

SJI GRANGE #966

GROWERS, MAKERS, AND KEEPERS WORKING TOGETHER FOR
MUTUAL BENEFIT AND COMMUNITY BUILDING

Grange Hall Fall Work Party

We had perfect
weather for the work
party on October 16.



Grange members
took on much needed
painting and
basement clean up
projects. Volunteers
were:

**Nirmela Arsem
Alison Longley
Roger Ellison
John Latimer
Bruce Robinson
Deb Nolan
Tom Nolan
Bill Severson**



**Photo: Roger
Ellison**

Worthy Lady
Assistant Steward
climbing the
corporate ladder



**Photo: Roger
Ellison**

Shingle team
dripping paint
on each other



SAN JUAN ISLAND GRANGE #966

San Juan Island Grange #966 is a grassroots, non-partisan advocacy group supporting a resilient community on San Juan Island.

The Grange serves San Juan Islanders with legislative programs and community activities, such as talent and craft contests, scholarships, and more. You don't have to be a farmer to belong, though many are. Our elected officers are volunteers, and our "work" is done through committees. The heart of our mission is fostering community well-being, and we enjoy gathering to celebrate this.

We are a 501(c)(8) organization, accepting donations towards our programs and to maintain Grange Hall, in downtown Friday Harbor.

Officers of San Juan Island Grange #966 may be found at sanjuangrange.org/officers.html

Our bylaws and resolutions may be found at sanjuangrange.org/structure.html

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Hello, Grangers,

A great idea has been brought forward. It's a **"Grange Classified "** section of the newsletter!

What we are hoping for is that people will advertise what they need or want. For example, my ad will read "Wanted: Someone to prune my fruit trees." Or another of my ads will be "Wanted: A steamer to borrow or buy." It's as simple as that!

Do you need someone to replace your brakes? Maybe you need someone to do cleaning, gardening, or cooking or to knit a sweater (all of which I need so maybe that's why they came to mind.) A friend asked me today if I knew a barn that he could use to do repairs on a float for two weeks in February (he's a carpenter who is spotlessly clean and comes with excellent references, in case you know of a barn).

Now for the nitty -gritty: the cost. Each party can sort that out with the opposite party. You can "pay" by mending fences or sheering sheep, or you can trade items. You can pay cash or bake cookies or make soup. It's all up to you, or shall I say us.

With the changing economic climate, we can really save money through barter and exchange in a way that is a win-win for all. You heard it here first. The Grange will be the cutting-edge of the new system, people helping people. Grange members are a special group with many different talents, and if we share what we have, we will all be better for it. Let's pull together and make this work. Together we're going to have fun, and that's one thing the Grange is good at. Want to place an ad, contact me!

Tally Ho!

Deirdre

d2morris@gmail.com

619-203-4313

Letter from the President

I am happy to introduce "The Grange Exchange"—the want-ad section of our newsletter! They say that a network is made stronger and more resilient by increasing the number of interactions between its members, so please send in a post and make our Grange stronger. Resilience is the capacity of a system or community to bounce back from shocks, be they economic or environmental, and we can be pretty sure that shocks will continue to be visited upon our island.

Please post your surpluses and needs in the Grange Exchange. As Deirdre said in her article, "Grange members are a special group with many different talents, and if we share what we have, we will all be better for it."

And please post opportunities for interaction as well as for objects. My hope is that Grangers without land can team up with landed Grangers to grow food. Grangers can gather for "barn-raisings" and gain sustenance through common endeavor and good meals. Or gather in our beautiful kitchen to cook up big batches of food for Grangers to take home.

Our cooperative programs will continue to grow and add to our resilience. Our Feed Coop and Farmers Market Booth combine our market power to gain access to markets that are increasingly dominated by big players.

Our Grange has also been investing in tangible assets. Food dehydrating, cider pressing and egg hatching equipment are available for use by Grangers, thanks to recent donations and purchases. Our Seed Bank has organic open-pollinated seeds in good storage conditions in case of a food emergency. And a requirement to rotate stock means that seeds will be available this spring at a Seedy Sunday.

Our Grange takes its mission to support a resilient community seriously. Please join in, so that your interactions strengthen our support.

Roger Ellison, 2022 President

GROWERS' CIRCLE COFFEE HOUR

AT THE
GRANGE
HALL

EVERY
WEDNESDAY
MORNING
AT 8AM



Currently via Zoom. Email
roger.ellison@gmail.com
for the link.

OPEN TO ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED IN LOCAL FOOD AND LOCAL FIBER.
TEA PROVIDED. TEA AS WELL, SOMETIMES.

FREE!



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GRANGE #966

THE GRANGE IS NONPROFIT AND SO IS THIS EVENT. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Notice Board



Watch this space!

Plans are afoot for gatherings centered around the new Grange kitchen, including a holiday tree decorating and cookie party on December 18. Mark your calendar and watch for upcoming announcements!

Join a Press Gang!

The Agricultural Support Committee is looking to develop a "pressing team": a group of people working together to organize fruit pressings using the new Grange apple press. If you are interested in joining the team, contact Bruce at the email address on page 5.

The Grange Exchange

Wanted: apples to dehydrate or for sauce.

Have extra? Contact Val

wwpval@gmail.com,

Wanted: quince will buy or trade .

d2morris@gmail.com

Roger and Anita offer garden space and perhaps living space for the right person. (360) 622-9796

Community orchard looking for land, water, near town.

roger.thornbush@gmail.com

Have guests but no guest room? Rent Heartha! She's a '74 Volkswagen pop-top van and sleeps four. No driving her allowed, but I deliver. Bedding and towels also available. Let's talk, text, or email! Alison Longley, 360-298-2168, alongley_2000@yahoo.com

Wanted: Steamer to borrow or buy or barter. Contact deirdre morris 619-203-4313 or d2morris@gmail.com

Shower pan for sale or barter, never used, made by Kohler, 42"by 48". \$100 or a couple of hours of yard work. Contact Katy Nollman at katy2@rockisland.com

Want to purchase firewood. Please contact Christina Dahl-Sesby at 360-378-2872



A reminder...

Now that autumn is finally here, remember that dehydrators are available on loan for preserving end-of-season garden crops and fruits.

Choose the Excalibur 9-tray or one of the two new stainless steel 10-tray dehydrators.

To reserve one of these units, send an email to Lois Moore at moore@stonehavenfarm.com

Join the Kitchen Crew!

We continue to recruit Grange members to plan what additional equipment should be available at the kitchen to check out or use at the Grange, to suss out what cooking skills folks might need, to plan classes around food production, and to organize food-making gatherings. Email Nancy Best if you are interested at Nancyb1133@gmail.com

Apple Press Success!

The Grange's newly acquired fruit crusher and cider press have had a successful inauguration with a series of pressings this fall. On September 24, Sweet Earth Farm hosted over 50 people at a pressing party and Grange new-member welcoming ceremony. This was followed by a series of



Photo: Bruce Robinson

Claude Roge' and Bruce Robinson pressing apples on the Grange deck on a sunny day. Claude and Shelley went home with 13 gallons of cider!

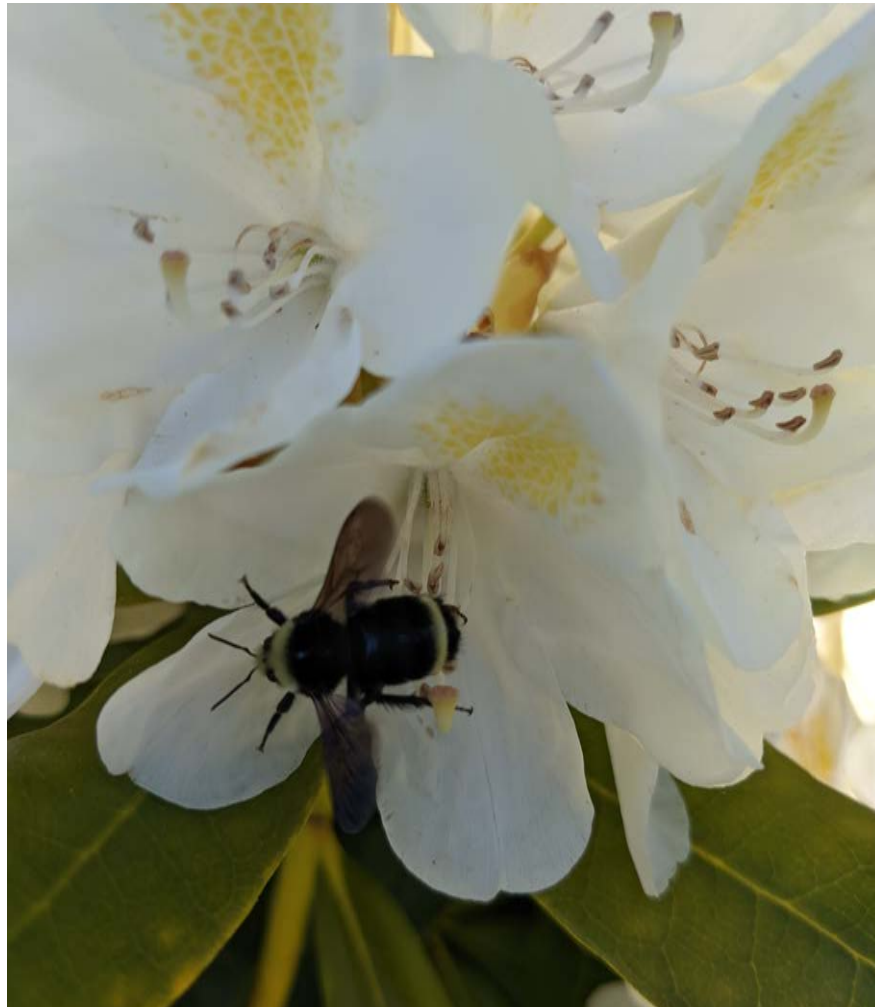
pressings at Grange Hall, where people could bring in apples and take home cider.

In addition to Granger use, the cider equipment has been offered for use by the public through articles in the *Journal of the San Juans*.

The final pressing party includes a special invitation to 4-H families to join us on

November 6, prior to their kickoff meeting of this year's 4-H program. If you have any extra apples that you could contribute to this event, please contact Bruce Robinson at brobinson@rockisland.com

Though this year had a low apple yield, we expect next year's harvest to be much bigger. In anticipation, the Agricultural Support Committee is looking to develop a "pressing team": a group of people working together to schedule and direct fruit pressings. If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Bruce at brobinson@rockisland.com



Photos by Lisa DeVetter

POLLINATORS!

Can't do without them



Bumblebee queen
in blueberry blossoms

You are invited to a free workshop, November 9, 10:30am–1:30pm

**Attend in-person at
Brickworks** in
Friday Harbor

or
via Zoom by
going to
[www.sanjuangrange.org
/events.html](http://www.sanjuangrange.org/events.html)

Learn about pollination
science, pollinator
diversity, native
pollinators, basic
pollinator ID, how to
support pollinators year-
round, and recent
research on pollinators
with Washington State

University (WSU) small
fruit horticulture
specialist Lisa DeVetter;
entomologist Bob
Gillespie; WSU graduate
students Emma Rogers
and Kayla Brouwer;
and WSU intern
Adriana Barsan.

Drinks and snacks will be
provided at the workshop.

San Juan Island Grange, WSU, and
San Juan Islands Agricultural Guild
programs are available to all
without discrimination.
Reasonable accommodation will
be made for those with special
needs by emailing
snowberryfarm@rockisland.com
before November 1.



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