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SPOTTED LANTERNFLY

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In this issue, learn how to identify the Spotted Lanternfly (SLF), and what action you can take to stop the spread of this invasive insect that is threatening southeastern Pennsylvania.

Lycorma delicatula, commonly known as the Spotted Lanternfly (SLF), is a new invasive insect that

has spread throughout southeastern Pennsylvania since its discovery in Berks County in 2014. SLF presents



Left: The young nymphs are black with white spots and can be present from May until October.



Right: The older nymphs are black and red with white spots and can be present from June until October.



Left: The adults (shown at rest) can be present from July until late December. The adults are 1 to 1 1/4 inches long.



Right: An adult showing the red underwings when disturbed. (photo credit: Nancy Bosold)



Left: The egg masses can be on trees, rocks, or any other solid object and can be present from September through May.



Right: The empty remains of the eggs that have hatched can be found at any time of the year.



a significant threat to Pennsylvania agriculture, including the grape, tree-fruit, hardwood and nursery industries, which collectively are worth nearly \$18 billion to the state's economy.

Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences and Penn State Extension are at the forefront of education and research aimed at stopping the spread of this exotic species. Following are resources to help growers, property owners and others understand how to identify the insect, what to do if they find it and how to comply with agency regulations.

Spotted Lanternfly: What to Look For:

(Pictured to the left: Pictures of the Spotted Lanternfly and its egg masses.)

Spotted Lanternfly Management Calendar

There are various management techniques to consider to destroy or control the Spotted Lanternfly. Learn the recommended methods to use during certain times of the year.

- 1. Locate Trees:** Locate *Ailanthus altissima* trees on the site. For reasons not understood, spotted lanternfly seem to prefer some individual *Ailanthus altissima* trees over others. Try to identify the specific *Ailanthus* trees that are most attractive to the insects, based on how many are feeding on them. *For information on how to identify Ailanthus altissima please see pictures located on page 25.*
- 2. Destroy Most Trees:** Destroy approximately 90% of the *Ailanthus altissima* trees, leaving only a few that are most attractive to the insect. They will serve as "trap" trees. It is recommended that you

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From the President's Desk

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Dear Fellow Grangers,

As you open up this issue of the Pennsylvania Grange News things outside are already green and growing. I have set a goal for 2018 to grow the Pennsylvania State Grange. Lizzie Bailey, our Membership and Public Relations Consultant, and I have been working on improving communications between the State Office and the local Granges, developing additional new benefits for our members, and setting up a new Advocate/Deputy plan for the State.

At the top of our plan we have purchased a ZOOM Conferencing account. Now if you never heard of ZOOM, it is a tele-conferencing program that allows you to be a part of the meeting and never leave your home or office. This program can be utilized from a desktop computer, laptop, tablet, smart phone, or from a conventional landline in your home. We will send out an e-mail invitation that will have the information needed to participate in the meeting. We would like to host a meeting at least once a month, maybe twice a month. The subjects will vary from Legislative, membership, fund raising, to what's an issue in your area. This program will also allow our committees to meet more often and remain in the comfort of their homes.

We have been able to acquire some new benefits for our members

such as Sam's Club and Costco's. There are discount Hershey Park tickets available and there are discount tickets for shows and other events. To view the list of member benefits log onto www.pagrange.org and in the upper right hand corner click on register/login. Once you register an email will be sent to the state office where it will be verified you are a member and then you will receive a confirmation e-mail back. You will then be able to log into the benefits page, view all the benefits and get any special codes needed to utilize the benefits. You can also log onto the National Grange website at www.nationalgrange.org, register into the National Grange website and take advantage of the many different benefits they offer. If you use just 2 or 3 of the benefits you will save more than enough money to pay your annual dues. If you use the discount on Choice Hotels, just one trip may save you enough to pay your dues.

We are revising the Advocate/Deputy program. There will be one Advocate assigned to each of the 6 areas of the state. They will be asked to appoint 2 others to work with them in that area. We are going to charge them with trying to open 2 new Granges in each area. We want to open a new Grange in Philadelphia this year also. We, as the Grange, are endorsing Urban Agriculture and that area is very much into Urban Agriculture and Raised Gardening.

We are looking for people who would like to be more involved legislatively. If this is something that is of interest to you, please contact me at the State Office, 717.737.8855. Vince Phillips, our

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Chaplain's Corner

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Even President F.D. Roosevelt addressed fear in his inaugural address when he said, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself...it is nameless, unreasoning and unjustified terror which paralyzes the needed efforts to convert retreat into advance." Well put!

Jesus assures us again and again that He is with us, He will never abandon us, He will sustain us, we are worth more than many sparrows. He tells us to have courage, do not be afraid, do not worry about tomorrow, and to cast our cares upon Him.

My theme for the past couple of months has been "Be Still and Know That I Am God." Suffice it to say that I have been keenly aware of that mandate as I tried to deal with fear.... Our life journey, like yours, has its bumps and twists and turns...sometimes rougher than we think we can handle. That is when we get these little subtle nudges to "Be Still and Know That I Am God." They may be subtle, but if you are still, you can recognize them!

I don't know if you use daily devotionals, but I rely on several different ones from time to time and for the past few months, I am amazed at how **many of them have been written directly to me!** The majority of them have been advising me, and even admonishing me, to not fear, but simply put my trust in my God. In fact, there are 21 Christ-issued imperatives listed in the Gospels alone that address fear and urge us to have courage and/or take heart and DO NOT FEAR.

Fear is one of the enemy's most popular weapons against us. Worry and anxiety can overwhelm us until it controls our thoughts to the point that it influences our decisions and actions. What do you fear? Violence, shootings, natural disasters, finances, surgeries, disease, death, change?



In reality, we often find that many outcomes we have feared never really happen! So it is not only a waste of time and energy, but a heavy burden to carry which is totally unnecessary.

So the way to conquer fear is to read and repeat the words of our Lord until they become part of our nature. They will in time begin to replace those fears!

Be Still and know God. He is greater than all our troubles and worries. He is with us in whatever we face, strengthening, helping and holding us in His hands. He has promised that He will be with us always until the end of the world!!

God Bless You and Yours!

Prayerfully yours,
Judy Pressler





Membership News

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Director

Target Marketing

I'm always very interested in hearing how everyone is doing with membership recruitment and what things people may be trying in order to gain new members for your Grange. Its very common for people to tell me that they want to attract families with children to their Grange. I then ask what they are doing to find those families?

What programming do you offer or could your Grange develop that would attract young families?

In my community, the busiest place I can locate young families is at our local library. Our Grange does an Earth Day program every year; reading a book at story time and planting sunflower seeds with the kids. We also provide information about our Grange and invite them to attend an upcoming program.

Identifying local groups to provide programming to is a great way to introduce the Grange to new potential members. Young parents are always looking for things to involve their children in learning and experiencing different events and projects.

Has your Grange ever thought of a "Mommies Club" that would offer playtime, or educational workshops that involve the family? Some of the best projects can involve teaching life skills such as

cooking, planting seeds, or a sewing project. Think about ways you can add quality programming that would benefit younger families. Scheduling events and inviting families is a great start to growing your Grange membership.

Member Benefits

The Pennsylvania State Grange has been working diligently on improving the member benefits program for our Grangers. When recruiting new members, you should also be talking about the benefits of being a Grange member.

One of the greatest aspects about member benefits is that they can offset the cost of membership. The Grange has an array of benefits, whether you are looking to participate with a wholesale shopping store like BJ's, Sam's Club, Costco's, make hotel reservations or book car rentals. Our programs also offer discounts on movie tickets, theme parks across the country and concert tickets!

A big part of recruiting members is also sharing benefits with prospective members that can show the value of having a Grange membership.

Member benefits should be a part of your discussion when you are talking to people about joining your Grange. For example, a young family with a few children can save more than the cost of membership if they are taking their family to a theme park this year.

Anyone vacationing? Promote the discounts on hotel and rental cars. I researched an upcoming trip and discovered I can save

\$75 on our rental car. That's almost the cost of the Grange family membership!

If you can show how the benefits offset the membership fee, it makes sense for new people to join.

New Member Benefit Page at www.pagrang.org

We have been updating information and adding some new things to the Grange website. We have created a secure page on our website (password required) to access information you need to use the benefits. Make sure you stop by and check often, as the website is a "work in progress."

To set up your ID and password, go to www.pagrang.org and click in the upper right-hand corner Log In/Register. To register, enter your name, email and enter a password of your choice. The state office receives your request, we confirm you are a member, and accept your registration. To log in, just enter your email and password and it's that easy! You only need an ID and password to enter the member benefits page, the rest of the website is available to you with no password.

Please contact me if you have any questions on our benefits or recruiting.

Yours in Grange service,

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Family Activities

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PA State Grange Family Activities
Director

Hello Everyone!

I hope everyone is feeling well and trying to stay dry with all the rainy weather and late snows we are getting. Merle and I went to the Farm Show in January with the state quilt and sold 600 tickets during the week. Many thanks to all of the Grangers that helped in the Grange booth during the week; a great job well done.

Ag Progress Days are coming August 14, 15, & 16. If anyone is willing to help sell quilt tickets and cookbooks at the State Grange Booth, please let the State Office know so they can put you on the schedule.

All Granges should have received their contest packets by now with a separate envelope for the Subordinate secretary and one for the Pomona secretary. I hope to see a lot of crafting going on and a lot of entries at State Session. Please let me know if you didn't get your packet with the contest papers and quilt tickets. If you need more quilt tickets to sell, email me at mle103@comcast.net

comcast.net or call me at 814-234-4943 and I will be glad to mail them to you.

Please remember we will be collecting Wraps for Hugs at the Family Festival again this year. Also, I hope everyone is signing up for the tour to the Boalsburg Military Museum and our stained glass workshop. Also be sure to come with a good appetite for the Family Activities sponsored dinner on Friday night. So, for now, I hope to see a lot of Grangers at the Family Festival July 19 – 22, 2018.

Yours Truly,
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History Committee

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PA State Grange History Committee
Director

Members and the public are learning much about the story and enviable record of the Pennsylvania State Grange from 1873 to the present by reading the historical information now found posted at <http://www.pagrange.org/history-committee.html>. Thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers giving their time to organize and preserve historical documents and the generous contributions of Granges and individuals that funded the actual microfilming, digitizing and

indexing of that information, the following Grange records are now readily accessible on-line:

- Listing of all local Subordinate and county Pomona Granges organized in Pennsylvania, including both active and inactive units
- Historical highlights of Pennsylvania Grange activities and accomplishments during the term of each State Master/President
- Historical Slide Program celebrating the 150th anniversary of the National Grange, including information about the Grange in Pennsylvania
- Journals of Proceedings of the annual sessions of the Penn-

sylvania State Grange

- Newsletter publications issued by the Pennsylvania State Grange from 1907-present

The latter two items above represent Phase One of the microfilming/digitizing/indexing project completed earlier this year at a cost of over \$4,000. Phase Two of this preservation work, currently in process will microfilm, digitize and index the original applications of the 2,110 Granges organized in Pennsylvania, annual officers' registers and minutes of the State Grange Executive Committee. It is estimated that the cost of this phase will likely exhaust the majority of funds currently available to the History Committee.

Phase Three work to microfilm, digitize and index the three State Grange history books published in 1949, 1973 and 1998 will commence only when additional funds

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Program Director

Denise Clare

PA State Grange Program Director

Spring greetings!! Since we no longer have State Planning meetings, I would like to ask Grangers in PA for contest ideas they would like to see implemented. All departments are in the process of working on contest ideas for 2019. Please contact me with all your ideas, comments, etc. The Lecturer's packets have been mailed. Please watch for packets to arrive. Please contact me if you have not received it by the time you read this. Enclosed with the letter will be either the Subordinate or Pomona Report Forms. MALC was combined with Eastern Regionals this year. So hopefully you have someone in your area that attended and can bring back information to share. I will also have info to share in my next article since I will be attending.

TALENT CONTEST

The Talent Contest will be held at the Pennsylvania State Grange Family Festival on Saturday, July 21 starting at 7:00 PM. There will be no regional eliminations. ALL talent entries will perform at the Family Festival. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED! The deadline for registration will be June 9, 2018. Prior to the Talent Contest, there will be a ham & scalloped potato dinner from 5:00 – 6:00 PM (must pre-register for dinner. \$8.50 each). If you are only attending for the talent contest and would like to join us for the dinner, then you MUST state this with your registration. Please refer to the Guide to Contests and Programs for the

Talent Contest rules. It would be great to see more talent entries this year.

FAMILY FESTIVAL

Superheroes Get It Done "That's the Grange Way" is this year's theme. Thursday evening will be soda floats and games. Friday evening will be bingo. The committees have come up with a host of activities and workshops. This year the tour will be to Boalsburg Military Museum. The schedule and registration are in March/April PGN. So, get with your fellow Grangers and make plans to attend! Registration deadline is June 9, 2018.

Quilt Block paintings: If your Grange Hall/Building or fairground does not have one yet, or want another one, or you would like one for your house, Family Festival is a great time to get it done. Make sure to register to paint a Quilt Block!!

CONTESTS

It's time to start on your reports and scrapbooks. I received many reports and scrapbooks this past year and would like to see many more. Please refer to the Guide to Contests and Programs for the rules or contact me. Scrapbooks for Subordinate and Pomona MAY include all programs for the entire year. Make sure you follow all directions and fill out reports COMPLETELY!

Now is a great time to get started with decorating a container pot or frame to be made by everyone, Juniors and Subordinates! There is still the My Favorite Anything Contest, along with the Pen in Hand Contest. Enter in the Art and Photography Contests. There

are five categories for photography.

As you can see, there are many ways to participate, so get the word out. Hold a program night to work on a project. I want to see LOTS of entries!!! As with all contests, please refer to the Guide to Contests and Programs for the rules. If you have questions, please contact your regional committee person, or you can contact me.

The report forms and the Guide to Contests and Programs will also be available on the Pennsylvania State Grange website: www.pagrange.org. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

PROGRAM IDEAS

June:

1st: National Heimlich Maneuver Day...have a demo on how to properly do this

9th: National Strawberry Rhubarb Pie Day...have a contest and then use for refreshments

20th: National Ice Cream Soda and Vanilla Milkshake day...make one or both!

July:

9th: National Sugar Cookie Day...everyone brings their favorite for refreshments

14th: National Mac & Cheese Day...have a covered dish social featuring mac & cheese

28th: National Day of the Cowboy (4th Saturday in July)

August:

7th: Purple Heart Day...have a recipient speak

13th: Left Handers Day...have everyone do things with the opposite hand they normally do

24th: National Peach Pie Day...refreshments

30th: National Toasted Marshmallow Day—have S'mores for a snack

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Youth News!!!



Greetings from the Youth and Young Adults Department!

Summer is coming! And that means Youth Camp is just around the corner. This year's theme is Country Fair / Carnival and we have a great fun-filled weekend planned. The registration form is located in this issue of the PGN as well as online at www.pagrang.org and on the **Pennsylvania Youth and Young Adults Facebook page**. In addition to games and workshops, we will also be selecting the 2018-19 Pennsylvania State Grange Youth Ambassadors. The youth selected will be representing the youth of the Pennsylvania State Grange at various activities and events during the next year. If you are between the ages of 15 to 21, consider running for State Youth Ambassador to represent your organization, plus it also looks great on college applications and resumes. Sign up now so you won't miss this awesome weekend.

Our 2017-18 Pennsylvania State Grange Youth Ambassadors have been busy participating in activities such as PA Farm Show and most recently the Berks County Pomona meeting. Here are some thoughts from the current Ambassadors as they come to the end of their term.

Hello Grange family! I am Jacob Mengel, the 2017-2018 Male Youth Ambassador this year. I am currently a mathematical business major at Elizabethtown College in central Pennsylvania, with minor degrees in data analytics and psychology. At school, I am quite busy with my studies, but I am a captain and the secretary for the school's club soccer team, of which I help organize the practice and game schedule. Socially, I'm active in semester long intramural sports. My term is over half way completed at this point, and it has been quite busy and fun so far, attending State Session and the Farm Show. It was awesome to open the State Grange with the youth this past October and I cannot wait to do

it again in future years, hopefully with increased participation.

To any youth out there who are hesitant when it comes to being more active, or coming to Youth Camp, I can assure you it is worth it. The youth is the future of the Grange and for everyone to be more comfortable working together in the future, is really important for all of us to develop friendships with each other right now. Youth Camp is one of the places where that happens. Other events each year are Family Festival, State Session, and even Junior Camp. Family Festival is a weekend at a fairgrounds for Grangers of all ages. State session, which all members are welcome to attend, is always a very informative experience. I will be attending Young Adult Weekend for the first time this year, which is a weekend where any young adults in the Grange get to celebrate a year of volunteer work together. Another important event is Junior Camp, where Juniors begin the Granger tradition of lifelong friendships, but without older members to help run it, the Grange would begin to lose its foundation for new lifelong members. Local Granges also hold events which need participants and/or volunteers. Attending or volunteering at those events helps keep the Grange rolling, and the more members are active, the more our current leaders do not have to worry about the Grange's future. With many ways to be active, the Grange should be a permanent organization, but that is easier said than done. Thank you for supporting me as the Male Youth Ambassador and please feel free to speak with me at any event I attend.

Jake Mengel

Hi, I am Grace Wadsworth the 2017-2018 Female Youth Ambassador. I am a student at Indiana University of PA. I am studying Child Development and a second degree in Spanish as well as a minor in Sustainability. I work at the daycare on campus. I am a subordinate member at Goshen Grange in Chester County.

I hold offices at the subordinate and Pomona levels. I am also on the State Deaf and Community Service Committee.

As Youth Ambassador I have had the privilege to attend several Grange and non-Grange functions. Some of the events I attended were FarmAid, Family Festival, State Session, Farm Show, and various subordinate and Pomona meetings. FarmAid was an educational experience for me due to the varied individuals and new technologies coming out to help farmers and the Earth prosper. The Farm Show took me out of my comfort zone and I enjoyed networking and meeting new people. I had fun at each event and enjoyed my time with Grangers I do not see every day.

The Grange is an important organization for many reasons. I believe it is about family, community, and agriculture all wrapped up together to make an organization full of knowledge and fellowship. One of my favorite parts of Grange is the community service initiatives. Grangers look in their communities and states for individuals in need and help. It can be monetary, a collection of items, or going to a nursing home or shelter and brightening the lives of the residents by reminding them of hope and friendship. Grange is a second family for me and I will continue to expand my gratefulness toward this organization as I continue to grow in Grange. Thank you for supporting me as Youth Ambassador this year.

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Junior News!!!

WELCOME SPRING
and Hello Junior Grangers!!

I am so excited to tell you that Summer Camp preparations are well underway and we'll all be to-



gether soon enjoying the hot July sunshine and sharing some awesome time at the "All Star Sports Camp". I want to clarify to any Junior who may be hesitant in attending a sports themed camp... you will NOT be playing sports all week! Some of you are not fond of athletic activity and you might want to shy away from camp when you hear the word "sports" in the title. But let me assure you that there is plenty of fun planned that will not make you break out in an extreme sweat (we do enough

of that just standing still in that July heat). One of those activities is a trip to State College to attend a Spikes baseball game! We are planning on providing a great time at the ballpark and it will be a special time together.

Now is a great time to ask a friend or encourage a new Junior Grange member to come to camp with you this year. I offered a challenge at the 2017 State Session that if we increase our camper total by 15 AND our counselor total by 5...that I

will allow my crazy curly hair to be dyed a fun color for part of the week! Someone thinks I would look good with Philadelphia Eagles green/teal hair!!! I will already be wearing an Eagles football jersey or shirt one day during camp so why not have matching hair! If we have more campers attend...I will proudly wear green hair for the week. (and it will be temporary dye so don't worry hubby).



Another exciting time that I hope you plan to attend is the Family Festival in mid July. This year we are having some fun with Super-Hero themed activities and games. We will also be celebrating the Junior Grange's 130th Birthday this year!! Last year we enjoyed celebrat-



ing the National Grange's 150th.... and now it is time for the Junior Grange to party!! Tell your family that this is a great time to meet other families, enjoy fellowship, share ideas and have some fun!

I know that many of the Junior Granges around the state have been busy with sleepovers, walk-a-thons, spaghetti dinners, fundraisers and county camp preparations. I am proud of all of you for keeping the spirit and life of the Junior Grange growing in your communities. Continue to do things to attract new families and members. Continue to



Pictured above: Juniors, including the State Junior Grange Prince and Princess and the other are the Berks County Royalty.

expand your programs to work for the members in your community. There is no right or wrong way to be a Junior Grange. We have some terrific Junior Leaders and parents helping out and I think them all for doing a great job!

See you all soon!

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Family Festival
SUPERHEROS GET IT DONE
"THAT'S THE GRANGE WAY"
Schedule of Events
July 19-22, 2018



Thursday, July 19

1:00 - 5:30 Registration- Bldg A
 5:30 - 6:30 Dinner - Bldg D
 7:00-- Registration - Bldg A
 7:00-8:00 Welcome & President's
 Workshop - Bldg A
 8:00-8:30 Rootbeer; Coke; Orange Floats
 8:30-9:30 Bring your Favorite Game
 Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C
 9:30 Vespers - Bldg A
 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out

Friday, July 20

7:00-7:30 Registration - Bldg A
 7:30-8:30 Breakfast - Bldg D
 9:00-10:00 Resolution Workshop
 Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C
 10:00-11:00 Chrismons Workshop - \$5.00
 10:30-12:00 Registration - Bldg A
 11:00-12:00 Advocate Workshop
 12:00-1:00 Lunch - Bldg D
 1:30-4:00 Tour-Boalsburg Military Museum
 Board bus in area b/w tents & Bldgs
 2:00-4:00 Registration - Bldg A
 2:00-3:00 Storyteller Session- Bldg A
 3:00-5:00 Junior/Youth Water Games
 5:30-6:30 Dinner - Bldg D

Hosted by the FA & Youth Departments

7:00-8:30 History Committee Presentation
 Bldg A
 8:30-9:15 Bingo-Bldg A
 9:15-9:30 Cake Walk
 9:30 Vespers-Bldg A
 9:45 Young Patrons TEST -
 -Bldg C
 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out



Saturday, July 21

7:00-7:30 Registration - Bldg A
 7:30-8:30 Breakfast - Bldg D
 (Announce Young Patron
 Finalists)
 8:30 Group Photo - Bldg A
 9:00-11:30 Jr. Grange Workshop & Fun -Bldg B
 9:00-10:30 Zumba Class - Bldg A
 10:00-11:30 Young Patron Interviews - Bldg B
 10:30-11:30 Bike/Hike-a-Thon Benefit
 11:30-12:00 Gift of Life Presentation-Bldg A
 Blessing of Wrapped in Hugs
 12:00-1:00 Lunch - Bldg D
 (Impromptu Question to Young Patron
 Finalists)
 1:00 Youth Activity - TBA
 1:00-3:00 Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C
 Rope Making Demonstration-Bldg A
 2:00-4:00 Stained Glass Workshop-Bldg B - \$5.00
 3:30-4:30 Photography Workshop-Bldg A
 5:00-6:00 Dinner - Bldg D
 Ham; Scalloped Potatoes; Corn
 Sweet Potatoes; Applesauce;
 Salad
 7:00 Talent Contest - Bldg A
 Introduction of Royalty
 Ice Cream Social
 Cake Walk
 Vespers
 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out

Sunday, July 22

7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast - Bldg D
 9:00 - 10:00 Worship Service - Bldg A
 10:00 Clean Up and Depart

*Assistance in cleaning and packing up of
 Bldg D is much appreciated*

Thank You!
Wishing you a safe trip home!



When: July 19-22, 2018
Where: Family Festival (Centre County Fairgrounds)
Theme: SUPERHEROS GET IT DONE
THAT'S THE GRANGE WAY



Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Grange: _____

County: _____

_____ Tent (\$15 per night/ NOT per person)

Tentmates: _____

_____ RV/Camper (\$15 per night/space,
NOT per person)

RV/Camper-mates: _____

Length: _____ Ft. Trailer or Motor Home
(Circle)

_____ Dump prior to leaving (Fee \$20)

Day of Arrival: _____

Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

Hotel- Please make your own reservations

block reserved at:

Ramada Conference Center

1450 South Atherton St.

814-238-3001

\$75.00 PLUS TAX PER NIGHT

**MUST STATE WITH PA STATE GRANGE TO GET
OUR RATE.**

MEALS (please check desired meals)

Children 2 and under are Free, ages 3-10 half price.

_____ All Meals	\$45.50	_____
_____ Thursday Dinner	\$7.00	_____
_____ Friday Breakfast	\$4.50	_____
_____ Friday Lunch	\$5.50	_____
_____ Friday Dinner	\$5.50	_____
_____ Saturday Breakfast	\$4.50	_____
_____ Saturday Lunch	\$5.50	_____
_____ Saturday Dinner	\$8.50	_____
_____ Sunday Breakfast	\$4.50	_____

Tent/RV/Camper Fee _____ X \$15.00 _____

RV Dumping Fee (\$20.00) _____

Registration Fee (\$5.00/person) _____

Military Museum Tour (\$10.00) _____

Chrismons Workshop (\$5.00) _____

Stained Glass Workshop (\$5.00) _____

Quilt Block Workshop (\$40.00) _____

T-Shirt (\$10.00)

Child S M L XL

Adult S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL

Total Cost _____

Make checks payable to: PA State Grange

Send Registration & Payment to:

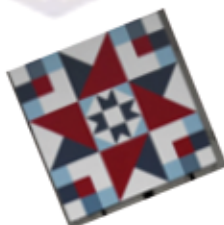
PA State Grange

Attn: Family Festival

20 Erford Rd, Suite 216

Lemoyne PA 17034

R.S.V.P by June 9, 2018





2018 Pennsylvania Junior Grange Camper Application

July 1-July 7, 2018

Camp Sylvan Hills, Howard, PA

For Junior Grange age: 7 -14

"All Star Sports Camp"

Name: _____ M ____ F ____

Street: _____ Phone: _____/Cell: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Parent Email address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age as of Jan 1, 2018 _____

Grange Name and Number: _____

Is this your first year at State Camp? _____

Please
Attach school
photo here

Camper fee - \$150.00 (This reflects a \$15.00 credit from the
Jonathan Sattazahn Memorial Fund)

THERE IS ALSO A SIBLING DISCOUNT: 1st child = full price of \$150 and then a \$15 reduction
for every child after. (2nd child = \$135, 3rd child = \$135 4th child = \$135 and so on)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: PENNSYLVANIA JUNIOR GRANGE

Mail Application with attached photo to:

Director Lurae Benzio, 103 Highland Dr. , Industry, PA 15052

REGISTRATION and CAMP FEE DEADLINE: JUNE 5, 2018

Any application postmarked after June 5, 2018 will be charged an additional \$20.00 and
will not be guaranteed a camp T-shirt.

A full Camp packet will be mailed with more information to all who submit this application!

**** Once again we are making it OPTIONAL to bring a food donation. PLEASE put an "X" on the line below if you are
willing to bring a food donation. Your food donation item will be listed in your camp packet that is mailed to you a few
weeks prior to camp.

_____ YES, I am willing to bring a food donation to camp.

T-shirt Size: (circle one below)

Child Med. / Child Lrg. / Adult Sm. / Adult Med. / Adult Lrg.
Adult XL / Adult 2XL

***All Counselors/Helpers must contact Director Lurae Benzio for consideration and an application**



PA State Grange Youth Camp is coming!!!

June 29 – 1 July 2018
Camp Sylvan Hills, Howard, PA



THEME: Join us for the Grange Country Fair!

Camp Fee for the weekend: \$75 per person
(*\$15.00 will be paid by the Jonathan Sattazahn Memorial Fund Account*)

Each camper will pay only \$60

****** Special – 1st Time Campers only pay \$30.00 (1/2 price) ******

This fee includes 5 meals, lodging, activities, workshops, snacks and fellowship

Participants bring their own bedding, towels, washcloths and personal toiletries. Additional information and directions will be posted online, emailed or sent to you after application is received.

Look for details/registration online: PA State Grange Webpage and the Pennsylvania State Grange Youth and Young Adults Facebook page! Or mail in paper copy to:

PA Grange Youth, c/o Ellen Wadsworth,
362 University Road, Lincoln University, PA 19352

QUESTIONS?? Email: Youth@pagrange.org / Cell: 417-967-6474

Registration and Camp Fee Deadline: **1 June 2018**



Name _____ M _____ F _____

Address _____ Age _____ DOB _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell: _____ Grange/County: _____

E-Mail: _____ 1st Year Youth Camper?: ____ Yes

Shirt Size (circle one): S M L XL XXL XXXL

ALLERGIES (including food) _____

Emergency Contact & Telephone Number(s): _____

PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE

LEGISLATIVE DAY IN HARRISBURG

On Tuesday June 12, the Pennsylvania State Grange is inviting you to make a difference here in Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania General Assembly is considering legislation which can affect you, your families and communities.

Think about some of these issues:

- Rural PA does not have equal access to Internet or cell phone service. Pennsylvania State Grange advocates for sufficient Internet speed and cell service for all.
- There is a threat to continued land-line telephone service. Pennsylvania State Grange advocates this service be maintained.
- Some want to curtail print advertising of legal notices in your

newspaper. Pennsylvania State Grange believes this would exclude many rural and urban communities with insufficient Internet access.

- There is legislation requiring prescription price transparency. Pennsylvania State Grange urges passage of this legislation.

And of course, the State Budget is the BIG issue in June! Will there be adequate funding for Pennsylvania's Number One industry, Agriculture? Will Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences and the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine get the funding they need? Will there be a tax on Marcellus Shale natural gas? Will the state engage in more borrow-

ing to balance the budget as it did in 2017? These are questions you can help answer when you come to Harrisburg.

These issues should be enough of an incentive for you to clear your schedule and come to Harrisburg!

Relax. We will make the appointments for you. There will be training on how to talk with legislators and staff for best results. There will be talking points. No one travels alone. You will always be with your fellow Grangers!

Please return the attached registration form (on page 16).

Play a role in protecting your community.

The “Grange Market Place” at Family Festival

Shopping, buying, selling, trading, purchasing, ordering, swapping, bartering are all activities that are common to our way of life no matter who we are or what we do. We all acquire items be it necessity or desire or craving or self indulgence. As a result of such we often find ourselves drawn to market places. Thus, we are setting up a “Grange Market Place” at Family Festival.

With over 200 Granges in PA, we are always finding different ways to financially support our organization. One of the most common ways is marketing something – it may be apple butter, apple topping and apple relish. It may be cookbooks, chocolate bars, easter eggs, scrubbies, bacon endive dressing, cookies, or it may be T-shirts..... the list could go on and on. I am sure there are

many items that are unique to your Grange that are not known and readily available to other Grangers.



Also, some Granges have items that they are no longer using that another Grange may need – chairs, song books, equipment, kitchen utensils, etc. that it is time to part with. And as Grangers, we often have commodity items to sell such as hay, grains, vegetables, equip-

ment, tools, crafts, foods, etc.

So to highlight your market items, we are setting up a “Grange Market Place” at Family Festival.

An area will be dedicated for you to bring your sale wares. We ask that all items come priced for sale along with your Grange or personal identification. The monies collected will go directly back to the selling Grange or person. If appropriate, you can bring the sale item(s) or you can make up a poster or flyer with pertinent information. It will be very interesting to see the variety of market items that Granges and Grangers in PA will display.

Please contact the Pennsylvania State Grange office for further details. 1-717-737-8855



REGISTRATION FORM

PA State Grange Legislative Day in Harrisburg Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

NAME _____

GRANGE _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

HOME ZIP CODE (zip plus four) _____

PHONE/FAX _____ / _____

E-MAIL _____

Please register me as an attendee: I am a: ☐ Grange Member ☐ Guest

Please schedule appointments with:

My State Representative: _____

My State Senator: _____

Other Legislators I would like to meet with:

_____ / _____ / _____

Send or Fax Your Registration Form to:

Vince Phillips, PA State Grange
20 Erford Road, Suite 216 717-346-1063
Lemoyne, Pennsylvania 17043 FAX 717-232-7005
xenobun@aol.com

Schedule

Before 8:00 a.m.	Arrive at the State Capitol, Main Rotunda [West side of building]
8:00 – 8:45 a.m.	Briefing on issues and on how to communicate effectively with legislators and staff
8:45 – 9:00 a.m.	Appointments begin
9:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Meetings with lawmakers, committee chairmen and others; Lunch is Dutch treat between 11:30a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in the Capitol Cafeteria depending on your individual legislative visit schedule.



HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 628

Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY IRVIN, BERNSTINE, DIAMOND, READSHAW, TOOIL, DIGIROLAMO, BAKER, PASHINSKI, RYAN, FEE, METZGAR, MILLARD, BOBACK, MACKENZIE, CORBIN, WARD, LONGIETTI, HELM, CARTAGIRONE, MARSHALL, BIZZARRO, BARBIN, ZIMMERMAN, SAINATO, PICKETT, GROVE AND HENNESSEY, DECEMBER 7, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, DECEMBER 7, 2017

A RESOLUTION

Designating December 4, 2017, as “Grange Recognition Day” in Pennsylvania.

Whereas, The National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, which was founded December 4, 1867, is celebrating its sesquicentennial anniversary in 2017 and 2018; and

Whereas, The Grange was founded as an organization created to promote the economic, social, family values and community interests of farmers and other rural Americans; and

Whereas, The outcomes of Grange advocacy have a positive impact on our nation today as a result of accomplishments such as rural free delivery of mail to rural families, the expansion of rural electrification and the promotion of the Cooperative Extension System and agricultural institutions of higher education; and

Whereas, The Grange currently advocates for enhancing rural health care and expanding broadband, cellular telephone and Internet services to rural areas; and

Whereas, Two of the Grange’s original seven founders, Reverend Aaron B. Grosh and William M. Ireland, who were laid to rest in Marietta and Philadelphia respectively, were residents of this Commonwealth; and

Whereas, Keystone State leadership continues to this day with Commonwealth resident Betsy Huber currently serving as the first woman president of the Grange; and

Whereas, Some high-profile Grange members include President Harry S. Truman, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and painter Norman Rockwell; and

Whereas, Currently, Nirvana bassist Krist Novoselic serves as President of the Grays River Grange in Washington State; and

Whereas, The Grange continues to be a positive advocate for rural America and an active community-building force nationally and in this Commonwealth since 1873 when the first Grange, Eagle Grange, in Lycoming County, was established; therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives designate December 4, 2017, the sesquicentennial anniversary of the Grange’s founding, as “Grange Recognition Day” in Pennsylvania to recognize the contribution of the Grange to our nation and this Commonwealth.



Grange News

STONY POINT GRANGE #1694

Members of Stony Point Grange #1694 prepared and served meals to more than 100 clients of the Good Shepherd Center in Greenville, PA on Presidents' Day as one of their annual community service projects



Pictured above, left to right: Jason Gruber, Ralph Boyd, Martha Gruber, Ken Ammann, Kathy Ammann, and Stan Gruber. Missing from photo – Ruth Fulton.

Grange, called the donation a great way to show the organization's respect and appreciation of law enforcement. *"Our police officers and law enforcement personnel do not have an easy job,"* Dinniman said. *"They have a duty to protect our communities, families, and children at all hours of the day and night. In turn, members of the Grange felt they had an obligation to do what they could to ensure that our police have the latest tools and gear to stay safe while on the job."*

BAILEYVILLE GRANGE #1991

Pictured are Master Charles Richards and Junior Granger Isabella



Boone, with her FFA Jacket this year, at the PA farm show in January. Baileyville Grange #1991 sponsored her jacket; way to go Isabella!

KEYSTONE GRANGE #2

Keystone Grange would like to invite everyone to come visit us during our coming events:

May 16th: Regular meeting (Memorial program

with Reverend Martha Kriebel).

May 28th: Memorial Day Parade (Main Street Trappe – 9am) Keystone Grange will be represented in the parade and will host an information booth at Waterworks Park.

June 2nd: Granden Party/Farm Stand Grand Opening – Speakers House (10a-2p).

June 20th: Regular Meeting – PECO energy audits for homeowners. For additional information on any of our events, please contact Keystone President, Gene Zvarick, at 484-948-6916

CALIFORNIA GRANGE #941

The National Grange celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2017; while the Pennsylvania California Grange #941 celebrated their



Photo above: Francis Kessler: 45 yrs, Dottie Ulrich: 25yrs, Cynthia Pfleeger: 45yrs, Ruth & Leroy Cotner. Row 2: Alice Cotner, 25yrs, Paul & Ruth Auten, 25 yrs, Barry Durlin: 30 yrs



Photo above: David Fry: 25 yrs, Jessie White: 30 yrs, Barbara Fry: 30yrs. Row 2: Mary Lou Murray: 60 yrs, Carolyn Fisher: 10 yrs, Joe Murray: 60 yrs, Robert Fry: 30 yrs

127th anniversary. We honored its many members who were celebrating milestones in their own membership!

Not pictured: Alice Durlin: 65 yrs, June Reich: 60 yrs, Rob-

BRANDYWINE GRANGE #60

On February 14, 2018, State Senator Andy Dinniman and fellow members of the Brandywine Grange #60 recently raised \$1,000 for the Coatesville Police Department to be used for bulletproof vests for officers.

Dinniman and Grange members presented the check to Coatesville Police Chief Jack Laufer. *"This is our small way of saying thank you,"* Marie Leach, Grange Master, said. *"All of the members of our Grange support our police and the great work they do."*

Dinniman, a member of the





ert Pardoe, Jr: 55yrs, Lou Bowersox: 40 yrs, Byron & Joyce Roth: 30 yrs, Sam Ulrich: 25 yrs, Becky Schreck: 20 yrs, Delores Yost: 15 yrs, Jennie Hagerman: 15 yrs, Katie Finn: 10 yrs, Don & Mona Cotner: 5 yrs.

California Grange also had 4 new members conferred degrees in our celebratory year of 2017.



Photo above: Gail Summers, Mary Hall, Robert Fry, Master; Robert Whitmoyer, & Roy David Whitmoyer



State Session 2018

The following information is for Pennsylvania State Session (October 19-21, 2018):

HOTEL:

Pittsburgh Marriott North
(Headquarters for 2018 State Session)

ADDRESS:

100 Cranberry Woods
Cranberry Twp., Pa. 16066

RESERVATION PHONE NUMBER:

1-800-228-9290.

ROOM RATES:

Grangers are \$124.95 per night.



Full service hotel, refrigerator in all rooms, complete with full hot breakfast buffet for each person in the reserved room, and free parking.

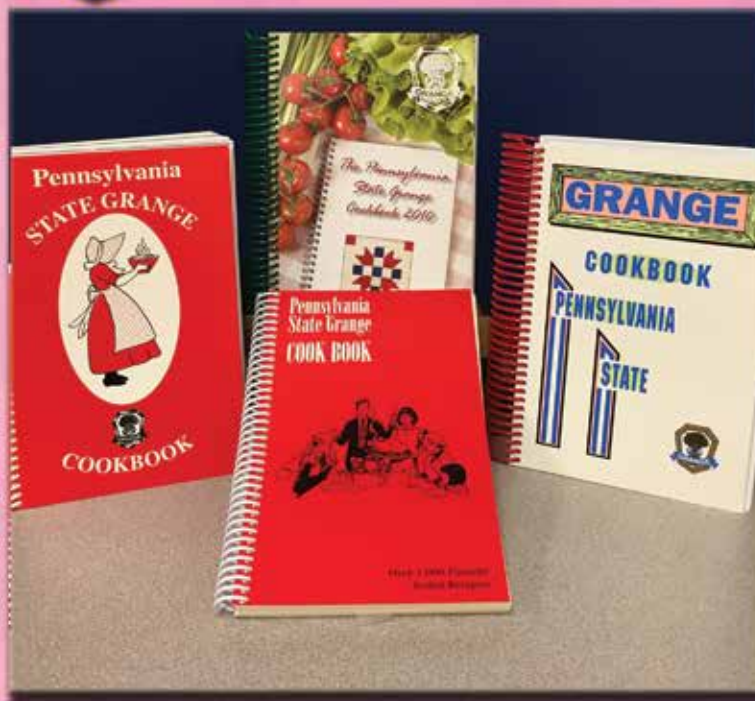


YOU MUST IDENTIFY YOURSELF and mention that you are attending the Pennsylvania State Grange Convention in October at the Pittsburgh Marriott North.

If you fail to do so you may end up paying a higher rate.



Pennsylvania State Grange Cookbooks



1972 Edition (reprinted in 2012)
\$24.00 each (includes S&H)

2010 Edition
\$22.00 each (includes S&H)

1984 Edition
\$17.00 each (includes S&H)

1950 Edition
\$17.00 each (includes S&H)

**To order a Grange Cookbook,
please contact the Grange at:**

20 Erford Road, Suite 216

Lemoyne, PA 17043

1-717-737-8855

www.pagrange.org (for order form)



Government Matters

Vince Phillips

PA State Grange Lobbyist

GRANGE PURSUES ITS COMMUNITY SERVICE MISSION

PLEASE NOTE: As part of its mission of community service, Pennsylvania State Grange was happy to assist the PA State Council of Farm Organizations and the PA Department of Agriculture

in promoting greater understanding of food safety rules on the farm. Special thanks goes to Granges that hosted the events – Lewistown Grange #1639 (Tamaqua in Schuylkill County); Kutztown Grange #1836 (Berks County) and Red Lion Grange #1781 (York County) and to the Bedford Grange Mutual Insurance Company in Bedford County.

FOOD SAFETY RULE REINFORCES

Farmers hold a special moral place in American society. In addition to being the core of many rural communities, farmers are the conservation stewards of the land. They have also taken on the responsibility of feeding the United States and the world. With that comes the moral high ground when a farmer knows that he or she produces a steady, dependable, and safe supply of food.

Most farmers subscribe already to practices and procedures protecting food from being contaminated at its source. That is good news but it is tempered by the fact that 46% of food-related illnesses requiring medical care and/or hospitalization between 1998 and 2006 can be traced back to a farm. It is a sobering thought.

Enter the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA), a U.S. law that sets forth standards of food safety for produce growers. Administered federally

by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration, FSMA specifies practices on:

- Worker Health and Hygiene
- Water Used in Agriculture
- Soil Amendments of Animal Origin (manure)
- Domestic Animals in the Growing Area
- Wild Animals in the Growing Area
- Equipment, Tools and Storage Buildings

There are also rules on safe transport of produce to a processor or restaurant if the farmer does the transporting. The law is expansive but so is the risk of contaminating food at its source because of an inadvertent practice in growing, harvesting or storing produce.

RULES SEEN AS COMMON SENSE

At first, compliance sounds like yet another requirement and more re-tooling of the farming operation but not necessarily according to Nan-

cy Jury, Assistant Director of the PA Department of Agriculture Bureau of Food Safety. Speaking to a Food Safety Workshop sponsored by the PA State Council of Farm Organizations March 1 in Bedford, Pennsylvania, Jury said "The Food Safety Modernization Act can also be called 'The Common Sense Rule'". "Most farmers employ these best practices anyway because their goal is food safety too. What FSMA does is provide a checklist of proper procedures and some record-keeping. Once a farmer assesses his or her operations, the FSMA Rule is not a burden."

According to Jury, most provisions of the Food Safety Modernization Act are common sense. Some of the examples she gave were:

- Do not plant fruits and vegetables where runoff from cattle or dairy operations can take place.
- Do not spray pesticides and apply fertilizers if there is a chance that it will drift into the pro-





duce-growing area.

- Where possible, do not use wooden containers and equipment. Use plastic containers where there is direct contact with produce. Plastic can be cleaned but wood cannot be completely sanitized.
- Do wash hands after using the toilet, before returning to work after a break or meal, and after touching animals or any animal waste.



some of the water through its skin. If the water is dirty, the melon is contaminated. That might not normally

Farmers should note that there are some new FSMA record-keeping responsibilities.

There must be documentation that workers received training on hygiene and sanitary procedures. There must be periodic testing of water not coming from a municipality. The type of testing is still being worked on by the FDA in order to find an accessible and affordable test for farmers to use. The tests look for E coli. One important rule is that every farm above the \$25,000 threshold of gross produce sales must have a person who has gone through formal training (such as from Extension).

For further information, please contact Nancy Jury at 717-787-4315; njury@pa.gov. A web site outlining Food Safety Modernization requirements may be found at www.eatsafepa.com

FDA: <https://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FSMA/default.htm>

Vince Phillips is the lobbyist for the Pennsylvania State Grange. He has lobbied in PA since 1989, coming from the Nation's Capitol where, among other things, he served on President Reagan's Transition Team and held a Reagan Administration appointment at USDA.

Vince Phillips
717-737-8855 or
legislation@pagrange.org



FARMS BEST PRACTICES

- Do not let harvested produce become a magnet for infestation. For example, keep space between produce bins and walls to allow for spotting any sort of rodent infestation.
- Do protect crops from wildlife as much as possible. It is impossible to do this 100% because deer are deer and migratory birds, well, migrate.



According to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), 50% of all the produce food poisoning outbreaks from 1996-2004 originated from leafy greens and sprouts. Ten percent came from melons and ten percent came from tomatoes. Jury said that those kinds of produce have the greatest risk of being contaminated. Although the incidence is low for many other fruits and vegetables, it pays to be cautious she said.

A major part of compliance is simply making farmers aware of possible risks of which they had not previously been aware. One example is bringing cantaloupes in from the sun to a water cleaning area. If the water is much cooler than the temperature outside, the cantaloupe will absorb

be noticed but an inspection would quickly spot that risk.

HOW COMPLIANCE WILL WORK

The Food and Drug Administration gave the PA Department of Agriculture the authority to help farmers comply. This is done in stages with advance education being critical. The Department will look at the farm operation informally to point out practices needing improvement. Later begins the formal inspection phase. The Department is working with the largest operations first starting in 2018. Farmers markets and pick your own operations are also governed by this law. Formal inspections are not expected to begin until 2019. By 2020, farms with over \$25,000 in gross produce sales are expected to comply.

The PA Department of Agriculture intends to offer assistance to farmers in 2018 and beyond to help them prepare for inspections. This will take the form of "On-Farm Readiness Reviews", or OFRRs. The OFRRs will provide farmers an opportunity to learn on which practices they need to improve or adopt in order to be able to pass an inspection. These OFRRs are voluntary and free of charge and PA Department of Agriculture food safety staff will perform the OFRRs, not the FDA.





Back to the Land:

Dig Deeper!

Vertical Gardening in the Urban Environment

Guest writer: Rodale Institute (<http://rodaleinstitute.org>)

Most urban centers across the United States have been labeled as “food deserts” where city residents do not have access to local, fresh produce. Food is transported to city centers by the truckloads from tens and even thousands of miles away. Oftentimes, these materials arrive close to or past their expiration and the condition of the food is questionable. As a result, city



residents, which account for 81% of the US population, are provided with low quality produce.

Urban gardening and farming has risen in the last decade with increasing support from city officials, community leaders, university faculty and students, the farming industry, and governmental organizations. However, increasing green spaces and food production in urban environments is not without its challenges and risks. The two leading obstacles for city residents to safely grow

their own food are: (1) availability of space, and (2) soil free from toxic substances. Industry over the last century has dominated urban land, which has led to a rise in soil contaminated with a variety of substances such as heavy metals, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

Challenges and risks associated with urban gardening and farming

- Space availability
- Lack of resources (building materials, soil, water seeds or transplants)
- Adequate sunlight for plant production
- Extreme heat during summer months
- Clean soil free of toxic substances

Recent interests in food production in urban environments have prompted a re-evaluation of soil safety, economic incentives, and the best practices for urban gardening and agriculture. Urban gardening and recreational areas are constrained by space and resources. In locations where there is limited room for raised beds or box plots, vertical gardening becomes an attractive alternative. The Rodale Institute has designed a number of prototypes for vertical gardening called “Growing Towers” and has installed them in the cities of Allentown and Philadelphia, PA.

Growing Towers – Rodale Institute Vertical Gardening Structures

The growing towers are simple structures where the space available for plant production is built vertically in a column or rectangular wall. The structure is held in place using weld-wire, carpenter’s mesh or chain-linked fencing. The height and diameter can vary depending on space availability and plant production needs. A material such as gardening cloth, straw, light-weight fabric or thin cardboard is placed on the inner periphery of the tower to minimize soil loss. The tower is then back-filled with clean compost-amended topsoil. Fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers can be transplanted into the sides of the tower while transplanting or direct-seeding can occur in the top of the tower after the structure is built and ready for production. Maintenance and other common gardening practices would apply after the column is



established and production is underway.

Advantages of Using a Growing Tower

- Creates space vertically for plant production
- Minimizes the risks associated with soil contamination by reducing contact and exposure
- Provides an additional option for urban gardening
- Increases natural beauty in a concrete environment

Tips for Building and Using Growing Towers

The Rodale Institute has been growing fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers in towers since 2014 and has experienced a number of successes and failures while enhancing growing tower prototypes. Since then, the project managers and collaborators have identified a number of tips that will assist practitioners when building and maintaining growing towers.

Choosing cost-effective materials:

There are several different types of materials that can be used to create the rigid, cylindrical or rectangular structure for growing towers. Each material will vary in cost and availability. Welded-wire for instance, which is used widely by the Rodale Institute, comes in all shapes and sizes. The most cost effective option for welded-wire is one that has a cell size of 2x4 inch-



es. The height of the wire ranges from 3-6 feet and the price adjusts according as the height increases. Other pliable wire such as chicken wire can also be used but this material is less rigid and may buckle under the weight of the soil. Chain-linked fencing is common in city areas and could be adapted into a growing tower with permission from the owner. When building your tower, creativity could be your best tool.

Choosing which plants to grow:

The towers presented here offer a unique growing environment for fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers. After two years of using the towers, the Rodale Institute has noticed that some plants grow better than others. A few of the top performers that had been planted on the side of the tower are kale, Swiss chard, parsley, cilantro, dill, and basil. Several other plants did well such as tomatoes, lettuce and peppers, but required greater attention with watering or training. Most plants had grown very well when planted on the top of the tower. When planting on the sides keep in mind the maximum size of the plant and expect larger plants to hang lower on the tower so be sure not to transplant larger plants on top of smaller plants (e.g., tomatoes planted above dill).

Watering:

The vertical growing towers have a greater amount of surface area compared to standard box plots or raised beds and conse-

quently are exposed to more wind. This exposure can cause the towers to dry-out more quickly compared to areas in direct contact with soil. Frequent watering from the top of the tower will aid in maintaining adequate moisture within the tower. Additional irrigation such as perforated PVC tubing inserted into the sides or a large container with holes on the bottom sunken into the soil from the top can be installed to provide water lower in the tower (see image).

Nutrient management:

One advantage of the growing tower is that the soil is minimally disturbed between growing seasons; however, due to its design, amending the soil with compost or other soil amendments for nutrient management can be challenging, but there is a solution. Similar to watering, liquid soil amendments such as compost tea and fish emulsion or other liquid organic fertilizers can be applied throughout the tower using the water irrigation system previously mentioned.

Soil compaction:

The growing towers can be constructed as tall as six feet with



a soil column weighing up to one ton. Even a three-foot tower could contain a cubic yard of soil with a weight of nearly one ton. The vertical design of the tower will

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cause issues with soil compaction that will make transplanting difficult within a growing season or between seasons. The Rodale Institute is examining solutions for overcoming this obstacle and are finding that amending topsoil with compost, perlite and vermiculite can minimize compaction. Yearly additions of compost-amended soil between growing seasons onto the top of the tower is required. Other options are available but require greater skill when building the tower. For example, creating a column of straw or wood chips down the middle of the tower with 4-6 inches of compost-amended soil on the periphery will greatly reduce weight and compaction.

For more information about vertical gardening or if interested in building a vertical gardening, contact Rick Carr, Compost Production Specialist, at rick.carr@rodaleinstitute.org or Jesse Barrett, Organic Allentown Program Manager, at jesse.barrett@rodaleinstitute.org.

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become available. Since our last report in the Grange News, an additional contribution to the work of the History Committee has been received from Lycoming County Pomona #28. More contributions from Granges and individuals are needed and may be sent any time to committee treasurer: Anna May Nauss, 10 W. Schoolside Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

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Lobbyist, would like to get the e-mail of people across the state that would like to keep up with the happenings in Harrisburg. He could then contact you and ask that you contact your Legislators as the need arises on various political issues that may affect you.

The Pennsylvania State Grange office sent out a form requesting information on your local committee people. Please include e-mail addresses where possible. This will help us include more in the loop and help build that communications bridge.

We've set a goal, we are trying to provide the tools to attain the goal, now let's all be Do-er's and make it happen!
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Fraternally,
Wayne Campbell
Pennsylvania State Grange
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try to kill all the female *Ailanthus altissima* trees, because they produce seed and contribute to the spread of this invasive tree. Be careful handling *Ailanthus altissima*



(*Ailanthus altissima* "Tree of Heaven" identification)

altissima wood, leaves, and branches. Chemicals in the sap of this tree can cause headaches, nausea, and possible heart problems. Wear gloves and protect yourself from exposure. When you cut down *Ailanthus altissima* trees, they will sprout profusely from the stumps and can grow back in a few years. Because they regenerate so easily, it is highly recommended that you treat the stumps with a herbicide to kill them and prevent them from sprouting new shoots. Herbicides that are labelled for this use usually contain one of the following active ingredients: triclopyr, dicamba, imazapyr or glyphosate. Use the herbicide carefully and according to the label directions. Alternative methods for using herbicides to kill *Ailanthus altissima* trees include foliar sprays, basal bark applications, and a method called frill application or "hack and squirt." Whatever method you choose, remember that you will have dead *Ailanthus* trees which may eventually have to be removed.

3. Treat Remaining Trees: Treat the remaining *Ailanthus altissima* trees with a systemic insecticide that will move throughout the tree. The insecticide must be applied according to the label and at the right time of year for the trees to absorb it. When spotted lan-

ternflies feed on correctly treated trees, they will die. Systemic insecticides that are labelled to treat ornamental trees usually contain the active ingredients dinotefuran or imidacloprid. The PDA is using dinotefuran in their IPM strategy.

Treating only a few trap trees with a systemic product can reduce the amount of insecticide released into the environment and may help conserve beneficial insects.

This article is reprinted from the Penn State Extension website: <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly>

Please see the next issue for additional information.

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Additional resources:

<https://extension.psu.edu/pests-and-diseases/pest-disease-and-weed-identification/see-all-pest-disease-and-weed-identification/shopby/spotted-lanternfly>

http://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Plants_Land_Water/PlantIndustry/Entomology/spotted_lanternfly/Pages/default.aspx

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/resources/pests-diseases/hungry-pests/the-threat/spotted-lanternfly/spot-ter-lanternfly>

(Spotted Lanternfly Management Calendar)

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Destroy egg masses	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X
Destroy most <i>Ailanthus altissima</i> trees (1)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Treat most <i>Ailanthus</i> trees with herbicide (2,3)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Use sticky bands to destroy nymphs					X	X	X	X				
Treat <i>Ailanthus</i> trap trees with systemic insecticides (3)						X	X	X				
Registered contact insecticides may be effective (3)					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Avoid moving gravid (fertilized) females (4)								X	X	X	X	X
Avoid moving viable egg masses (4)	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X
Predominant Life Stage Present-(one generation per year in Pennsylvania in 2015 and 2016)												
Eggs	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X
Nymphs					X	X	X	X	X			
Adults							X	X	X	X	X	X

- X Time to use management practices.
- (1) Destroying all *Ailanthus* trees (Tree of Heaven) may result in spotted lanternfly moving to surrounding plants and increase the pest pressure on them. It is recommended about 10% of *Ailanthus* trees are left alive to serve as trap trees to attract the spotted lanternflies. Leave only male trees if possible.
- (2) *Ailanthus* trees will re-sprout vigorously from cut stumps and roots, unless they are treated with a systemic herbicide. Repeat applications of herbicide may be necessary.
- (3) Always read herbicide and insecticide labels and follow the directions.
- (4) Before you move outdoor items from the quarantine area, check for spotted lanternfly egg masses, adults, and nymphs and destroy them. Use the checklist at the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Checklist for Residents Living in Spotted Lanternfly Quarantine Areas.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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Cindy Cain
Brooke Corl
David Renninger
Sylvia Wellar

Union #152

Penny Carpenetti
Alyssa Clark

Victor #159

Ken Shope
Lilae Shope

New Vernon #608

Amber White

Girard #788

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Kenneth Shugarts
Violet Shugarts

Center Hills #885

Judith Shugarts

Jeffrey Shugarts

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Robert Cox

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Burgettstown #1502

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Keith Grim
Kathryn Grim

Gouglersville #1743

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Emma Schaeffer
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Lizzy Schaeffer
Colon Kerschner

Trexlerstown #1755

Ted Silar

Pioneer #1777

Michael Covey

Liberty #1780

William McGregor
Ted Kosciuszko
Nancy Kosciuszko

Red Lion #1781

Krista Moyer

Perry Valley #1804

Wendy Weyant

Ridgeview #1948

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Baileyville #1991

Tina Henry
Barbara Deibler
Justin Kocher
David Kocher
Karen Poorman
Bryan Poorman

Big Knob #2008

Luke Chambers

(Correction: Last month we printed that Carol Sullivan joined Canasara-go Grange. She actually joined South Auburn Grange #1188)

IN MEMORIAM

Keystone #2

Ernest Yocum

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Please don't forget to include your phone number, so we can contact you if we have questions.

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6-13th: Farm Show (Harrisburg)		16-18th: Mid-Atlantic Leaders Conference	National Grange Month 5-8th: Young Adults Weekend
May	June	July	August
	Dairy Month 29-July 1st: Youth Camp (Howard)	1-7th: Junior Camp (Howard) 19-22nd: Family Festival (Centre Hall)	14-16th: Penn State Ag Progress Days. (Pennsylvania Furnace)
September	October	November	December
	19-21st: State Grange Session (Butler)	13-17: 152nd National Grange Session (Vermont)	

Jan 01	New Year's Day
Jan 15	Martin Luther King Day
Feb 12	Lincoln's Birthday
Feb 14	Valentine's Day
Feb 14	Ash Wednesday
Feb 16	Chinese New Year
Feb 19	President's Day
Mar 11	Daylight Saving (begin)
Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day
Mar 20	Vernal equinox
Mar 31	Passover
Apr 01	April Fool's Day
Apr 01	Easter
Apr 25	Admin Assistants Day
May 13	Mother's Day
May 16	Ramadan begins
May 20	Pentecost
May 28	Memorial Day
Jun 14	Flag Day
Jun 17	Father's Day
Jun 21	June Solstice
Jul 04	Independence Day
Sep 03	Labor Day
Sep 10	Rosh Hashanah
Sep 23	Autumnal equinox
Oct 08	Columbus Day
Oct 31	Halloween
Nov 04	Daylight Saving (end)
Nov 11	Veterans Day
Nov 22	Thanksgiving
Dec 02	Hanukkah begins
Dec 21	December Solstice
Dec 25	Christmas Day
Dec 26	Kwanzaa begins
Dec 31	New Year's Eve

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