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**Contribute to the WVAA
“Make Our Garden Grow”
capital campaign
and
take your place on our family tree.**

Please see the enclosed brochure for details.

Please note that donors listed above are as of press time. Our sincere apologies for any errors or omissions.

*Please
Be a Part of Our
Weathervane Alumni
Family Tree...*



*and Help Make
our Garden
Grow!
The Grange Hall*





"Make our Garden Grow"

The closing number of this year's Alumni show was "Make Our Garden Grow" from the musical *Candide*. It's an inspirational song that brings to mind stewardship, and how through hard work and small simple steps you can achieve your goals. We found the song and its message the embodiment of what we were trying to accomplish, and a perfect name for our capital fundraising campaign for the Grange Hall.

We're trying to raise money specifically to be used for our Grange Hall initiatives. (*see reverse side*) To help us do this and hopefully to make the "giving" a little more meaningful, we're using a Weathervane "family tree" as the symbol and centerpiece of our campaign. We feel that the tree symbolizes the theatre's strong past that Tom, Gibbs and others worked so hard to create, as well as its growth toward the future. It also shows our connections to the theatre and to one another.

The mural has yet to be painted but we're envisioning a tree in the style of 19th century folk art, with different donation amounts being represented by different colored leaves. For example, a donation of \$1,000 will get you a russett colored leaf, \$500 would be red, etc. All names would be written in tastefully in the style of the painting, so as to not detract from the mural's esthetic.

Quick and Painless

To make it painless, we'd be more than happy to spread your pledge over a 2 year period if that fits your budget better. We'll even set it up with your bank so that your donation is taken out on a monthly basis. That's right, no annoying reminders. And because you'll be breaking it up into smaller installments, you won't feel a thing.

How Do I Give to Thee? Let Me Count the Ways...

There are many ways to give. Here are a few suggestions. We'd be willing to hear your ideas, too!

"One size fits all."

Make your gift a gift. A birthday gift for someone who has everything and needs nothing. An opening night gift. A gift to commemorate the birth of a child or the passing of a dear friend. Everyone loves to know that they've been memorialized in some way, that they were able to help a cause.

"Anything you can do, I can do better."

Everybody loves a challenge. Use this opportunity to call up some Weathervane Friends and challenge them to match your gift. Or maybe you don't want to beat 'em but you wanna join 'em. You could combine with other alumni to participate for, say....the "1978 Alumni". And don't forget about your company's matching gift policy that you've never taken advantage of. There's never been a better time.

"Hello Muddah, Hello Faddah...."

If you ever considered asking your family for anything, now's the time. This can be their birthday, Christmas or Chanukah present to you.....and it's tax deductible.

"Thank you Mr. Bush."

Let us help with that \$300 the government just gave you. It's probably burning a hole in your pocket anyway.....

Rehearsal Space Needed...

Depending on your year(s) at the Weathervane, you may remember one of the following rehearsal spaces: the Baptist church basement, Club Soda, the Whitefield Town Hall, the dining room at the Spruces, or maybe the ‘Limelighter’ lounge at the Playhouse Motor Inn. In the last few years it has become increasingly difficult for the theatre to obtain rehearsal space.

***Now, imagine a clean, well lit space
42' x 34' in size, and two more spaces,
one 20' x 30' and one 14' x 30'. . .***

Imagine... A Grange!

The 1894 Grange Hall on Maple Street in Whitefield has been secured by the Weathervane Theatre Alumni Association to be used primarily for rehearsal space. The downpayment, donated by Weathervane alumni, was made September 1, 2000 for the two story structure and the surrounding lot.

Only about two blocks from the Spruces, the structure features as many as three potential rehearsal spaces on the second level, and on the ground floor there is a recently renovated office, a garage and another large area that could function as set and costume storage.

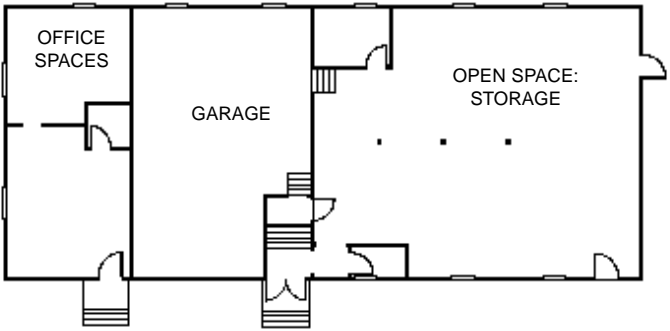
**In FAITH, HOPE
and
CHARITY with FIDELITY**

A sign bearing the words “In FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY with FIDELITY” still hangs in the large second floor room.

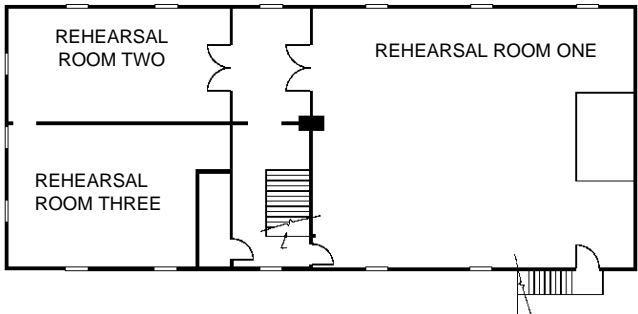


The Grange, known as the Order of Patrons of Husbandry was founded by Oliver Hudson Kelley and six associates in Washington, DC, December 4, 1867, to assist rural America with social and educational issues. The Mount Washington Grange #116 was built in 1894.

GRANGE HALL FIRST FLOOR PLAN



GRANGE HALL SECOND FLOOR PLAN



Where we are...

It's been a bumpy road. We were forced to replace the roof of the building due to its collapse this past winter, and although money from insurance covered the replacement cost, it did not cover the damage caused by the collapse. All that said, we brought the building up to 'code' so it could be ready for rehearsals this past summer and the Theatre moved their business offices into the first floor office space.



The 2001 Company rehearsal in the newly refurbished Grange Hall rehearsal room #1

Where we have yet to go...

We've made great strides, but we still have quite a list. We need to....

- Paint
- Repair windows
- Repair the fire escape
- Repair doors
- Replace wall board (2nd floor)
- Replace ceilings (2nd floor) - there are none
- Repair sills
- Build costume storage

And so much more!

We'll also be looking for
IN KIND DONATIONS :

- Pianos for rehearsals
- A small refrigerator

No Gift is Too Small

We've just outlined some ideas for giving and although we may be a wee bit on the silly side, we're in no way trivializing the importance of what we're trying to accomplish and what we're asking of you, our friends and fellow alumni. So whatever fits your style, we hope you can and will give, and if the family tree doesn't interest you, please don't be discouraged from giving something. Any donation no matter how large or small will be greatly appreciated. Think of your donation as possibly buying a can of paint, a window, a light fixture, a sink...all needed. All parts of the big picture.

We're hoping that all alumni will want to be involved with this campaign, and that this tree will not only represent a financial legacy but an artistic one as well. A constant reminder to those who look on it, of the common experience we all share and of our love of the Weathervane. All it was, all it is and all it has yet to be.



*In addition
to raising money
for needed repairs,
we'd like to raise enough
to cover:*

**THE BUILDING
PAYMENTS!**

Yes, I would like to help make our garden grow!

Levels of Giving: (Please check one)

- \$5,000 *gold leaves*
- \$2,500 *crimson leaves*
- \$1,000 *russet leaves*
- \$ 500 *orange leaves*
- \$ 250 *yellow leaves*
- \$ 100 *green leaves*
- Other* *tan leaves* Amount _____



My gift is a: *(Please check all that apply)*

- 1 year Pledge
- 2 year Pledge
- Alumni Match
- Corporate Match
Corporate Name _____
- Other (Please contact me to discuss payment options.)

Name(s): *(as it is to appear on mural)*

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

All donations are tax deductible.

Please make checks out to:

**WVAA
P.O. Box 69
Gardiner, NY 12525**