



Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter

Meeting Location:

Millerstown Community Park Building
110 Juniata Parkway West, Millerstown, PA 17062

Making Lantern Fly Traps



Greenwood FFA members assisted Krista Pontius to teach those attending the Sept. 8th Grange meeting how to make a trap to catch Spotted Lantern Flies. The Grange purchased materials for 100 traps and distributed them throughout the community to help stop this destructive insect.

Rain Didn't Dampen the Enthusiasm at the Pomona Grange Picnic



Although it was only mid-September, it was chilly enough to need a jacket for this event held at Little Buffalo State Park. Lots of food and fellowship was enjoyed; the afternoon ended with a memorial service in memory of deceased members.



150th Anniversary

Perry Valley had six representatives attend the annual session of the PA State Grange held Oct. 18-22 in Morgantown when 150 years of service was celebrated.



Our tabletop display at State Grange shared the history and activities of Perry Valley Grange.



Krista Pontius joined speaker Dr. Gary Moore from North Carolina on the yellow brick road “Looking for the Wizard of Oz in the Grange”. Krista arranged for the speaker and Doug Bonsall was general chair of the 150th Anniversary Committee.

Recognition for Longtime Grange Members

Bill Cameron was one of 10 persons from across Pennsylvania recognized at State Grange for having received the Sixth (state) Degree 70 or more years ago. Bill received his degree in 1950 at York. On Page 8 of this newsletter you can see Bill accepting a fresh red rose from the current State Grange Flora and receiving congratulations from State President Matt Espenshade.

Speaking of longtime Grangers, the following Perry Valley members are scheduled to be recognized at the Nov. 10th meeting for continuous membership:

- **60 years** – Edgar Byers
- **55 years** – Nancy Walker
- **45 years** – Scott Delancey, Don Brightbill
- **25 years** – Carol Eckenrode, Natalie Fritz, Alice Kirchner, Susan Tressler
- **20 years** – Renee Hetrick
- **15 years** – Ezra Grubb
- **10 years** – Carl Landis
- **5 years** – Dan Barkley

Celebrating Special Days

| November Anniversaries | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 8 | Dennis & Lori Comp |
| December Birthdays | |
| 5 | Shirley Delancey |
| 9 | Frank Campbell |
| 10 | Boyd Delancey, Janette Witmer |
| 25 | Nancy Walker |
| December Anniversaries | |
| 7 | Ken & Peg Bolton |

Financial Report

Checking Balance 9/1/2023\$ 25,424.63
PLUS: Receipts – Sept.-Oct.. + 461.66
LESS: Expenses – Sept.-Oct..... - 2,627.52
 Checking Balance 10/31/2023\$ 23,258.77
 Certificates of Deposit.....\$114,148.73

Apple Dumplings

Even the youngest got to help the Grange make 150 dumplings for the FFA Alumni "Farm to Fork" benefit dinner held Oct. 7th at the fairgrounds. About \$10,000 was raised to support FFA activities.



| November 2023 Calendar | |
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| 10 | Grange Meeting – 7 p.m. @ Millerstown Park Community Building Program – <i>Visit to Uganda (see details below)</i> Social Hour Host – Doug Bonsall |
| 21 | Executive Committee Meeting – 7 p.m. Home of Ken & Peg Bolton |
| 28 | Pomona Grange Meeting @ Oliver – 7 p.m. Program – <i>"The Real Meaning of Thanksgiving – Food, Faith & Football"</i> by John Maietta |

Visit Uganda on Nov. 10th

Our speaker this evening is Mia Sullivan who is part of the Global Teach Ag Network at Penn State. As a part of her assignment, Mia travelled to Uganda this summer to experience agriculture education and Ugandan culture. Mia is going to take us on a trip to Uganda and share some of her valuable life lessons learned while she was visiting.

| December 2023 Calendar | |
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| No meeting this month at Community Park | |
| 3 | Reservations due for Pomona Grange Outing & Holiday Dinner (<i>see details on Page 4</i>) |
| 8 | Holiday Potluck at home of Doug Bonsall & Craig Staller, 300 Swatara Street, Dauphin - 6:30 p.m. (<i>see details below</i>) |
| 10 | All welcome - Pomona Grange Holiday Outing to Governor's Home Open House, Harrisburg (meet in Dauphin to carpool at 2:30 p.m.) and dinner at Ranch House Restaurant, Ducannon @ 5:30 p.m. (<i>see details on Page 4</i>) |
| 26 | Pomona Grange Executive Committee Meeting – 7 p.m. @ Millerstown Park Community Building |
| 30 | Work day for New Year's Dinner at Park Building (<i>see details on Page 5</i>) |

Perry Valley's annual holiday potluck dinner will be held Dec. 8th in the home of Doug Bonsall & Craig Staller, 300 Swatara Street, Dauphin beginning at 6:30 p.m. Meat, beverage and place settings will be provided and everyone attending is asked to bring a favorite casserole, salad or dessert to share.

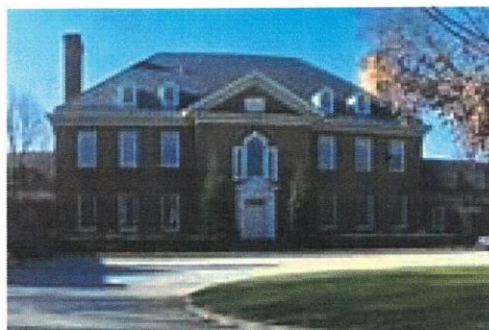
Back by popular demand, Craig is planning several holiday games – some new, others returning favorites. Please bring a \$10 wrapped gift suitable for either man or woman.

Perry County Pomona Grange

Holiday Outing/Dinner



Sunday, December 10, 2023



Visit the PA Governor's Home Holiday Open House

2035 N. Front St., Harrisburg –

Enter through Second Street security gate

Free admission; musical entertainment; light refreshments; seasonal decorations

For carpooling to Harrisburg, meet at 2:30 p.m. in Dauphin Park & Ride Lot

Buffet Dinner @ The Ranch House Restaurant

3456 Susquehanna Trail, Duncannon – Served at 5:30 p.m.

MENU - Roast beef, baked fish, potato, vegetable, tossed salad & dressing, choice of beverages, dinner rolls/butter and a delicious selection of homemade desserts

Ticket price: \$20 – Perry County Grange members; \$25 - guests

Meal cost subsidized by the Pomona Grange to thank volunteers for support of Grange activities.

Advance reservations with payment required by 12/3/2023; no refunds after this date

Perry County Grange Holiday Outing 12/10/2023 Reservations

Name _____ E-mail _____ Phone ___ - ___ - _____

Number of Governor's Home Open House reservations: _____

Will meet @ Dauphin Park & Ride Lot to carpool _____ Will drive directly to Harrisburg _____

Number of dinner reservations: _____ @ 20 (Grange members) _____ @ \$25 (guests)

Total enclosed: \$_____ Make checks payable to: **Perry County Pomona Grange**

Mail to: **Doug Bonsall, PO Box 765, Dauphin, PA 17018** (Questions: 717-921-1957)

Reservations deadline is 12/3/2023

Take-Out Benefit Dinner

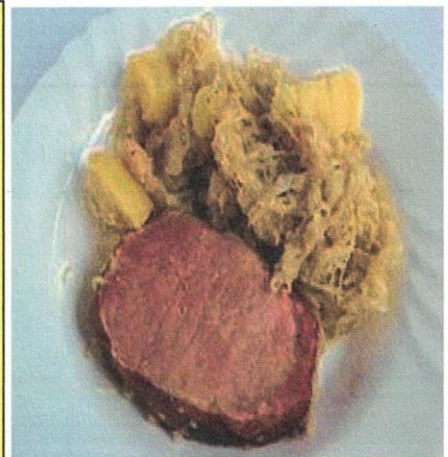
*Supporting Capital Improvements
at Millerstown Community Park*

Sponsored by Perry Valley Grange
New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 2024

**Roast Pork Loin + Homemade
Sauerkraut or Stuffing**

**Roast Pork Loin, Homemade
Sauerkraut (or alternate - stuffing with
gravy), Mashed Potatoes, Buttered
Vegetable, Applesauce, Sweet Pickles,
Roll & Butter, Assorted Cakes**

*Suggested minimum donation of \$12 per meal
is requested; additional donations accepted to
help the Grange raise funds for the park.*



Advance reservations strongly suggested*

Contact Peg Bolton @ 717-589-3897 by 12/27/2023

**Limited # of meals available without reservations*

Pick-up 11 a.m.-1 p.m. @ Park Building

110 Juniata Parkway West, Millerstown

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Grange Dues for 2024

Please help the Grange save postage by paying dues in person at the next meeting. Dues remain at: adults - \$50, youth - \$15, family/household - \$100, Business Sponsor - \$60. Dues provide member families with the bimonthly *PA Grange News* and helps maintain a legislative presence in Harrisburg and Washington. Dues may also be mailed to:

Peg Bolton, Secretary
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**November-December 2023
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Bill Cameron Honored @ State Grange

See page 2 for more details for this milestone event

