



# "Whitepine Whispers"

News of Whitepine Grange #102

9 Faro Lane, Trout Creek, MT 59874

Published by Friends of Whitepine Grange

September-October 2021



Marley

## Next meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 21!

Join us Tuesday, Sept. 21, for the monthly members meeting. We have some surprises planned for you...but let's reveal them right now!

We'll start at 6:30 with a **dessert potluck**. Bring your favorite dessert to share with others prior to the meeting which starts at 7pm sharp. Paper plates and bowls will be provided for the desserts, and we'll have Keurig coffee. If you have a favorite type, bring your own pod.



Dakota

At 7pm we'll start the business meeting and will try to keep it short. We have a special program planned for you: Debbie Mason and Shilah Crew will put on a demonstration of their amazing trick dogs! Debbie's dog Marley is a yellow Lab mix. Shilah's dog Dakota is an Australian Cattle Dog. Just wait till you see what these amazing dogs can do!!

## From the president:

## Time to start some Community Service projects!

For more than 150 years the Grange has focused on community service projects to benefit our rural neighbors and promote a rural lifestyle. Whitepine Grange has a particularly strong heritage in this; the Grange has done major structural improvements on the community church, they've built ball fields (which no longer exist), done extensive work on Whitepine School before it burned, and done much to promote firefighter support and fire safety. These are just a few of our projects over the past 90 years.

### So what should we do now?

Now that we're active again, it's time to renew our commitment to serving our rural neighborhood. Please put on your thinking cap and try to come up with some ideas for activities that would promote and enhance rural life

Examples:

- Let's adopt a local family for Thanksgiving/Christmas and supply them with their needs.
- Let's write greeting cards to active duty service members deployed all over the world.
- Let's help Trout Creek School put in its community garden.

Got some other fun ideas? Please write them down and share them on Sept. 21. Then volunteer to work on some of these committees and let's get the jobs done!

—Jan Manning

**"BE THE REASON SOMEONE HAS A GREAT DAY."**

## Grange Calendar Sept.-Oct. 2021

Sept. 7	Line dancing, afternoon Dog Tricks Class, 7pm
Sept. 12	Pomona Potluck, Thompson Falls Senior Center, 1pm
Sept. 14	Line dancing afternoon Dog Tricks Class, 7pm
Sept. 15:	Reactive Dog Class, 10:30am
Sept. 21:	Doggy Boot Camp, Week 2, 10:30am Line Dancing afternoon Monthly Grange Meeting 6:30pm
Sept. 22:	Reactive Dog Class, 10:30am
Sept. 26:	Private party (tentative)
Sept. 28:	Doggy Boot Camp, Week 3, 10:30am Line dancing afternoon Dog Tricks Class, 7pm
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

## Dessert, anyone??

Silly question, yes? Well, we're having a little dessert potluck on **Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 6:30pm**. This will be right before the monthly members' meeting at 7pm.

**BRING A DESSERT to share!!**



Plates, bowls, utensils and coffee will be provided.

Try a new recipe...don't worry, if it flops you don't have to tell anyone you made it! If it's good, claim the credit!

## Cornucopia of Crafts!



A craft fair to prepare you for Thanksgiving and the holidays!

**Sat., Nov. 20**  
**Whitepine Grange**

## New Grange members since August!

*Sandy Snodgrass*  
*Barb and Frank Tully*  
*Susan McFarland*

We value these good folks and good neighbors! We welcome the talents you bring to our fine organization!

***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](mailto:sandersagility@gmail.com)***

## Our most urgent financial need right now:

The vinyl siding on our building is deteriorating. We desperately need new siding on the walls before winter!!

Depending on how much money we can raise, we want to get AT LEAST THE SOUTH SIDE of the building done, since this one is most exposed to the elements. We are planning to pursue steel siding this time. At the same time, we'll put in WINDOWS! This has been in the works since 1961 when the building was originally erected. LET'S FINALLY GET IT DONE, 60 YEARS LATER!



Can you help? Please send a check to: **Whitepine Grange Siding Fund, PO Box 1313, Trout Creek, MT 59874**. The check can be made to **Friends of Whitepine Grange**. Your donation is tax deductible and we will send you a receipt to use for your 2021 taxes. Thank you!



## 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.