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Springfield Museum Presents “150 Years of Grange”

A timeline poster is the centerpiece of the 150 Years of Grange exhibit at the Springfield Museum from March 9 through April 14. Make this new exhibit part of your Second Friday Artwalk on March 9.

The Grange was founded on December 4, 1867 in Washington, DC. The organization reached Oregon only five years later. Lorane Grange #54 was organized in 1874 and has been continuously active since. There are 22 other Granges in Lane County.

Originally intended to bring isolated farmers together to share farming methods and engage in cooperative buying and selling, the Grange continues today as a grassroots, non-partisan advocate for agriculture, rural issues, and American values. Grangers serve local needs by volunteering countless hours and making their halls the social center of 170 communities across Oregon.

The timeline poster highlights some of the organization’s major accomplishments: the initiative and referendum, direct election of US Senators, passage women’s suffrage, as well as rural electrification and mail delivery. Display cases will have exhibits on various aspects of the organization from preserving traditional homemaking skills to support for education. Of local interest will be photos of area Grange halls, floats in the Springfield Christmas Parade, and information on the Producers Market that operated in Eugene from 1915 to 1959.

The purpose of the exhibit is to share the organization’s pride in the first 150 years and show that members are not done yet.

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