



Winona Grange # 271



Established in Tualatin in 1895

Summer 2010 Newsletter

Tualatin Farmers Market

Winona Grange has a stand at the new Tualatin Farmers Market, which will be open every Friday evening from 4-8 pm until September 25th.

The mission of the market is to make Tualatin an example community of active, healthy people by providing affordable access to local fresh produce and farm products directly from local farms. Winona Grange is one of 26 vendors that have agreed to participate on a regular basis.



Sam Keator, Anne Doherty, Carol Cummings, and Suzanne Weldon work the 4-6 pm shift on July 3. They sold lettuce and onions from the garden and plants – despite the rain. Note the Winona Grange Garden sign in the background! The small print at the bottom says “Profits to Food Pantry.”

Staffing the stand every Friday is a big commitment. Volunteers are needed for two-hour shifts, 4-6 or 6-8 pm, for Fridays in July, August, and September. Sign up at the meeting or call Rochelle Smith. Suzanne Weldon worked July 3 and signed up for July 10 saying, “I had so much fun I just can't stay away!”

Planting the Garden

The weather on May 14 was perfect for planting.



Rochelle Smith marks a row for tomato plants. On the left in the background, Carol Cummings and Anne Doherty plant seeds. On the right Sam Keator assembles the bean pole, while Loyce Martinazzi measures row spacing.



Tom Marr makes sure his row spacing is exact.

Hannah Olson Awarded 2010 Dolores Crossway Scholarship

This year's recipient of Winona Grange's scholarship named in honor of Past Master Dolores Crossway is Hannah Olson, a June graduate of Tigard High School.

Hannah plans to study Environmental Science at Lewis and Clark College.



Marilyn Reiher and Sam Keator presented the \$2500 scholarship to Hannah Olson at Tigard High School's Senior Awards Night.

Loyce named Oregon State Grange Volunteer of the Year

Loyce Martinazzi was named 2010 Community Service Volunteer of the Year at the State Grange convention in Roseburg.

The nomination was a short narrative that emphasized “a unique and successful type of community service.” Our's began “Our nominee's unique service is to record and share our community's history.” This included producing a play, coloring book, newspaper column, and monthly speakers at the Heritage Center. The nomination also mentioned Loyce's passions for music and organic gardening, and her efforts to make our Grange hall a community center.

FFA at Sherwood High School

Dara Abell, Ag teacher and FFA adviser, spoke and answered questions as the Lecturer's program at our May meeting. Dara outlined the breadth of courses available to students, from animal science and horticulture to welding. Interest is so high that another teacher would have been added next year had it not been for severe budget cuts. Dara announced a plant sale at the school's greenhouse.

Dara just completed her 5th year at Sherwood HS. She is proud of the FFA chapter, which now has approximately 75 members. Last year's public speaking winner was from Sherwood. The Oregon State Grange sponsors the state FFA public speaking contest.

Dara brought Steven, a Sophomore FFA member with her. Seniors were not available because their graduation party was the previous night. Steven related his experience raising a pig. This led to several members sharing their pig stories.

Crawfish Festival Parade Entry



This year's Crawfish Festival Parade is August 10 at 10 am., which conflicts with the brunch that precedes our meeting. Our entry will have our oldest members riding in Rochelle's vintage vehicle while the rest walk along side it. Of course, our historic crawfish will be included. The theme is **Fiesta**. Assemble in the K-Mart parking lot, dressed appropriately.



President's Column

Where do we stand?

The Grange stands as its members stand, today, and in 1957 and other years, too. Cleaning out behind the stage, I came across a pamphlet from the late 1950s, recounting the things we stood for, and against, as determined by the delegates to the National Session in Colorado Springs, Colorado in November of 1957.

Titled "ON THIS WE STAND", it was obvious there were a multitude of "hot topics" that year, as we were then approaching the 1958 election year. A summary of the major points determined by the delegates enumerated 44 topics the Grange favored, and an additional 20 topics the Grange opposed.

Among others, the Grange **favored** the elimination of various excise taxes affecting farmers, the orderly withdrawal of government as a competitor of business, a more realistic Civil Defense program, uniform motor vehicle laws in all states, the continuation of the School Lunch program, and stiffer penalties for dope peddling.

Topics the grange **opposed** included further encroachment of wage and labor laws into agriculture, increases in first-class postage until third-class pays its way, the destruction of traditional States Rights by court decision, trade barriers between states, federal aid to school construction, labor union "spread-the-work" practices, Daylight Savings Time, and a Federal Sales Tax.

Reading the pamphlet made me think that history does indeed repeat itself. We are re-hashing many of the same topics today that were at the forefront of peoples' conversations and debates 53 years ago. For those of us who are relatively new to the Grange, it is an affirmation that the Grange takes the welfare of the community to heart, taking a stand on topics that matter. This was true in 1957, and it's still true today.

I have added a page titled "What We Stand For" to our website, for this little pamphlet, and have transcribed it there in its entirety. I hope you will take the time and effort to look at it; I welcome your feedback.

Visit our website: www.winonagrang271.org

We have substantially completed our latest round of capital improvements at the hall. Main hall lighting has been converted to compact fluorescents, insulation has been laid down on the attic floor above the main hall and the stage areas, and we have working fans for the attic space and the main hall. Special thanks to Tom Marr, Rochelle Smith and Norm Parker for their help with the nasty job of installing the insulation. As it is forecast to be hot and hotter later this week, by the time you read this, we will undoubtedly have some feedback on the effectiveness of our insulation and ventilation efforts.

Summer seems to be, at long last, almost upon us. This is a busy time of year: Grange Garden, Farmers Market, the usual meetings, family events, vacation travel, and more. We appreciate your efforts on behalf of the Grange all the more this time of year because we know they often take a bigger effort to keep them in your schedule in spite of all the extra demands on your time.

Thanks for your continued support of Winona Grange.

Dick Naven



The new paint job and light green color spruced up the exterior our historic building.

Thanks to Norm Parker and Monte McCutcheon for preparing the entrance ground for sod. Anticipating his trip to Canada, Norm purchased hoses and sprinklers, and assembled a watering team. But Mother Nature did an excellent job!

Dick Naven installed exterior lighting on an automatic timer. Expect the new lights to come on at 8 pm and go off at 2:30 am.

Anne Doherty and Carol Cummings consulted Margie Larson, our textiles expert, on replacement window coverings for upstairs. The committee will recommend new drapes at our July meeting. It's time to replace the lace.

Dick Naven, Tom Marr, Rochelle Smith, and Norm Parker installed insulation. The Executive Committee felt that this insulation will help deal with the hall's overheating in the summer as well as reduce our winter heating costs.

The Queen Elizabeth rose by the porch is in full bloom. It was planted in memory of Elizabeth Royal, Winona's marvelous pianist. Stop and smell the rose!

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Mark your calendar for these Grange meetings
Saturday, July 10
August 14 – Crawfish Festival Parade
September 11

Potluck **brunch** is as **10 am** followed by
our meeting at **11 am**

See you there!