



Winona Grange # 271

Established in Tualatin in 1895

Spring 2017 Newsletter



Garden Party

Our annual Garden Party will be Saturday **May 6**. Invite your friends and neighbors to this FREE event where they will learn gardening tips from local experts and get answers to questions.

Our featured speaker is Master Gardener Tim Lanfri, who will give two talks. At 10 am his topic will be "Vegetable Gardening 101" and at noon "Growing Tomatoes in the Pacific Northwest."



Tim began gardening in his backyard in 1977. He has been a Master Gardener since 2007

and has certification as an organic gardener. He was instrumental in starting the community gardens at both the Boones Ferry Community Church and the Tualatin Methodist Church.

In the afternoon George Serrill will talk on "Soil Structure," Brian Gjerner on "The Role of Bees" and Timber **Jim Serrill** on "Trees: How They Complement Your Vegetable Garden."

We voted to start at 9:30 so that everyone has a chance to get settled before the first talk begins. But the graphic artist decided 10 am is better – and the flyers are already printed.

So our seed packet giveaway and veggie-start raffles will be held throughout the day.

Plant Sale

New this year is a plant sale in the afternoon.

The Meals on Wheels Plant Sale will be held on Friday and until noon on Saturday at the Van Raden Center in the Community Park next to the Pohl Center. They will have both indoor and outdoor plants including ornamental shrubs and trees.

At noon we will move unsold plants to the Grange hall and continue the sale until 3 pm or as long as we have plants and customers. There may be some good deals because we will need to find good homes for the remaining plants.

All proceeds from the sale of plants at both locations will benefit Tualatin's Meals on Wheels program.

Ukulele Concert

Last year having a Ukulele Concert with the Garden Party proved not to be an odd combination. When each of the 65 attendees was asked whether they came for gardening information or music, a surprising number answered "both."

The ukulele jam group is led by **Joshua Waldman**. They will play familiar songs and ask audience members to sing along.



Message from our Master

When I became Master, several members told me that Winona Grange doesn't do anything except meet. At the end of the first quarter, I beg to differ. This newsletter shows that we have been very active in our community. But I am also aware that need to delegate more and ask for help. So here's what we need next:

On **Saturday May 6** from 9 to 4 we need volunteers for the Garden Party: greeters, plant movers and sales persons, a coffee pot monitor and a cleanup crew.

On **Sunday May 7** we need workers at Winona Cemetery. Bring your own tools and supplies, like a bucket, soft scrub brush, Simple Green, and clippers.

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Hosted Deputies School



Marilyn and **Loyce Martinazzi** set a proper table with our wheat dishes and water glasses when we served lunch for 22 deputies, Pomona Masters, and State Officers on March 4. But when it was time to wash all those dishes, they regretted their decision. The menu was minestrone or lima bean soup, salad, and cookies. We received lots of compliments on the lunch.

Norm Parker set up the hall and carried in heavy boxes of handouts; he returned at the end of the day put it all away.

Winona hosted the Pomona Good of the Order meeting on February 25. Pomona Master **Sam Keator** made the coffee and served the muffins.

Seed Project

We received twice as many seed packets from Lake Valley Seeds as in previous years. On January 21 nine members and three non-members "sorted" half the seeds in an hour. Actually the seeds were quite well mixed so we assembled single and double assortment boxes by walking around the table and selecting a variety of veggies.

We sent an email to 35 Granges and another to 138 community gardens in Oregon. To date we've sent assortments to 11 Granges and 25 community gardens.

Responses indicate that the seeds are going to the right places and being used for the intended purposes: to help gardeners in low-income families and provide fresh produce to local food banks.



At our February meeting, Julie Schnetzky District #3 GWA (Grange Workers Activities) Chair, presented Winona Grange with a banner and tool box. The banner will be hung from our quilt rod in the meeting room. It informs renters and visitors that the Grange will soon be 150 years old. Be thinking of how we should celebrate that birthday on or around December 4!

The tool box contains member recruitment tools, like buttons with the logo shown above. Each Grange in Oregon has a goal of a net gain of two members. We have gained **John and Edye Regions**, but we are losing Affiliate member **Michael Kilbourne** and three others. We need to recruit new members to replace them.

Our Garden Party is the perfect time and place to ask attendees to join. Be welcoming to those who attend. Strike up a conversation to learn their interests. Share what Winona Grange does and how we match their interests and values.

If we recruit lots of new members we could win cash prizes or an ice cream social. But our real motivation is to add more helping hands. We need new members who can become officers and leaders to carry on when we are no longer able.

Winona Cemetery Clean Up



On **May 7** Winona Grange will help prepare Winona Cemetery for Memorial Day.

Winona Grange Veterans Committee Chair **Dale Potts** founded and continues to organize a Memorial Day observance that attracts hundreds to the city's historic Winona Cemetery hour-long program. Both the Grange (founded in 1895) and the cemetery (founded in 1900) are named for a little girl named Winona who was the daughter of Overseer J.R.C. Thompson.

The ceremonies begin with a flyover, flag raising by an honor guard, an opening prayer, patriotic songs, comments from elected officials, remarks from veterans and a traditional reading of "On Flanders Field" by a VFW Auxiliary leader. Attendees then adjourn to the city park for a free barbecue sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary.

On May 7 Grange members will help ready Winona Cemetery for this observance by scrubbing and scraping moss, dirt, and bird droppings from headstones and trimming the grass around them.

In addition to Brother Thompson, other charter members buried in Winona Cemetery are John L. Smith, William Jurgens Sr., B. R. Henry, W. R. Day, W. C. Day, George Galbreath, Edward and Elizabeth Byrom, and Louis Jurgens.

A new Grange project this year will be to pick up flowers and vases two weeks after Memorial Day.

Welcome New Members

John and Edye Regions have been members of Rome Grange near Bellingham, WA for 20+ years. They have moved to King City with their daughter and grandchildren. We are very glad they have decided to transfer their membership to Winona Grange.

Community Service Projects

Our Community Service Chair **Kay Gooding** has us caring about the Caring Closet.

Caring Closet - Underwear: For our February meeting we brought 32 pair for women/girls, 7 men's briefs, and 3 T-shirts. Still the Closet needs more, especially these sizes:

- boys 6-8 briefs
- boys 10-12, 14-16, 18-20 boxer briefs
- men's 32-34 boxer briefs
- women 5, 6, 7, 8, high rise or bikinis

Caring Closet - Cans and Bottles: Last year **Dale Potts** and **Ed Casey** collected 82,000 bottles and cans in Tualatin raising \$4,200 for the Caring Closet.

Dale says, "Please sort refundable bottles and cans. Put plastic bottles in one bag and aluminum cans in another. Glass bottles go into separate bag or preferably a cardboard box." Also please rinse soda or juice bottles and cans so that they don't attract ants or rodents.

Tualatin School House Pantry: On February 14 Norm Parker took 48 lbs. of non-perishable food left in our barrels to the School House Pantry. On March 6 he delivered another 58 lbs. Most of these donations were from Irish dancers. The Pantry especially needs:

- Canned fruit, soup, and meals (chili, pasta, etc.)
- Boxed mac and cheese
- Powdered laundry detergent
- Paper grocery bags

Tualatin Chamber of Commerce Recognizes Winona Members



Congratulations to **Loyce Martinazzi** who received the Chamber's Lifetime Achievement Award at the Celebrate Tualatin Luncheon on March 14.

Loyce is co-founder of the Historical Society, author of *Tualatin...From the Beginning* and writes a monthly local history column for *Tualatin Life*.

Congratulations also to Spirit of Tualatin Award winners Alex & Dave Carney of **Tualatin Auto Body**, a Winona Grange Business member.

Hosting Chamber of Commerce

Winona Grange hosted the Tualatin Chamber of Commerce AM Networking on **December 16**. Unfortunately the weather was bitter cold and the roads icy so attendance was unusually low.

However, as usual we wowed our local business leaders with our homemade goodies. Most took a muffin or two to enjoy later.



Our raffle items were also a big hit: **Loyce Martinazzi** made two Christmas center pieces, **Dick Naven** contributed two \$50 gift cards, and the Winona Grange business membership was won by **Alex Bertolucci** of Washington County Solid Waste & Recycling.

Website

Don't forget to check our website for the latest info: www.winonagrang271.org



First sign of spring!

Winona Grange Mission

This mission statement was adopted at our November 10, 2012 meeting:

The mission of Winona Grange, chartered in Tualatin, Oregon in 1895, is to provide opportunities for involvement and leadership in community service, for individuals and families; to maintain our local advocacy for agriculture; and to welcome the community into our Grange Hall for a wide variety of educational and social events, portraying our traditional American family values.

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Mark your calendar for:

Saturday, April 8
May 13
June 10

Potluck **brunch** is at **10 am** followed by our meeting at **11 am** at **8340 SW Seneca** on the Tualatin Commons