



# "Whitepine Whispers"

News of Whitepine Grange #102

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## Oh, what a beautiful morning!!

*Whitepine Grange members teamed up for their highway cleanup project just west of Thompson Falls*



Ten eager members of Whitepine Grange #102 turned out on Sat., April 23, for our "Adopt-A-Highway" cleanup project. Our section is two miles just west of Thompson Falls. With such good workers, it only took us about 90 minutes, and the weather was splendid!



From left: Carolyn Nesbitt, Carrie Greene and Karin Hanson model their tools of the trade.

They filled about 14 large trash bags with their findings. Later they celebrated their accomplishments with lunch at the River Roadhouse.

We'll do our treasure hunt again in the fall. Join the team!



Tom Mason examines his roadside discovery: an Easter Bunny head!

### Thanks, highway cleanup crew!

- Carolyn Nesbitt
- Carrie Greene
- Karin Hanson
- Guy Engebretson
- Bill Beck
- Debbie Mason
- Tom Mason
- Susan McFarland
- Trish Cottrell
- Jan Manning

### Also in this issue:

- You decide! (president's message, p. 2)
- No more potholes (for a while)
- Another Pomona potluck coming in June
- Exercise class for all
- Mushroom class
- Upcoming improvement projects

*For timely renovation updates: check out the Whitepine Grange page on Facebook!*

From the president:

**Tell us what you want; we are listening!**



Three years ago, Whitepine Grange membership consisted of just a handful of long-time members, most of whom were unable to attend meetings due to health problems and/or location.

**As of our April meeting, we now have 50 members, and our roster is growing every month.** Why? Because folks are once again realizing the importance of Whitepine Grange as a community asset that binds us together in a time when unity and fellowship are more important than ever.

**As Grange members, you run this show.** This is your Grange. The officers may offer guidance and leadership, and we have bylaws...but we take our direction from your suggestions and feedback.

**Example:** Starting last month, we have eliminated or reduced some of the old rituals that were useful 160 years ago but not so much today. Hence, our April meeting went quicker (leaving more time for the guest speaker) and was much more relaxed. All 24 people who attended seemed to truly enjoy the evening—even the short business meeting where we announced that Tom Mason found the Easter Bunny's head during our roadside litter cleanup.

So...please let us know what else we can do (besides serving beer) to make the meetings more enjoyable and interesting for you. We are tasked as Grangers to provide community service, so please share your suggestions on various projects we can tackle each month.

**Be an active member, not just a dues payer.** Come to meetings, sign up for a volunteer task, and recruit your friends and neighbors. It will enrich your lives so that you will REMAIN members of historic Whitepine Grange #102.

Thank you for helping your friends, neighbors and community by being a Granger!



—Jan Manning

## Grange Calendar May+ 2022

Tues, May 3	Line Dancing 3pm
Wed., May 4	Beginning Dog Agility, 10:30 Rally Dog Class, 3pm
Thurs., May 5	Walk Off Winter, 9:15am
Tues., May 10	Line Dancing 3pm
Wed., May 11	Beginning Dog Agility, 10:30 Rally Dog Class, 3pm
Thurs., May 12	Walk Off Winter, 9:15am
Tues., May 17	Line Dancing 3pm
Wed., May 18	Beginning Dog Agility, 10:30 Rally Dog Class, 3pm
Thurs., May 19	Walk Off Winter, 9:15am
Tues., May 24	Line Dancing 3pm Rally Dog Class, 3pm Grange Members Meeting 7pm
Thurs., May 26	Walk Off Winter, 9:15am Mushroom Class 6pm
Tues., May 31	Line Dancing 3pm
Wed., June 1	Rally Dog Class 3pm
Thurs., Jan 2	Walk Off Winter, 9:15am
Sun., June 5	Pomona Potluck, 1pm

### Whitepine Grange #102 Officers 2022

President:	Jan Manning
Vice-President:	Carolyn Nesbitt
Secretary:	Patty English
Treasurer:	Kathy Hill
Advisor:	Peggy Carlson
Chaplain:	Susan McFarland
Greeter:	Arne Carlson
Executive Committee:	Gene Pope, Debbie Mason Ron Kilbury

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

***Not yet a member? Join today!***

***Membership form on last page.***

***[www.whitepinegrange.com](http://www.whitepinegrange.com)***

## The pot holes are gone! (at least for a while)

It was one of those projects that really couldn't wait much longer. The spring pot holes in our Grange's parking lot were large enough for dogs to swim in, so we hired Dan the Dirt Man (Dan Normandeau) of Thompson Falls to fix them up for us. Within a couple days Dan and his father had our parking lot and driveway looking smooth and compacted once again. This was not an inexpensive project, but Dan still came in about \$500 under his estimate, which made it easier to take. This was yet another major improvement project completed for our Grange. Thank you, Dan!



## Items now being accepted For June 24-25 Yard Sale



This beautiful antique doll is just an example of some of the unusual items going into our big Whitepine Grange Yard Sale to be held June 24-25. We have been blessed with some very nice donations already, and we're looking for more. Please bring your donations, in clean and good working condition and we'll store them in the basement until the June sale.

**If you have items for our sale, please feel free to price them as you see fit ahead of time. Call Jan at 406-827-6385 to arrange a drop-off time, or you can leave items on the Grange porch if you call us first.**

And if you'd like to help out with the sale, sign up on the bulletin board in the Grange hallway. This will be a very popular yard sale, so help is needed in all departments! Hopefully we'll make enough money to purchase a new floor for our main meeting room.

**FOR RENT**

Planning a baby shower? A reception? A candidates' forum or public meeting? Rent the Grange for just \$25. We have tables, chairs and a PA system, plus a kitchen and easy parking. Great venue! Call Jan, 406-827-6385 for details, or contact [whitepinegrange@gmail.com](mailto:whitepinegrange@gmail.com).

## Big Potluck on Sunday, June 5—another Pomona meeting



Save up your appetite for 1pm on **Sunday, June 5**, as Whitepine Grange hosts its second “Pomona” meeting and potluck of the year.

A “Pomona” is a gathering of all the granges in our vicinity, which could include Thompson Falls and Nyah (Hot Springs). Often Grangers from other areas like Anaconda, Avon, Elliston, and the Bitterroot attend too. Our state president, Marilyn Johnson, will be here from Kalispell.

The event will consist of a potluck lunch followed by a formal meeting of all the Pomona officers. If you’re local and don’t want to stay for the meeting, just come for the lunch and skip the meeting. It is, however, very interesting to see how Grange business is done the traditional and ritualistic way.

Oh yes....and Whitepine Grange will provide the entrée: pulled pork sandwiches! Please bring side dishes and desserts!

## Join our doctor-recommended Thursday exercise class!!

If you’re feeling stiff, achy, out of sorts, out of shape, and not ready for summer....join our Thursday morning “Total Body Walking” program at Whitepine Grange.

Every Thursday at 9:15 the music starts, and we begin our 45-minute workout. It’s easy, gentle, low impact, and FUN!!! This is for every age and every shape! You will fee GREAT after each class!! No preregistration; just drop in! \$5 per class, which goes to support Whitepine Grange.



## Whitepine Grange Improvement Projects Completed



- New LED lights (2020)
- New back porch (2020)
- New roof (2021)
- New siding and windows (2022)
- Parking lot improvement (2022)



## Whitepine Grange Improvement Projects Still Coming

- Move furnace to the basement for less noise and efficiency. Will include additional ductwork.
- Purchase and install new vinyl planking over the old original particle board flooring in main room.
- Insulate the attic. We have SOME insulation now but need much more.
- Improve and landscape the grounds for outdoor recreation and picnics. Involves clearing, leveling, rolling, seeding, and addition of picnic tables and/or a pavilion.
- Purchase and install an on-demand hot water heater to replace the old tank heater in the basement.

**Want to help? Make a donation to Friends of Whitepine Grange at First Security Bank in Thompson Falls. Your donation is tax deductible, as Friends of Whitepine Grange is a 501.c.3 nonprofit organization.**



# MUSHROOM ID WORKSHOP

WITH THE WESTERN MONTANA  
MYCOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Thursday, May 26th  
6:00 pm  
Whitepine Grange

MSU Extension Sanders County will be partnering with the Montana Mycological Association for a free educational workshop where you will have the opportunity to brush up on your mycoliteracy and learn how to identify mushrooms in our area.

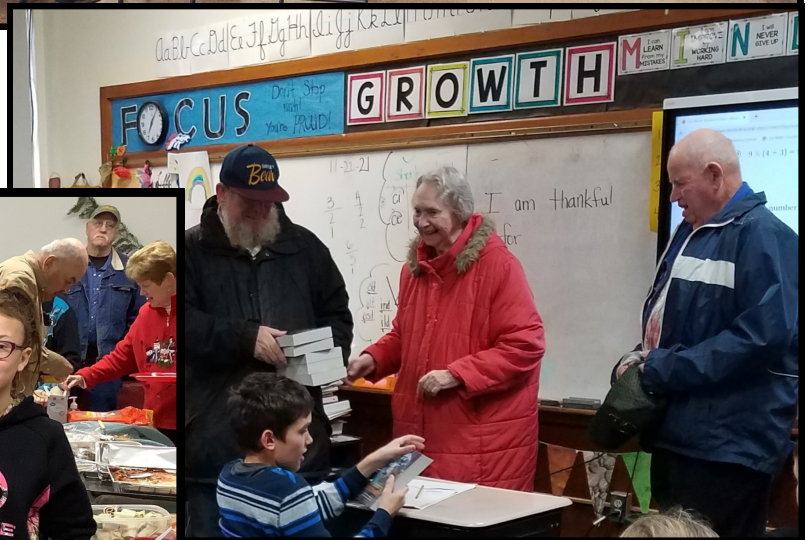
Please register for the workshop online at:

<https://forms.gle/iTLjUfYwmZuXoyYR6>

For additional information contact Juli Thurston,  
MSU Extension Sanders County 827-6934 or  
[juli.thurston@montana.edu](mailto:juli.thurston@montana.edu)



# Glimpses of Grange Life at Whitepine Grange #102





## Application for Individual Subordinate Grange Membership

To the officers and members of \_\_\_\_\_ Whitepine \_\_\_\_\_ Grange No. 102  
(Please Print Grange Name)

I \_\_\_\_\_ respectfully petition to be initiated and enrolled as  
(Please Print Your Full Name)

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 By-Laws of this Grange, the By-Laws of the State Grange of **Montana** 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.

Mail with payment to: Whitepine Grange, PO Box 1313, Trout Creek, MT 59874

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Application fee \$ none (must accompany application) Annual Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Individual Adult \$35, Family \$70

Recommended by 1: \_\_\_\_\_ 2: \_\_\_\_\_

This Section must be completed by Applicant			
Street Address:		City	State
			Zip Code
Date of Birth:	Phone Number ( )	Email Address	
Occupation (if retired, please list occupation you retired from)			Retired? [ ] Yes [ ] No

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