

TACONIC COMMUNITY GRANGE #491

The Grange is a family oriented organization dedicated to agriculture, environment, and education. We write proposals about these subjects with the intention of changing laws and send them on to the State level. We encourage leadership development and community service. Our members are known for their volunteering in Shaftsbury and Bennington County.

We provide a safe place for child day care which also provides jobs in our town. Our hall is listed as an emergency shelter for the Shaftsbury Head Start Program and is rent free for political and scout meetings for up to fifty people. Each year we give dictionaries to all third graders, donate a book to the school library, and honor a "Community Citizen" for his or her hours of volunteering and helping others.

Our plans for the new fiscal year include purchasing garden seeds from National Grange to be given out at a town "Seed Day." We will also purchase dictionaries to be given to third graders, and we plan to install a ramp on our outside main entrance for handicapped access.

Respectfully submitted

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