



*American Values.
Hometown Roots.*

Valley Grange is a fraternal organization with a rich agricultural heritage and a focus on community service. Our Grange Hall is located at the corner of Guilford Center Road and Butter Street in Guilford Maine.

Hello, Neighbor!

You've probably heard about some of Valley Grange's collaborations with Penquis... in the past we've partnered to raise funds for Journey House, Smart Starts for Students, and Piscataquis Santa. In fact, last year we held a dinner during which we served over 100 people and raised over \$700. We are sure the need is even bigger this year... and we're convinced that the hearts of our friends and neighbors are big enough to meet the need, so we're going "all out" with a very special "Barbeque and Bluegrass" event!

We'll be starting with a good ole fashioned barbeque meal with all the fixin's and continuing with



Saturday, December 1st

Barbeque

Bluegrass

Served from 5 PM
until 7 PM

Show from 7 PM
until 8:30 PM

We expect Santa to drop in!

some foot stompin' and knee slappin' bluegrass music featuring Debbi Burdin and the Back Porch Bluegrass Band. We're hoping folks will take a break from Holiday Shopping to just come have fun. And we've made it "family friendly" - a family of four can enjoy the meal and music for \$30 or less, depending on ages. We've got a great combo ticket price.

We're able to do this thanks to lots of volunteer help, donations, and sponsors like you. Attached to this

letter are some details... we'll find as many ways as we can to thank and acknowledge our sponsors, so the benefits we have listed are a minimum!

For those who aren't familiar with Piscataquis Santa, the program provides clothing and a special gift for needy children in the Piscataquis Region (SAD 4, 41, 46, 68 and Union 60). You don't have to figure out "who" to donate to, we've got it covered from Greenville to Milo to Dexter. You can find additional information about the program and this event at the websites listed at the bottom.

We hope you'll have a Merry Christmas and we hope you'll help make sure your neighbor does as well! Thanks for considering this... if you'd like to volunteer some time and help with cooking or serving, contact Jessica Davis at 974-2440 or jessdav12@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Walter

Walter Boomsma, Program Director
Valley Grange

What folks say about Piscataquis Santa:

"It always has been helpful when money has been tight for our family. Without this type of program, a lot of kids would go without. Thank you for all the help."

Ginger, a mother of twins

"It's a great program to help families that otherwise wouldn't be able to give their children a Christmas. Thank you so much!"



<http://valleygrange.com>

<http://piscataquisresources.org/How-You-Can-Help.html>