



“Whitepine Whispers”

News of Whitepine Grange #102

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Progress on our Grange Rejuvenation Project

The painting has begun! The porches are getting a fresh look. The kitchen is getting a facelift! The lights are being modernized! The roof will hopefully be repaired before winter!

These projects are all being taken over by your neighbors and friends who realize the value in restoring this old building to an attractive gathering place for neighborhood and group functions.

Thank you, Carrie Greene, for volunteering to refinish the back porch and railing.

Thank you, Mike and Michelle Bingham, for installing new LED lights in the main hall and kitchen.

Thank you, Sue Marsh and Nan Blake, for volunteering to give the kitchen a facelift.

Thank you, Clay Blake, for volunteering to paint the walls (and maybe the floor too) in the main hall.

Right: Mike Bingham installs new LED lights that will brighten the main hall at a fraction of the price of the old fluorescent tubes.



Note that everyone on this list is a relative newcomer to our area! Let's see some of the “old-timers” step up now and help breathe some new life into this worthwhile project!

We still need help with the following:

1. The roof needs serious patching before the winter!
2. The upstairs toilet needs to be snaked (it drains very slowly).
3. The kitchen faucet needs a minor repair to stop a drip.
4. The front porch and railing need minor repairing and refinishing.
5. The upstairs bathroom needs new vinyl floor covering
6. We would like to switch the upstairs and downstairs back doors, if possible, because the downstairs door has a window which would be better upstairs.
7. Old chairs and tables need to be moved to storage downstairs.
8. Construct a new wooden “Whitepine Grange 102” sign to be installed at the parking lot entrance.

Can you help with these projects?

Please contact Jan, sandersagility@gmail.com, or call 827-6385.



The Whitepine Grange 102 building is available for...

- Group meetings
- Exercise classes
- Dance classes
- Parties
- Receptions
- Celebrations
- Educational presentations
- Craft get-togethers
- Tupperware, Pampered Chef, DoTerra and similar parties
- Potlucks
- 4-H projects
- Community service events



You can rent the Grange for \$25 per day or less.

The Grange has a fully functioning kitchen, restroom, ample off-street parking, and many other amenities. Spread the word! If you'd like to rent the Grange, contact Jan Manning at 827-6385.

Why are YOU receiving this newsletter?

You are on the mailing list for Whitepine Grange 102 because you have either expressed an interest in the renovation project or have been identified by me (Jan Manning) as someone who may have value (time, expertise, and/or monetary donations) that could greatly benefit the Grange. “Friends of the Grange” is not yet a 501.c.3 but we hope to get this done by next year. This will help us with funding of large projects like the roofing and siding. Meanwhile we are forging ahead, not waiting for perfect conditions.

Life as we knew it is still on hold. No one knows whether the change is temporary or permanent, but the COVID virus has wreaked havoc on nearly all phases of our normal lives.

We can either give up and let these changes forever damage our lives, or we can surge forward with the American spirit that helped us establish the best country on earth.

That's what we plan to do with the renovation of our historic Whitepine Grange 102. We may not be ready to hold potlucks, square dances and bazaars again yet, due to government mandated restrictions. But we're going ahead and getting it ready for the day when we control our own lives and destinies once again.

If you would rather not receive email updates about the Whitepine Grange 102 renovation project, just drop me a line (sandersagility@gmail.com). If you have SUGGESTIONS for our project, please do the same!

Another way to help Whitepine Grange 102

If you're not into painting, cleaning, plumbing or remodeling, please consider a cash donation to help pay for these projects. Whitepine Grange receives NO monies for such things from the state or national Grange organization. It is ours, as a community, to use as long as we maintain it. If you would like to mail a check to cover these maintenance and remodeling costs, please make it to **Whitepine Grange 102**, and mail it to **Peggy Carlson, secretary, at 32 Willow Lane, Trout Creek, MT 59874.**

**Want to JOIN THE GRANGE?
Peggy can help you do that too!!**



Whitepine Grange was the first place we voted as new residents of Montana. That was in 2008. What a great memory!



Do you have memories of Whitepine Grange? Please share them!

Send your remembrances to Jan Manning, sandersagility@gmail.com. If you have old photos of past Grange events, please scan and send them too!

Old banquet tables for sale! Make Offer!

The Grange has about five old 8' folding tables that are going to the dump unless someone would like them. They are not in perfect shape, but are certainly useable, particularly if covered with tablecloths. Contact Jan, 827-6385, and make an offer that will benefit the Grange.

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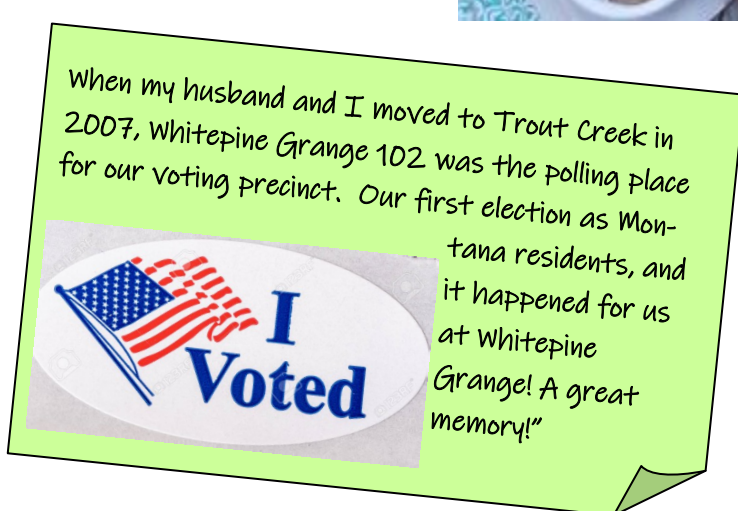
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PROJECT 8: CLEAN UP COAT ROOM



Remove excess items from coat room, clean its shelves , and move what is worth keeping to the basement for storage. Totes will be provided.

PROJECT 9: DE-CLUTTER MAIN HALL



Clear out cabinets and shelves in main hall, and bring unused items to basement for storage. There are several decades’ worth of 4H scrapbooks, old décor items, etc., most of which have not been touched for 25 years or more.

PROJECT 10: REPLACE FLUORESCENT LIGHTS WITH LEDs

PROJECT 11: WASH, REPAIR PAINT THE WALLS IN THE MAIN HALL



10. The main hall is currently illuminated with 18 sets of fluorescent light fixtures. We want to replace them with LEDs for better energy efficiency and much better light. We need a savvy person who can come in and do this job. Materials will be provided.

The kitchen also has two of these old fluorescent light fixtures that need replacing.

11. The main hall’s walls also need some minor repairs, washing, and a fresh coat of bright, white paint.

When and where to start?

Each of these projects can be tackled immediately and done on your own time. The Grange is currently not being utilized very much, so the schedule is quite open. Contact Jan Manning, 406-827-6385, for details and access information. Email: sandersagility@gmail.com. *Okay, friends, let’s get started!!*