



GRANGE GAZETTE

Of Rainbow Valley Grange

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Wednesday, Jan. 11
Saturday, Jan. ??
Wednesday, Feb. 8

Meeting @ grange hall
Workday @ grange hall
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6:30 p.m.
TBD
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What's happening at our Grange.....

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Thirty people attended the USDA workshop on Dec. 8, not counting the seven presenters. So, it was a pretty good turnout (see photo below). Different parts of the Farm Service Agency help farmers with disaster/emergency conservation, crop insurance and farm ownership loans while Natural Resources Conservation Service deals with irrigation and mulching as well as technical and financial assistance. The Farm Extension has advisors specializing in tree crops, table and wine grapes, tropical plants, small farms, 4-H and pest

management, etc. There is a lot of help available for small farms, and for new farmers.

We have a lot to talk about at our meeting - we joined the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce last month and need to design business cards and name tags. If anyone is interested in representing the Grange at chamber functions, let me know.

We also need to hold a workday to complete the finishing touches on our hall before we can have a ribbon cutting with the chamber. This includes painting doors and doorjambs and general clean up as well as sorting accumulated stuff.

Also think about any projects you would like to do this year and bring your ideas with you!





Lucette shows the present she chose - the last one on the table - stick on lights with batteries while Cynthia and Ed Komski watch.



Brendan Donaghue displays the lingerie holder Rosalind ended up with.

Secretary's Report

Suzy Moramarco, Secretary

Christmas Party - Fourteen grangers enjoyed food, music and a tame gift exchange at our Holiday Party, December 16th. Dinner was a delicious lasagna, with salad, and breadsticks (from Trupianos). Desserts were plenty, from a variety of mini-bundt cakes, to cookies and baklava.

Dues - Thank you to Tauni Beckmann who was the first member to send in her dues. See box below for more info.

Grange Emails - The California State Grange and the National Grange send out emails to members. If you are not receiving them and would like to, please send me an email at suncette@gmail.com.

Homestead Arts Fair - While I was dropping off flyers for the USDA workshop at Hawthorne's Country Store in Escondido, I was given an application for a Homestead Arts Fair they are having Saturday, February 4, 9 am-4 pm. Although we will not be having a booth there, we will be attending to get ideas for a future grange event. For more about the homestead arts fair go to <http://hawthornecountrystore.com/> and scroll down.



From left: Ed Komski, Donnella, Dave and Jacob Varela enjoy a lively discussion after the gift exchange.

DUES ARE DUE FOR 2017

Adults - \$36, Juniors - \$5

Family Plan (2 adults + children under 21) - \$72

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