



# Freshwater Grange 499

Spring 2024

## Accomplishments and Offerings

*Dear Friends and Neighbors,*

*Here is an exciting update on all the activities and building progress that has occurred in the first quarter of this year.*

*- Our heat pump system is working well and keeps the building warm and toasty these cold winter/spring days. Endless gratitude to the generous community member who funded this project!*

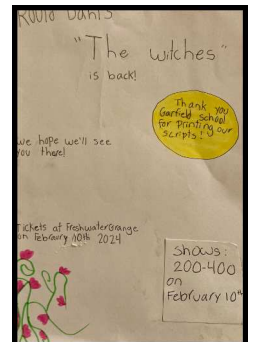
*- We have solar power! Our "Rays on the Roof" solar project has come to completion. A big thank you to Rise Energy for being a joy to work with and for their generosity! A heartfelt thanks to all who supported this ambitious endeavor. We will have a celebration dinner and concert planned for June 22. Stay tuned for more details.*

*- New gutters have been installed. This last winter was an unusually wet one and we had some challenges keeping our downstairs dry. Thanks to a donation from Lindstrom Construction we now have new gutters and that will go a long way to keeping our kitchen dry.*

*- The relationship between the Freshwater Grange and Garfield School has been ongoing for almost 140 years! On February 10th, eight marvelous Garfield School students performed Roald Dahl's "The Witches" at our hall as a fundraiser for Freshwater Grange. The performance and the idea to have it benefit the Grange was completely organized by the students! We wish to thank all of the performers, parents, attendees, and Garfield School for making this happen. The students raised over \$500 that went towards the "Rays on the Roof" solar project. A special thank you to Penn and Nick Kerhoulas!*

*- Gallery 499 continues to recognize the art of quilting by displaying quilts from various quilters and quilt guilds during our monthly Pancake Breakfasts. We have displayed Vintage and Antique quilts from the collection of Susie Freeze, picture quilts made by Angie Tustiso, Community Quilts made by members of the Redwood Empire Quilters and the Moonstone Quilters Guilds. Come in and see these beautiful works of art at our Pancake Breakfast on the 1st Sunday of the month.*

*- It is a pleasure to host the quartet "Trombones at 4" at our Pancake Breakfast. Their lively tunes graced our April breakfast and we look forward to having them return next Breakfast season.*





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- There was a great turnout for our 2nd annual St. Paddy's Day Bingo. Participants enjoyed a homecooked meal of bangers and mash, salad and cupcakes prior to the games. The Bingo games were lively with great prizes for each winner.

- The Grange began two new activities for the community:

The 1st "Crafting at the Grange" was held on March 23rd. Participants brought their knitting, crocheting, and other hand work. They sat, worked their needles, and enjoyed each other's company. Crafting at the Grange is offered every 3rd Thursday of the month. Doors open at 6:30 pm. No admission charge, but donations are always appreciated.

The "Quilting at the Grange" workshop was held on March 30 with 15 attendees working on their own projects or trying their hand at a pattern called Lady Luck created by Robert Kauffman Fabrics. It was so enjoyable that a second workshop is scheduled for May 18th 10 am - 4 pm \$15 (see the website for more information and to register.)

Our two regularly occurring classes are also well attended:

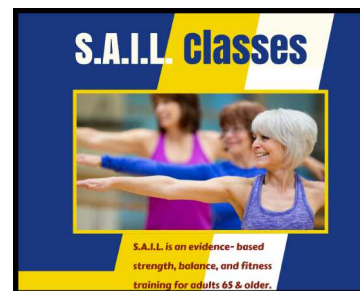
Yoga Nidra Meditation meets on the first Sunday of the month (follows the Pancake Breakfasts). Connie Scheckla is a certified holistic massage therapist, Usui Holy Fire Reiki instructor and owner of Ripple Effect Wellness. Bring a mat or blanket and come reset and relax! \$5 suggested donation.

Our second class is SAIL (Stay Active and Independent for Life) for seniors 60+. This class meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 - 10:30. It is free to attendees. The program of exercises works on balance, strength building, cardio and flexibility. Regular attendance at a SAIL class has proven to minimize the risk of falls.

- The Freshwater Grange is an increasingly popular venue for weddings, birthdays, celebrations of Life and the like. Visit our website for more information and to see our gallery.

- A heartfelt thank you to all of our amazing members, volunteers, and supporters. With vision, determination, and support, we have come so far and we will continue to expand the ways in which we can serve our community. Thank you!

Tamara Myers- President



# APRIL IS GRANGE MONTH!

On April 9, 2024, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors proclaimed April as Grange Month! We thank our Supervisors for recognizing the many ways that Granges enrich Humboldt County communities!

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

## PROCLAMATION

*in honor of*

## Grange Month

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

**WHEREAS**, The Grange has played a major role in the development of rural America and passage of important legislation during three centuries; and

**WHEREAS**, The Grange of the 21<sup>st</sup> century continues to be an active force in thousands of neighborhoods across the country, creating connections between people, communities, and organizations even through periods of social unrest and disruption; and

**WHEREAS**, The Grange is committed to the development of the potential in families, children, youth and adults of all ages, ethnicity, creed or social standing through dynamic programs and experiences that educate, engage and enrich lives; and

**WHEREAS**, The Grange emphasizes civic responsibility and the involvement of people in the legislative process, cultivating connections between citizens and their government; and

**WHEREAS**, The Grange offers opportunities for civil discussions among people of all viewpoints and opinions, serving as a safe haven for exploring important social and legislative issues of the day; and

**WHEREAS**, The Grange strengthens hometowns through volunteerism, community support and legislative action, building up rural and urban areas for the benefit of all who live there; and

**WHEREAS**, The Grange motto "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity" has guided the Grange mission through advocacy, community service, and openness to all; and

**WHEREAS**, Grange members everywhere wish to celebrate and express their pride in the legacy of their highly respected organization;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that April 2024 be proclaimed Grange Month, in recognition of the contributions made to Humboldt County and the State of California by Grange membership for years of faithful service, and we urge and encourage our friends and neighbors to join us in this well-deserved recognition.

Dated: April 9, 2024



Rex Bohn, Chair

Now is a great time to join the Freshwater Grange.

Come serve the community and have fun while doing it!

**Annual dues are: \$40 for individual \$80 per Family membership**

There is a \$5 application fee for first time members. Send completed application to :

Freshwater Grange P.O. Box 6153 Eureka, CA 95502



## Application Individual for Grange Membership

To the officers and members of Freshwater Grange 499,

I \_\_\_\_\_, respectfully petition to be initiated and enrolled as 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 ByLaws 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.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth month & day: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Retired: Y / N

Volunteer Interests \_\_\_\_\_

**Dues: \$40      Application fee: \$5**



## Family Application for Grange Membership

To the officers and members of Freshwater Grange 499,

We the \_\_\_\_\_ family respectfully petition to be initiated and enrolled Application fee \$ (Please Print Your Family Name) \_\_\_\_\_ as a member in your Grange. In presenting this application, We are 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. We 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. We have not applied for and been rejected for membership in any other Grange within the past six months.

#	Full Name (Print)	Date of Birth	Sex	Signature of Applicant
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List Occupations for each person above				
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Street Address:			Email Address (Print)	
City	State	Zip Code	Phone Number	

**Dues: \$80      Application fee: \$5**