



"Whitepine Whispers"

News of Whitepine Grange #102

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Not many pics, just important stuff!!



But we HAD to use this one. . . :)

This is Wyatt, one of our young Grange members, who helped out at our huge Yard Sale in June. Wyatt modeled the leprechaun outfit for us, while he and his sister Neveah sold cold drinks at the yard sale. Thank you, Wyatt, for posing for this picture!!! And don't sue us 20 years from now!!

Getting down to business

NO membership meeting in August (it's too hot at the Grange) but we still have business to attend to!!! **Please read the following, as we need your input to proceed.**

Inside:

- Pound the pantry
- State Grange is coming
- We're getting a phone & internet
- Bear Seminar in October
- Update on grants & needs
- When is your birthday?
- Craft fair is coming back
- Wanted: white pine seeds

From the president:

The elevator speech



You've probably had a friend ask you, **"What IS 'Grange,' anyway?"**

Google it and you'll find lots of answers, boasting the heritage of this all-American organization, its achievements, and so on.

Here is my elevator speech:

"The Grange is a very old and traditional fraternal club for farmers, ranchers and folks who live a rural lifestyle. There's the National Grange organization, a State Grange, and then Community Granges like Whitepine Grange #102. That's our local chapter of this fraternal organization. The Community Granges abide by the rules of the State and National Grange. Its goals are to bring together the ruralites for social, educational, cultural and charitable events that improve the lifestyles of its members. The Grange bonds neighbors together for mutual support. We have meetings with interesting programs. We volunteer our services for many community activities. Our Grange Hall provides a low-cost or no-cost meeting place for neighborhood gatherings, from sewing bees to potlucks to wedding receptions. We support old-fashioned family values, and we encourage young people to become involved in their communities. You don't have to become a member to enjoy the Grange's benefits, but modest membership dues definitely help us sustain our activities and services. The National Grange has been around since the 1860s. Whitepine Grange #102 was chartered in 1938. We've been around a while! It's fun to be part of something so historic and significant in the development of the entire area from Thompson Falls to Trout Creek. "

There's a membership application at the back of this newsletter. If you're already a member, share it with a friend!



—Jan Manning

Grange Calendar August –September 2022

Tues., Aug. 9 :	Doggy Boot Camp, Wk 1, 10:30 Line Dancing, 3pm
Tues., Aug. 16	Doggy Boot Camp, Wk 2, 10:30 Line Dancing 3pm
Tues., Aug. 23:	Doggy Boot Camp, Wk 3, 10:30 Line Dancing 3pm Grange meeting, 7 pm
Thurs., Aug. 25	Cheryl Copperstone, 7pm
Tues., Aug 30:	Doggy Boot Camp, Wk 4, 10:30am Line Dancing 3pm
Tues., Sept. 6	Line Dancing 3pm
Tues. Sept. 13	Doggy Boot Camp, Wk 1, 10:30am Line Dancing 3pm
Tues., Sept. 20	Doggy Boot Camp, Wk 2, 10:30 Line Dancing 3pm

Whitepine Grange #102 Officers 2022

President:	Jan Manning
Vice-President:	Carolyn Nesbitt
Secretary:	Patty English
Treasurer:	Kathy Hill
Advisor:	Peggy Carlson
Chaplain:	Susan McFarland
Greeter:	Arne Carlson
Executive Committee:	Gene Pope, Debbie Mason Ron Kilbury

The Grange strengthens individuals, families and communities through grassroots action, service, education, advocacy and agriculture awareness.

Not yet a member? Join today!

Membership form on last page.

www.whitepinegrange.com

***For timely renovation updates:
check out the [Whitepine Grange](#) page
on [Facebook](#)!***

Let's "pound" this schoolteacher's pantry!

Trout Creek School is getting a student teacher this year who will stay with the school for the entire school year (rather than just be here for one semester and then leave). This is a new program, and Trout Creek has been selected as one of several school districts in the state to try this model. Our new teacher, Annie, will be arriving this month and setting up housekeeping. She will need enough groceries to get her up and running for a few days until she has time to shop for herself. Trout Creek School is collecting pantry staples for her, and Whitepine Grange is helping. Please bring a roll of paper towels, a jar of peanut butter, some pasta or other non-perishable items to Trout Creek School and drop them off for Annie. Let's make her feel welcome. **You may bring your donated pantry items directly to the Trout Creek school office.**

State Grange convention is coming HERE in October

The Montana State Grange convention will be held in Thompson Falls Oct. 6-8. This will bring 50-75 people into our area. Most events will take place at the New Life Fellowship Church by the airport. As soon as we know the schedule of events, you will be notified! As Grange members, you may attend everything. Thompson Falls Grange is largely in charge of coordinating the local activities, but Whitepine Grange will be ready to step up too. Want to help? **We need people to greet the conventioners, get them signed in and tagged up, get coffee and supply cookies, donuts, etc.** Please contact Jan if you can help. sandersagility@gmail.com.

Help! We need white pine seed packets

The National Grange convention will be held in Reno in early November. Whitepine Grange is asked to contribute something to the "gift bags" that will be presented by the Montana State Grange at its hospitality room. Here is a low-cost/no-cost home-grown idea, and we will need your help.

White Pine Seed Packets

1. Go out and gather some white pine cones (only white pine, please).
2. Put them in a brown paper bag and leave them outside for a week or so.
3. Take them out of the bag and break off the seeds.
4. Put the seeds in a bucket of water. After soaking overnight, remove and discard the seeds that float to the top.
5. Strain the other seeds out of the water. Place them in zip-lock freezer bags with a small amount of moistened Perlite. Store in your refrigerator until we collect them for the National Convention.
6. We will meet at the Grange to divide up the seeds into packets/envelopes of 10 seeds. An "Instruction" card will be included with each envelope, which can be handed out to conventioners in Reno, compliments of Whitepine Grange #102. **We will need about 200 of these packets ready by mid-October.**

Now, go for a hike in the woods and start collecting up some of these lovely elongated cones.

Wear gloves because these are VERY pitchy cones!!



Whitepine Grange is getting PHONE and INTERNET!!!!

The order has been placed, so we are now waiting for Blackfoot to come in and run the fiber optic cable that will hook up our old Grange building to the 21st Century and internet.

As soon as we know the number, we'll let you know, along with details on accessing the Wi-Fi. While we don't anticipate a lot of calls, the new phone will be set up with voicemail so those wanting to reach the Grange for business purposes can leave messages. The phone will be located in the kitchen.

With Wi-Fi coming to the Grange, we will be able to offer even more classes and more educational resources to our members and the community! With taxes, the new phone line and internet will cost the Grange about \$100 a month. **Would you like to help subsidize this cost? Could you donate a phone? Contact Jan at sandersagility@gmail.com if you can help out!! Thank you! Your donation is tax deductible!**

Bear Man is coming to the Grange

Bear attacks and grizzly bear sightings are increasing in this area, as more people move into what used to be the bears' back yards. **On October 13**, the Grange will host a two-hour seminar, FREE TO THE PUBLIC, by bear expert Brent Hudson, an Alaskan Master Guide with 38 years of experience in bear management and bear safety for various government organizations. Brent will bring photos, training aids, bear skulls and other hands-on training tools, and will relate his experience of being mauled by an Alaskan Brown Bear and SURVIVING. Come early on Oct. 13 to get a seat. Presentation runs from 6 to 8 pm. Donations accepted to offset his travel expenses.

Update on grants & improvement projects

We have enough money to complete our attic insulation job. We're just waiting now on the contractor, who is very busy with other jobs, but assures us it will happen prior to cold weather.

We have applied to Avista Corporation for a grant to get our new flooring in the main hall. A rough estimate is about \$12,000 for quality vinyl plank flooring. We do not have the funds and will have to rely on grant money and donations for this.

We have also applied for a grant to get the furnace moved to the basement, which will alleviate noise in the main hall upstairs. New ducts will also need to be added to distribute the heat more evenly to the back of the main meeting room. This is expected to run about \$5,000 to \$7,000.

We have asked a local bank for funds to cover the construction of a solar-illuminated flagpole. We hope this will happen in time for Veterans Day this year.

Other projects being considered: improvement of the outdoor grounds, construction of a picnic pavilion, construction of outdoor restrooms.

If you choose to donate, please remember to write your check to "Friends of Whitepine Grange" so you can get a tax deduction. This is the 501.c.3 side of our operation, and all money will be fed right back to Whitepine Grange, which is NOT a 501.c.3.

Please remember that a donation to Whitepine Grange is an investment in the future! We have weathered 84 years together since our charter in 1938. Let's shoot for at least 100 more!

Psssst!! When is your birthday?

Not to get too personal....we don't care how old or young you are....but we WOULD like to say "Happy Birthday" to you when you're celebrating your annual milestones. **Sandy Snodgrass, one of our Grange members, will be contacting you by email or phone to get your birthday info.** Every birthday is an excuse for us to eat cake, so please let us know your special day!



Craft Bazaar will return Nov. 19

Last year's "Cornucopia of Crafts" bazaar was so successful that the organizers are bringing it back to Whitepine Grange on Saturday, Nov. 19. The vendor list is already full. Mark your calendars and get your Thanksgiving hostess gifts at this wonderful event featuring local crafters' beautiful handiwork!

Sandy Green is one of many popular local crafters who will be offering her wares at the Nov. 19 bazaar. Have you ever seen Sandy's "magic wallets"?



Congrats to Nan, the new Thompson Falls florist!

Nan Fleischmann, member of Whitepine Grange #102, presented an entertaining program on gardening at one of our Grange meetings last spring. It was almost prophetic, because a few days later she decided to purchase Courtney's Floral Creations, the flower shop in Thompson Falls. The shop is now called "**Farmhouse Blooms,**" and features Nan's creative artistry with floral arrangements, special orders, and fun little surprises. Want to pick up a few fresh flowers for your dinner table? Pick your own blooms from the "flower bar," or let Nan design something for you.



She hopes to offer floral activities for children in the future, as well as hot tea for clients who'd like to enjoy the outdoor patio with friends.

Nan (Blake) Fleischmann, Whitepine Granger, is new owner of Farmhouse Blooms in Thompson Falls.

Nan is an active Grange member. Two years ago she cleaned up and painted the Grange kitchen and the main hall. We're glad to have her back in the neighborhood!

Thurs., Oct. 13, 2022

Whitepine Grange, 6-8pm

Whitepine Grange is on the corner of Hwy 200 and Faro Lane, near MM 38. Open to the public. Free admission. Presented as a public service by members of Whitepine Grange #102.#102.



“Be BEAR AWARE!!”

—featuring Brent Hudson

Join us for a **Bear Safety** presentation by former **Alaskan Master Guide Brent Hudson!** Learn about bear traits, behaviors, dangers and how to avoid potentially lethal encounters with these versatile and formidable animals.

Some of Brent's qualifications include **38 years as an Alaskan hunting guide and bear guard, Bear Safety Officer with Occupation Health & Safety and Jacobs Engineering Group** and experience with several other companies and projects. Brent is a USMC Vietnam Veteran and works as a consultant with the Boundary County Sheriffs office on local bear issues and activities.

Brent also **survived a brutal attack by an Alaskan Brown Bear** on Kodiak Island while on the job, and shares this as part of his presentation. His extensive knowledge and firsthand experience in dealing with bears, particularly Grizzlies, is not to be missed. The 2-hour class is free, but a small donation is encouraged to help cover costs. All ages welcome; however, class is geared more towards adults, as it will include some graphic photos and descriptions of dangerous bear encounters. For more info: 406-827-6385



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 California 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

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