



Dues are now due, if you are not renewing your membership, please notify the Secretary, see page 2 for contact information.

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# GRANGE GAZETTE

## Of Rainbow Valley Grange

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**Mail to:**

210 W. Vermont Ave., #106  
Escondido, CA 92025

**Next meeting: Saturday,  
February 21st, 5:30 pm**  
**The Rainbow Valley  
Grange Thrift Store is now  
open whenever the Hall is  
open.**

February 21	S.D. Co. Pomona Grange Youth Fair Team	Grange Hall	2:30 pm
	Junior Grange meeting	"	3:30 pm
	Subordinate meeting	"	4:30 pm
		"	5:30 pm

### San Diego County Pomona Grange #35

#### Message from the Pomona Master

All members, please come to this month's meeting if you are interested in keeping our Pomona Grange going.

I would like to plan a picnic for this summer for all Grange members in Region 11 (not just Pomona members). The California State Grange Lecturer's Project for 2009 is to get every Grange to have an event to raise the visibility of the Grange in our communities and to help recruit new members.

Another project we can work on is the No Budget—No Pay initiative sponsored by the State Grange. To find out more information go to <http://www.nobudget-nopay.org/>.

—Suzy Moramarco, 760-489-9502, [suncette@cox.net](mailto:suncette@cox.net)

**Note: All Grange meetings  
this month have been  
moved to the third  
Saturday—February 21st.**

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#### DUES are now DUE for 2009

For Rainbow Valley Grange -Adults are \$31 and Youth \$9, Family Plan is \$62 (that is two adults in the same family pay and their Youth are free – does not include Junior Grange members). Please make checks payable to Rainbow Valley Grange.

For San Diego County Pomona -Adults are \$10 and Youth \$5. Please make checks payable to San Diego County Pomona.

Mail checks to R.V. Grange or S.D. Co. Pomona Grange,  
c/o 210 W. Vermont Ave. #106, Escondido, CA, 92025.

### Upcoming Dates

**Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner**  
Date to Announced

**California State Grange  
Youth Conference**  
Memorial Day Weekend  
May 23-25th  
American River Grange  
Rancho Cordova

**Grange Family Camp**  
August 5-10, 2009  
Camp Tehama

**137th California State Grange  
Annual Meeting**  
October 7-10th  
Fresno



**The Daughters of Norway**  
are forming a new lodge

The next meeting is  
Saturday, February 21, 2009  
11:00 am

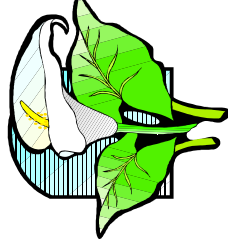
At Rainbow Valley Grange Hall

Anyone with Norwegian, Swedish,  
Finnish, Danish or Icelandic ties  
(blood or marriage)  
is welcome to join.

**Deadline for March issue—Feb. 23rd**

## Grange Report

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On a sad note for longtime Grangers who might remember her, we lost one of our oldest members last month, Griselda Bratcher, who was 96. She had taught at Vallecitos many years ago and had supported the Grange with some very generous donations in the past. Griselda use to attend our monthly breakfasts and always checked out our handicrafts to see if we had any with the American flag on it that she could buy. Although she had not been to any Grange functions since we stopped our breakfasts, Griselda remembered our Grange in her trust. She left us another generous donation to help improve our hall and fund some activities, for which we are very grateful.

We also received a few more exciting letters, these ones from the State Grange, notifying us we have won both the Grange and Junior Grange Sweepstakes awards from the Grange Expo in October. Each award comes with \$100. Although the Junior Grange has now won the award at least three times, this is the first time

our subordinate Grange has won it. We also had more members enter than we have ever had before, so let's see if we can keep it up this year! Now is a good time to start working on those entries....we should be getting the new Expo Book any time now.

On January 31<sup>st</sup>, we had six juniors, seven youth, and 17 adults attend our Food Handlers class at the Grange. We all got certified so we should have plenty of help when we get our pizza kitchen up and running. Those who could stay after the class tried out the pizza oven. More details need to be worked out, but when we are ready to accept orders we will let everyone know.

For those of you who have Albertson's Preferred Savings Cards that are linked to the Grange's Community Partners ID #, they need to be relinked by February 28, 2009. To do this, go to [WWW.ALBERTSONSCP.COM](http://WWW.ALBERTSONSCP.COM). You will need the # on your Preferred Savings Card and our organization # - 49000126177. We need everyone to relink their cards so we will keep on getting up to 4% of what you spend there. Let me know if you have any questions.

For those who have not paid their dues, please let me know if you will be paying when you can or if you are withdrawing your membership. Those who do not notify me one way or the other will be suspended as of March 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you.

## Junior Report

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We elected officers at our last meeting. Congratulations to our returning Master Shavonne Donoghue and Lecturer Kiera Donoghue, and to our new officers: Overseer Amy Varvel, Chaplain Noah Cookingham, Secretary Kevin Fontana, Steward Isaac Cookingham, Assistant Steward Chris Duncel, and Treasurer Kendra Donoghue.

We will be installing our new officers at this month's meeting. I will also be handing out Merit Badges earned by members last year. We will be making plans for fun activities during the year.

Congratulations to all the Juniors who had entries in last year's Expo. All your entries

combined to win the Junior Sweepstake Award.

For those of you who will be spending part of President's Day weekend in the great outdoors, consider taking part in the Great Backyard Bird Count which is hosted by the National Audubon Society and Cornell Lab of Ornithology. You can find out more details at [www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org). You



can do this anywhere and for as little as fifteen minutes anytime during February 13-16th.

Pet supplies are still being collected for local animal shelters. Be thinking of another community service project we can do this year.

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them together with what you will be showing. We will work on them each meeting.

At the last meeting we also decided to collect cans and bottles for money to donate to an animal shelter. So, I hope that everyone is doing that. If you want to turn them in yourself, that is fine, or you can bring what you have and I can turn them in with ours. You may also just continue to bring in items for the shelters, dog/cat food, cat litter, blankets, toys, grooming supplies etc... I would like to take what we collect out to the shelter sometime in April.

Keep doing well in school and whatever else you all may be doing. We will see you at our next meeting, which was moved to Feb.21st., due to the long weekend on the 14th.

If anyone would like to bring a snack, please feel free to do so!

See you then

## Youth Fair Team

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### Greetings to All

I hope all is going well with you. It may only be February but June and fair are right around the corner. Isn't that exciting?? We have work do to for the fair decorations, so don't forget to bring a record,( if you don't remember what that is ask a parent...) We will be taking pictures for them. We will start working on the question and answer board also. Please be thinking about the knowledge bowl, Mrs. Donoghue would like to lead that, but we will need participants in both age groups. I also need to know what animal you are showing for both breed and market week.

I have folders for everyone, for you to work on for the record books. I tried to put

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