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## MICHIGAN STATE GRANGE 150TH ANNUAL CONVENTION



**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

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Dec. 25	Christmas Day
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## Spiritual Holiday Readiness

This year I am tempted to keep a close count of the number of times I hear the question, "Are you ready for the holidays?"

What does that mean exactly? If I were to guess what people mean when they ask one another if they are "ready for the holidays," I would say most are not talking about spiritual readiness. I bet what they typically mean is, "Have you made a list of all the stuff you need to do before the 25th and have you checked it off?"

Usually the answer that follows is a long list of to-do's before Christmas day. Baking, sending Christmas cards, buying and wrapping gifts, hiding presents from the children, or delivering them to neighbors, choir or band practice, preparing for guests, or preparing to travel.

I wonder, if Jesus were making a holiday preparations list, what would He include? What if those who were there on Christ's birth day could advise us on getting ready for Christmas? What would be on their list?

Joseph might recommend we listen closely to the voice of God to prepare.

Mary may suggest we ponder the miracles of heaven. Perhaps the angels would propose we sing about the King. The shepherds may gently guide us to follow their act of worship.

Possibly the wise men would teach us to give Jesus our most valuable gifts.

The innkeeper may suggest "Hospitality: open your heart and home."

And Jesus' list would likely encourage us to be a light on the hill pointing the way for others to know Him.

Comparing my to-do list to the ones above, I wonder if I lived at that time, would I have missed Christ's birth? Would my busyness have kept me from slowing down to take time to worship in the stable? Unfortunately I have "missed" many Christmases in the here and now because I've not slowed down long enough to bow my knees and experience the miracle.

I want Christmas for my family to be more about an act of worship and awe than a frenzy to decorate, shop, and jump through the world's hoops. I don't want to miss the true reason we celebrate.

## In Memory Of



### DON IMBER

July 19, 1941 — September 24, 2023

Brother Don served the Michigan State Grange as a member of the Executive Committee from 2008-2010

He was a member of the North Adrian Grange #721.

Don was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Moose Club, Eagles, and Rotary. He was the Clinton Township Supervisor for a number of years. He was active at St. Elizabeth, St. Dominic and St. Joseph's Shrine over the years; He offered an abundance of talent, treasure, fellowship, and volunteer work through these various organizations.

Don and his wife Louise had seven children and adopted another to make eight. He is survived by seven children, twelve grandchildren and one great grandchild on the way.

He was preceded in death by his wife Louise and son Matt.

WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

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Congratulations to all the members of the Michigan State Grange on completing our 150th convention. At the same time the Michigan State Grange congratulates every Grange in Michigan that has obtained 150 years of service to our local communities this year. Job well done.

As we start moving towards the end of the beautiful Michigan Autumn and the colors of the trees begin to dwindle, we move towards the purest season of winter. When the green grass turns to the beautiful white snow, that resembles a big fluffy blanket protecting the ground and all those wonderful animals that live beneath the soil, until the sun warms the earth again in the spring. In the fourth degree we learn about the benefits of our bounty, while planning for the next season. Now that we have finished one Grange year and are starting the next, let us be thankful for all of our accomplishments and achievements we have accomplished over the last one hundred and fifty years and let us begin planning for the next one hundred fifty years of serving the citizens of the great state of Michigan. Brother Jeff Swainston is putting together a committee to report at the next session about the conferral of the fifth degree at the session. If you have suggestions or would like to assist his committee please contact him. I am currently looking to put together a fundraising committee, so if you have suggestions for the committee or individuals that may be beneficial to the committee please let me know.

Next year we will be co-hosting the National Grange convention in Bettendorf, Iowa. There will be many positions that will need to be filled; if you are planning to attend and are willing to assist in preparation for and during the session please let Connie know and she will get you in touch with the parties in charge of the different areas.

This year the delegate body passed several resolutions and made updates to our legislative policy booklet and to the directives of the Michigan State Grange by-laws. Two of the resolutions that were passed will be heading to National Grange for deliberation by the National Grange delegate body. One was dealing with a review of the process of the United States Postal Service and the other was requiring the US currency be accepted as a form of

payment at all establishments.

Until next time!!!

## Special Congratulations to Kevin Young!! Named Michigan's VIP of the Year



**SILENT AUCTION** was a huge success this year at our convention. We had four tables full of items to bid on and bid you did. The battle between who was going for the most on the Michigan and Michigan State baskets got to be rather exciting. Or the basket full of yarn, who would have thought that many people wanted yarn! Thank you everyone who placed a bid!



## DEAF AWARENESS

## Awards

### Those that sent donations to the Fund

Fredonia #1713	Mid Michigan Pomona #61
Gratiot #1898	Home #129
Community #1675	Studley #1174
Oceana Center #1047	Burns #160
Barnard #689	West Oshtemo #1630
North Adrian #721	Pittsfield Union #882
Kinney #754	

### Those that participated in the Adopt-a-child Program

St. Joseph –Cass-Kalamazoo Pomona #4	
Mid Michigan Pomona #61	Gratiot #1898
Burns #160	Home #129
Fredonia #1713	Community #1675
Colon #215	Studley #1174
Oceana Center #1047	North Adrian #721
Barnard #689	Plymouth/Westland #389
Kinney #754	Burr Oak #1350
Mosherville #1351	Phil/Luanna Swainston
Dale Moore/Peggy Johnston/ Sharon Popler	
Ted/Helen Mudd & Tricia Eidsmoe	
Kevin/Russ/Dale/Lena Young	Claudia Libbey family
Fran Longsdorf	Mike Warner
National Grange	

### Those that filed their reports

1. Burns #160	Peggy Johnston
2. Gratiot #1898	Sharon Popler
3. Community #1675	Lena Young
4. Mid Michigan Pomona #61	Dale Moore
5. Home #129	Dawn Laupp
6. Oceana Center #1047	Janice Merten
7. West Oshtemo #1630	Gene Rhodes
8. Studley #1174	Helen Mudd
9. Harbor Springs #730	Angela Kurburski
10. North Adrian #721	Sandra LaHart
11. Lenawee County Pomona #15	Sandra LaHart

## DEAF AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST

### Junior entry:

1st Place: Olivia Sivyer Burns Grange #160  
Shiawassee County



## MEMBERSHIP

## Winners!!

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Welcome to the 150<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Michigan State Grange in Adrian.

It is hard to believe another state session is upon us. I hope every Grange is promoting membership in their community. I know it is a hard thing to do. Even at Studley Grange in Midland, my home Grange, we have trouble getting members. Many people are busy or just do not want to join an organization. Keep in mind that if you can get them to help you with events or projects, they may see the good things your Grange does and join in the future. Facebook, Instagram and a website are other ways to promote your Grange to the community. Offer associate memberships for those that don't want to attend meetings. We just need to keep promoting this wonderful organization!

I hope all Granges enjoyed the Sister Grange Program. I will be reading all the reports that were sent to me and making a plan for next year's program.

Please contact me about any membership questions you may have. I look forward to seeing many of you in Adrian!

Membership reports were received from 13 of the 22 subordinate Granges in the state.

Barnard #689	Burns #160
Community #1675	Fredonia #1713
Gratiot #1898	Harbor Springs #730
Home #129	North Adrian #721
Ocean Center #1047	Studley #1174
Summit City #672	West Oshtemo #1630
White Pigeon #1345	

The membership year runs from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Five Granges had an increase in membership during this time period:

Barnard #689 – 5 new members  
Oceana Center #1047 – 6 new members  
Studley #1174 – 1 new member  
West Oshtemo #1630 – 4 new members  
White Pigeon #1345 – 2 new members  
Burns #160 – 5 new members but didn't have an increase.

The Sister Grange was a program I originated from a National Grange Membership Matters Zoom meeting. Four Granges participated in the program:

Barnard #689	Burns #160
Fredonia #1713	Harbor Springs #730

Thanks again to all Granges participating in the membership program! Keep up the good work and I hope to see more reports next year with lots of new members!

We had a nice display of photography and other arts items this year at State Grange. Thanks to all for entering. Congratulations to the winners listed below. Our judges were very conscientious and had expertise in a variety of areas that we have contests. Since it was my first year for some of the contests, I learned a few things! Within the next month or so, my committee and I will be creating next year's Lecturer's Program. The Baked Goods classes will be different next year, in order to have more potential entries. The photography classes will be somewhat modified also. If you have a particular category of photos you would like to see added, please let me know. People and Animals will remain. If there are other contests that you feel fit into the Lecturer's Program, let me know that as well. E-mail or phone calls work well for me.

Happy Holidays to all!



## Share the Warmth Shelter

The bake goods that were entered in the contests this year were auctioned off on Thursday night of the convention. The proceeds to be given to the Share the Warmth Shelter in Adrian. Between the amounts given for the auctioned items and donations a total of \$450.00 was presented to the representatives that came to the session on Friday.

## Winners!

### Art Contest:

#### Class A. Drawing or Painting

1st place: Naomi Fletcher, Burns #160

#### Class B. Three Dimensional Art Objects

1st place: Rebecca Winter, Home #129

2nd place: LaDonna Kurburski, Harbor Springs #730

3rd place: Eugene Fletcher, Burns #160

### Family Heritage:

#### Subordinate:

1st place: Naomi Fletcher, Burns #160

### Photography Contest:

#### Class A — Animals Juniors 8 & under

1st. Winter Hsu-Bishop, Home #129

#### Animals Subordinate

1st. Kathryn Hsu-Bishop, Home #129

2nd. Sharon Popler, Burns #160

3rd. Kevin Young, Community #1675

#### Class B. — People Juniors 8 & under

1st place: Winter Hsu-Bishop Home #129

#### — People Subordinate

1st place: Kathryn Hsu-Bishop Home #129

2nd place: Lena Young, Community #1675

3rd place: Dale Young, Community #1675

#### Class C. —Farm Crops Scene Juniors 8 & under

1st place: Winter Hsu-Bishop, Home #129

#### — Farm Crops Scene Subordinate

1st place: Kathryn Hsu-Bishop Home #129

2nd place: Naomi Fletcher Burns #160

3rd place: Sharon Popler Burns #160

#### Class D. —County Fair — Subordinate

1st place: Dale Young, Community #1675

2nd place: Marcus Johnston, Gratiot #1898

3rd place: Kevin Young, Community #1675

#### Class E. —Gardens — Juniors 8 & under

1st place: Winter Hsu-Bishop, Home #129

#### —Gardens — Subordinate

1st place: Dale Young, Community #1675

2nd place: Kathryn Hsu-Bishop, Home #129

3rd place: Naomi Fletcher, Burns #160

### Home Made Food Contest:

#### Class A — Quick Breads — Subordinate

1st place: Barbara Johnston, North Adrian #721

2nd place: Ted Mudd, Studley #1174

#### Class C — Bars, Brownies, etc. — Subordinate

1st place: Tricia Eidsmoe, Studley #1174

#### Class D —Canned Items — Subordinate

1st place: Sharon Popler, Burns #160

2nd place: Barbara Johnston, North Adrian #721

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## Community Service

## Winners

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The Michigan State Grange Session has come to a close once again. I would like to thank all our Grangers who helped to promote Community Service in their communities during another this year.

Lets work with our Partner Grange to help one another out with one new project/service this next year for your community.

We had another successful year. We have 22 subordinate Granges with 10 Granges submitted Community Service Reports for a total of 16,044 service hours with 3 Granges submitting no service hours.

### **Congratulation Everyone!!!!**

Thank you to all Granges for promoting Community Service and taking the time to complete a report and summiting it to me.

### **2023 Michigan State Grange Community Service Winners**

#### **Under 40 Members**

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Community Grange #1675  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Harbor Springs # 730  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Studley Grange #1174

### **2023 Michigan State Grange Community Service Winners**

#### **40 members and over**

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Pittsfield Union #882  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Fredonia Grange #1713  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Burns Grange #160

The NG requests our 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> place winners. Based on total number of points from the judging. Following are the Granges recognized as the top winners.

4<sup>th</sup> Place Harbor Springs #730  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Fredonia Grange #1713  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Burns Grange #160  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Studley Grange #1174

### **2023 Very Important Patron**

### **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

**Kevin Young,  
Community Grange #1675**

\*\*\* Next Years Community Service Reports will be due on September 10th, 2024.

**Happy Thanksgiving and  
Merry Christmas Everyone!!!!!!**



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### Annual Report:

Welcome to the 150th Annual Convention of the Michigan State Grange!! It is hard to believe that it is time for yet another Michigan State Grange Session. Time sure goes by fast and for some reason this year has gone by way too fast!! I hope everyone has enjoyed my articles as at times I felt like I was just rambling on but at the time I was writing them it was what was on my mind. Agriculture in our Great State is a very important part of life and of the State Economy, and I feel honored to be the Director of the MSG Agriculture Department. It has been a very up and down year so far for Agriculture in our Country and it isn't over yet. As our elected officials that represent us in Washington DC work on the new Farm Bill, we need to be mindful of the items that they may add or delete from it. We need to use our voice to let our State representatives know before it is too late that farmers are still struggling and we need to support the farmers more than ever as they continue to feed our Country and the World. We the Grange, need to stand strong more than ever to let everyone know that the Grange is still alive and here to help our friends in Agriculture.

I look forward to seeing what entries will be in the Ag Department classes this year. It has been another strange growing season in 2023. I hope to continue to bring you information on this Department that has meant so much to our Great Organization when it was first founded! I hope everyone enjoys the State Session and their stay in Adrian!!!



### Contest Winners:

#### **Class I —A— Vegetables — Potatoes**

1st place: Timothy Johnston, North Adrian #721

2nd place: Eric Johnston, North Adrian #721

#### **Class I—B— Winter Squash**

1st place: Lena Young, Community #1675

2nd place: Joanne Cebulski, Barnard #689

3rd place: Kevin Young, Community #1675

#### **Class II —Flowers B-Any type of plant in a unique pot**

1st place: Tricia Eidsmoe, Studley #1174

#### **Class II — Flowers C- Bloom of various flowers**

1st place: Peggy Johnston, Burns #160

2nd place: Sharon Popler, Burns #160

3rd place: Tricia Eidsmoe, Studley #1174

#### **Class III — Other Categories—A—Pumpkin, painted or decorated**

1st place: Peggy Johnston, Burns #160

2nd place: Sharon Popler, Burns #160

3rd place: Evelyn Ward, Burns #160

#### **Class III—Other Categories—Decorated Flower Pot**

1st place: Barbara Johnston, North Adrian #721

2nd place: Dale Moore, Burns #160

3rd place: Peggy Johnston, Burns #160

***I was so overly pleased with the number of entries this year. Hopefully this is just the beginning of great things for the Agriculture Program.***

### **A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ST. JOSEPH/CASS/KALAMAZOO POMONA GRANGE #4**

For the box full of office supplies for the Michigan State Grange Office. Reams of paper, envelopes, paperclips, stamps, tape, rubber bands, sticky notes, pens, dry erase markers, candle, a desk light so I can work throughout the night and a couple of items for me as well ... a loofah bath sponge and a bottle of body wash to help me relax! Thank you everyone for your generosity to the MSG & me.



## GRANGE HAPPENINGS

### St. Joseph County Grange Fair

For over 100 years, the Granges of St. Joseph County has been putting up displays at the St. Joseph County Grange Fair. Today it's not quite as large a booth as past years with the big show of agriculture and home arts, but we still do a display.

Five Granges make up the St. Joseph-Cass-Kalamazoo Pomona regional Grange #4; Colon #215, White Pigeon #1345, and Burr Oak #1350 in St. Joseph County; Community \$1675 in Cass County and West Oshtemo #1630 in Kalamazoo County.

The theme for the 2023 exhibit was "Grange membership may cause personal happiness and community pride, join today!"

Darlene Tate served as Chairman with the support of many other dedicated Grangers.



When September rolls around it means it's time for another edition of the St. Joseph County Grange Fair. The Grange assumed management and operations in 1916. Since that time, 16 St. Joseph County Granges have each been represented by an elected director, but hundreds of dedicated St. Joseph County Grangers have contributed to it's success.

A few years ago, our Pomona Grange erected a memorial just outside the "Grange Building" to recognize the centennial of the Grange fair. Later it was decided to place small plaques onto the marker recognizing outstanding dedication by our Granges with two honorees a year.

The first two to be honored were Lester Schrader and Howard Bucknell. Both were early and strong leaders of the Grange fair, serving many years. Bucknell, a Sturgis Grangers, served as President and

Schrader of Centreville Grange was a manager.

The following year, Wayne Hagelgans and Wilma Garman Bordner were selected. Hagelgans, a Colon Granger, served as manager. Wilma was a member of the Parkville, Mendon, and later on the Burr Oak Granges; and served as Board Secretary. Wilma was always the "go-to-person for the Grange fair history and operations.

This year's honored Grangers, the 2023 class, are Phil Clipfell of Colon Grange, and Robert and Peg Brown of Burr Oak Grange. Phil represented his Grange for many years as a director. The Brown's were always the dynamic duo for the Grange fair. Bob served as a director and board president for many years. Bob and Peg, always a team, handled the free entertainment tent from it's inception. Together they secured entertainment of various types to appeal to all interests.

All of the names contributed liberally of their time and talents to make the St. Joseph County Grange Fair the success it has been. But just as importantly, maybe moreso, they were each dedicated to their local Granges to prosper.

Who will be honored in 2024? Time will tell, so watch and see!



## **INFORMATION/PUBLICITY AWARDS**

St. Joseph/Cass/Kalamazoo Pomona #4  
Lenawee County Pomona #15  
Mid Michigan Pomona #61  
Barnard #689  
Burns #160  
Burr Oak #1350  
Colon #215  
Community #1675  
Fern #803  
Fredonia #1713  
Gratiot #1898  
Harbor Springs #730  
Home #129  
Kinney #754  
Maple Leaf #940  
North Adrian #721  
Oceana Center #1047  
Studley #1174  
Summit City #672  
West Oshtemo #1630

## **MASTER'S AWARDS**

### **Host Region:**

Mosherville #1351  
Adams #286  
North Adrian #721  
Pittsfield Union #882  
Plymouth/Westland #389

### **150TH COMMITTEE**

Richard Hazen  
Jackie Bishop  
Teri Maisner  
Randy Nail  
Alayna Nail  
Mary Ann Rocco  
Lori Peck  
Jen Rice

## **JUNIOR AWARDS:**

### **Jr. Appreciation & Youth Appreciation**

Burns #160  
Community #1675  
Studley #1174  
Home #129  
Gratiot #1898

## **JUNIOR CRAFT AWARDS**

Beaded Necklace

1st place: Olivia Sivyer Burns Grange #160  
Shiawassee County

## **YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT AWARDS**

### **Achievement**

Nicholas Eidsmoe  
Brennan Mudd  
Shane Mudd  
Gwen Eidsmoe  
Dillan Driskell  
Alli Maylum  
Neal Ambrose  
Marcus Johnston  
Cory Johnston

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### **Lecturers Award Winners Continued from page 5**

## **Hand Crafted Arts Contest**

### **Class A — Created from Yarn –Subordinate**

1st place: Rebecca Winter, Home #129  
2nd place: Naomi Fletcher, Burns #160  
3rd place: Jesse Ewing, Plymouth/Westland 389

### **Class B —Created From Paper- Subordinate**

1st place: Rebecca Winter, Home #129

### **Class C —Created from Fabric- Subordinate**

1st place: Naomi Fletcher, Burns #160  
2nd place: Rebecca Moghaizel, Burns #160  
3rd place: Helen Mudd, Studley #1174

### **Class D —Created with Thread- Subordinate**

1st place: Naomi Fletcher, Burns #160

### **Class E—Created w/Mixed Media—Subord.**

1st place: Rebecca Winter, Home #129  
2nd place: LaDonna Kurburski, Harbor Spgs730  
3rd place: Eugene Fletcher, Burns #160

### **Class F — Misc. Crafts — Subordinate**

1st place: Peggy Johnston, Burns #160  
2nd place: Sharon Popler, Burns #160  
3rd place: Fran Longsdorf, Burns #160

### **Jigsaw Puzzles (NEW) Not Judged**

Rodney Wagner, Roland Winter, Vera Hazel,  
Jackie Bishop

### **Best of Show —Rebecca Winter, Home 129**

### **Certificates for Reporting: Pomona Granges**

Lenawee County Pomona #15/North Adrian  
#721, Mid Michigan Pomona #61, St. Joseph/  
Cass/Kalamazoo Pomona #4

**Subordinate Granges:** Barnard #689, Burns  
#160, Community #1675, Gratiot #1898, Harbor  
Springs #730, Home #129, Pittsfield Union  
#882, Studley #1174, West Oshtemo #1630,

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Brothers and Sisters,

It is my great honor to provide the Michigan State Grange a report of the state of the Michigan Grange Foundation on behalf of the full board. I would first like to congratulate the Michigan State Grange on it's 150 years of service to the state of Michigan through it's continued advocacy on behalf of the small family farmer and the communities you serve.

Members of the Board of the Foundation include Jackie Bishop-Vice President, Kathryn Strouse - Secretary/Treasurer, Jeff Swainston-Director and Chris Johnston-Director. Each of these individuals have worked together in making major decisions on behalf of the Foundation. Thank you for your dedication to the work of the Foundation.

The Foundation's work has focused over the years on providing charitable contributions, education and healthcare. The Foundation considers requests from educational institutions, historical societies, and other such organizations whose purpose aligns with the aims and purposes of the Foundation. The Foundation also provides student loans to individuals seeking higher education in university, college or vocational arenas. In addition, the Foundation supports the work of the Grange as a whole through newsletters and postage, and the work of the MSG Department Directors to carry out and develop programs relevant to today's Grange.

The work of the Foundation relies on the generosity of members and friends of the Grange through donations, bequests and repayments of student loans. Additionally, investments generate interest to assist in perpetuating the Foundation funds. In April, we met with the fiduciary to discuss the need for re-investment of one of the annuities. The Board decided to re-invest the annuity for an additional 10 year period. Returns are expected to be a bit higher as interest rates for the long-term have increased. We have been assured that if the market investments go down, there is no loss in principle to the fund. The Financial Report is attached to this report for your review.

Through the years, the generosity of members and friends have allowed the MSG Foundation to per-

petuate it's work. Most recently, you honored Luanna Swainston, Deaf Awareness Director, who passed away this last summer, with your generosity.

An additional important item of note are the funds specifically dedicated to securing a monument commemorating Past State Master Jonathan Woodman. The Sesquicentennial Committee was charged with completing the task of securing needed information to complete the necessary paperwork to set the monument. Now that the Celebration has come to a successful conclusion, we hope to see the monument/memorial completed as well.

As always, the Foundation thanks the Grange members and friends for their generosity over the years. Your donations assist in continuing the work of the Grange and this Foundation. As a 501©3 organization, your contributions are tax deductible.

Fraternally, Naomi Fletcher, Board President  
Michigan State Grange Foundation

### **Michigan State Grange Foundation Financial Report**

#### **ASSETS:**

New Annuity	\$154,560.69
Athene Annuity 2	64,528.73
Checking Account	27,360.53
Student Loans	9,060.00

<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$231,349.62</b>
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#### **ALLOCATED FUNDS:**

Endowment Fund	\$102,042.84
Student Loan Fund	26,940.00
MSG Dir Prom & Dev. Fund	3,395.44
Michigan Disaster Fund	383.00
Jonathan Woodman Mem. Fund	2,043.00
Deaf Awareness Fund	277.50

<b>Total Allocated Funds</b>	<b>\$128,319.28</b>
<b>Non Allocated Funds</b>	<b>\$103,030.34</b>

#### **MONEY COMING IN**

STUDENT LOAN INCOME	3,200.00
MEMORIAL INCOME	1,055.00
UNITED WAY DONATION	86.24
AMAZON	16.25

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# MONEY GOING OUT:

DEAF AWARENESS	\$300.00
POSTAGE	49.29
BANK CHARGES	104.00

*I'd like to thank Kathryn Strouse for her many years of service as Secretary/Treasurer of the Foundation. Her financial background has been an asset to the Foundation. Jackie Bishop has been elected the new Secretary/Treasurer and any/all donations to the Foundation should be sent to her in the future. New member Sue Wagner has been elected to Vice President of the Foundation. Welcome-Sue!*

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## HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS ANNUAL REPORT

As I returned to better health this year, I worked on replying to e-mails and questions that

come through the Michigan State Grange website and to the Michigan State Grange office regarding historical information. Jackie Bishop, daughter, helped respond to some of these e-mails. If we could find answers to their questions, we e-mailed the information found back to them. We also responded if we did not know the answers to their questions or do not have saved historical information. There seems to be increased interest in Grange materials – we averaged close to one inquiry per month this past year.

Jackie used information from the historical databases I have created for four Sesquicentennial projects: 1) Powerpoint presentation of Michigan State Grange history at the Sesquicentennial Gala, 2) History of the Michigan State Grange, with references to additional resources, 3) a map showing the number of Granges in each county, and 4) application to the Historical Society of Michigan resulting in a plaque honoring Michigan State Grange sesquicentennial.

I still spend some time sorting material and deciding what is the most important to save from material that comes to me during the year. More material as it is found will be sent to the Bentley Historical Library in Ann Arbor where a lot of our historic records are preserved, and also to the Archives/Library at Michigan State University. Both places are glad to receive the material. This year, I delivered to Bentley Library several boxes of records the day of the Sesquicentennial Gala. Although not yet scheduled, the head of the Bentley Library wishes to view my museum materials and consider more ways that we can provide them material. Some material is still stored in my basement.

I welcome everyone to this Annual Session of the Michigan State Grange if I can be of any help to you, or answer any questions feel free to ask. I check my e-mails regularly, so this is the best form of communication.

*Fraternally, Roland Winter*

## GRANGE HAPPENINGS

### BURNS #160 HELD 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Thank you to all that attended our anniversary celebration. We really appreciate each and everyone of you. It was a great day for a party for a great purpose. **150 YEARS!!** Hard to believe anything would last that long these days, but the Grange has and will be around for a lot longer.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY BURNS GRANGE #160**



### DISPLAYS



### INSTALLATION OF OFFICER

### ENJOYMENT OF THE FEAST TABLE



### The Annual Michigan State Grange

Convention is more than just working on resolutions, doing the degrees, entering contests...it's meeting new people, reconnecting with ones you have known, learning and just plain having a super great time!! Plan to join us next time. Let's try for representation from all of our Granges.

