



WASHINGTON AMARANTHIAN DISPATCH

August 1, 2024



From the GRM, aka Grand Court Duck Herder,

We have just finished two new Grand Cour Events that were both fun and successful, the Cruise to Friday Harbor and our Banger Booth at the Scottish

highland Games. A big shout out to Chairman, HL Diana Moulden, for guiding us through the process of starting up this new Grand Court fund raiser!!!!

Upcoming Events:

August 3 rd	Seattle Scottish Rite		
	@ 9:00 am	Grand Court Practice – Opening March & Initiation	
	@11:00 am	Organization, Initiation & Constitution of Perlas Court	
		Break – Installation Practice and a bite to eat	
		Provided by Perlas Court Members	
	@ 5:00 pm	Installation	
	@ 6:30 pm	Dinner provided by Perlas Court Members	
August 4 th	@ 2:00 pm	Services for Mac McGilvery PGRP	Tulip
August 10 th	@ 2:00 pm	Sand and Sea Scholarship Benefit	Alki
August 18 th	1:00 – 4:00	GAM’s Mini Garden Class	Pyramid
August 20 th – 25 th		Grand Court Campout	Eagle Valley Campground CleElum
August 24 th	All Day	Grand Court Picnic	
August 31 st	9:00 – 12:00	1 st Annual Amaranth Diabetes 5K Walk for a Cure & Picnic	
		Willis Tucker Park, Snohomish	

Our Group Meeting in September will be on the first Saturday, September 7th, due to Alaska’s Grand Court being held September 12-14.

Group 10:00 - Potluck Picnic/BBQ 12:00 - Scholarship Sip and Paint 2:00
Opportunity Court Meeting 7:30

Come make day of it! I am sure those staying for the meeting will find a fabulous place for dinner!

*Most of you may not know that our family lost Rod’s mom in the early hours of Monday morning. She was 95 but it still came as quite a surprise. We were so fortunate to be given the time to be with her as she transitioned to her next adventure. We know she is much happier being with Grandpa!
Rod and I have traveled back and forth to Olympia to help his mom in any way she needed since I have been in the Grand Line. Then, just 2 months ago we almost*

lost his brother who has been back and forth between the hospital and rehab ever since. 2 weeks ago, his brother had a leg amputated and recovery has had a few setbacks. Our trips to Olympia will continue for quite some time.

I am letting you know this because I am asking for grace if I am not as timely as I should be responding to texts and emails. I would not be offended if you felt it necessary to re-send your communications or call me if you need a quick response. A heartfelt thank you to those who offered to help get me home from Olympia as Rod needed to stay there. The Amaranth "Family" truly is a thing!



*Love to You All,
Andrea*



Well August is here, and we are just a month away from the start of OV season.

Now many activities still lay ahead and this last month has been so filled with fun and travel.

It all started with Supreme Council and Firework on the 4th in Pittsburgh.

We've had the Grand Court practice for a new court (Perlas) constitution

and GAM/GAP reception at the Hutchins Homestead. Finally, we have the Grand Court San Juan Island Cruise and Scottish Highland Games Fundraiser.

I don't think we could've have fit any more in the month of July.

August has so many fun fill events and I sure they will be great. New Court Perlas 90 Constitution August 3rd at Seattle Scottish Rite 10am, Scholarship Benefit fundraiser Aug 10th Alki court, Grand Court Mini Garden making Aug 18th Opportunity Court and Grand Court Campout Aug 22-25.

Finally, our First Annual WA Amaranth Diabetes research Foundation Benefit 5K walk at Willis Tucker park in Snohomish, WA August 31
Start at 10am.

WOW, please share all this fun with all your friends and fellow Amaranth Members. I look forward to seeing you all at any and all of these activities.

Blessing to you and may you all know Gods love.

Happy to help but remember to take care of yourself and ask for help,

SK Brian Wheeler, GRP 007



Welcome to the hazy, lazy days of August!

Well, we all know that August is hardly going to be lazy!

I write this as I have finally recovered from our first major fundraiser of the year, the Banger Booth at the King County Highland Games. Without sharing numbers, I can honestly say that we had a successful weekend. I plan to give an in-depth report at our Group Meeting on September 7. I would like to encourage you all to put next year's Games on your calendar now: **July 26-27, 2025**. We could use more workers to do 6-hour shifts. Some of us were on our feet from 5am to 6pm both days.

I want to thank everyone who came to the "Love, Amaranth Style" reception for Jack and me. The turnout was amazing, and the weather was perfect. Thank you to Bremerton and Richmond Courts for your organization of the day and participation in those crazy skits. Thank you to SK Tom and HL Morag for the fantastic BBQ, and a huge thank you to the Hutchins for hosting. I am so blessed to have such an amazing group of people who support me. A special thank you to HL Nancy Rose, GAM OR, for making the trip.

Please consider coming to our next Grand Court Fundraiser:

Mini Garden Making August 18 1-4pm at Pyramid Masonic Center.

For \$30, you can go home with your own Fairy or Gnome Garden, and memories of a fun social time while making it. Invite your family and friends! (bring your own garden gloves) Contact me for reservations as I would like to know how many terracotta pots and succulents I will need.

I am looking forward to our upcoming camping trip and picnic in Cle Elum! I hope to see many of you there, even if you can only come to the picnic on Saturday.

Congratulations to the newest court: Perlas Court #90! I cannot wait to be a part of this momentous occasion on Saturday August 3rd at the Seattle Scottish Rite.

As we enter our last month of summer, remember to take care of yourselves and save time to spend with loved ones. I will be traveling to Reno at the end of the month to care for my father who is having hip surgery. Everyone needs someone to lean on. Be that person. And as always, be kind to one another.

Amaranth Love to All,
HL Lori, GAM

CALLING ALL MEMBERS!

Have you ever wanted to be a Grand Court Representative?

Are you looking for a reason to take a trip?

Contact HL Lori with your Top 3 destinations, and we will see what we can do to make your dreams become reality!



We returned home and started the preparation for our Reception on Saturday the 20th, HL Lori and I would like to thank all the members of our Grand Court that took timeout to attend this event, it was a great venture.

We would like to thank both Bremerton and Richland's Court for putting this together.

The following weekend we had the Highland Games on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday we had had lot of help all the way around.

On August 3rd we will go through the process of starting a new Court, this will be a great undertaking.

Next is the annual Grand Court Campout / Picnic, August 20th through August 25th currently we only have six campers who have reserved trailer spaces. It is not too late to reserve your spot; the park is holding another ten sites for the Grand Court. You must make your own reservation by calling 509-674-7762. If you cannot camp come up for the Saturday Picnic, \$1.00 for a day pass.

See all the Two Steppers and Stetsons on the trail, as we start getting ready for September's OV's, fundraisers, Grand Court of Alaska, and much more.

SK Jack Hutchins GAP





Good evening all

It has been a relatively quiet July, but things are sure heating up!

We had a great practice for our Grand Court Special Session to Constitute Perlas Court! HL Leandra was so great with her instructions and patience since it has been a while since we've had a new court! Some of us have never seen this (me included). It is an exciting time for sure!

After practice we headed to the Hutchins Homestead to honor HL Lori and SK Jack for their reception. Such good food and conversations. It was a lovely day that I hope has wonderful memories for them.

This coming weekend is the Highland Games in what we hope to have a permanent GC fundraiser! This past Wednesday, we peeled and sliced onions, cut English muffins and wrapped the breakfast muffins. It did not take long as we had many hands at work. It also made the work fun! I do apologize for missing my shift at the games but as I write this, I am waiting to board an emergency flight to San Diego. My youngest was in a motorcycle accident and had surgery. This mama cannot be on the waiting end of the phone so I am going.... Keep Dean and I in your good thoughts.

I will be back in time to see you all on the third and don't forget the Campout and Picnic with the chili cook off and pie baking contest. There will be prizes. And Ducks! There will be games and ducks too.

Love to All,
HL Jenny



Here it is July, and our Washington Amaranth year is one quarter over. Time flies when we are having fun.

Installations are done and many courts are taking a bit of a summer break. For those courts that means kick back, prop your feet up and take a nap. Not so for Grand Court. This year's lineup includes the birth of a new court, some receptions, a couple of benefit dinners, a lovely dinner cruise, a booth at the Highland games in Enumclaw and a trip to Supreme Council Session. The summer calendar looks like someone shot at it with a scatter gun! Hope to see you at some or all of these events.

I have met a couple of new Associate Conductresses but so far not at group. I am hoping that our numbers grow, and we can start getting acquainted, having fun, and learning together...and that is all done at group on the second Saturday of the month starting in September. That is a not-at-all subtle plug that means I would really, really, like to see you there!

When the Official Visits start in September so will the Conductresses' Closet. I will not be dragging a ton of clothes to these meetings, but I will

bring a nice selection of assorted sizes so please come prepared to add to your wardrobe.

Looking forward to a great Amaranth summer,

Brenda Pedersen,

Grand Associate Conductress



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