



Eagle Grange #1

Route 15 & East Blind Road
Montgomery, PA 17752



May 2022

Local Journalist to Present History Quilts



Carol Sones Shetler, well known local resident and reporter-photographer for the *Muncy Luminary* newspaper, has a unique way of telling stories about area landmarks and noteworthy events. At the May 3rd meeting of Eagle Grange beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Grange Hall, she will share how her quilt making hobby helps to preserve local history. A number of her beautiful handiwork creations will be on display.

The Grist Mill quilt (pictured at left), contains logos of 14 grinding mills, including the Howard L. Bieber Roller Mill of Montgomery Borough. The seal advertises, "Orange Blossom, Best Family Flour." The bag logos appear on blocks in the shape of water wheels. Adding to the original layout, two additional pieces appear as buildings on the quilt's two corners. Carol invites attendees who have readable flour bags to bring them to this program for a 'show and tell'.

Among the additional quilts signifying historical events and places to be displayed are:

- *cousin's quilt with a patch provided by late Grange member Ruth Bogart Wallis (mother of Mike Wallis)*
- *commemorative piece for Moreland Township's 200th year*
- *signature quilt containing 40 names of area blacksmiths*
- *piece listing Sones family descendants who fought in the Civil War*

Ms. Shetler has become a frequent visitor and good friend of Eagle Grange since making a chance stop at the Grange Hall in the spring of 2020. While driving by that day, she noticed a car parked outside and decided to see if she might find someone inside to give her information about what was happening at the Grange. There she found Doug Bonsall, dressed in paint covered work clothes, sitting on the floor to apply a fresh coat of paint to the dining room wainscoting. Starting with that impromptu conversation, Carol has continued to provide excellent media coverage for events taking place at the Grange.

During the evening's business meeting preceding the program, several new members will be officially welcomed into the fellowship of Eagle Grange and reports will be given on upcoming events and planned property improvements. Proceeds of the recent Road Rally (see Page 4) will be presented to the Flight 800 Memorial Committee; Mr. Robert Weaver will describe plans for the refurbishment of the Montoursville memorial to the students and chaperones who lost their lives in the 1996 explosion and crash of the plane on which they were passengers. Grange friends **Katy Moser** and **Karen Schooley** will host the social hour following the meeting and program. Attendees are invited to bring a favorite dessert or snack food to share as refreshments.

Three Faiths Explored in April Program



Christianity



Judaism



Islam

One of the primary purposes of the Grange as expressed in the organization's *Declaration of Purposes* is "**to promote a better and high manhood and womanhood among ourselves**". Therefore, we strive to offer thought provoking and educational programs at regular meetings to stimulate thinking, broaden understanding and present varying views.

An especially timely panel discussion "The Faiths of Abraham" was presented at the April 5th meeting. **Rev. Gwen Bernstine** (right), of Williamsport, retired Executive Director of the United Churches of Lycoming County, moderated a panel which highlighted basic tenets of three major world faiths, all of which trace their beginnings to the common ancestor Abraham.



Other panelists (below, left to right) were:

- **Zokaa Rajjoub**, Williamsport – Islam
- **Sarah Weiss**, Williamsport - Judaism
- **Craig Staller**, Dauphin and a former ordained Lutheran pastor – Christianity



The speakers very capably and clearly described both similarities and differences in the beliefs and practices of the three faiths. A video from the program may be found @ <https://youtu.be/FpLcr2de2NY>

Coming Events

May 3 – Grange Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Program – *History Themed Quilts* by Carol Shetler
See quilts created to document and share stories of local people, places, and commemorative events including grist mills, blacksmiths, relatives & shops

- **Hosts** – Katy Moser & Karen Schooley

May 20 – Work day for take-out dinner - 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; lunch will be provided

May 21 – **Roast Beef Take-Out Dinner**; help is needed from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Lunch will be provided
See Page 5 for poster with details

June 7 – **Tour of SunnyBrook Meadows Farm** therapeutic riding school, Montgomery. Ice cream party afterwards

- **Hosts** – Elliott & Barbara Weiss

June 24 – Work day for take-out dinner - 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; lunch will be provided

June 25 – **Baked Ham Take-Out Dinner** – help needed from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Lunch will be provided;

UPCOMING SERVICE PROJECT

Planning is in the early stages for a big Grange-sponsored chicken barbeque in August or September to benefit local fire companies – *Clinton Township, Montgomery and Washington Township.* Watch for details later!

If you haven't already viewed the video interviews of Fred & Joann Murray and Karen Williamson done during last year's 150th anniversary, you can access them at: <https://youtu.be/PbmrCGWftUY>

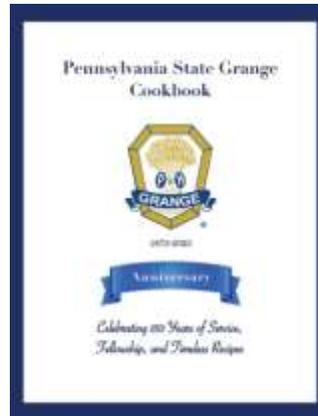
Future Programs

July 5 – **Community Picnic; "Carnivorous Plants & Bonsai"** program by Jason Paulhamus

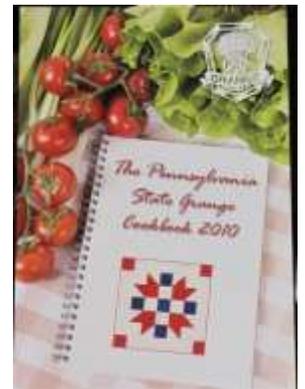
August 2 – Regular meeting; Program - *The Art of Origami (Japanese) Paper Folding* by Jordan Downey

September 6 – **Free tour** of Lycoming County Historical Society Taber Museum in Williamsport; Dutch-treat dessert at Perkins Restaurant afterwards

Grange Cookbooks



150th Anniversary Edition - \$25 each



2010 Edition – Discounted to \$15

Property Concerns

Parking Lot - The big problem with a muddy parking area has been resolved for the moment with the addition of some \$700 worth of shale and stone. This is a temporary fix and we are still actively seeking one or more bids for some sort of more permanent surfacing or paving.

Receipt of two separate \$5,000 gifts for the paving announced in the last newsletter is contingent on that project moving forward. Our Secretary Jenn Nauss is preparing to submit a grant application to Senator Yaw's office seeking additional funding.

Other projects:

- A combination table/chair storage rack and a shelving unit on casters have been secured and put into use; *the tidiness of the storage room is a significant improvement with these additions!*
- We are having difficulty finding a contractor to install new deeper sinks and higher "gooseneck" faucets in the kitchen; if you can suggest one, please contact David Troutman or Doug Bonsall
- Eagle was the successful bidder at the Country Cupboard online auction for a counter height tray rack; we did not get a baby changing station for the handicapped restroom so will look elsewhere

Contact David Troutman @ 570-220-1685 to arrange for use of the Grange Hall for any event.

2nd Road Rally Benefits Flight 800 Memorial

Although not intended as a major fund raiser, about \$320 was realized from the Road Rally and these proceeds will be given to help with refurbishment of the Flight 800 Memorial in Montoursville. Learn more about the 1996 Flight 800 tragedy at the May 3rd Grange meeting when a representative of the memorial committee will be present to accept the Grange's gift and explain plans for repairing the 25 year old park remembering the lives of 16 local students and 5 adult chaperones.



The day outside might have been chilly and rainy, but there was plenty of warmth and enthusiasm inside the Grange Hall as about 40 people gathered on April 9th to get instructions from Jenn Nauss and Sarah Weiss (standing, left) prior to the start of the second annual Road Rally. The 13 participating teams covered a route of about 90 miles visiting sites and businesses in Lycoming, Union, Montour and Northumberland Counties.



Prizes were awarded to:

- First team to complete the rally - **Jeepers Creepers, Montgomery**
- Most Creative Picture - **Material Girls, Montoursville**
- Most Bonus Items Found (279 found) - **Fast and Furious, Lewisburg**
- Most Supportive of Local Businesses - **Hermits, Montgomery**

Among bonus point items on this scavenger hunt were (left) railroad crossing and (right) barn silos. To earn the points, each was required to be documented with a picture that included the Road Rally medallion.

Many thanks to Jenn Nauss for planning and coordinating the Road Rally.

Sign up at the next meeting May 3rd to help with this dinner.

Take-Out Dinner

Sponsored by Eagle Grange #1

Sat., May 21, 2022

Roast Beef

Roast Beef, Stuffing, Gravy,
Mashed Potatoes, Buttered
Vegetable, Roll & Butter,
Cranberry Relish, Lettuce
with Bacon Dressing,
Pineapple Upside Down Cake

Suggested Donation - \$13



Advance reservations suggested*

Contact Joann Murray @ 570-547-1340

**Limited # of meals available without reservations*

Pick-up 2-4 p.m. @ Eagle Grange Hall

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Next Take-Out Dinner

Baked Ham – June 25, 2022

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May 2022 Newsletter



On a chilly and blustery late March day, Grange member Mike Wallis takes a break from his outdoor parking duties at the Grange's recent Pork & Sauerkraut take-out dinner to read the National Grange *Good Day!* magazine. The dinner netted about \$1,200 to support the work of Eagle Grange.