

# SCHOOL BELLS

## PARADOX:

- A seemingly contradictory statement that may nonetheless be true. <sup>(1)</sup>

## PARADIGM:

- In science and philosophy: a distinct set of concepts or thought patterns, including theories, research methods, postulates, and standards for what constitute legitimate contributions to a field. <sup>(2)</sup>

## PARADIGM-SHIFT

1. The successive transition from one paradigm to another via revolution is the usual development of mature science. <sup>(Kuhn,2)</sup>
2. Tend to appear in response to the accumulation of critical anomalies as well as the proposal of a new theory with power to encompass the older relevant data and explain relevant anomalies. <sup>(2)</sup>

## ANOMALY:

- Deviation from the normal or common order, form or rule; abnormality. <sup>(1)</sup>



## SEPTEMBER MUSINGS:

What is it about September that makes it seem such a paradox? Maybe it is because it contains so many endings and beginnings, or is it beginnings and endings?

As youngsters, perhaps we looked at the approach of September and 'back to school' as a huge gate swinging closed on our relative freedom of Summer. Now, we eagerly sign up for some SCHOOL classes that we find of interest and that will fit into our schedules when we want to, not have to.

Living here in the Northeast, we see and feel the slow winding down of the hot days and green colors, but somewhat joyously actually like the cooler, crisper, and more colorful days of the coming Autumn.

In between the heat and the cold to come, September seems a much 'nicer' month than we seem to have given it credit for in the past. Maybe we just underwent a paradigm-shift, without knowing exactly what that was. It is still the same September, in the same position on the calendar, not reclassified.

So, yes, it is perspective that helps define the view. The brain has a new paradigm for what to expect from these 30 days named as the seventh month in the early Roman calendar.

Let us make the most of what we are given.



<sup>(1)</sup> *The American Heritage Dictionary*

<sup>(2)</sup> *Wikipedia*



# History of the Grange in the Schoharie Area

by Karen Cuccinello

The official name of the grange is The National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry which was founded July 3, 1867. The object of the Grange is the promotion of agriculture and other kindred pursuits by inducing cooperation among farmers and those similarly interested for their mutual benefit and improvement. Women always have had equal footing with the men in the grange. Granges held Friendship Nights where a few granges gathered and Booster Nights to boost membership. They set up exhibits at the fair, held baking and cooking contests, talent shows and participated in a wide variety of community service activities and fundraisers.

Schoharie Pomona Grange often passed resolutions such as: endorsed the women's suffrage movement in 1917, asked the county supervisors to take over the Blenheim Bridge in 1930, they opposed the new jail in Schoharie in 1934, and asked the state to make the compulsory inspection of automobiles less burdensome and were against daylight savings time in 1946.

**Schoharie County Pomona Grange** organized 1893 with Charles Gordon master, M.S. Myers secretary and Mrs. Cole lecturer. Officers in 1933 were Willard H. Mann master, Bert Sornberger overseer, Mrs. Everett G. Danforth lecturer, Chester Hotaling secretary and Edwin Travis treasurer.

There were a total of about 30 subordinate granges and eight Junior granges. Thirteen granges were active in 1942. Currently only Breakabeen is active and the title of master has changed to president.

The list of local Granges shows the town first followed by the name (if they had one), Grange number, and date organized. The lower the number of the Grange the earlier the grange was formed.

<u><b>Schoharie County Granges</b></u>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Organization Year</b>
Argusville	1299	1913
Barnerville	799	1891
Beards Hollow	712	1890
Blenheim	1284	1912
Breakabeen	767	1891
Cobleskill State School	1499	1925
FlatCreek	167	1874
Franklinton	766	1891
Fultonham	809	1896
Gallupville	893	1900
Gilboa	863	1898
Gilboa-Conesville	1558	1937
Governor's Corners	763	1891
Huntersland	375	1876
Jefferson	761	1891
Jefferson-Romona	1294	1913
Livingstonville	257	1874
Mackey	1306	1913
Rock District	780	1892
Richmondville	1479	1921
Seward	344	1875
Seward Valley	1576	1941
Sharon	195	1874
Sloansville	1356	1914
Sloansville-Schoharie Valley	1572	1940
South Gilboa-Windy Ridge	1573	1940
South Jefferson	166	1874
Summit	717	1890
Union	297	1875
West Fulton	1297	1913



From  
Ed Foote

*They Feature Square Dances*  
Schoharie County Journal April 24, 1951



SCENE OF MANY SQUARE DANCES—Seward Valley Grange hall at Cardnersville.

*The State School Grange*  
Schoharie County Journal April 24, 1951



GRANGE HALL AT EAST COBLESKILL, newest in the county.  
Built 1933 at 3630 State Rte 145



## DO YOU REMEMBER LIMERICKS?

My mind does not like to be told  
That my body is 80 years old  
So SCHOOL fills the days  
With classes and plays  
So there's no time to grow mossy or  
mold!

Millie

**STUDY AND ENJOY NATURE: BIRDS,  
FLOWERS, SEEDS, PLANTS, INSECTS,  
WOODS & FORESTS- (SEE COURSE  
LISTINGS)**



### ***Modern Poetry- by Millie Weigand***

Several years ago I considered leading a SCHOOL class about modern poetry. That hasn't worked out, but I was energized myself to read more works of poets of the last 50 years rather than regularly return to old favorites. One Vermont born gentleman I found was Hayden Carruth who wrote from the perspective of an older person who enjoys basic pleasures and rural living. He taught for a while at Syracuse University and died in 2008. He received a National Book Award for his poetry. Here are two of his shorter poems. Check him out when you get a chance.....↓↓↓↓↓↓↓

### **Experience Different Perspectives**



### **Alteration- by Hayden Carruth**

You thought growing older  
would be more of the  
same,  
going a little slower,  
walking a little lame.

But you knew, or you were  
a fool,  
that alteration is what we  
keep;  
tonight will not be equal of  
the last night, even in  
sleep.

### **Swept- by Hayden Carruth**

When we say I  
miss you what  
we mean is I'm  
filled with

dread. At night  
alone going  
to bed is  
like lying down  
in a wave. Total  
absence of light.  
Swept away to  
gone.

## Critical Thinking About a Past Adult-school Experience

As a child growing up in Northern New Jersey, I was an extremely slow reader. Of course, this hurt my school grades. Then, while in my early thirties and self-employed, I decided to avail myself of the local adult school's offering of a speed-reading course.

Sadly, I wasn't taught any strategies by which to read faster or comprehend better. I remember nothing of the course, except a series of tests by which one's reading speed and comprehension were measured.

I clearly recall the five multiple-choice answers usually included an "All of the above" or "None of the above" option. This, the teacher eagerly pointed out, was often the correct answer.

I there and then recognized that, instead of teaching me how to read faster and better, I was being taught to cheat on tests.

Since that wasn't what I had signed up for, I dropped the class.

Today, decades later, as I join the board of directors of S.C.H.O.O.L., I feel totally confident that none of its instructors would be so unprofessional or so unhelpful.

*K Hawkins*

**S.C.H.O.O.L. 2022 Fall Semester Classes-Go to [cobyschool.com](http://cobyschool.com) or local libraries for more details**

### **Classes (some are multipart)**

- Courtesy of the Taxpayer
- Cyber Safety for Seniors
- COUNCIL FIRE AND CANNON book
- Winter and Christmas Crochet
- Schoharie County Wildlife
- Reading in Science - Lives of a Cell
- Why Drive an Electric Car?
- Covid update
- Functional Integrated Training
- Notorious RBG - The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg
- History of Western Political Thought
- Bio-Humanism
- Beginning Collage
- Confident Beginners Quilt Class
- Assassination of John F. Kennedy
- Reducing Inflammation
- Gems and Jewelry
- Bringing Outdoors indoors - Clay and Glass projects
- Floral Design
- Home Decor in Glass and Wood
- The Hero's Journey
- Fighting Fallacies, Falsehoods, and Flim-Flam
- Improvisation and You
- Card Games for Everyone
- Earth Population and Environment
- Johnson's Restaurant Motel
- US Army Military Operations in WWI
- Learn to Meditate
- Libby for Overdrive
- Raised-Bed Gardening
- Dr. Talk
- Healthy Plant Based Eating
- VV - Our Children Living Abroad
- VV - Switzerland Part 2
- VV - Bats Along the Amazon
- VV - Kenya Health and Education Mission

### **Trips/Hikes/Performances (some have additional fees)**

- Dykeman Dairy Farm Tour
- Stamford Cemetery Tour
- Back Barn Brewing- Tours and Brews
- Garden Walk and Talk
- Intro to Equine Energy Work
- Jefferson Museums & History
- Martin Van Buren's Historic Home Tour & Hike
- Rail Explorers- Milford to Cooperstown
- Leatherstocking Trolley Tour of Cooperstown Village/Lunch at Origins Cafe
- Hike the Plotter Kill Preserve
- Dutch Apple Cruise (Albany) & USS Slater
- Johnson Hall State Historic Site Tour
- St Kateri Tekakwitha Museum & Shrine
- Wildlife Alive
- Saints of Auriesville
- James Duane -Founder of Duanesburg
- Iroquois Indian Museum Nature Park Hike
- Fall Foliage Walking Tour/Lecture
- Fly Creek Valley Corn Maze
- Landis Arboretum Guided Tour
- Fountaintown Walking Tour
- Aladdin at Proctors
- Pretty Woman at Proctors
- Wizard of Oz (at the Rep)
- Hairspray at Proctors

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