Larry Algire, Deputy Master for Knox County Granges, reveals that while the Grange is not a religious organization per se, at the Grange, "the Bible [and] the Lord is present at all times."

The organization and ritualism of the Grange is primarily based on the structure of old English estates. Essentially, they were complete unto themselves and represented an individualism quite distinct from the American farm estate. The Grange Master's desk is symbolic of the baronial castle and is reached through a broad expanse of trees. The estate's fields or "granges" compose the farm. Grange officers are representative of the officers of the estate and include the Gate Keeper, the Overseer, the Lecturer, the Steward, and the Chaplain. The organization of the estate is evident in the physical designations of each of the officers' seats within the Grange Hall. This organization acts to reinforce the farm influence on the internal structure of the Grange.

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### From the Kitchen of Marie Skuffeeda



Olympia Oysters are delicious and nutritious. Here's a very easy recipe for Oyster Casserole that will have your family asking for more.

### YUMMY OYSTER CASSEROLE

#### Ingredients

1 pint of Olympia Oysters  
 1 cup Gruyere cheese - grated  
 1/8 pound cooked and crumbled bacon  
 8 ounces whipping cream  
 Unsalted soda crackers  
 Fresh black pepper



#### Directions

- Crumble unsalted soda crackers to cover the bottom of a buttered 8X8 casserole dish.
- Arrange oysters over the crackers (if oysters are large, cut them into bite sized pieces.)
- Sprinkle with black pepper.
- Sprinkle gruyere cheese over the oysters
- Crumble bacon bits over the top.
- Pour heavy whipping cream over all
- Bake at 350 degrees for 20-30 minutes.
- This recipe can be doubled or tripled for larger groups.

*In Essentials, Unity; In Non-Essentials, Liberty; In all things, Charity*

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