



Winona Grange # 271



Established in Tualatin in 1895
Winter 2012 Newsletter

2012 Officers and Committees

At the November meeting, those present elected these officers:

- Master **Loyce Martinazzi**
- Overseer **Norm Parker**
- Lecturer **Sam Keator**
- Chaplain **Monte McCutcheon**
- Treasurer **Rosa Lee Dickson**
- Secretary **Marilyn Reiher**
- Ceres **Suzanne Naven**
- Executive **Dick Naven**
- Committee **Larry McClure**
 Carol Cummings

At the December meeting newly installed Master Martinazzi appointed these committees:

- Agriculture: **Norm Parker & Tom Marr**

- Membership: **Loyce Martinazzi**
- Legislative: **Eleanor Fitzgerald**
- Scholarship: **Sam Keator, Marilyn Reiher, & Bill Fitzgerald**
- Fund-raising: **Larry McClure & Dick Naven**
- Sunshine: **Ken Dickson**
- Rental: **Dick Naven**
- Kitchen: **Darlene Speicher**

Historic Tree Plaque Dedication

The City of Tualatin installed a plaque to acknowledge the historic big leaf maples on both sides of our hall.

Carl Switzer, Tualatin Parks and Recreation Manager, (far right with his daughter) joined us prior to our September meeting to dedicate the plaque.



Master's Column

Looking back over the last 10 years as we pulled our Grange back from the edge of the grave, I am so proud of all we have accomplished together.

Special thanks to **Dick Naven** for his capable leadership as Master for three years, for his craftsmanship in renovation, handling the rentals, and for constructing and maintaining our beautiful website. Thanks to **Rosa Lee Dickson** for her skill as Treasurer and for coming with **Ken** all the way from Yamhill to take part in our gatherings. Thanks to **Sam Keator** for arranging the open house events that brought in the community. Thanks to **Norm Parker** for raking the many leaves from our three big leaf maple trees and hauling three loads to a farm to be composted. Thanks to **Marilyn Reiher**, who advises us on all things Grange and edits our newsletter. Thanks to **Monte McCutcheon** and his church for their care of the building. And thanks too, to all the other members who volunteer their time and talent.

I have asked our new Secretary to type up the minutes of each meeting and send them to members by email, which will save time during our meetings.

Our building, once rather plain looking, now sports a new roof, a fresh coat of paint, new electrical wiring, a new front lawn, and a newly graveled parking lot. One city official claimed that the building now looks stately.

Looking forward now, we can see that we need to bring our historic building into the modern world with the addition of handicapped accessibility. Our two restrooms are 1960s style and badly need to be renovated. These renovations will be costly, and we must look carefully at funding.

I look forward to serving as master, and I thank you for your confidence.

--Loyce Martinazzi, Master

Words for Thirds and Seconds, too

Tigard Grange has provided dictionaries to 2nd grade students at Mitch Charter School for several years. However, Mitch moved to Tualatin, and last year's 2nd graders missed out.

Tigard Grange contacted Winona to take over this community service project in 2012. On October 10, **Anne Doherty** and **Marilyn Reiher** assisted Tigard members in distributing dictionaries to both 2nd and 3rd graders.



Julie Schnetzky of Tigard Grange shows Anne Doherty the information in each child's book.

Successful Pumpkin Regatta

The 8th Annual Pumpkin Regatta was held on lake at the Tualatin Commons on October 22. We served all kinds of pumpkin treats: pie, cake, bars, and cookies. **Larry McClure** was the event chair. The sign he made got people in the door to check us out.

Kim Bartholomew had a table of activities for children of all ages. New member **Darlene Spicher** sold jewelry made by a friend of hers from Montana and donated the profit to the Grange. **Ken Dickson**, **Norm Parker**, and **Larry McClure** sold several varieties of squash from our garden.

We made over \$300 for the Grange Building Fund, learned a lot, and plan to participate again next year. The Regatta is well adver-

tised and draws a crowd. We just need to get them into the Grange hall. Some think music might just do that!

Folk Festival Fills the Hall with Music

Music continued day and night on October 29 – from 1 to 10 pm. Ten young performers played their instruments and/or sang in the afternoon. They typically exclaimed as they walked into the hall, “It’s so big!” In addition, two adult musicians and Winona Grange’s Irish Music Jam group performed.

That evening three adult bands played a variety of types of music: bluegrass, Irish, Americana, folk rock, and country. It was a toe-tapping good time.



These band members participate in both our music jams and donated their \$100 to our Grange Building Fund

A big thank you to our corporate sponsors of this event:

- Blacksmith Bolt & Rivet Supply
- Clark Lumber Company
- S & A Irish Events
- Tualatin Historical Society
- Umpqua Bank
- West Coast Bank

Welcome, New Members

Abigail Elder is the Manager of the Tualatin Public Library. Some of us got to know her because she volunteers at the Juanita Pohl Senior Center on Fridays when we do. Abigail spends her lunch hour running the dishwasher. However, if **Norm Parker** is there, he likes to play in the water, so Abigail graciously puts the clean dishes away and cleans the counters and floors. We are happy to claim Abigail as one of ours now that the Center is requiring each organization to supply three volunteers.

Dana Fontaine is a Tualatin music teacher. We met at the Farmers Market where she and Bob Richter arranged for the musicians who performed each Friday night. Dana then proposed the Folk Festival (see article on left), scheduled the performers, printed the programs and tickets, and handled the publicity.

Community Service Reporting

It’s time again to report the number of hours you worked, miles you drove, and amount of money you donated for Grange and non-Grange community activities. Forms were handed out at the last meeting.

Record your activities between **July 1** and **December 31**. Even if you don’t have a form, you can send your numbers to **Anne Doherty** at macanabar@frontier.com or call her at 503-691-2078. Anne needs to compile the data and submit our report to the State Grange by January 25.

Tualatin School House Pantry

Sam Keator reports that his dance group completely filled one bin with over 70 lbs of food on December 29. Thanks Irish dancers! The Pantry currently needs:

- Canned fruit juice
- Toilet paper
- Granulated sugar (any size)
- Cereal
- Powdered laundry detergent

2012 Dues

If you haven't paid your dues, they are \$40 per year. We understand that times are tough, and a partial payment is acceptable. Winona Grange has to pay the State Grange \$10 per member per quarter. Send your dues to PO Box 3484, Tualatin, OR 97062 or bring them to the January meeting.

Proper Tree Pruning Practices

In honor of Tualatin's 25th year as Tree City USA, the Lecturer's program at our February meeting will feature tree care.

John Buttrell is an ISA-certified arborist and owner of Arborscape Ltd. Inc. John will give an overview of proper tree pruning practices for home gardeners. If you are not able or interested in doing the work yourself, he will cover how to choose a professional for tree work. He will also discuss how to select the

right tree for the right place and how to determine if it's time to prune a tree or to remove it. Tree health and safety will also be discussed.

Mark your calendar for **February 11** at 11 am. Bring your friends, relatives, and neighbors for this informative program! And come for the 10 am potluck brunch. If you haven't been joining us, you've been missing out on some tasty eats!

Good Search

Do you search the Internet? Do you shop online? If so, your searches and purchases could benefit Winona Grange. Go to www.goodsearch.com/, enter **Winona Grange #271**, and click Get Started.

Website

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

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Mark your calendar for these Grange meetings
Saturday, January 14
February 11
March 10

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

See you there!