



"Whitepine Whispers"

News of Whitepine Grange #102

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First things first.....

It's time to pay your dues!

If you joined Whitepine Grange since August of last year, you can ignore this!



If you joined the Grange before August of 2021, however, it's time to renew your Grange dues of \$35 for an adult or \$70 for family/couple.

Mail your dues, payable to Whitepine Grange #102, to P.O. Box 1313, Trout Creek, MT 59874. Or...

Pay by Credit Card with PayPal!

Now you can pay your Grange dues conveniently and safely by credit card with **Paypal!!** Simply go to the Paypal website (Paypal.com) and then select Whitepine Grange as the payee. It's fast and easy. If you need help, contact us by email at whitepinegrange@gmail.com and we will assist you!



Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

- Margaret Mead

Holiday Potluck Party was cause for celebration

Whitepine Grange's first holiday party in decades was a terrific success! Held on Dec. 28, which was our regular monthly meeting night, we were able to celebrate Christmas, New Year, and simply being together with good food and good companions. The evening began with a bountiful potluck and ended with Bingo, with Don Burrell of Thompson Falls Grange as our "caller."



More holiday party photos on page 2....

Grange Holiday Party Memories, 2021....



A highlight of Whitepine Grange's holiday party was seeing so many NON-members attend the event. It was also great to see young people enjoying our Grange once again. This was truly a gathering of neighbors throughout the Whitepine community, and we look forward to growing that circle with seeds from our Grange! Help us cultivate!



Scholarships available; deadline is February 25



The Montana State Grange offers college and vocational training scholarships of \$500 for qualifying high schoolers graduating in 2022. **Application deadline is Feb. 25.**

The applicant must be a high school graduate or have an equivalent GED at the time the scholarship is paid. At the time the scholarship is paid, the applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student (based on the educational institution's definition of full-time for under-graduate or graduate studies). Proof of registration must be provided at the actual time of the scholarship payment.

This is for students going on to continued education at an accredited college or vocational school. Applicants will be judged on financial need, volunteer work in the community, church or Grange, letters of reference, and other criteria. Students need not be Grange members to apply.

For a complete application package, please contact Jan Manning at whitepinegrange@gmail.com. And remember, **the application deadline is Feb. 25, 2022!**

Whitepine Grange is sending troops love and goodies for Valentines Day

At least eight Montana military troops will receive "care" packages from Whitepine Grange in time for Valentine's Day this year.

Thanks to the generosity of our Grange members and other Sanders County residents who responded to our plea for items, we were able to identify young Montanans who are deployed overseas in military service.

The boxes will contain Montana magazines, DVDs, snack treats, and personal care items to make our troops smile and feel a connection with their home in Big Sky Country.

Special thanks go to Whitepine Grange steward Ruth Tucker, who volunteered to pack the boxes. She has been packing care packages since her husband, Will, was deployed for Desert Storm in 1991. "I've learned how to really pack those flat-rate boxes absolutely full," she says with pride, adding that she thoroughly enjoys the task.

Thank you to everyone who donated items, as well as postage, which will cost about \$20 for each flat-rate box. We can still use those cash donations for shipping. If you'd like to contribute, send a check to Whitepine Grange, PO Box 1313, Trout Creek, MT 59874. Make the checks to "Whitepine Grange" and indicate with a note that the donation is for "care package postage."



Next Whitepine Grange meeting is Tues., Jan. 25, 6:30pm, beginning with coffee social. Guest speaker for our January meeting will be announced in an upcoming email. Meetings are open to the public, so bring family and friends!



Grange Calendar January 2022

Tues., Jan. 11	Doggy Boot Camp, Week 4, 10:30am
Tues., Jan. 11	Line Dancing, 3pm
Tues., Jan. 11	Dog Tricks Class, 6pm
Wed., Jan. 12	Dog Drop-In Class, 10:30am
Wed., Jan. 12	Dog Rally Class, Week 1, 2pm
Tues., Jan. 18	Doggy Boot Camp, Week 1, 10:30am
Tues., Jan. 18	Line Dancing, 3pm
Tues., Jan. 18	Dog Tricks Class, 6pm
Wed., Jan. 19	Dog Drop-In Class, 10:30am
Tues., Jan. 25	Doggy Boot Camp, Week 2, 10:30am
Tues., Jan. 25	Line Dancing, 3pm
Tues., Jan. 25	Grange Monthly Meeting, 6:30
Wed., Jan. 26	Dog Drop-In Class, 10:30am
Wed., Jan. 26	Dog Rally Class, Week 2, 2pm

Reserve Whitepine Grange for your event

The Grange building can be rented by the day for a variety of activities besides Grange-sponsored events. Here are some examples:

Dance classes	Emergency Preparedness courses
Painting classes	Bible studies
Exercise classes	Craft bazaars
Yoga classes	Bake sales
Sewing retreats	Rummage sales
Seminars and clinics	Adult education classes
4-H projects (with no rental fee)	Meetings
Receptions	Reunions

The daily rental fee is nominal and includes full use of the kitchen.

Contact whitepinegrange@gmail.com for rates and availabilities.

Join the Grange today. It's important to your community, neighbors, and youth. Individual adult memberships are \$35. Family or couple memberships are \$70. Membership application is on page 6!

Whitepine Grange Monthly Meeting Schedule for 2022

Grange members are encouraged to mark these dates on your 2022 calendar and ATTEND MEETINGS.

Monthly meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month. We need our members present to help make decisions about our activities and services. Your voice is critical. Plus...our meetings are a lot of fun!! Each month we feature a guest speaker. Our upcoming topics will be on veterinary acupuncture, hiking the Pacific Crest Trail, Amazon's early days, dog-assisted school reading programs, how to grow great irises, and more.

If you know of a topic or speaker with an inspiring, informative or educational message, please contact Jan Manning at whitepinegrange@gmail.com

JANUARY 25

FEBRUARY 22

MARCH 22

APRIL 26

MAY 24

JUNE 28

JULY 26

AUGUST 23

SEPTEMBER 27

OCTOBER 25

NOVEMBER 22

DECEMBER 27

Next Whitepine Grange meeting: Tues., Jan. 25, 6:30pm
Members and the public are invited to attend.

Siding/Remodeling Update

Thanks to a very generous member who wishes to remain anonymous, we now have accumulated about \$7,000 in our "Friends of Whitepine Grange" bank account, dedicated to the re-siding and windows project. Material costs have continued to rise and fluctuate, so we're still not certain how much we will need for the project. Our best estimate is around \$18,000, but that will depend on market prices once we have the money.

We are pursuing capital grants and have some good leads. Meanwhile, we are always looking for monetary donations large and small to help us reach our goal.

A GoFundMe account for our project has also been set up online and has collected several hundred dollars.

Donations are tax deductible, as "Friends of Whitepine Grange" is a 501.c.3 non-profit group. Please send your donation checks, made out to "Friends of Whitepine Grange," to PO Box 1313, Trout Creek, MT 59874.

Job Vacancies!

We're still in need of several members who can fill officer positions. Most of these only require you to be in attendance at meetings, occupy a certain chair in the meeting room, and follow along with the script for the Grange's brief opening and closing ceremonies.

These positions require filling:

- ◆ Vice President
- ◆ Assistant Steward
- ◆ Lady Assistant Steward
- ◆ Pomona
- ◆ Flora
- ◆ Cyres

If you don't know what these are, don't worry. OJT is available. No prior experience is necessary! You must, however, be a Grange member.

New Member Profile:

Meet Carolyn Nesbitt

Carolyn and her husband Monty are Whitepine Grange's first new members for 2022. Monty is a retired firefighter and Carolyn is retired from public school administration. In fact, Carolyn is now using her skills and experience as a member of the Trout Creek School Board.

The Nesbitts moved here most recently from Spokane, and are thrilled to be living in such a beautiful area. Their Trout Creek home is on the river, offering expansive views and room for their dogs to run and play.



Carolyn Nesbitt learned about Whitepine Grange through the dog training classes she attends there with her dog, Carson.

Whitepine Grange welcomes Carolyn and Monty Nesbitt, and we look forward to working on lots of fun Grange and community projects with you!

We're the Grange.
We grow things....like
community spirit and
wholesome families.

Join us!





Application for Individual Subordinate Grange Membership

To the officers and members of _____ Whitepine _____ Grange No. 102
(Please Print Grange Name)

I _____ respectfully petition to be initiated and enrolled as
(Please Print Your Full Name)

a member in your Grange. In presenting this application, I am influenced by no motive other than a desire to unite with others in elevating and advancing the interest of my community through the principles of the Grange and receiving in return such benefits and advantages as may accrue to all who belong to the Grange. I promise a faithful compliance with the By-Laws of this Grange, the By-Laws of the State Grange of **Montana** and the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Grange. I have not applied for and been rejected for membership in any other Grange within the past six months.

Mail with payment to: Whitepine Grange, PO Box 1313, Trout Creek, MT 59874

Signature: _____ Date Signed: _____

Application fee \$ none (must accompany application) Annual Dues \$ _____
Individual Adult \$35, Family \$70

Recommended by 1: _____ 2: _____

This Section must be completed by Applicant			
Street Address:		City	State
			Zip Code
Date of Birth:	Phone Number ()	Email Address	
Occupation (if retired, please list occupation you retired from)			Retired? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

This Section for use by Subordinate Secretary Only			
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