

Granges, from A5

den). At the 1955 autumn session of Pomona Grange Wilbur L. Cleveland gave report on the 300 participants at the Walton Fair and also stated that Mundale Grange had the prize for the largest percent of its membership present, 55%.

New Kingston Valley 1898 organized 1968 with David Taylor master and Mrs. Taylor lecturer. They had a band and were still active in 2010.

North Franklin-Ouleout Valley 1191 organized 1909 with C.E. Carrington master and G.M. Slosson secretary. In 1947 they held a special program dealing with fire prevention.

North Harpersfield 290 organized 1875 with N.M. DeWitt master and Z.W. DeWitt secretary. The County Council Patrons of Husbandry will hold its fourth annual meeting at North Harpersfield, Dec. 10 and 11, 1878.

Pepacton 1407 organized 1916 with R.H. Champlin master, George W. Slicker overseer, Mrs. George W. Slicker treasurer and Alfareta Conklin secretary. Hall in Downsville built 1951 on Tanners Rd.

Roxbury 97 formed in 1874 with Melvin Blythe master and O.P. Moore secretary. 1188 organized 1909 with E.B. Hess master and W.M. Powell secretary and Roxbury-Delaware Valley 1565 organized 1939 with Donald J. More master and Marion Mattice secretary. Delaware Valley Grange has scheduled a Booster Night October 12, 1967.

Shavertown 1490 organized 1924 with L.J. Frisbie master and W.A. Frisbie secretary. In 1958 Frank and Dora Dibble, of the distanced Shavertown Grange, were welcomed into the Andes Grange.

Sidney 729 organized 1891 with Jas. L. Phelps master and A.L. Miller secretary reorganized 1933. In 1958 they held a card party at the home of Paul Scofield.

Sidney Center-Maywood 652 organized 1889 with H.U. Dewey master and E.H. Bishop secretary and 1236 organized 1911 with G.R. Youngs master and Mrs. W.H. Jenkins secretary. Maywood Grange will confer the first and second degrees on a class of candidates and on November 16, 1949 the Grange will serve a baked ham supper in the hall.

South Kortright 1363 organized 1915 with W.T. Gould master and Mrs. J. McLelland secretary. Stamford School District No. 5 schoolhouse was sold to the grange in 1940 and deeded back to the school district in 1969 when they disbanded, then rezed 1971.

Stamford-Usserath 170 organized 1874 with B.C. Smith master and L.A. Buck secretary and 1313 organized 1913 with Grant M. Dent master and Melvin Peck secretary. Following the close of the December 1944 Pomona Grange session a square dance contest was held. Albert Varnoy and his sister Anna won the contest and went on to compete at the NYS Fair.

Treadwell 1169 organized 1909 with A.O. Potter master and Mrs. A.O. Potter secretary and 1376 organized 1915 with A.B. Smith master and Ella Clark secretary. Their grange reorganized with 76 members in 1921.

Trout Creek 402 organized 1877 with W.M. White

master and W.H. Webb secretary. They had been meeting in the old Trout Creek Creamery until it burned in 1942.

Trout Creek Valley 1522 organized 1932 with C.B. Teed master and Marian Eckart secretary. They had 18 charter members.

Union Grove 776 organized 1892 with Thomas Holt master and Emery Jenkins secretary (hamlet in Andes).

Vega 1025 organized 1904 with DeWitt Hammond master and G.E. Ballard secretary (hamlet in Roxbury). In 1922 they sold their goods and store fixtures after conducting a store for 14 years. They sold their hall in 1930.

Walton 536 organized 1887 with John S. Holley and H.D. Garrison, reorganized 1907 and 1454 organized 1919 with E.L. Clark master and Mrs. A.L. Coulter secretary, still active. Juvenile/Junior Grange 701 chartered 1960 and active. Walton had 200 members in 1921 and averaged over 150 members at their twice monthly meetings. They were the first Grange in the County to organize a Degree Team. They bought their current hall at 135 Stockton Ave. in 1939 for \$1,000. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1988. Their Hall was built and used as an armory from

1886-1896 then became a school.

West Kortright 1352 organized 1914 with R.H. Fisher master and T.D. Harrington secretary. Their hall was dedicated 1931 and sold 1957.

Juvenile/Junior Granges: Bloomville 740, Canonsville 605 organized 1949, Dartsport 390 organized 1937, Delhi, Deposit organized 1939, Franklin 451 organized 1939, Halcott, Harpersfield-Colonel Harper 248 organized 1932 and 754 in the 1970s, Masonville 564 organized 1947, New Kingston organized 1968, North Franklin-Ouleout 563 organized 1947 and disbanded 1953, Roxbury-Wawaika 332 organized 1935, Shavertown 126 organized 1929, the first in Delaware County, Sidney 278 organized 1933, Sidney Center, South Kortright 749 and Walton 701 organized 1960 by Mabel Cleveland of Bloomville.

The first Juvenile Grange in NYS was organized 1904 in Huron, NY.

Information was from newspapers, History of NYS Grange 1873-1934 and 1934-1960, Sharon Braun current Master/President of Walton Grange and Elaine S. Smith of Colonel Harper Grange and NYS Grange VP.

A Gathering for Cultural Arts and Discussion



By Robert Brune
MEREDITH — Last weekend the Institute for Cultural Activism International (ICAI) hosted a two-night event called Surfing the Apocalypse Karaoke. This gathering of artists, filmmakers, photographers, fashion designers, a Professor of Environmental Science from UCLA, local farmers and

residents, and Pastor Derek from the Delhi Community Church came together to discuss mindfulness, connectivity, the Canadian fires, and unrest in the USA and throughout the world.

John Halpren and Emily Harris purchased their six-acre property in Meredith a year ago with the intention of creating art networking and performance location in hopes of attracting creative people from near and far who are interested in cultural awareness. They have nearly completed the renovation of a former five-horse stable that they fondly call the Un-Stable studio space.

Margret Wilmer, a close friend of Halpren and Harris flew in from Holland to assist by filming and photographing the event. Wilmer is an adjunct professor in Holland and conceptual artist of performance arts and photography and has aided Halpren and Harris in various projects. ICAI has a wide variety of interesting video interviews with cultural artists. On their website they have 40 interviews called the Turning Fork Interviews with an incredible array of people at instituteforculturalactivisminternational.org. Halpren announced that they've been able to acquire their 501c3 nonprofit status and hope to attract others with an interest in what they're doing.

One of the standout speakers of the weekend was a brilliant local poet, Trish Tyrell, from Franklin who read her epic poem she wrote in 2015 and revised in 2023 called 'Enough' ENOUGH Wicked are some ways of men - Cold of heart, deadened within. Treacherous plots of promised relief, Innocence lost, rewarded with grief. Dangled by bootstraps, frayed and rough. Masters condemn cries of enough. (Enough of this madness, these veils and those crimes. Of habits die hard, yet now is the time.)

stripped and torn, forlorn.

Ways by which hearts broken are born. Infectious loathing, oozing fear, decay.

wounded, facing destruction yet unswayed. Ensnared and poisoned, customarily snuffed.

Brazen cruelty munched...We've had enough! (Enough of this madness, these veils and those crimes.

Of habits die hard, yet now is the time.)

Time to wake up, resurrect, peel free.

Reborn both of freedom and responsibility. 'Tis in this moment, blink of an eye.

Deep with possibility, upon faith to rely.

Recognizing truth, in wisdom and love.

Soar beyond limits - envision enough. (Enough of this madness, these veils and those crimes.

Of habits die hard, yet now is the time.)

Be a bang above the whisper, and rage against the night,

Be not afraid, but ready for the fight.

We are Creators poised for the change.

Aware, full of purpose, bringing on a new age.

Values to words then action is tough.

Only with each other will we ever be enough.

Trish Tyrell was also kind enough to share her thoughts on the two-night event (on Friday) left me wanting to learn more, has helped me understand more deeply: My yearning for connection has helped fan a flame that's dimmed some these past few years, and I dare say, may change the course of my life so that I may more fully live my purpose in service to people and the world."

Each night concluded with a multi-screen projection of wildfires and unrest set to love songs from bands, such as the Beatles and Leonard Cohen, as everyone sang aloud. John Halpren says that he and Emily will now focus on their artwork and hopefully organize a mindfulness retreat for this coming Fall.

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