



Winona Grange # 271



Established in Tualatin in 1895
Fall 2011 Newsletter

Loyce Sings Her Way to Tulsa



Loyce Martinazzi took center stage at the Talent Contest during the State Grange Convention in June. Playing her guitar and singing "Me and Bobbie McGee," Loyce quickly connected with the audience.

The judges awarded Loyce first place in the vocal category and then named her the Overall Winner. Her reward is a trip to the National Grange Convention in Tulsa, OK in November where she will perform, representing Oregon during the Evening of Excellence.

Scholarship Awarded to a Farmer

Jillian Lee Bradley of Sherwood High School is the 2011 recipient of the Winona Grange Scholarship. Jillian served as Parliamentarian and fund-raising chairperson of Sherwood's FFA chapter. She especially enjoys raising and showing sheep. She also raised chickens and a calf. She plans to major in animal science at Oregon State University and become a livestock veterinarian.

Jillian also received scholarships from the Sherwood HS FFA Alumni Association and the Washington County Farm Bureau.



Serving at the Senior Center

Winona Grange was instrumental in founding the Juanita Pohl Senior Center. For years two members have volunteered to serve lunch on the second Friday of each month.



Tom Marr and Abigail Elder, Tualatin Public Library Manager run the dishwasher

Typically our volunteers have set up the salad bar and served salad, dished up the main course, run the dishwasher, and cleaned the dining room. Now the Senior Center's needs are changing to meal preparation rather than serving, and they are requiring three volunteers per month. Who can help?

August Meeting Date Changed

Tualatin's Crawfish Festival is the 2nd weekend in August. In the past we have changed our meeting date because we have had a float in the parade. This year we didn't have an parade entry, but members wanted to support the Grand Marshall, our fellow member, Larry McClure.



Crawfish Festival Parade Grand Marshall Larry McClure mopping the Senior Center floor the day before the parade; note the crawfish on his hat

Since the Crawfish Festival always conflicts with our August meeting date, we decided to permanently change our August meeting from the 2nd Saturday to the 1st Saturday.

Saga of the Grange Garden and Farmers Market Booth

Loyce, with a little help from Carol, Marilyn, and others, planted a huge garden at Craig Lee's farm. The first few weeks of the Farmers Market, we had lots of customers but little to sell. Now at the end of the season, just like last year, we have lots of produce and not as many customers. Here are Loyce's reports throughout the season.

June 25: "We sold \$39 worth both last night and last Friday. I also sold \$3 worth of rhubarb later. So far that's \$81, not a lot, but better than a kick in the pants. The best news, however, is that we got a new member (**Darlene Speicher**), and she is willing to help work the booth. Also gave out a membership brochure to a woman whose grandmother was Master of Winona Grange when the hall

was built. I told her she should join the Grange, and she agreed she should. We'll see."



Eleanor Fitzgerald selling greens

August 2: "I think we should not try to sell so much lettuce, spinach and chard. We now have yellow wax beans, purple beans, fava beans, peas, onions, a few beets, and potatoes. And of course, zucchini. I think they will sell better. I might even be able to pull some baby carrots.

I took 23 pounds of produce to the food pantry yesterday. A lady who lives next to the garden works at the pantry on Wednesday, and she takes quite a lot of the greens.

There is so much lettuce, chard and spinach up there that is ready and going to waste. I guess too much of that stuff was planted."



Bill Fitzgerald with a variety of produce

August 27: "We made \$134 at the market last night, but we did not sell half our produce. The garden up at Lees is producing like crazy. Craig has set up the irrigation pipe and shoots lots of water to the garden often. I need to pick the Blue Lake pole beans every day. I am somewhat disappointed that there are not more shoppers at the market willing to buy our wonderful organic produce. So much time and labor is involved to pick, wash and package, and man the booth. I have been taking over 50 pounds every week to the food pantry."

September 2: "Tonight we made \$154, the most so far. The total is \$1,008. Not bad, I'd say, and the tomatoes are coming on strong!"

Welcome, New Members

Bill and Eleanor Fitzgerald joined us after our Open House. They have attended meetings regularly since. We've discovered that Eleanor is a good vegetable washer and a former bank teller. Bill enjoys talking to customers at the Farmers Market booth.

Jack Broome also joined us after the Open House. We appreciate his financial support!

Darlene Speicher joined in June and immediately went to work manning the Farmers Market booth. She used her artistic abilities to make signs for the booth.

Marketing Your Grange

How do you describe your Grange to non-members? Do your words sound appealing? For an event, does your advertising match your target audience? Does your flyer create the right image? How is your Grange marketing online or through social media?

**Washington-Yamhill Pomona
Good of the Order Meeting**

Sept 24, 10 am – noon
Fernwood Grange,
216 N Springbrook Rd, Newberg

Sarah Kingsborough, Clackamas Pomona Master, will be our discussion leader. She is Marketing Manager at U.S. Bank and will share some of the tactics used in the corporate world that can be applied to the Grange.

President's Column



Summertime, and the livin' is easy..... Remember that song? What ever happened to summers like that? I remember summers like that, don't you?

This summer sure seems different. Now that it's here, that is. I think we can all agree that it's been difficult to grow things this year, except weeds. All the people we regularly buy fruit for canning from, say everything is two weeks behind schedule. The Naven's garden is certainly no exception. Forget peas, the beans are just now coming on strong. The onions are the only things we didn't have to re-plant. Corn and squash? Well, maybe, we'll see.

How's your summer been? We're already looking forward to fall, not because we like fall better, but because we're not sure how long summer can last this year.

This fall, we are looking forward to not one, but two, Grange events.

- The first will be providing refreshments to the crowd for the **Pumpkin Festival**, i.e., the Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off on the Commons, and the Pumpkin Regatta on the Lake. This should give us some positive public exposure.
- The second event, also still in the

planning stages, is a **Fall Music Festival**, a week after the Pumpkin Festival. Youth bands during the day and professional bands in the evening, with refreshments downstairs, of course. We should have a better grasp of this one by the end of the next regular Grange meeting.

I know we all are trying to pack as much into whatever is left of our summers, but please make every effort to make the next meeting; it will be full of planning for this fall's events. Anyone for watermelon?

Dick Naven

Goodies for the Pumpkin Festival

The 8th Annual Pumpkin Regatta will be held on lake at the Tualatin Commons on Saturday **October 22** from 10 to 4. We plan to have pumpkin pie, pumpkin cake, pumpkin bars, pumpkin cookies, and anything else pumpkin

you can come up with for those who need a pumpkin break during the festivities.

Last year 38 giant pumpkins competed for the Annual Terminator weigh off. The winning pumpkin weighed almost 1,200 pounds.

Entertainment usually includes a costume contest, live music, a pumpkin pie eating contest, pumpkin decorating, model boats, and more. Last year 220 people ran or walked in the 5k Regatta Run. We voted to donate a pumpkin pie as a raffle prize.

The showstopper is the Regatta Races on the lake. Individuals or teams compete for a prestigious prize.

Opening our hall to the public during this year's Festival will bring community members in our doors. The donations we collect for the pumpkin goodies will help our building fund. It's a win-win for everyone.

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Mark your calendar for these Grange meetings
Saturday, Sept 10
Oct 8
Nov 12

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

See you there!