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# COSG Master's Newsletter

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*In Essentials Unity, In  
non-Essentials  
Liberty, In all things  
Charity*

Claudia and the  
Colorado State Grange  
wishes the following  
Granges

**Happy Anniversary!**

Mount Allison #308  
100 years on 12/8/16

Florida #306 - 100  
years on 11/22/16

## **Colorado State Grange takes position on Amendment #71 and Proposition 69.**

Colorado State Grange supports a favorable vote on Amendment 71. Raise the Bar.

*This amendment expands the signature gathering for constitutional amendments by requiring signatures to be gathered from all parts of the state.*

Colorado State Grange opposes Colorado Care and urges voters to vote no on Proposition 69, the Colorado Care measure.

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### **EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDS**

Are you aware that the Colorado State Grange has Emergency Relief funds available? Many years ago Colorado State Grange Master, Karl Ramstetter started a program called "One Good Cow" which evolved into the Emergency Relief funds. The recent fire at Beulah and the evacuation of Past Master, John Hagen and wife, Trudy brought this fund to mind. Several people lost their homes in the fire. Fortunately, they had adequate insurance and the Red Cross has been a tremendous help in this case. We might consider offering funds for revegetation next spring. My point is if you are aware of a situation where a community has an emergency and funds are needed please let us (the Executive Board) know the details for consideration. Money sitting in the bank doesn't do anyone any good. We need to use it when an Emergency arises. Fortunately, we live in an area where we don't have a lot of emergency situations.

## NATIONAL CONVENTION

COLORADO will be represented at the National Grange convention by several individuals. Elizabeth Hiner from Florida Grange #306 was accepted to participate in the National Grange Fellows Program. She will be part of the 10-day learning experience during the historic 150<sup>th</sup> Annual National Grange Convention this November in Herndon, VA. "I wanted to be a part of the Fellows program so I could learn the skills to make our Grange and other local Granges more viable in an urban environment and how to reach the younger generations to keep the Grange in our area growing. It is an honor to be a part of the nationwide team and to tell the story of the Grange over our 150 years", Hiner said. The program includes training in the basics of communication, writing for the media, social media management, audio and video recording and editing. This year Fellows will also receive training in leadership development and coaching, event planning and program development.

Daniel Greer from Marvel Grange will be representing Colorado in the Evening of Excellence with a Variety act and Kaleb Lackey will be performing at the Junior Grange Breakfast. Harry and I will be attending at delegates for Colorado. **If there are other Grange members from Colorado attending National, please let us know so that we can help you with your expenses.** The Raffle raised a little over \$1000.00 so there are fund available.

## Colorado Corn seeking applications for new Farm Stewardship Award

Many Colorado farmers are implementing some of the latest-and-greatest production methods, aimed at improving efficiency on their farms, protecting our natural resources, and enhancing air and water quality. And now we want to honor the producers taking these efforts to new heights.

Colorado Corn is seeking applications for its first ever Colorado Farm Stewardship Award. The winner is expected to be selected by Colorado Corn board members, as well as experts in ag, conservation and sustainability. Applicants must be Colorado Corn Growers Association (CCGA) members in good standing, implement conservation tillage methods, and demonstrate practices related to soil, water or air stewardship.

The announcement of the winner will be made during the Colorado Corn Annual Banquet in Yuma on Dec. 7. In addition to the awards banquet recognition, the winner will be recognized in Colorado Corn communications efforts, and also receive our nomination for the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) Good Steward Recognition -- an honor that includes a \$10,000 cash award for the winner, among other prizes.

**Applications are due Nov. 18.** For more information or to find an application, click [here](#). You can also contact Melissa Walter at [mwalter@coloradocorn.com](mailto:mwalter@coloradocorn.com), Eric Brown at [ebrown@coloradocorn.com](mailto:ebrown@coloradocorn.com), or call their office at (970) 351-8201.

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