

Putnam Valley Grange #841 PO Box 679 • Putnam Valley, NY 10579 www.PutnamValleyGrange.org

Putnam Valley Grange #841 is the only surviving Grange in Putnam County, NY and is proud to serve both its home community of Putnam Valley and the surrounding area. The Putnam Valley Grange is a part of the New York State Grange and National Grange, and also works with our neighboring Yorktown Grange serving northern Westchester County.

The Putnam Valley Grange has a long and rich history dating all the way back to 1897. Originally created as a fraternal organization to help bring families together in small rural communities, and to assist with the needs of a largely agricultural society, today's Grange is *not just for farmers*. The Grange is non-partisan and non-sectarian – serving as an advocate for responsible government at all levels. It is an organization emphasizing strong family ties as a basis for a healthy society. We feel that a strong community is based on developing a friendly positive relationship among its citizens. Helpful cooperation between members of a community makes it self-sufficient and prosperous. A community where citizens know each other and communicate on a regular basis will run smoothly and work for the total benefit of the community as a whole.

There are many exciting opportunities for today's members of the Putnam Valley Grange, as well as our community. The historic Grange Hall in Putnam Valley, originally constructed in 1900, still serves as a center for cultural activity and educational programming in the Town. From farmers' markets to movie nights, to backyard farming workshops and craft fairs, Earth Day programs and farm tours, rock and mineral shows, square dances, tag sales and even a psychic fair – the Grange is bustling with activity!

Grange Membership is available to anyone who is interested in working together to make our community better. And the members of the Putnam Valley Grange have fun doing it! For more info, please visit our website and contact us at: info@PutnamValleyGrange.org.

ABOUT THE NEW YORK STATE GRANGE

The New York State Grange was founded in 1873, and while there was once an active Grange in nearly every town or hamlet in the state, there are still more than 240 local Granges with a total membership of nearly 7500 men, women and children. The State Grange has members serving on many important state committees and meets in October of each year to set its legislative policy and agenda. In keeping with its agricultural roots, the State Grange also maintains a presence at the New York State Fair at Empire Farm Days and the Winter Farm Show in Syracuse.