

Pittsfield Union Grange #882
511 N. Seventh St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

The Grange

Helping things grow!

- * leaders
- * youth
- * agriculture
- * fellowship



Pittsfield Union

Grange #882

100 years in Washtenaw County

3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road
Ann Arbor 48104
www.pittsfieldgrange.org

Did you know that....

...the Grange was instrumental in getting rural mail delivery?

...women could vote in Grange elections more than 50 years before they could in national elections?

...there are 3600 community Granges in 37 states?

...the Grange is the nation's oldest agricultural organization?

...Cyrus Luce was elected governor of Michigan during his term as Master of the Michigan State Grange?

...the Grange offers members a variety of discounts and ways to save money?

...the Pittsfield Grange is the only remaining Washtenaw County Grange?

The National Grange was founded in 1867 to help farming men and women improve their lives through education, socializing, non-partisan political activity, and cooperative buying power. The Grange welcomes people of any age, race, ethnic origin, religion, and political viewpoint.

The Michigan State Grange, founded in 1873, includes 47 Community Granges. The State Grange considers legislation that affects farmers; it invites input from local groups and lobbies for rural interests on the state level and recommends legislation to the National Grange. The Grange does not support specific candidates or political parties.

The Pittsfield Grange, formed in 1901, is now made up of people from many walks of life -- farmers, teachers, artisans, scientists, to name a few. We enjoy fellowship, the opportunity to learn informally from each other, and serving the wider community.

For hall rental information, contact
Helen Welford
734-426-0241
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Joan Hellmann, Pres. (734) 769-1052
Richard Raymond (734) 662-9290

Monthly meetings are usually on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. They consist of a potluck supper, followed by a program and a short business meeting. Programs address local food and farming, talks on environmental topics, and other areas of interest to members.

We get together for an annual holiday party in December, and a summer picnic. Monthly activities include Preserving Traditions workshops ranging from canning lessons to cheese making. There is a third Saturday evening contra dance, and third Sunday afternoon dance for the whole family. Special events include Rural Education Days, Math/Science Night with Pittsfield Elementary School, and Apple Day in the fall.

The **Grange Hall** is used by a variety of community groups, including a fencing club and several traditional dance groups. Members of these groups join Grange members for semi-annual "work days" to maintain the hall.

For general information, contact
Robin Warner
734-426-0241
robin@ic.net

or

join us at a meeting



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

O Single - \$40 per year

O Family - \$70 per year

Name(s):

Address:

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

How did you learn about the Grange?

I hereby apply for membership in the Pittsfield Union Grange #882. I promise to comply with the by-laws of the state and national Granges.

Signature(s) _____

The membership year runs Jan - Dec. Please make checks payable to **Pittsfield Grange**. (payment made after October will apply to the following year.)

Mail to:

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