



Washington Amaranthian Dispatch

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To all HLs and SKs from your Grand Royal Matron,

The Apple blossoms are in full bloom in the Wenatchee Valley, and it snowed AGAIN today!!! My golf game has a lot of improving to do, but then, I need to spend time on the golf course. I am not complaining mind you! I wouldn't choose to be anywhere else these days than with our courts watching their Installations! As you know by now, I get pretty emotional looking out over each courtroom and seeing the support that is being given to the court and its members and realizing the dedication of the Officers being installed. What a beautiful sight from the Throne! Six installations were held in March and April, so we have the following nine remaining Installations scheduled for May:

Tulip	Installation Lunch	May 4th	@ 11:00 am @ 12:00
Rhododendron	Dinner Installation	May 4 th	@ 5:00 pm @ 7:00
Richmond	Installation	May 9th	@ 7:00 pm
Golden Light	Group Lunch & Game Day	May 11 th	@ 10:00 am @ 12:00
Artemisia	Dinner Installation	May 11 th	@ 6:00 pm @ 7:00
Wenatchee	Installation	May 18 th	@ 1:00 pm
Lakewood	Installation	May 18 th	@ 7:00 pm
Welcome	Brunch Installation	May 19 th	@ 10:00 am @ 12:00



Happy May! 🌸 🌻

As the blossoms unfurl and the days lengthen, we find ourselves in the heart of spring. The courts are abuzz with activity, and we've journeyed from the southern court of Halcyon to the northern reaches of Tulip, Eastern Court Trinity, and Western Court Grays Harbor. It's been a true blessing to connect with fellow members across our state and beyond the border in BC.

Join us on the Amaranth Trail! If you haven't attended another court's installation, consider celebrating alongside HL Andrea and myself as we welcome new officers and embrace fresh ideas for their terms ahead.

Exciting news: A committee of Amaranth members and non-members is exploring the establishment of a new court right here in Washington. The Grand Court will play a pivotal role in constituting, initiating non-members, and ultimately installing the officers of this prospective 90th Court. Let's ignite a spark that inspires even more courts to bloom.

For those with lingering questions, I encourage you to seek answers. HL Andrea is readily available via email or group meetings, and our Grand Lecturer, HL Leandra Ickes, can address any ritual-related inquiries.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the remarkable members of Washington Amaranth. As you go about your days, remember that your kindness and warmth can ripple far

beyond what you imagine. ☀️

With gratitude,
SK Brian Wheeler, GRP OO7
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Happy May Day Washington Amaranth!

Installation season is in full swing, and I love seeing all of you at your courts. Thank you to those of you who have asked me to participate or protem. One of my favorite parts of visiting is being able to help out wherever needed..

If you're wondering when the installations or other events are, see Jack of I for a Grand Court Calendar! Only \$5 each!

Please come to the May Group Meeting for an update on our Grand Court Fundraising events. We're not selling tickets, we're creating experiences! Glass Fusing, mini garden building, and card making are just a few of the fun events we have planned. And if you don't have a group to attend, the Secret Saturday Society will be meeting to help with an additional fundraiser.

This year we will be adding a new Grand Court fundraising event, the Highland Games Banger and Mash Booth. This is a major fundraiser and we will need many hands to help out. We set up on Friday July 26 and break down on Sunday July 28. Please consider working a shift (or two) sometime during the weekend. See Diana Moulden for more details.

Our 2024 campout needs campers! Please see Jack for information on the new campground and how to make reservations.

And with that, I look forward to seeing you all on the Amaranth Trail. Enjoy the nicer weather, the longer days, and as always, be kind to one another.

HL Lori Hanson, Grand Associate Matron



MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW

It is that time of the year again when we need to start thinking about our annual Campout and Family picnic.

This year we are looking at a new Campground: This year The GRM and GRP have selected The Eagle Valley Camp Ground up in Cle Elum, (off of I-90)

The RV Park reopens the first of May for reservations; if you are interested in camping out with us this year please contact your GAP so that we might have an idea how many RV's we can expect, or how many just want to come out for the picnic on Saturday.

RV sites are \$30.00 nightly and all sites have 30amp power and water.

Tent sites \$25.00 nightly no water no power.

For more information call or email me

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Adventures with the Grand Conductress

Good Evening Washington!!

I truly love installation season. I love all the decorations, flowers and beautiful dresses. I admire how everyone comes up with themes that fit their personalities and all the ideas that go into putting it all together.

I am fortunate to serve with a wonderful group of Honored Ladies and Sir Knights this year as The Hallmark Girls and Bond Boys. The extra cool part of being part of this group is that tradition has it that this group will also be some of the Officers of the 2026 – 2027 Grand Court, should they choose to accept. I promise no self-destructing letters!

This past week I have gotten to be Grammy all week! My daughter, Camille (an eventual member of Bremerton Court) and my son in law, Bryan came to visit with my beautiful granddaughters, River and Sabine. It has been a lot of fun and I have enjoyed every minute I have gotten to spend with them. A week's visit is way to short but since they live in Maine, we do what we can.

If you haven't heard, I made my announcement at Bremerton Court's Installation. After a trip through the village, and lots of consulting with the other Beauties, it was decided that Gaston was NOT the one for us....however, we have been blessed with a YES from none other than SK Glenn Ryder from Bremerton Court. The Beauties and I think he is an EXCELLENT choice and cannot wait to get busy with lots and lots of plans.

Uh Oh, I hear that baker is calling again.... Seems those bread and rolls need another tray! Work in the Village is never done.

Until then, find your adventures in your great wide somewhere and make wonderful memories.

HL Jenny



Hi. I'm Brenda Pedersen from Halcyon Court #30, the new Grand Associate Conductress of Washington. It's been two weeks since Grand Court and I haven't waked up to find It's a dream: It's real. And I'm very honored to be getting used to that title!

For those of you who have never heard of me, I've been an Amaranth member since 2002 when I joined Valley Rose Court in Roseville, California. In 2006 I moved to Winlock, Washington and became a member of Halcyon Court.

I'm looking forward to meeting and getting to know the new Associate Conductress from your court and having a fun year as the 'newbie' in our Grand line. Hope to see you all on the Amaranth trail this year.

JOIN US FOR A FUN DAY AT GOLDEN LIGHT COURT ON SATURDAY, MAY 11TH!

Grand Court Group Meeting 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Lunch 12:00 – 1:00 pm



Bunco Games 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (\$10.00)



Mini Craft Bazaar 8:00 am – 4:00 pm



Vendor Tables Available - \$10.00 for a table

To reserve a vendor table

Contact Kären Ekrem: 206-819-3044 email: karenlekrem@gmail.com