



“Whitepine Whispers”

News of Whitepine Grange #102

9 Faro Lane, Trout Creek, MT 59874

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Next meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 26!

At the Sept 21 meeting we voted to change our monthly meeting date from the third Tuesday to the fourth Tuesday of each month, meaning the next meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 26. This way we hope to draw in from American Legion and other groups who are busy on the third Tuesday.

Meeting time is the same; we start at 7pm sharp. However, coffee and cookies are always available for those who arrive early!

“What’s growing on?”

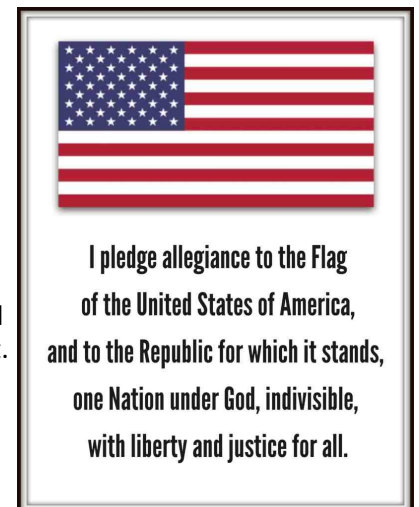
Our Whitepine Grange meetings are fun! Together we’re learning the rituals of the old-time Grange meetings. We’re integrating these decades-old traditions into the opening and closing of our monthly meetings. Many Granges these days do NOT practice the old traditions in their meetings, but others find them an enriching and satisfying connection to the past. Traditions are what bind all of us together and make our identification with the Grange just a little more special.

We start each meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance. That ought to tell you something right there. Some scripted words are exchanged between the officers, and then the business meeting begins. That’s where we need our Grange members’ input. This is the time to discuss our activities, goals, get-togethers, and community service projects..

We then have a short program that’s of interest to everyone. Last month we had two trick dogs demonstrating their skills. In October we’ll feature the Trout Creek School District Superintendent Preston Wenz. He’ll be telling us about the new

garden plot that will be planted next spring at Trout Creek School. Since the Grange is into community service and growing things, maybe there’s a way we can help this project evolve! Bring your ideas.

Our other new project will be with the “Adopt A Highway” program. Montana Department of Transportation will assign us a two-mile stretch of Highway 200 to keep free of litter. The obligation will require at least two annual clean-ups by Grange members and friends. It’s a fun activity, a bit adventuresome (you never know what you might find), and very satisfying!



The freshly tilled garden plot at Trout Creek School



Grange Calendar October 2021

Sept. 28:	Doggy Boot Camp, Week 4, 10:30am
Sept. 29:	Reactive Dog Class, 10:30am
Oct. 5:	Doggy Boot Camp, Week 4, 10:30am Line dancing afternoon
Oct. 6:	Reactive Dog Class, 10:30am
Oct. 8-10:	State Grange Convention, Hamilton
Oct. 11-14:	Grange is closed for a Quilting Retreat
Oct. 19:	Doggy Boot Camp Make-up, 10:30am
Oct. 19:	Afternoon Line Dancing
Oct. 19:	Dog Tricks Class
Oct. 20:	Reactive Dog Class, 10:30am
Oct. 26:	Monthly Grange Members Meeting, 7pm
Oct. 27:	Reactive Dog Class, 10:30am

Vote Oct. 26 on the By-Laws!

Whitepine Grange #102 is finally going to have its own By-Laws, which presumably will be accepted by the membership at the Oct. 26 meeting.

Working on the By-Laws Committee were Patty English, Susan McFarland, Debb McNary, Peggy Carlson and Jan Manning. This group drafted "subordinate grange by-laws" using a template provided by the National Grange.

Each Grange member has been emailed a draft for early review. Please come to the Oct. 26 meeting and register your vote on the by-laws.

Once our new by-laws are accepted, they will be sent to the State Grange for registration.

Things are coming together at Whitepine Grange #102!

Cornucopia of Crafts!



A pre-Thanksgiving
Craft Fair of
artistic bounty!

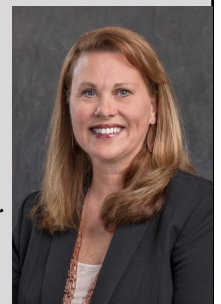
Saturday, Nov. 20
9am to 4pm
Whitepine Grange

Local crafters (11 altogether) will be selling their unique items. Don't miss this chance to pick up hand-made, quality gifts for Thanksgiving hosts and guests...and for yourself!

Sponsored by Whitepine Grange #102
Hosted by Lori Wilson and Linda Yeargin

Welcome our newest
Grange member

Debbie Wilson



Debbie is a financial advisor at Edward Jones in Thompson Falls. She is also co-owner of the Rex Theater. We are honored to have

The Grange strengthens individuals, families and communities through grassroots action, service, education, advocacy and agriculture awareness. Not yet a member? Join today!

Contact Jan at sandersagility@gmail.com

The siding bids are coming in . . .

Several contractors have begun submitting bids on our re-siding/window addition project. So far, there's a wide range of prices, from about \$10,000 up to \$17,000. These prices include removal and clean-up of the old vinyl siding, installation of five windows, and installation of the new metal siding.

A couple contractors have advised us to wait a few months for the price of metal to come down. Metal siding is currently at an all-time high, but prices are expected to come down 30-40% by early in 2022. Since this is a project that can be done even in winter, it is financially worth it to wait a bit longer. Between now and then, we have the chance to pursue donations, raise money, and possibly get some grants to pay for this project.

Due to its durability and low maintenance, metal siding has been chosen to replace the old vinyl siding.



FAQ about Whitepine Grange No. 102



Who owns the Grange building?

The State Grange owns the building at 9 Faro Lane in Trout Creek. If the Grange should default or close its doors, the State Grange claims the property and sells it or disposes of it as they wish.

How does the Grange support itself?

Whitepine Grange is supported through membership fees, building rentals, fundraisers, donations and grants.

Who can join Whitepine Grange No. 102?

Anyone can join. You need not be a farmer or even a neighbor.

What are the advantages to joining the Grange?

You network with your neighbors on projects that benefit all of you. You strengthen family values through Grange activities. You get to use the Grange building for your activities at little or no cost. You make lifelong friends and carry on a tradition in the Whitepine area that's nearly 100 years old.

Do I need to join the Grange to use the building?

No! The Grange hall is available for public use, with a very nominal rental fee starting at \$25.

What is "Friends of Whitepine Grange"?

"Friends of Whitepine Grange" is a nonprofit 501.c.3 organization formed in 2020 for the sole purpose of raising money to support, improve and maintain Whitepine Grange for neighborhood and community use. Since the Grange itself does not have sufficient revenue sources, "Friends of Whitepine Grange" seeks grants and donations, all of which are tax deductible. "Friends of Whitepine Grange" has already funded the new roof, new back porch, new front porch repairs, and indoor cosmetic improvements.