

# *Washington Amaranth Newsletter*

## *April 1, 2025*



From the Desk of the Grand Royal Matron (wow)

It is an honor and a pleasure to be your Grand Royal Matron for the ensuing year. I am truly dedicated to the Order of Amaranth, and I will do my best to continue in our efforts to raise money for diabetes research and for scholarships. Our third philanthropy will be the World Wildlife Fund. Both our mascots are endangered species, and this organization devotes 85% of its donations straight to endangered and threatened species. We will gladly accept any donations toward conservation efforts to protect the species of our planet.

I'm excited to spend TIME with you all this year. Please add some of the Grand Court social activities to your calendar. Our socializing has suffered since the Covid 19 pandemic, I want to change that. Try to plan an event this year that focuses on companionship.

I would like to thank HL Andrea for nominating me for the Unsung Hero Award. I thank everyone for your support in raising money for diabetes research, YOU are the ones who made this happen. We were able to collect \$1500 towards Diabetes Research in our first week!

You will soon get an application for a \$500 grant for a membership/promotional event. I encourage you to discuss this with your court as a fun activity that would be entertaining to everyone. I'll be creating a few tri-folds of pictures that you can use at your promotional event.

There are already some calendar changes:

Grays Harbor Court will hold their installation on April 13 at 11am. There will be a soup and sandwich lunch afterwards.

Welcome Court will NOT host the Group Meeting in October and their OV is TBD., Please consider purchasing a grand court calendar so you can stay up to date on all of our activities. See below for a list of Installations.

I'm so looking forward to the upcoming installations and seeing you on the Amaranth Trail.

Please remember to be kind to one another.

United We Stand



**2025 INSTALLATION  
SCHEDULE**

COURT	INSTALLATION
Golden Light	Sat March 29 1pm
Welcome	Sat April 5 5pm
Bremerton	Sat April 12 2pm
Grays Harbor	Sunday April 13 11am
Halcyon	Mon April 21 7pm
Capitol	Thurs April 24 7pm
Opportunity	Fri April 25 7pm
Lakewood	Sat April 26 1pm
Aleki	Sat April 26 7pm
Tulip	Sat May 3 2pm
Richmond	Thurs May 8 7pm
Wenatchee	Fri May 9 7pm
Artemesia	Sat May 10 2pm
Rhododendron	Sun May 18 1pm
Perlas	Sat May 24 5pm

## **GREATINGS FROM THE GRP**

**WOW what a great Grand Court Session, It started with the GRM Andrea and GRP Brian kicking off the 113 session, What an outstanding year they had, Congratulations to you both.**

**On Saturday evening we set in motion the 114th Grand Court year for 2025 / 2026 with the installation of the Grand Court Officers and were completed with much enthusiasm, The GRP Brian did an outstanding job.**

**HL Lori Grand Royal Matron I want to thank you for asking me to be your Grand Royal Patron, Thank you for the Honors.**

**To all of the 2025/2026 Officers, thank you for all of the assistance you have given to us in the past, This upcoming year is your year also thank you and have fun.**

**To the TWO STEPPERS and STETSONS, thank you for all of your help and let's continue to work together and make this one GRAND YEAR. Thank you for being on board with HL Lori and myself.**

**HL Lori received the "UNSUNG HERO AWARD" (What an incredible and amazing shock).**

**To put icing on an outstanding night, HL Bonita received an appointment to Supreme Council as Supreme TRUTH.**

**This is all for now from your Grand Royal Patron SK Jack Hutchins**

**Papa Stetson**





### March Adventures with the Grand Associate Matron

Hello Washington!

Did it take everyone else a week to recover from Grand Court!!!! It did me! It was a great experience, and I really enjoyed meeting new people, visiting with distant friends, and having a good time with all.

Congratulations Washington Grand Court on all the hard work and donations for Diabetes Research!! Everyone should be extremely happy with their efforts and proud of that donation. No one does this alone, but HL Dorothy was a great leader of this effort and we are lucky to have her guidance!

My heartfelt CONGRATULATIONS to all the new elected officers. HK Ann, I am so excited to have you in the Grand Line! We are all going to have such a time together.

Installation season is off with a bang and SK Glenn and I will have calendars to sell. \$5 to be in the know!!!! Get yours when you see us!

I will be working on the Amaranth Cook Book. It will be a history of WA Amaranth as well as the best we have to offer. I know there are MANY recipes out there, please email me your recipes. If you have ones that have been passed down and have a story ...even better!!!

I am working on filling committees, Assistant Grand Lectures and Reps. If there is one you are interested in, please let me know. SK Glenn and I have a lot to accomplish so any help is appreciated!!!

Find your Adventures in the Great Wide Somewhere!!!

HL Jenny, GAM



Amaranth Love & Service-

HL Jenny



From the desk of the Grand Associate Patron

Happy Spring Membership,

I am excited and honored to have been asked to join HL Jenny on this journey. As your newly elected Grand Associate Patron, I first want to thank all the members of Washington Grand Court for your support, and I look forward to serving this membership alongside HL Jenny. We are off to a busy start with Installation season upon us and the beginning of a new year of Amaranth under the leadership of HL Lori and SK Jack.

For all of those not at Grand Court in Pasco, I will be doing my best to assist HL Jenny with this year's Ways and Means Fundraiser's. We have the new Grand Court calendars for sale and will be out to the courts with them, reach out if you need one and we can get it to you.

The Grand Court of WA is continuing with the Highland Game's Bangers and Mash Booth, in Enumclaw, July 24-27. We will need as much help as possible as this is going to be a busy weekend. Please consider taking a shift or two and mark your calendars or better yet buy a Grand Court calendar. There is much planned this year so keep an eye on the emails and Grand Court and website [www.amarantwa.org](http://www.amarantwa.org) for upcoming events.

SK Glenn Ryder, GAP

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Aloha!

My name is Ann Phelan and I am honored to be your Grand Associate Conductress.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you and Grand Court

I pledge to do my best to help our Grand Court grow and Prosper.

I want to have dogs as my fun symbol. I plan to donate items to the Humane Society, Senior Centers and Fire and Rescue any items gifted to me over the next four years.

So, if you have leashes collars, dog food or treats, stuffed dogs or the like, I will be happy to donate on your behalf.


I would love to see you at group and out visiting. We have an exciting year ahead!!

Mahalo,

HL An


A note from our Jr Past Grand Royal Matron


*To all HLs and SKs from your Jr Past Grand Royal Matron,*

 Welcome to the 2025–2026 Grand Court year! I am looking forward to this year and to serving the Grand Court in any way that I can.

I missed hearing this song at Grand Court, but I felt these words the entire time (and actually still do):

*I feel it in my fingers, I feel it in my toes,  
Love is all around me, and so the feeling grows.  
It's written on the wind, it's everywhere I go,  
So if you really love me, come on and let it show.  
You know, I love you, I always will  
My mind's made up by the way that I feel.  
There's no beginning, there'll be no end,  
'Cause on my love, you can depend.  
I see your face before me, as I lay on my bed,  
I kinda get to thinking, of all the things you said.  
You gave your promise to me, and I gave mine to you  
I need someone beside me, in everything and I do.  
You know, I love you, I always will  
My mind's made up by the way that I feel.  
There's no beginning, there'll be no end,  
'Cause on my love you can depend.  
It's written in the wind, everywhere I go.  
So if you really love me, come on and let it show.  
Come on and let it show.  
Come on and let it show.*

 Thank you Grand Court of Washington for choosing SK Brian and I to lead you this past year, allowing us to serve you, and to be a part of a very large family with you. I never imagined how much we would do and how much fun we would have doing it! Please, let's keep this momentum going! Thank you for all the smiles, all the hugs, and all that you did to make our year so fantastic!

 SK Brian, thank you! I could not have picked a better person to go on this amazing adventure with. Thank you for your love, support and friendship I could never have done what I did without you by my side. Whenever I had an idea for an event or project, or just asked "how can we....?" I heard the most perfect responses, "We can make that happen," "of course we can do that," "I'm on it," and most of all "I got you." You always did. Thank you for being you!

*Forever and Always,*

*Andrea Ames JrPGM*

*Affectionately, "M"*

## A note from our Jr Past Grand Royal Patron

### A Year of Gratitude and Service

As my time as Grand Royal Patron has come to a close, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the Grand Court of Washington. Your unwavering support has been the foundation of this incredible journey, and I am deeply grateful for the friendships and memories we've built together.

Serving alongside Grand Royal Matron HL **Andrea Ames** has been an honor beyond words. **Andrea**, or as I affectionately call her, "**M**," thank you for trusting me to assist you. I am so proud to call you my partner and my boss on this mission. It has been an extraordinary adventure to work together and support our Order.

To my wife, HL **Michelle Wheeler**, your encouragement has been my guiding light, and to our fellow members—new friends and old—thank you for making this journey unforgettable. I look forward to continuing to support our Order wherever and whenever I am able.

Here's to friendship, fun, and a thriving community!

SK *Brian Wheeler*, JrPGRP, always 007



If you have a flyer or article to put in the Events Newsletter. Please send it in by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.