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150 Grange Accomplishments/Achievements

1. First National Wide Farm Organization.
2. First National Organization to give full voice and vote to women — 60 years before the adoption of Universal suffrage in the U.S.
3. Chicago Entrepreneur Montgomery Ward begins his mail order business as a contractor to the National Grange selling exclusively to Grange members.
4. First farm organization to attempt to organize African American farmers following the Civil War.
5. Granges sponsor Fairs.
6. Granges sponsor awards for Fairs.
7. National Grange introduces the "Rochdale" system of cooperative business organizations to America. Over time successful national and regional farm cooperatives were formed from locally organized Grange cooperatives and Grange Stores.
8. Munn vs. Illinois U.S. Supreme Court decision affirms the constitutionality of Granger Laws to regulate railroads and other monopolies in the public interest.
9. The National Grange secures passage of legislation to protect the political and economic rights of farmers and consumers including the Hatch Act creating "Experiment Stations" at state colleges of Agriculture.
10. The National Grange secures passage of legislation for Elevation of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to the President's Cabinet.
11. The National Grange secures passage of legislation for The Sherman Anti-Trust Act.
12. The National Grange secures passage of legislation for Rural Free Delivery mail service.
13. The first legislation promoting ethanol as a motor fuel.
14. The National Grange secures passage of legislation for The Pure

- Food and Drug Act.
15. The National Grange secures passage of legislation for Direct election of U.S. Senators.
16. The National Grange secures passage of legislation for Federal Income Tax.
17. The National Grange secures passage of legislation for Smith-Lever Act for vocational education.
18. The National Grange secures passage of legislation for The Clayton Antitrust act.
19. The National Grange secures passage of legislation for Universal Suffrage.
20. The Grange secures passage of successive pieces of legislation to finance general transportation improvement to benefit farming and rural communities based on dedicated user fees deposited in highway, waterways and airport trust funds.
21. The National Grange secures passage of federal legislation to assist struggling farmers by strengthening their property rights and their bargaining position including.
22. Federal Farm Loan Act.
23. The Packers and Stockyards Act.
24. Capper-Volstead Act.
25. The Grain Futures Act.
26. Farm Credit Act.
27. Produce Agency Act.
28. Perishable Agriculture commodities Act.
29. Agricultural Marketing Agreements ACT.
30. Pure Seed Act.
31. Livestock Theft Act.
32. National Grange organizes Mutual Insurance Companies focused on serving farm and rural markets.
33. Grange insurance companies were among first to offer property and casualty insurance to Japanese-American Farmers returning from internment following WWII.

34. Grange is instrumental in organizing Rural Electric Cooperatives.
35. Grange is instrumental in organizing rural Water Service Cooperatives.
36. Grange is instrumental in organizing rural Telephone Cooperatives.
37. Grange is instrumental in organizing public utility districts.
38. Grange is instrumental in organizing State Police programs across U.S.A.
39. National Grange steadfastly supported National Farm Legislation as well as multilateral trade negotiations and food aid programs to open foreign markets to U.S. Farmers, advised congress and support to every periodic reauthorization of National Farm legislation, known as the "Farm Bill."
40. National Grange has given counsel and support to every U.S. Pres-

- ident on international discussions leading to multilateral trade agreements and international food aid programs such as the General Agreement and International Food Aid Programs such as the General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade.
41. Food for Peace.
42. The Caribbean Basin Initiative.
43. North American Free Trade Agreement.
44. Central American Free Trade Agreement.
45. National Grange Assisted in rebuilding a world ravaged by economic depression and war.
46. The National Grange advised the U.S. Delegation at the Founding

- of the United Nations.
 47. The National Grange helped found CARE or Cooperatives for American Relief Everywhere.
 48. The Grange/Germany Friendship Program, a part of the U.S. Marshall Plan, brought more than 1700 German and European farm teenagers to live with Grange Farm families to learn about modern agriculture practices and the advantages of democracy.
 49. The National Grange participated in Agriculture development programs for the U.S. Peace Corps.
 50. Grass roots network.
- Please add to the list and send your additions to hcrdgreer@frontier.net.

State Grange Handbook Enclosed

Former U.S. Deputy Ag Secretary Among Keynote Speakers For 2017 Governor's Forum On Colorado Agriculture

Former U.S. Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Krysta Harden will provide one of the many highlights for the 2017 Governor's Forum on Colorado Agriculture, when she steps up to the podium to deliver a presentation on an agricultural "future built by collaboration." Harden, who currently serves as vice president of public policy and chief sustainability officer for DuPont, will share her perspective on the need for alliances with food, nutrition and conservation groups, as well as other non-traditional partners.

The Forum — taking place on Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2017, at the Renaissance Hotel in Denver — will also feature addresses from Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper, Colorado State University President Tony Frank and Colorado Commissioner of Agricul-

ture Don Brown, among many others.

Titled "Label It: Agriculture," this year's event will be an innovative and informative program, bringing together producers, consumers, experts and other ag stakeholders to peel back the polarizing rhetoric often found in today's society.

Stories can create divisive boundaries in agriculture between organic and conventional; urban and rural; large-scale and small-scale. The Forum will instead focus on the powerful history of collaboration and cooperation that has made agriculture in Colorado the state's second-largest driver of our economy. It will challenge and equip attendees to seek out novel alliances and ideas to benefit their own operations, the industry statewide, and beyond.

Along with Harden, another keynote presentation will be delivered by Dr. Gregory Graff, an associate professor at Colorado State University, whose research looks at the economics and public policy of technological innovation and technology-based entrepreneurship, and how they drive economic development and industry change. His presentation will focus on "The Value of Colorado Agriculture."

The day will also include breakout sessions covering CSU consumer surveys, pollinator health, conservation, National Western Stock Show developments, cooperatives, comparisons between global food production and local food, food safety, food labeling, food waste, and succession planning.

GIA Announces Scholarship Program For School Year 2017-2018

Grange Insurance Association (GIA) Chairman of the Board, D. Thomas McKern, is pleased to announce that GIA will again fund 25 scholarships for the 2017-2018 school year, totaling \$33,500. In addition, GIA is honored to award the \$1,000 Paul and Ethel Holter Memorial Scholarship, funded by a gift of Mrs. Holter's estate, and the \$1,000 Dee and Ina McKern Memorial Scholarship, funded by a gift from the McKern family.

Applicants may apply for either an academic or a vocational scholarship. Three of the awards will be for students wishing to pursue vocational studies and 22 awards will be for academic studies. The top winner in each category will receive a \$2,500 award and the remaining winners will receive

\$1,000-\$2,000 each.

Eligibility requirements (applicants must meet **one** of the following):

1. Current GIA policyholder (or children of GIA policyholder)
2. Children of current GIA company employees
3. A previous recipient of a GIA

National Grange Magazine

Attention Grangers!!! The National Grange will be publishing the *Good Day!* magazine. If you want to keep informed about National events and activities please complete the form and send in your subscription. The first issue is scheduled to be out in February.

Your Grange can contribute to the magazine. Do you have a story or a story idea you would like to see in the magazine? Do you have an amazing project or event from your Grange you would like to be published? Well here is your chance! Follow the link below and submit a story or a story idea and it may end up in the magazine. Spread the word to your Granges and your members!! <https://form.jotform.com/63415253436150>.

Make it a Good Day!

As a Grange member, for only \$14 a year you can receive our new quarterly magazine and enjoy great features, the latest information about the Grange, contests, programs, benefits and more!

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Mail subscription card to National Grange, 1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006.

Important Dates

For further information about these events, please see the contact person for the individual Granges.

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| Jan. 6 | Marvel Grange Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m. |
| Jan. 8 | Community Supper, 5:30 p.m. at Mt. Lookout Grange |
| Jan. 8 | Pancake Breakfast 8 to 10:30 a.m. at Golden Gate Grange |
| Jan. 11 | Potluck, 6:30 p.m. at Enterprise Grange |
| Jan. 13 | Field Trip to Polish Pottery, 9 a.m. at Enterprise Grange |
| Jan. ? | Homemade Soap Workshop at Marvel Grange, TBD |
| Jan. 16 | Annual Community Martin Luther King breakfast at Mt. Lookout Grange |
| Jan. 21 | Chili Cook-off and Dessert Auction at Marvel Grange |
| Jan. 28 | Dryside Quilters 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Marvel Grange |
| Feb. 8 | Valentine Potluck and Card Exchange at 6:30 p.m. at Enterprise Grange |
| Feb. 11 | Valentine's Day Brunch from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Florissant Grange |
| Feb. 11 | High Tea at 2 p.m. at Enterprise Grange |
| Feb. 11 | Dance at Marvel Grange |
| Feb. 12 | Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 10:30 a.m. at Golden Gate Grange |
| Feb. 12 | Community Supper, 5:30 p.m. at Mt. Lookout Grange |
| Feb. ? | Small Motor Repair Workshop at Marvel Grange, TBD |
| Feb. 25 | Luau 6:30 p.m. at Marvel Grange |
| Feb. 25 | Dryside Quilters 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Marvel Grange |
| Feb. 25 | Mardi Gras Party, 7 p.m. at Golden Gate Grange |

Master's Message

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Celebrating the Grange's 150th should be a priority for every Grange in the state. What will your Grange do to celebrate? Please take pictures and send them to the state office. National is having a Gala December 4, 2017 in Washington, D.C. at which they would like to share pictures with people in attendance. I will be asking two Pomonas to host an Event, one for the Eastern Slope and one for the Western Slope.

2017 is a Year to GROW. A Growing Grange has regular activities. A Growing Grange has regular meetings. A Growing Grange has information available at activities, in their buildings and in the community. Are you in a Growing Grange? What can you do to start being a Growing Grange? I challenge each Grange to be A Growing Grange. If you want help all you have to do is ask and I will do whatever I can to help you out, but you have to want to Grow and you have to ask.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack recently announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will offer farmers and ranchers more opportunities to participate in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). The announcement includes new CRP practices to protect water quality and adds an additional 1.1 million acres targeted to benefit wildlife, pollinators and wetlands. To learn more about FSA's conservation programs, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation or contact your local FSA office. To find your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

Claudia's Corner



by Claudia the Skunk from the National Grange Herd

The National Convention in Washington, D.C., was very successful. Lots and lots of shoes and socks were collected for needy. We learned about the National Grange's new Database program and the company Blue Tahiti that is based in Denver.

We visited Rock Creek Cemetery and found the gravesites of Grange Founders, John Thompson, William Saunders and Oliver H. Kelley. The National Grange laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery.

Two executive committee officers were up for election and were re-elected. Lecturer Amanda Brozanna resigned due to being employed as National Grange Communications Director; Chris Hamp was elected to fill a one-year term. Chris was L.A.S. and her election as Lecturer left that position open and Brenda Rousselle from Vermont was elected to fill that one year term. Harry Greer served on the conservation committee as Secretary and Cindy Greer served on the Grange Law committee as Secretary.

We learned that Joe Stephanoni, Membership Director, was resigning

and that he will be replaced eventually by regional membership representatives. Samantha Wilkens from Texas has accepted the Junior Grange Director position.

We have been asked to be patient with the National office staff as they are doing a lot of different jobs.

National Grange is encouraging everyone to Honor a Law Enforcement Officer, First Responder and Teacher in the coming year. You can get a certificate for each from National Community Service Director, Pete Pompper. Your recognition of these individuals could result in national recognition for them also next year in Spokane, WA.

The quilt blocks that we have been submitting over the past five years have been made up into quilts and there will be a big quilt show in Spokane. National plans to sell these quilts to raise funds.

Grange Radio is up and running again and the National Grange announced that they will be printing the "Good Day" magazine in 2107. The subscription price is \$14.

There were 16 Communications Fellows this year. Elizabeth Hiner from Colorado, a Florida Grange member, participated in 10 days of intensive training and work.

Daniel Greer of Marvel Grange did an outstanding performance at the Evening of Excellence. Kaleb Lackey Barnett entertained the group at the Junior Grange Breakfast.

Colorado participants at National convention were: Harry and Cindy Greer, Daniel Greer, Elizabeth Hiner, Jeanne Davies and Susan, Kim Lackey, Kaleb Burnett, and Rick Tutor.

Notes From The Secretary

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A Positive Point Of View

Greetings from Windy, Windy, Windy, Florissant. I think it is this windy all over the State ... and I don't know about you ... But the wind can go away anytime.

Things are going well here in the Colorado State Grange Office and it is the beginning of a brand new year. I believe 2017 is going to be a fantastic year for all of us, so let's set our minds on a great year and I guarantee we will have one.

I noticed after the last mailing of the Granger, that we had quite a few change of address "returns" to the office. If your address has changed, please notify the office right away so

that you don't miss out on your copy of the *Granger* and so that the office isn't charged with a bevy of postage due fees. That would really help us out. Many of you have done that this year and we appreciate your help.

As I gathered together all the articles for the *Granger* for this printing, I noticed a lot of really good, new programs coming to us from National. I hope you read your *Granger* thoroughly and find a way to help your Grange participate in these new programs. I especially like the "I'm a DOer" campaign.

And since it is the theme for Grange Month, we as Grangers can really brainstorm and come up with some

great activities for Grange Month and throughout the year. So get out there and be a "Doer."

Your Roster has been sent out and you should have it by now. If the information is not correct, such as addresses, times for meetings, the list of Officers, etc... please let this office know so we can get it changed for next year. If your officers are not correct, please get me a list by the end of September so the Roster for next year can be updated. Addresses and phone numbers can be updated during the year, although they will not be corrected in the current Roster that you have.

A new *Handbook* is included in this *Granger*. Be sure to keep it on hand so you can join the fun at State Session entering all the contests. If you should happen to lose it or misplace it, we also have an email version we can send you, or you can find it on our State Grange Website at: www.coloradogranger.org.

Start where you are, use what you have, do what you can.

— Arthur Ashe

Agriculture Report

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Drought conditions to November. October and the first half of November had well above average temperatures and precipitation was below normal with a three-inch deficit below average in Denver and similar for the remainder of eastern Colorado. By this time for the snow year, Colorado typically receives over two inches of snow water equivalent but the state only has 0.1 inches (though it is snowing in the mountains as I write this in early December). Colorado is experiencing a weak La Niña condition that should favor the northern and central mountains through mid-winter.

Ag Radio and Internet — radio reports on our state's agriculture can be found on the Internet at <http://www.barnmedia.net> and live on 1310 on the AM dial each Saturday morning from Greeley. The signal can usually also be heard as far south as Denver. Topics include an interview with Colorado's Commissioners of Agriculture Don Brown, an audio from Farm Bureau's annual meeting, and current ag information from CSU Ag Extension Agents.

Also note the return of National Grange Public Radio, our Internet based station operating 24-hours a

day. You can tune in at www.GrangerRadio.org and hear a variety of music, Grange news and happenings for across the country.

Related by Senator Jerry Sonnenberg at the Fall Ag Council meeting there are no ag bills in drafting at this time and he does not expect any. The House and Senate Ag Committee memberships have not yet been made final though he will be the Chair and Senator Baumgardner will be the Vice Chair. He is concerned the House Ag Committee may not have a rural look. Note that Rep Brown, sheep rancher, and ag committee member was not re-elected.

Odds and ends from the Ag Council meeting: Need to personally invite legislators to attend the every other Wednesday Ag Council meetings. Concern about farm animal operations near urban areas; livestock was let out on roadway near Gunnison and Leadville. Animal rights people filmed livestock near Kersey (asserting mistreatment) but would not turn over film to authorities. Drone flights over farm operations, who allows, issue of height and animal disturbance, flights by groups not friendly to ag, if filming for pesticide monitoring and who then owns the data.

We are all asked to submit qualified

ag candidate names to the new administration for those federal administration positions that are appointed. The state EPA director, FSA Rural Development head and other USDA positions need to be filled.

Important Dates:

Wednesday, January 11, Colorado legislative session begins

Thursday, January 19, morning, Ag Council/industry and legislators, meet and greet at the Capitol, w/ breakfast. Sponsored by the Ag Council. (The location TBA, either the basement level or by the old Supreme Court room.)

Wednesday, February 1, first meeting of Ag Council, basement

Wednesday, February 22, Governor's Ag Forum, Renaissance Hotel

Wednesday, March 22, Ag Day at the Capitol when producers of Colorado agriculture products host the legislators, staff, and guests to honor and recognize the importance of our state's agriculture to our economy

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GIA Scholarship Program For School Year 2017-2018

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ing to a certificate or a degree in a recognized profession or vocation, including: community colleges, business colleges and technical institutes. Vocational scholarships are aimed specifically for those students not pursuing a college diploma, but seeking further education and/or training in a vocation often not covered by more traditional colleges or universities.

The committee will base its awards on the following:

- Complete and legible application
- Scholastic ability (official grade transcript required)
- Handwritten or typed Essay by Applicant
 - Please tell us about yourself, your

family and your future goals

- Also include any leadership or volunteer-related programs or projects in which you have been involved in high school, in the community, or elsewhere
- What college, university, or trade school do you plan to attend and how will this scholarship assist you

Application deadline is March 1, 2017 (Postmarked). Funds awarded are for the 2017-2018 school year.

Please complete the request form below for an application for a Grange Insurance Association Scholarship.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN ALSO BE DOWNLOADED AT OUR WEBSITE: www.grange.com.

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Please notify the State Grange Office of any address change.

Because it is 2nd class mail, the Grange is charged **59¢ per address change** the post office sends from the *Granger* mailings.

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Lecturer's Creative And Performing Arts

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During the Lecturer Conference at the State Convention this past fall, I promised that I would devote my columns this coming year to helping lecturers find resources and materials for programs they can use in their Granges. This is like asking the student to teach the master. I must admit I have only one year experience as a subordinate lecturer while many of you have dozens of years. But I will give it a try.

First, I would ask all lecturers and/or Grangers who have good resources for programs, good programs that have worked for your Grange, or just good ideas, and are willing to share their knowledge, to please send this information to me at artklw@gmail.com, I will print your information treasures in my column to help all Colorado lecturers.

Second, my suggestions for programming ideas this time are centered around the use of the Internet. During a couple hours of surfing, I had a good list of programs I feel would be fun and enriching for my Grange. Using what information I found about programs or crafts or service projects that others have used and putting my Grange's own twist on the project could lead to a good program. Most of these were found on Pinterest.

For example, Capes for Kids is a program where you can send super hero capes to Peyton Manning Children's Hospital. Your Grange could perhaps help a local kindergarten teacher or hospital with superhero capes if you wanted to keep your program local. Or maybe with a dollar store water bottle you could create a Blessing Bottle (simply a water bottle filled with toiletries or other items) for a nursing home patient.

How about having a canned food

scavenger hunt with the found canned food going to a local food bank? I found great instructions on how to write haiku poetry. How about hosting a blanket making party and contribute your final products to wherever?

Did you know you could use Sharpies on clean rocks and create message stones? One merely artistically writes the message on the stone and bakes it at 150 degrees for 30 minutes and you have a great gift or personal reminder. You can find free do-it-yourself Murder Mystery Party kits on Pinterest. You can find so much on that site alone.

Do you have a community fair that you might like a booth at ... there are instructions on how to make a jail for a fundraising activity. Or, you could possibly create a "Twister Room" that could be fun especially for a young group. You could make a "lollipop tree" where fairgoers would pay to choose a lollipop with perhaps a \$100 as the main prize.

I also looked at activities for corporate groups on Google and found potential speakers, potential destinations for team building activities as well as service opportunities such as Tutor Mates.

If you have access to the Internet you can really make your programming ideas grow. Again, I know that this is programming 101 for most of you. I therefore would really appreciate you sharing your knowledge on how to make viable programs that go beyond bingo for our Granges. I really am not an expert in this area.

IMPORTANT: You will find this year's Lecturer Program in the Colorado State Grange Handbook printed in this issue. Be sure to save the Handbook and use it to also help form your programs for the coming year.

Tune In To Junior Grange

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Christmas is now a little less than a year away, and I would say that we had a great first year as the Junior Grange Directors for the state of Colorado. We would like to congratulate the new National Junior Grange Director, Samantha Wilkins. Samantha comes from Texas where she pretty much grew up in the Grange, and now has the opportunity to help her children grow up through the Grange as well. We are excited to see a fellow parent of Jr Grangers as the National Director, and we are looking forward to working with her to improve the National JG program. We also would like to thank Kaleb Burnett and his family for attending the 150th National Grange Convention. Kaleb came all the way to Washington, D.C. to sing his song "If I Were President" for the Jr Grange breakfast. If you didn't get to see his wonderful performance at the state convention you should watch it on our Facebook Page. Just search "Colorado State Junior Grange."

As we approach 2017 we are in need of some help throughout the state again. We would like to have a cou-



ple of chances for the Juniors of our state to get out and meet fellow JGers across the state. The best way to do this is to have an affordable camp that they can attend. We would like to know what your Junior Grangers would like to do. Maybe visit the State Capitol, check out a museum, take a hike, play some games, visit a National Park. Don't be strangers, let us know what your younger members would like to do. We also need help with ideas on how to "Grow" our State Junior Program.

2017 is going to be a great year for the Colorado State Junior Grange!!

Community Service

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I am honored to be your new Community Service Director. I am looking forward to getting to know you and working together to help bring Granges in Colorado together for us to reach out and better serve our community. Don't forget to log your Helping Hand Hours and your Empty Plate Projects to put into your Grange's

"One Book" under the Community Service Section.

"Without community service, we would not have a strong quality of life. It's important to the person who serves as well as the recipient. It's the way in which we ourselves grow and develop"

— Dr. Dorothy Height

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We are beginning a new year and change is in the air! There are several changes in the baking and needlework contest for this next year. At the Family and Women's Activities Conference held Saturday morning at the 2016 State Session several items were discussed and changed.

The first change is that both the baking and needlework events will be open to Grange members only. The intent to sponsor non-members who might join the Grange did not seem to be bringing in new members. This means that we will need to encourage everyone to get busy NOW on projects so that we have entries in all of the events. There are many members out there who can share their talents with us!

The next change is in the categories of food preservation and needlework. Some of the categories were so broad that it has now been broken down into workable units for the judges. Read the new Handbook for some of these changes in categories.

We need to encourage more participation in the child and adult garment sewing class as there were no entries in 2016 in these classes.

Perhaps you might have a place to collect "From the Heart" items in your Grange hall. This might encourage renters to contribute things as well as Grange members.

- Baby quilts can be brought to the State Session and will be donated to a worthy cause.
- Blue Star Mothers collect small

items sent to military serving overseas. \$ also appreciated.

- Clothing protectors are bib protectors to be used in nursing homes. Directions on website.
- Eyeglasses collected should be given to a local Lions Club in your area to be distributed.
- Boxtops for Education collected should be given to a school in your area.
- Cancelled stamps collection is discontinued due to a lack of a place to donate them, but if anyone knows of a place to donate them, let us know!
- Refer to the Grange website for further information on items which are being collected and distributed. Wishing you a prosperous New Year!



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Mandy Project Recipients Jonathan Strobel

Jonathan Strobel, nine-years-old from Castle Rock experienced sensorineural hearing loss at the age of eight-years-old and it is believed to be genetic. They have worked with his school to set up a section 504 plan to ensure that he has all resources available to him at school. They have also worked with Dr. Linda Baker at Parker and Castle Rock Center for Audiology who has provided him with "loaner" hearing aids and Bluetooth device to use ongoing. This has made a significant difference in Jonathan's life — both in school and in social situations. As a family they want to continue to support Jonathan and ensure he has full capacity to learn and socialize as well as any child without hearing loss. They want to make sure he owns his own hearing aids and can be confident that he will have that to help ongoing. They have also had Jonathan participate in events for children who are deaf and hard of hearing so he can meet other kids with similar disabilities and hope to continue this in the future. The family consists of Mother, Father and two children (Jonathan - 9 and Liliana - 2 months). Johnathan attends South Ridge Elementary school and they are citizens of the U.S.

Prior to learning of his hearing loss, Jonathan was having trouble paying attention in school, socializing with other kids his age and listening in general. After multiple attempts from the school to correct his "behavioral" problems, they found out he had a hearing loss at the annual school hearing tests. They continued to pursue the issue and their audiologist confirmed the hearing loss that more than likely attributed to the behavioral problems at school. Upon learning this information and sharing with their family, they discovered that his father's side of the family also had cousins with genetic hearing loss that developed later on in life.

Since receiving the loaner hearing aids Jonathan has made a best friend at school and has been able to complete his work in a timely manner at school — now that he can hear what's being asked of him.

He is very proud of his hearing aids and takes very good care of them. Their insurance is not able to cover the full price of the hearing aids. His father was unexpectedly out of work for the first half of this year due to a fractured spine and Jonathan's baby sister arrived in August. They purchased two hearing aids that cost \$4,300 each.



Jonathan Strobel

Their current outstanding balance for Jonathan's hearing aids/device is \$1,813.95. Their insurance has a 5,000 deductible and then covers 80% of the cost of hearing aids/devices. After insurance the hearing aids/devices came to \$3,813.95. Jonathan was approved for a \$2,000 grant from the United Healthcare Children's Foundation. The Colorado State Grange awarded this family \$1,000.

Donations for the Mandy project can be sent to the State Grange office or to PICK at 7629 C.R. 100, Hesperus, CO 81326. Checks should either be made out to Colorado State Grange or PICK depending on where you are sending the donation.

Hadassah McKinnies

Hadassah McKinnies is 2-1/2-years-old and was born with Aural Atresia on her right side (her ear cavity is closed over with flesh). The family lives in Littleton, Colo., and they have three older children. Hadassah has had an MRI and a Bone conduction hearing test at Children's Hospital Colorado confirming that her inner ear has good function that could be helped with



The McKinnies Family

GRANGE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION (Seattle, Washington)

NOTICE OF 2017 ANNUAL POLICYHOLDERS' MEETING

The Annual Policyholders' meeting of the Grange Insurance Association will be held on Monday, March 20, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Grange Insurance Association, 200 Cedar Street, Seattle, Washington 98121.

All Grange Insurance Association policyholders are welcome to attend.

Signed at Seattle, Washington this 22nd day of September 2016.

Rodney A. King, CIC, AFIS, Corporate Secretary
GRANGE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION



P.I.C.K.

People Improving Communities And Kids

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Capital Improvement Grants

People Improving Communities and Kids (PICK) realizes that many Granges need financial assistance to do some of their capital improvement projects. PICK will help your Grange pursue capital improvement grants, but we need your help.

Any Grange that has capital improvement plans and is willing to meet the requirements of a grant, are eligible to apply. (Grant requirements vary and depend on what the foundation giving the funds requires.) PICK will seek capital improvement grants only for projects submitted. Once the Grange process is started, we expect that it can take anywhere from six months to one year to receive funding. PICK does not have the funding, we are seeking funding for your needs.

Granges applying need to submit the following information by April 1, 2017.

1. Name of Grange
2. Name and address of Grange contact
3. Telephone number of contact (email addresses are also appreciated)
4. Description of community
5. Explanation of planned improvement
6. Why are these capital improvements needed (BE SPECIFIC)
7. What support will be provided by the local community

- a. Volunteer time and effort
 - b. In kind donations
 - c. Potential support from other sources
 8. Picture of work needing to be done (also if you have drawings or other specifications, please submit those)
 9. Cost of potential project
 10. Time needed to complete the project (keep in mind most grants require the project to be complete within one year. Therefore if it is a big project it may need to be broken down into smaller projects and prioritized.)
 11. Portion of cost you are willing to raise. Most grants require the recipient to provide some kind of matching funds.
 12. Detailed calendar of events at the Grange Hall over the last six months.
 13. If you are listing more than one project, which project is your priority? What makes this project a priority?
 14. Other helpful information
- Late applications will not be considered in the potential grant search. Any Grange failing to meet the requirements and/or deadlines of the grant, will not be eligible to apply for grants through PICK for five years. Send information to PICK, Cindy Greer, Secretary, 7629 C.R. 100, Hesperus, CO 81326, by April 1.

Darden

Jefferson County

Contact Idella Lewis, idellamlewis@gmail.com, 303-233-3393, for further information.

February 4, 2017 — Darden Pomona Grange meets at Wheat Ridge Grange, 4 p.m. Meeting, 5 p.m. Potluck with Hobby Night Program to follow. Bring a hobby to share!

Darden Pomona Grange met Dec. 10 at Enterprise Grange for a combined Christmas party with Enterprise Grange. Items were collected for Shannon's Hope, a shelter in Arvada. Granges in Darden Pomona contributed \$50 each to purchase Christmas gifts for residents so they could enjoy the Christmas season. Warm hats, gloves, and coats were also collected to be given to those less fortunate.

Following the meeting a Christmas dinner was held for Darden Pomona Grange members and guests from Carin' Clinic, a health clinic for the underserved, and Shannon's Hope, a shelter for abused women and children. The tables were decorated in festive Christmas décor and turkey and ham with all the trimmings was served along with an assortment of salads, breads, salads and desserts. What a Christmas feast!

Following the Christmas dinner the Christmas program was held upstairs. Two Christmas carol sing-a-longs were sung. A plaque presentation was given to Kaleb Burnett from Enterprise Grange who performed at the 2016 National Grange Convention held in Washington, D.C. He sang "It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas" and then children were invited to sing or perform their special talent with everyone. Several brave souls came forward to perform and share their special talent of singing.

Master Mike Lackey read "The Night Before Christmas" to the children and a special guest, Santa himself, came to hear their Christmas wishes. The finale to the evening was the breaking of a snowman piñata made by Carol Lackey which was filled with candy for the children to scramble and collect once the piñata was broken.

Everyone attending the Christmas party received a treat bag filled with candy, popcorn ball, Clementine, Christmas ornament and candy cane pen, Children also received a warm "animal hat" and stuffed animal. Everyone left with the true spirit of love in their heart and sharing of the true Christmas spirit!

Idella Lewis

Enterprise

Contact Mike Lackey, thelackeyteam@gmail.com, 303-521-8773, for further information.

Wednesday, January 11, 2017 — Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, January 13, 2017 — 9 a.m. a field trip to The Polish Pottery Outlet.

Wednesday, February 8, 2017 — Valentine Potluck and Card Exchange at 6:30 p.m.

More Programs Available From National Lecturer

- Root Beer Program in a Box.
- Yoga Program in a Box.
- Traffic Cone Program in a Box.

The Opening and Closing Ceremony for the Grange is available in Spanish now.

Your Agent for

UNITED HERITAGE LIFE INSURANCE

Clifford R. Schertz, LUTCF
 15240 Delaware St., Broomfield 80023.....(303) 450-0657

Listing available for a nominal fee — Contact Colorado State Grange
 7275 S. Lima St., Centennial, CO 80112-3850 • 303-708-0606

Your Agent for

GRANGE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

Dell F. Duran
 510 Bell Ave., Alamosa 81101-2437(719) 589-3606

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 email: cogrange@na800.net



Master of Enterprise Grange Mike Lackey reading "The Night Before Christmas" to the children.



Santa arrived at the Grange and gave the children Teddy Bears or Character Hats.

Saturday, February 11, 2017 — High Tea at the Enterprise Grange Hall starting at 2 p.m.

Wednesday, March 8, 2017 — St. Patrick's Day Irish Potluck.

Join us Wednesday, January 11 — Potluck at 6:30 p.m. The Westernaires will be with us to talk about their programs. General Planning Meeting for High Tea to follow.

On Friday, January 13 — 9 a.m. We will be doing a field trip to The Polish Pottery Outlet at 800 W. Oxford Avenue, Suite A, in Englewood. Plan to meet at the Enterprise Grange at 9 a.m. to carpool. The outlet is giving us a tour and information on the process and the history of Polish Pottery. It is gorgeously well-crafted and considered to be "functional art" with every piece unique and beautiful. Please RSVP to Dorothy Dannels at 303-425-0111. If time allows, we may consider stopping for lunch after our tour.

Coming Wednesday, February 8 — Valentine Potluck and Card Exchange at 6:30 p.m. A member from the Gardening Club of Arvada will talk about Box Gardening in your yard. Business meeting to follow.

Join us Saturday, February 11 — High Tea at the Enterprise Grange Hall starting at 2 p.m. Tickets will be \$15 per person. (Please purchase no later than Thursday, February 9, for our planning purposes.) Tickets will be sold at the door for \$18 per person. Purchase tickets from any current Enterprise Grange member or for further information call or email: Carol Lackey at 303-521-4477, carol.lackey@att.net; Dorothy Dannels at 303-921-7849 dorothydannels@gmail.com.

The High Tea is our fundraiser for Special Causes (yet to be determined for 2017).

On Wednesday, March 8 — St. Patrick's Day Irish Potluck. Bring something green or something Irish! Irish music will be provided. Business and Planning meeting for Community Service Award to follow.

At our meeting in September we hosted Ed Talbot as our speaker. In 1944, at the height of WWII a U.S. Task Force surprised the Japanese fleet at their primary Pacific fleet base at Truk (now called Chuuk) in Micronesia. Over several days 52 Japanese ships were sunk in a major turning point in the war. Today those wrecks litter the floor of the lagoon containing munitions and oil. A volunteer team of experienced divers were part of a past Earthwatch Research Team which surveyed the wrecks to determine their state of deterioration and risks to the lagoon. Ed Talbot was one of the volunteer divers who provided us with an informative and illustrated look back at the Truk attack, the undersea research work, and a picture narrative of this isolated but historic site. It was a very informative and entertaining trip under the sea.

Chipotle Mexican Grill presents a series of films called the Sustainable Food Films every fall. On September 20, we ventured off sight to the Botanical Gardens in downtown Denver for the first of four films. The film that night was *Inhabit: A Permaculture Perspective*. *Inhabit* is a feature length



This year's Snowman Piñata was the finale at the Christmas Dinner at Enterprise.

Publicity

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Welcome To The New Year!

For those Granges that have been attempting to create a website for your Grange, I now have instructions on the State website on how to create your own local website. These are instructions to create and edit websites using the National Grange website. I have tried in past months to help Colorado Granges do this without much success (and I feel myself to be fairly literate in this regard). These instructions should take some of the

pain out of this process. I will again be available if you need any assistance with any of this.

The instructions can be found at: <http://coloradogranger.org/publicity>
 Also, be sure to take a look at the Handbook (enclosed in this newspaper) for the new rules for the Publicity contest. As a group, we have decided to go the "One Book" route to make it simpler for submissions for all contests this coming State Session. I hope this will make it easier for all of you.

Granger Deadline And Guidelines

February 15, 2017, is the deadline for articles for the March-April 2017 edition of *The Colorado Granger*. You can send them to the State Grange Office, 2009 CR 31, Florissant, CO 80816 or email costategrange@gmail.com.

We would appreciate your following these guidelines when writing an article.

Name of Grange

Contact person (with a phone number)
 Upcoming dates

Brief summary of what has been happening at your Grange — DO NOT SEND MINUTES

Community Service Projects
 In Memoriam (Grangers who have passed away)

Thinking of You (Grangers who are sick and shut in — include address if they would enjoy cards)

Hats Off (Grangers to be recognized)
 You're Invited (activities open to non-members and visiting Grangers)

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August 25, 2017 — Deadline for contest reports. Watch for Community Service suggestions in *The Colorado Granger*. A Community Service Packet to be mailed or emailed to each Grange Secretary or Community Service Chairman. April is Grange Month and an ideal time to promote projects and recognize Grangers and non-Grangers who are making a difference with their volunteer work. Participate in the State Deaf Education, Mandy Project, P.I.C.K., Emergency Relief Program, Family and Women's Activities, Junior Grange and Youth Grange projects. (*See sample Contest/Report Form.)*

State Community Service Contest — A report form* will be sent to each Grange. Please include pictures and news articles with the report form. The deadline is **August 25, 2017**.

Helping Hands Volunteer Project — This project is designed to recognize individual Grangers who make a difference in their communities. Individual Grangers can submit a report* which lists the number of people they have helped during the year and the number of hours involved. This would include all volunteer work through Grange, church, schools, other organizations, and community, state and national projects. We know Grangers make a huge impact by offering a helping hand where needed.

Empty Plate Project — Granges are encouraged to collect non-perishable food items for local food banks. Granges are also encouraged to provide meals/pot lucks for community events and programs they host.*

ONE BOOK — The Lecturer Department, the **Community Service Department** and the Publicity Department have agreed to allow one book that covers all three categories to be created and submitted for the various awards from these departments. Please place a form in the front of the scrapbook for each department you are wishing your book to be judged in. These entries are due **August 25, 2017**. Please mail them to Kathy Wardle, Colorado State Grange Lecturer, 1136 Bluebell Way, Brighton, Colorado 80601.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT FORM

1. The Community Service Report must be received by the State Community Service Directors by August 25, 2017.

Grange Name: _____
Grange #: _____
City, County: _____ Zip: _____
State: _____
Chairperson's Name: _____
Chairperson's Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone: _____
Master's Name: _____

Number of Grange Members: _____
Number of Grange Members involved in projects: _____

2. Please complete this form and place it as the **FIRST** page of your report book.

3. The Report Book Cover should indicate your state, name and number of your Grange on the outside, front cover.
4. Reports should be typed or prepared on a computer if possible.

5. Reports are judged on the projects and events.

Signature of Community Service Chairperson _____

HELPING HANDS VOLUNTEER PROJECT

September 1, 2016 - September 1, 2017

Grange Name: _____
Contact Information _____
Name: _____
Phone#: _____
Email Address: _____

Projects/Events	Hours

EMPTY PLATE PROJECT

2016-2017

Grange Name: _____
Grange #: _____
Project Contact Person: _____
Phone#: _____
Email Address: _____
Name of Project(s): _____
Date(s): _____

(Write your summary here, or you may write a separate report(s) that follows this page.)

Claudia's Ritual Achievement Award

Claudia, the skunk, is a stinker for Ritual. Claudia will award any Grange who completes some of the following Ritualistic work this coming year with a special certificate. The Grange achieving more than one seal will be in a drawing for \$50. Proof must be submitted by **September 9** to 7629 C.R. 100, Hesperus, CO 81326.

Sapphire Seal — Have an individual score a business meeting opened and closed with the Grange Ritual using the score sheet provided by the CSG, return score sheet to State Master.

Silver Seal — Exemplify one of the first four degrees in full form or read through one degree with new members in attendance. Submit a letter/email stating the date this took place and send it to the State Master.

OR

Drape the charter at one of your meetings. Submit a letter/email stating the date this took place and send it to the State Master.

OR

Have your officers Installed using the ritual (New or traditional). Installation ceremony may be performed by one of your members or you can contact one of the State Deputies or State officers to help you. Submit a letter/email stating the date this took place and send it to the State Master.

Gold Seal — National Grange has developed an alternate opening and closing ceremony. Use this opening at one of your meetings. And Initiate new members utilizing the official Obligation Ceremony or the Welcoming Ceremony from the 2013 Subordinate Grange Manual. Submit a letter/email stating the date this took place and send it to the State Master.

Colorado State Grange Program Handbook

September 1, 2016 - August 31, 2017



Guide To Contests And Programs
Contact State Directors Or Subordinate Chairmen
For Information On All Contests And Programs.

Please Save This Section, Pull Out And Fold.
Or see it online at coloradogrango.org.

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www.coloradogrango.org

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P.I.C.K. helps expand the vision and explores new avenues of funding which will enable the members to create interest in the Grange. P.I.C.K. is a 501c3 organization. All Donations to P.I.C.K. are Tax-exempt.

P.I.C.K. can partner with your Grange when you need a 501c3 status to accomplish a project. Contact the secretary for details.

Our annual Silent Auction at State Session raises funds that are divided up between six areas:

Specific areas of interest to P.I.C.K. are as follows:

- **Mandy Project** — We supplement applications received by CSG as needed.
- **Youth and Juniors** — We support educational camps, seminars, workshops and retreats focusing on leadership, strengthening community involvement, developing and enhancing awareness of cultural and social unity specifically for Youth. Granges desiring to start a program needing some financial assistance can apply to P.I.C.K.

- **Community Improvement** — We encourage Granges to continue to bring Community Improvement Projects to their community. This includes keeping their building up to date and usable, thus a need for capital improvement projects is in order and we will assist Granges in seeking grants for capital improvement projects. An Emergency project fund has been established. Contact P.I.C.K. secretary for details.

- **Women's Resources** — Educating the community about safe and proper methods of food preservation is quickly making a comeback. The Grange can be a leader in making sure men and women who are interested in food preservation are educated and well informed. We encourage each grange to sponsor a food preservation program using a reliable source to conduct the workshop. If funds are needed to obtain a reliable source and your Grange does not have funding you can apply for partial assistance. Proof of completion of the workshop is required. If funds are requested the following information must be included: *Grange Name and Number, Contact Person, Address, Date of workshop, Name of workshop expert, Qualifications of workshop expert. Thirty days following the workshop's completion the Grange seeking funding must report the outcome of the workshop and provide one photo. This report can be sent via email. We would like to know how many attended the workshop. Funding must be returned if the Grange fails to report within 30 days.*
- **Women's Health Issues** — are unique and we encourage you to consider hosting an educational program on a health issue that is important to your community.
- **Creative and Performing Arts** — P.I.C.K. will supplement prizes for contests open to non-members. We will help Talent participants with travel expenses to the National showcase.

Complete Program Contest

What is a Complete Program?

Programs contain activities, tips, and a list of needed supplies for fun exploration of specific topics and the activities listed in the box. The programs can be submitted on paper, on a CD, via email, etc. Programs can be in PowerPoint presentations.

Judging Criteria:

- 1) Content

- 2) Ease of presentation
 - 3) Completeness of program
- Develop a program about that can be presented by anyone. There will be two categories:
1. Program for Adults
 2. Program for Kids

First Prize will be \$25. Second prize will be \$15. Third prize will be \$10.

Entries must be submitted to 7629 County Road 100, by **September 9, 2017.**

Health Awareness Department

Louetta Phelps
10676 State Hwy. 151, Ignacio, CO 81137
Phone: 970-749-1747
Email: louetaphelps@aol.com

The Purpose of the Health Awareness department is to educate Grange and community members about major health issues and prevention.

What Health Issues are prominent in your Grange and Community? Do you have Grange or Community members that are affected by Cancer, Heart Disease, Hearing Loss, Alzheimer's, etc? Subordinate and Pomona Health Awareness chairmen are encouraged to explore what issues are affecting their community and see if there are any needs your Grange can meet. Does someone need a sitter, ride to an appointment, a hot meal, a listening ear, groceries picked up...? Chairmen are encouraged to work with the Community Service Chairmen in deciding how you can best serve your members and community.

Activity Ideas include:

- Sponsor a family in need. Schedule members to take turns.
- Assist with a benefit for a local individual who is facing a major health issue.
- Sponsor or assist with a local Health Fair.
- Sponsor a health screening event.
- Sponsor a Team and/or participate in Relay For Life or other Health Awareness Events.
- Encourage members and non-members to participate in a Walk-A-Thon, 5K, etc.
- Support legislation that promotes prevention of health issues and hearing impairment.
- Assist your Lecturer with a program educating members and non-members about major health issues and how they can be prevented.
- Create a container to collect Campbell's product UPC labels and donate labels to a local school or the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind.
- Create a container to collect Aluminum Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.
- Post and encourage healthy habits or other health related issues.
- Host a Disease Prevention Seminar.
- Be creative.

Junior Grange Contests

Daniel and Jenna Greer, Co-Directors
7633 CR 100, Hesperus, CO 81326
Phone: 970-588-3386
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- Open to anyone ages 1 to 14, Junior Grange members and non-members.
- All entries must be labeled with name, age, sponsoring Grange or Junior Grange, member or non-member, and class.
- Items will be judged on neatness, creativity, appropriateness and ability for age.
- All entries are due by noon on Thursday of State Session.
- There will be three age categories under 5, 5-9 and 10-14.
- Children may enter more than one item in each class but are limited to no more than three items per class.
- First, Second and Third Place will be awarded in each class and age group.
- Entries will be judged at State Session. All entries must be submitted on Thursday morning.

Art Contest

Any medium may be used. Maximum size of entry must not exceed 14"x14". There is no minimum.

1. Water Color
2. Other Mediums

Photography

Prints only, do not have to be matted or framed.

1. Any size is acceptable.
3. Scenes
4. Animals
5. People

Cookies

Six cookies, exhibited on a disposable base in a zip-lock type bag. The recipe must be included.

Cookies will not be returned.

Crafts

6. Holiday Decorations
7. Recycled Craft — Any item made using something one generally throws away.
8. Nature Craft — Any item made from nature (rocks, pinecones, seeds, etc.).
9. Textiles — May use any type of fabric, yard, thread, etc.
10. Miscellaneous
11. Special Gifts

Growth

Any type of plant that the Jr. has grown from a seed or is taken as an offshoot. These will be judged on health of plant as well as creativity of planter. **ALL GROWTH PROJECTS WILL BE USED AS TABLE DECORATIONS FOR JUNIOR LUNCHEON.**

Creative Writing Project

Open to members and non-members. May be a poem, story or an essay. Entry may be typed or hand written, double spaced and placed in a protective cover and labeled.

There will be three age groups in the Creative Writing Project 5-7, 8-10, 11-14. Member only: What would you like to grow and who would help you.

Mini-Scrapbook Contest

To capture the activities of the Junior Grange member throughout the year. What did you do? Where did you go? What did you make? This is your journey how did it help you grow?

Digital Scrapbook

See Mini-Scrapbook above.



Creative Art Contest

Must be a picture showing what the Theme means to you. May use crayons, colored pencils, markers or paints. Maximum size is 8-1/2 x 11 inches.

Public Speaking

Topics: (1) How the Junior Grange Can Grow Across the Nation OR (2) Any Topic of your choice. Speech must be a minimum of 4 minutes and a maximum of 7 minutes.

Contest held at State Grange in conjunction with the Lecturer's program.

Sign A Song: Categories

Individual Sign A Song Contest: Ages 11-14
Group Sign A Song Contest: Two or more Junior Grangers. All members must be 9-14 years of age.

Contest held in conjunction with the Lecturer's program at State.

Merit Badge Program

Level 1 for ages 5-9, Level 2 for ages 10-14

HOST State Study — Washington State

Kelley Farm project

Super J.G. Award

Junior Ambassadors

Junior Grange Recruiter

Junior Grange Camp

In 2017 there will be two different Jr. Grange camps. One will be held in the southwestern part of Colorado and the other will be held in the northeast region. Both of these camps will be a "Grange Camp Out" and will include fun activities and an age appropriate community service project. Each camp will present all attendees the opportunity to earn multiple merit badges.

Talent Contest

Junior Talent contest will be held during State Session in conjunction with the Lecturer's Department Talent Contest.

- Three classes:
1. Vocal;
 2. Instrumental;
 3. Comedy. Prizes will be awarded. Please notify director of intent to enter.

National Opportunities:

Theme: "Growing Across the Nation."

Age Groups: (Age groups: 7 and under; 8-10, 11-14)
Additional rules apply — Check the National Grange website or contact state director.

N1. Mini-Scrapbook Contest — To capture the activities of the Junior Grange member throughout the year. What did you do? Where did you go? What did you make? What did you participate in? This is your journey, how did it help you grow?

N2. Digital Scrapbook — See Mini scrapbook above.

N3. Creative Writing Contest — Write a story about what you would like to grow and who would help you.

N4. Creative Art Contest —

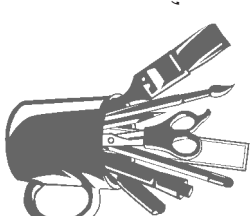
(Age groups: 7 and under; 8-10, 11-14)

Must be a picture showing what the Theme means to you. May use crayons, colored pencils, markers or paints.

Maximum size is 8-1/2 x 11 inches.

Public Speaking — (Age group: 11-14)

Topics: "How the Junior Grange Can Grow Across the Nation " OR any topic of your choice. Speech must be a minimum of 4 minutes and a maximum of 7 minutes. Contest held at State Grange in conjunction with the Lecturer's program at State.



Mandy Project

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The purpose of the Mandy Project is to help children with hearing loss to become productive citizens and to provide assistance to a family experiencing hardship due to a child's hearing loss. As many children will be helped as possible and as funds are available. Families with a child who has a hearing loss will be chosen through the application process to receive funding assistance to help cover costs of hearing aids, speech therapy, surgery or other related expenses.

Brochures can be obtained by contacting the State Director. Granges who sponsor a special fundraiser or make a donation to the Mandy Project will receive a special certificate at State Convention.

Every Grange should have a "Do You Know the Signs" poster up in their hall or in the building where they meet if at all possible. Brochures with the same information are available and should also be available for distribution at your meeting place.

Granges are encouraged to give these posters and brochures to their local schools, pre-schools, and Kindergarten classes. Early intervention is important to a child's learning when hearing loss is involved. Posters and Brochures can be obtained through the Mandy Project Director.

Granges are encouraged to collect Campbell's product UPC Symbols for the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind. Bring the symbols to the State Grange Convention and we will pass them on to the school.

Granges might also sponsor sign language classes in their halls.

Subordinate And Pomona Grange Activities Suggestions

- Sponsor, host, or promote Sign Language classes or a Sign A Song contest for the community.
- Support legislation and encourage assistance for the hearing impaired.
- Sponsor a special fundraiser for the Mandy Project and assist in distributing Mandy Project flyers/brochures.
- Promote Hearing Testing
- Assist Lecturer with a program educating members and non-members about deafness or hearing loss.
- Write articles about Grange Deaf Activities Projects and send to local news media during May, which is a special month for deaf awareness.
- Each Grange should have posters up on Signs of Deafness or Hearing Loss for
 - Adults
 - Children
- Promote Finger Spelling Bees, Sign Language Challenges, and Sign A Song competitions.
- Create a container to hold Campbell's product UPC symbols so members can bring them to a central location

for the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind.

Sign A Song Contest

Regional opportunities will be held in conjunction with the State Lecturer. Participants will be eligible to participate in the Great Plains Regional Youth conference in July.

- Participants are to submit three copies of the words to the song they are signing.
- Participants must provide their own music. A cassette and CD player will be available.
- Anyone who is a professional instructor or receives money for signing may not enter.
- Signers must use total communication techniques: Sign Language, facial expressions, mouthing of words for lip reading, finger spelling if appropriate, and body movement.
- Props and costumes are not allowed, rhythm is optional.
- There are three categories
 - Novice** — one who is beginning to learn sign, has had no more than three sign language classes and has entered the Sign a Song contest no more than two years.
 - Hobbyist** — one who signs on an occasional basis and strictly for fun. One who has entered the Sign a Song contest more than two years.
 - Group** — two or more people signing.
- Only one song may be signed during the competition performance. Medleys are not allowed.
- Participants must sign their own name and song title. First place winners will receive \$25.

Youth Program

Charlene Porter, Director

5090 Cody St., Arvada, CO 80002

Phone: 720-434-7161

Email: charspino@hotmail.com

The Youth Department is open to all ages with only a couple of contests restricted to age. Thus, anyone from very youthful to youthful seniors can enter these contests!

Youth/Junior Officers — will be opening the Colorado State Grange Session on Saturday morning. We need youth age and Junior age Grangers to serve as officers. Following the opening and the Junior Luncheon, a special Fun Activity will be planned.

Hospitality Room — The Youth department will operate the Hospitality room at State Session. Food donations and monetary donations are appreciated.

Family Camp — Watch *The Colorado Granger* for details. There are many contests and activities available for the youth. Please submit your ideas and suggestions to the State Youth Department. Send your email and/or snail mail address to the State Director to receive upcoming information. Check the National Grange website (www.nationalgrange.org) and the State Grange website (www.coloradogrange.org/youth) for youth programs and updated information. Remember you are a Grange member!! Participate in all Grange activities and programs. Help make the Grange GROW!

Great Plains Regional Leadership Conference will be hosted by Kansas in June. Public Speaking, Sign A Song, Grange Jeopardy and Parliamentary procedure contests will be held.

National Grange 151st Convention will be November 7-11, 2017, in Spokane, Washington. Youth Officers, Ambassadors, Young Couples, Legislative experience participants re opportunities for those who meet the qualifications. Youth have the opportunity to participate in workshops, tours, contests and parties.

Family And Women's Activities

Idella Lewis and Karen Baxter, Co-Directors
Lewis • 11615 W. 32nd Ave., Wheat Ridge, CO 80033
303-223-3393 • idellemlewis@gmail.com
Baxter • 14857 CR 240, Bayfield, CO 81122
Phone: 970-259-1595

In all categories you may enter only one entry per class.

Baking, Food Preservation and Needlework, Quilting and Sewing entries must be a Grange member.

Entries will be judged at State Session.

Baking

Label baking entries with the following:

- Recipe printed on recipe card
- Contestant's name, address, Grange
- Class

All baking entries are to be exhibited on a sturdy disposable base and placed in a Ziploc bag. All items will become the property of the State Directors and will be sold following judging at the State Session.

Class A — Cakes (Butter Cake, frosted)

Class B — Altered Cake Mix

Class C — Yeast Bread

(One loaf or seven rolls per plate)

Class D — Sweet Rolls (Seven rolls made with yeast)

Class E — Bar Cookies (Seven per plate)

Class F — Drop, Rolled, Shaped Cookies

(Seven per plate)

Class G — Quick Breads

(Fruit or nut containing no yeast)

Class H — Fudge (Seven pieces per plate)

Class I — Other Candy (Seven pieces per plate)

Class J — Gluten Free Cookies (Seven per plate)

Class K — Gluten Free Cakes

Class L — Gluten Free Breads

Food Preservation

Canned items should be entered in standard glass canning jars and sealed with new lids. Headspace for jams/jellies is 1/4" and canned foods is 1/2". Canned items will not be opened for judging. Canned foods must be picked up before the end of State Session.

Entries should be labeled with the following:

- Name of item and Class
 - Method of processing
 - Month and year processed
 - Contestant's name, address, Grange
 - Class 1** — Canned Foods
 - Class 2** — Jams, Jellies
 - Class 3** — Juices
 - Class 4** — Salsas, tomatoes
 - Class 5** — Pickles, any kind
 - Class 6** — Dried Foods including leathers and jerky
- (1/2 Cup in a plastic bag)

Needlework, Quilting And Sewing

All entries must be made by a Grange member and finished within the current Grange year. All items should be picked up before the end of State Session.

Entries should be labeled with the following:

- Class
- Name, address, Grange

Needlework

Class A — Crocheted or Knit Afghans (any size)

Class B — Crochet or Knit Sweater (any size)

Class C — Crochet (miscellaneous)

Class D — Embroidery, Cross Stitch, Counted Cross Stitch (any item — back must be uncovered)

Class E — Decorator Pillows

Quilting

Class F — Machine Quilted Quilt (any size)

Class G — Hand Quilted Quilt (any size)

Class H — Quilted Table Runner

Class I — Wall Hangings (not to exceed 36" x 54")

Sewing

Class J — Adult Garment

Class K — Child's Garment

Class L — Aprons

Class M — Stuffed Toys

Class N — Quilt Block Contest

Quilt block pattern and instructions will be printed in the *Granger* or posted on the FWA page on the State or National website.

Class O — Miscellaneous includes anything with fabric, thread or yarn.



"From The Heart" Projects

Baby Quilts are accepted but not judged at State Session. They will be donated to a worthy cause.

Blue Star Mothers — small items to be sent by mothers of military serving overseas. Acceptable items will be on the Family and Women's Activities website.

Clothing Protectors — bibs for adults will be donated to area nursing homes. Instructions on website.

Eyeglasses — collect and donate to a local Lions Club.

Boxtops for Education — donate to a local school in your area.

Outstanding Granger Contest

Any initiated Colorado Grange member may be nominated for the Outstanding Granger Award. This award is presented at the Final Banquet of the State Convention to the deserving person or persons.

Nominations can be made by any Grange member. The nominations should be in booklet form about the nominee for the judges to use to make their decision. The booklet should contain:

- Letters of Recommendation
- Information about the person's Grange activities and achievements.
- Articles
- Pictures
- Other supportive material (involvement with organizations other than Grange)

Entries are due in the State Grange office by **September 9**. The State Master will appoint a committee to judge the entries. The winner is not announced until the banquet, and may be kept a surprise if the sponsor so wished.

A plaque noting this award is given to the winner, as well as a special name badge that will always denote that the person received this special honor.

Lecturer's Awards: Programming Achievement, Creative & Performing Arts

Kathy Wardle, State Lecturer
1136 Bluebell Way, Brighton, CO 80601
Phone: 303-659-8470 • artklw@gmail.com

Lecturer's Star Awards

Lecturers completing the Star Report form and returning the form to the State Lecturer by **August 25, 2017**, will be eligible for the following Star Awards. Reports should be mailed to Kathy Wardle, Colorado State Lecturer, 1136 Bluebell Way, Brighton, Colorado 80601 or email the completed form to my email at: artklw@gmail.com.

Star certificates will be awarded to each Grange earning any of the following possible stars. Granges completing all of the categories will earn recognition as a Star Achievement Grange.

- **Gold Star — Information:** Programs/activities providing educational information on pertinent issues to your community.
- **Blue Star — Entertainment:** Programs/activities involving traveling outside your hall or meeting place for an event, special meal, art exhibit, play, or show, etc.
- **Green Star — Membership:** Activities/programs promoting membership and recruiting new members.
- **Red Star — Community:** Programs/activities specifically planned for the community.
- **Silver Star — Cooperation:** Sponsor programs/activities cooperating with other community groups.
- **Orange Star — Family:** Programs/activities oriented around the family or provide opportunities that are focused on the family.

- **Purple Star — Media:** Creating publicity using social media or traditional media to promote Grange programs/activities and the Grange. Suggested media include website, e-blasts, Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn plus traditional brochures, posters, news releases, newsletters, and PowerPoint presentations about your Grange, etc. Working with three or more media types qualify for this award.

Outstanding Subordinate and Pomona Lecturer Award will be awarded based on the Star Report form.

Grange Yearbook Contest

If you create a Yearbook for your Grange, please place the Lecturer's Star Report Form at the beginning of the yearbook. Note: Granges do not need to create a yearbook to be eligible for the Lecturer's Star Awards.

Up to four Granges will be recognized for the best Grange 2017 Yearbooks (scrapbooks). **Yearbooks must be received by August 25, 2017** by the State Lecturer. Please mail them to Kathy Wardle, Colorado State Grange Lecturer, 1136 Bluebell Way, Brighton, Colorado 80601.

August events can be covered with pre-event publicity and preparation coverage.

ONE BOOK. The **Lecturer Department**, the Community Service Department and the Publicity Department have agreed to allow one book that covers all three categories to be created and submitted for the various awards from these departments. Please place a form in the front of the scrapbook for each department you are wishing your book to be judged in.

Criteria:
Subordinate and Pomona Granges will be in the same category.

Judging:

1. Completeness
2. Creativity
3. Craftsmanship

Performing Arts

Each Grange is encouraged to bring at least one participant to the State Talent *Showcase*. The participant does not have to be a Grange member. The more participants, the better the *Showcase* will be.

There will be two age categories in Vocal, Instrumental, Variety and Joke Telling.

- I. Junior, 5-13
- II. Adult, 14 and over.

The statewide *Showcase* will be held at the State Convention on Saturday evening. Those wishing to participate in the *Talent Contest* need to notify the State Lecturer on or before Thursday of State Convention. One participant in the statewide *Showcase 14 and over division* will be eligible to participate in the National Grange Evening of Excellence held during the National Convention in November.

Classes:

- I. Vocal
- II. Instrumental
- III. Variety
(skits, readings, monologues, dance, pantomimes, etc.)
- IV. Joke Telling
- V. Public Speaking
(See Youth and Junior Dept. for specific guidelines)
- VI. Sign A Song
(See Deaf and Junior Dept. for specific guidelines).

Community Dinner

Granges that sponsor a **Community Dinner** planned around a theme such as a **Chili Cook-off** or **Luanu** or other creative event will be recognized.

Lecturer Contests

General Guidelines for all Lecturers' Contests:

- All entries in Fine Art, Hobby Corner, Photography, or With Pen in Hand must be labeled as follows: Name, address, Grange or sponsoring Grange, class, member or non-member, and value.
 - All entries are due at State Session on Thursday between 8 a.m. to noon.
 - Individuals may have more than one entry in a class.
 - All categories are open to Grange members in good standing as well as non-members sponsored by a local Grange. Entries must be completed since the beginning of the previous State Convention.
 - We reserve the right to combine or divide classes as number of entries warrants.
 - Participants must select the class for his/her entry.
- Awards:** First place receives \$5, second place \$3 and third place \$2.
- A **Best of Show** will be awarded.
1. The **Grange** with the most entries will receive **The Colorado State Grange Lecturer's Participation Award**.
 2. A **Sweepstakes Award** will be given to the **individual with the most entries in the Lecturer's programs**.

Fine Art

Guidelines:

- All entries must be framed or on a firm backing which enables the entry to be properly displayed.
- Entrant is responsible if charcoal and pencil entries are not treated to prevent smudging.
- Entries of nudes are not allowed.
- Entries cannot be covered with glass.
(Plexiglas may be used.)

Criteria for judging entries:

- Use of medium selected — Craftsmanship and skill — Composition/presentation of subject — Originality

Classes:

1. Painting
2. Drawing
3. Computer art/collage

Hobby Corner

Guidelines:

- All work must be original from start to finish, with the exception of a purchased frame, kit, or mold.

Judging Criteria:

- Originality/Neatness/Creativity/Workmanship
- Classes:**
1. Holiday items
 2. Jewelry
 3. Miscellaneous
 4. Individual Scrapbooks
 5. Special Gifts

Photography

Guidelines:

- Photos should be mounted or in a photo mat.
- **Framed photos will not be accepted.**
- An image may be entered in only one class.
- Participants may enter all classes using separate images.
- Participants may have multiple entries in one category.
- Photos/images may be made by a commercial processor, but must have been taken by the entrant.
- The photo must not be less than 4 x 6 or larger than 11 x 14.
- A caption/title about the photo is optional.
- Only prints (color, black/white or digital) will be accepted, no slides.
- Professional photographers may not enter the contest (professionals make their living through photography.)

Judging Criteria:

- Composition and arrangement — Interest — Presentation — Technique

Classes:

1. Landscapes and Seascapes
2. People
3. Animals and Other Creatures
4. Photo Collage or Story

With Pen in Hand

Guidelines:

- All entries must be typed and double spaced.
- Entries may be fictional or non-fictional.

Judging Criteria:

- Content — organization
- Spelling, punctuation and grammar
- Audience appeal

- Classes:**
1. Short story or essay
 2. Recommend a book. (your choice)
 3. Poetry

Food Sustainability Program

Subordinate and Pomona Granges completing any ONE category and reporting on the Community Garden Program Form (to be mailed to Subordinate Granges and due to the State Lecturer on August 25, 2017) will receive a Community Garden Award.

Categories (do one of the following):

• Share The Harvest

Grange members and friends donate excess crops to the local food bank or pantry or a deserving family. OR Plant or sponsor a community garden.

• Community Produce Classes or Contest

Sponsor an agricultural oriented contest for your community. Establish your own judging criteria. OR Sponsor a class on an agricultural topic.

• Community Food Preservation

Sponsor a food preservation demonstration for your community. OR Sponsor a class on food preservation.

Membership Program

Roger Ayers, State Director
13151 Hwy. 140, Hesperus, CO 81326
970-385-4557 • reayers@icloud.com

Meet the challenge!

What is the challenge?

Five new members this year.

The Colorado State Membership program will offer recognition and rewards to Granges for new members joining between September 1, 2016-August 31, 2017.

- 1) Granges that get at least five (5) new members.
- 2) The Subordinate/community Grange with the most new members.
- 3) The Pomona Grange with the most new members.
- 4) Granges completing a "Celebrate the 'Ask'" membership program. (Details and forms for this will be sent with State Master's newsletter early 2017)

Remember, ask someone to join your Grange. YOU can make a difference. New members make your Grange stronger.

Public Relations

Larry Corman, Director

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Phone: 970-884-4765 • 970-749-8438
Email: Larry_Corman@hotmail.com

This year, Public Relations has joined with the other State departments/programs in the "One Book" submission. Please include your public relations submission in the ONE BOOK and send it to:

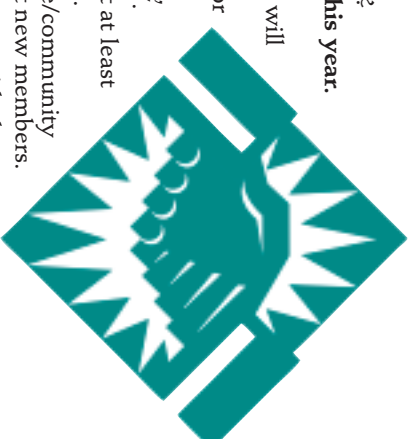
Kathy Wardle, State Lecturer
1136 Bluebell Way, Brighton, CO 80601
Due: August 25, 2017

Clearly identify the section for your publicity material so that it can be judged at State Session. Judging of your Grange's publicity efforts will be based on:

- Quantity of Information Releases
 - Quality of Information Releases (visual, contact info, when, where, what...)
 - Variety of public promotions (flyers, radio, newspaper, etc.)
 - Social/web Media presence (Web, Facebook, Twitter...)
 - Professional submission of this report
- In the front section of the ONE BOOK, please include a page (clearly identified as Public Relations) which has the following information on it:

Grange (or Pomona) Name
Contact Person along with phone number/email

I encourage each of the Granges to become more visible in your publicity efforts. I also serve as the State Grange's webmaster — please contact me if you want your Grange to have a presence on the State's website. I am also available for any of your technology needs.





This National Merit Achievement Award was given to Kaleb Burnett at the Darden Pomona Christmas Party in recognition of outstanding performance and dignified representation of the Colorado State Grange at the Junior Grange Breakfast in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, November 18, 2016. Congratulations on a job well done!

documentary introducing permaculture, a design method for a garden that offers an ecological alternative for solving issues related to agriculture, economics, governance, and more. The film presented a vast array of projects, concepts, and people, and translated the diversity of permaculture into something that can be understood by an equally diverse audience. For those familiar, it is a call to action and a glimpse into what's possible — what kind of projects and solutions are already underway. For those unfamiliar, it was an introduction to a new way of being and a new way of relating to the Earth. For everyone, it was a reminder that humans are capable of being planetary healing forces.

Joe Pirozzoli, Public Relations for Arvada Modelers Association, spoke to us about drones and model airplanes early this past spring. He then told us about Warbirds Over the Rockies, an international event that attracts model aviation pilots and warbirds (planes) from around the globe. The event took place at their airfield in Arvada, west of Leyden Rock, the weekend of September 24 and 25. Several Enterprise Grange members attended. It was a fun-filled afternoon and most felt it was just as good as any air show with full-sized airplanes and worth writing down on their calendars for 2017.

On October 5, we returned to the Botanic Gardens for the film and presentation called *GMO OMG*. The director of the film and concerned father Jeremy Seifert went in search of answers about how GMOs affect our children, the health of our planet, and our freedom of choice? And perhaps the ultimate question: is it even possible to reject the food system currently in place, or have we lost something we can't gain back? These and other questions took us on a journey from Seifert's family table to Haiti, Paris, Norway, and the lobby of agra-giant Monsanto. This film helped us gain insight into a question that is of growing concern to citizens the world over: What's on your plate?

Our Thanksgiving Dinner was on November 9 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. We invited clients from the Carin' Clinic and Shannon's Hope to share the evening with the Grange families and the members of the community. Our Thanksgiving feast was a traditional potluck with turkey and all the trimmings. The meal was delicious and everyone had a wonderful evening.

This year's Old Fashioned Christmas Dinner and Party with Santa were held in conjunction with the Pomona Christmas Party on Saturday December 9. After our Christmas potluck, we had a sing-a-long with pianist Mary Staghous. Kaleb Burnett was then given a National Merit Achievement Award for his performance and representation of the Enterprise Grange and the Colorado State Grange in Washington, D.C., at the National Junior Grange Breakfast during the convention. Kaleb then performed a Christmas song, "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas." Mike

asked if any other children would like to perform. We have sooo much talent in our youth! The favorite song of the night was Jingle Bells.

Master Mike Lackey read *The Night Before Christmas* to the children, another few sing-a-long songs and then the last song "Here Comes Santa Claus." Santa arrived and each child received a small gift from Santa. The finale was the Snowman piñata. Each person left with a bag full of candy, fruit and a popcorn ball. Over 30 adults and children from the Carin' Clinic and Shannon's Hope attended. We had Maple Grove, Wheat Ridge and Enterprise members also in attendance. The Carin' Clinic also provided us with three families in need during the holidays. With gifts and meals, we can make their holidays a little less stressful. Thanks to everyone who attended and to all those who pitched in to make this a memorable evening for all!

Again this year, Jefferson County Human Services asked organizations in the community to fill Christmas stockings or tote bags for low income seniors and disabled adults. There are about 4,500 of these adults in Jefferson County alone, many without family or support systems. We were able to help with approximately 175 stockings. Our Chili Dinner is a fundraiser for this project and this year we made much more than in the past. We were happy to have extra items this year that we donated to add to other stockings for this worthy cause.

Carol Lackey

Maple Grove

Contact Idella Lewis, idellamlewis@gmail.com, 303-233-3393, for further information.

January 5, 2017 — Maple Grove meets for potluck at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting.

Maple Grove Grange met in December with the annual Christmas potluck dinner. The beautiful Christmas tree was lit with everyone in the true spirit of Christmas. A gift exchange was held around the tree and there was a minimal amount of "stealing" of gifts with everyone going home with a treasured item.

John Cruz and son John and children and Idella Lewis went up to the mountains to find the perfect Christmas tree to cut for Maple Grove Grange. They lucked out with the weather being warm just before the blast of cold arctic air blew in upon us. It is a huge Douglas fir tree and was decorated by Grange members and Rocky Mountain Square Dance members.

Marion Cruz is recovering now after having hip surgery. Marge Gatlin is doing better after having several health setbacks. We wish them both well in their recoveries.

There was a problem with the heater but it is now doing fine. Thanks to Bill Lane for overseeing the project of restoring heat.

We wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Idella Lewis



Halloween Party at Wheat Ridge Grange.

Wheat Ridge

Contact Charlene Porter, charspino@hotmail.com, 720-434-7161, for further information.

The first Thursday of each month — Business meeting at 6 p.m.

The third Thursday of each month — Social gathering, education and events at 6 p.m.

The second Monday of each month — Potluck and Bunco at 12 p.m.

The 3rd Wednesday of each month — Gambling Trip — meet at the Safeway parking lot at 44th and Lowell. \$10: \$5 to play and a \$10 food voucher.

We just had our Inaugural Christmas Party and feasted on Spaghetti! Instead of having a gift exchange, we collected non-perishable foods for Wheat Ridge United Methodist Church. Everyone enjoyed a casual night with friends, ate some great food, played some games and just enjoyed what the season is truly about!

Our second Annual Chili Cook-off will benefit the Backpack Program January 19 starting at 6 p.m. Join us for a fun evening. Entry fee for Chili is \$10 and \$5 to be a taste tester. For more details or to participate, please contact Charlene.

Our Grange will be hosting a monthly bus trip to Black Hawk on the third Wednesday of the month. Casino Bus Trip will pick you up at 9 a.m. at the Safeway parking lot at 44th and Lowell and return by 3 p.m.

We are looking forward to a great 2017.

Charlene Porter

Pleasant Park

Contact Yvonne Ludwig, Master, 303-838-4805, for information.

January 14 — Regular meeting 10 a. m. followed by Potluck Lunch.

February 11 — Regular meeting 10 a. m. followed by Potluck Lunch.

March 11 — Regular meeting 10 a. m. followed by Potluck Lunch.

The annual Thanksgiving Dinner was held after the regular meeting on November 12. Abe Lincoln (John Vohl) was our guest speaker. Thank you to all the Grange Members who came up the hill for the dinner and speaker. We enjoyed having you. Mark your calendars — Abe will be back for our Thanksgiving event on



Pleasant Park Master Yvonne Ludwig, Julie Olson, and Denise Patrick volunteering at Christmas Celebration.



Betty Long was a Grand Marshal in the parade.

November 11, 2017!

We were pleased to win second place with the Volunteer Hour scrapbook. Thank you to Donna Beck, Denise Patrick and Sharon Bonomo for all their hard work and time to compile the book.

Betty Long and Donna Beck were the Grand Marshals at the Conifer 35th annual Christmas Parade. Don and Suzi Morris represented the Conifer Historical Society and Museum with an entry in the Parade. Several members volunteered their time at the Chamber Winter Celebration wherever they were needed.

We had a great time at our Christmas Party and white elephant gift exchange.

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Don and Suzi Morris at Conifer Parade.



Jeffco Foster Kids' Toy Drive and Wrapping Party at the Golden Gate Grange.



Thanks to all who donated to the Jeffco Foster Kids' Gift Drive! And, thanks to all those who helped wrap hundreds of gifts! You all showed the true meaning of the holidays with your generosity and your time! Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah!

Darden
Jefferson County

• **Pleasant Park**

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The Bicycle Rest Stop is closed for the season. A special thank you to all the members that made it a success this year.

Everyone is invited to come and join us at any of our meetings! Our Lecturer has more interesting speakers scheduled.

The Pleasant Park Grange Hall continues to be a busy place hosting meetings and special events. All Grange members can use the facility for a donation. Contact Donna Beck at 303-907-9855 if you want to plan an event there.

Yvonne Ludwig

Golden Gate

Contact Master Rich Phillips, 303-277-1933, or Jayne Ruesch, 303-215-9257, for further information.

January 5 — Grange Meeting, 3 to 4 p.m.

January 8 — Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 10:30 a.m.

February 2 — Grange Meeting, 3 to 4 p.m.

February 12 — Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 10:30 a.m.

February 25 — Mardi Gras Party, 7 to 9:30 p.m.

March 2 — Grange Meeting, 3 to 4 p.m.

March 12 — Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 10:30 a.m.

Mondays at 1:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 5 p.m. — Yoga.

Pancake Breakfasts, held on the second Sunday of the month, are a great way to catch up with neighbors and friends. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee and juice will be served. The price is \$5 for adults and kids \$2. If you would like to help, call Janet



Grange member Helene Arendt with her beautiful precious metal jewelry at the Golden Gate Holiday Craft Fair.

Primmer 303 239-6789.

Thanks to Vicky Phillips and her friends who organized and ran the Family Halloween Party. One young party goer announced, "This is the best party I ever went to!" High praise, indeed!

The Golden Gate Holiday Craft Fair was a success. The Grange garnered almost \$500 and our local crafters were afforded an inexpensive forum to sell their unique wares.

Wreath Making was another fun event. Local greens gathered by Grange members and others were fashioned into beautiful wreaths. Kids were busy with holiday crafts.

For the third year we held a Holiday Toy and Clothing Drive and Wrapping Party for the children in Jefferson County Foster Care. Thanks to Granger Janet Primmer who is the President of the Jefferson County Foster Families for organizing this wonderful event. Thanks, too, to all those who donated gifts and helped wrap presents.

Yoga classes continue to be a popular offering at the Golden Gate Grange.

We have several fellows who are regular attendees, so don't be shy fellows ... join us for Yoga!

There will be a Mardi Gras Party

La Plata
Archuleta and La Plata Counties, CO and San Juan County, NM

Mt. Allison

Contact Larry Corman, 970-884-4762 or Larry_Corman@hotmail.com for more information.

Upcoming events:

January 16 — monthly business meeting at 7 p.m. (Grange Hall)

February 20 — monthly business meeting at 7 p.m. (Grange Hall)

April 15 — Easter Supper (5-7 p.m.)

We've gotten through the fall and are looking forward to the New Year! Still not much snow down in this part of the country but that could change after this weekend.

We had a change to our Christmas breakfast this year. We'll report on how it went since we're just now getting ready to host it on December 19. Instead of the recent community breakfasts, our worthy Lecturer Yvonne Chapman suggested that we have a Grinch-mas supper/evening instead. As many of you know, we have no idea if 20 or 100 will show up for the delicious menu of Roasted Beast, Who Mash, and Green Finger punch. No matter how many show up, we are looking forward to an excellent time.

Larry Corman

Working
Adams, Morgan and Weld Counties

Victory

Contact Master David McCord, dmmcord60@earthlink.net, for further information.

We hosted our annual party mid-day on Friday, December 9, to avoid nighttime traffic by members and guests. This was our first meeting in the restored Hall after repairs were completed to fix the leaky roof and replace water stained and damaged ceiling tile and insulation. New LED lighting was also added to update the building's interior appearance and energy efficiency.



Golden Gate Auxiliary and Golden Gate Grange members Mary Prierter and Susan Dentry raising funds for our firefighters at the Golden Gate Holiday Craft Fair.

at the Grange this year. Stay tuned for more details! If you would like to help plan and organize this event, call Rich Phillips, 303-277-1933.

Website: www.goldengatengranger.com; Like us on our Facebook page — Golden Gate Canyon Community. Rich Phillips

Marvel

Contact Cindy Greer, 970-588-3386 or hcdgreer@frontier.net, for further information.

January 6 — Business Meeting 7:30 p.m. — Program.

January 9 — La Plata Pomona Meeting 7:30 p.m. — Marvel Grange Host.

January ? — Homemade Soap workshop, Date TBD.

January 21 — Chili Cook-off and Dessert Auction.

January 28 — Dryside Quilters 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

February 3 — Business Meeting 7:30 p.m. — Program.

February 4 — Marvel United Methodist Ground Hog Supper 4-7 p.m.

February 11 — Dance

February ? — Small Motor Repair workshop, Date TBD.

February 25 — Luau 6:30 p.m.

February 25 — Dryside Quilters 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

March 3 — Business Meeting 7:30 p.m. — Program.

In October we co-hosted the League of Women Voters at the Fort Lewis Mesa Elementary School. The League presented information on the ballot issues. The La Plata County Commissioners held their On The Road Meeting at the Marvel Grange Hall and we provided cookies and coffee.

The Tony Herrera family used the

Special guests were State Grange Treasurer Marlys Halbeisen, State Youth Director Charlene Porter and Maple Grove's new member Marge Gatlin. Marlys attended to present Victory Grange member and former Colorado State Grange Secretary Marge Sassman with her recognition for 20 years of service as our Secretary.

Following lunch a "cut-throat" gift exchange was conducted with lots of fun for all. Our youngest guest was our grandson Colton McCord, age 3 years, who was gifted with a set of plastic tools. He then commenced to attempt disassembly of anything mechanical in reach.

David McCord

hall for a memorial gathering on November 11. The Secret Sister group met on December 4 at Cindy Greer's house. Most tried to complete a word scramble game before sharing who they thought their Secret Sister was and opening gifts. New names were drawn and refreshments enjoyed.

We took the month of November off. We canceled our December business meeting. Had a waffle night on December 16 with a white elephant gift exchange. December 31 we were busy as it was a fifth Saturday and the day for a free community breakfast in the morning and a New Year's Eve "construction" party that evening.

We are looking into getting new signs for the outside of the Grange Hall.

Thank you to Sheryl Ayers for providing a fun game of "Thanksgiving" charades after our November meeting.

Cindy Greer

Marvel JGs

Contact: Cindy Greer hcdgreer@frontier.net, or Jenna Greer djbn greer@live.com, or 970-588-3386 for further information.

January 10 — Meeting 5 p.m.

We have officially moved out meetings to Tuesday at 5 p.m. either the first or second Tuesday of the month depending on schedules. December 6 we met and made Christmas decorations or ornaments, played games, decorated the Grange's Christmas Tree and worked on the Salutation. We had nine members attend this meeting.

We hope to have a real meeting in January.

Cindy Greer

Colorado State Grange Website

Larry Corman takes care of the web page for the State Grange. He is requesting that Officers and Directors contact him with updates for their departments.

He would like to link the web page of each Grange to the State Grange site. Please contact him to have this done so Grange members and others can easily access your page for information.

Larry Corman: larry_corman@hotmail.com or 970-884-4762.



Wreath making at Golden Gate.



Grandview

Contact Teresa Montejano, 303-408-7389 or teresamontejano@hotmail.com, for further information. What a fun time provided by Jackman Brothers Production at our Grange's Parents Night Out. The kids ate pizza and snacks, made a gift to take home for their parents, played games, and watched a Christmas movie.



VFW Ladies Auxiliary presents grant check to Florissant Grange.



Santa and Baby Santa.



Florissant Grange Christmas Party complete with crafts and goodies.

Progressive
Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas & Elbert Counties

Castlewood

Contact Secretary Joyce Mountain, 303-268-3440, or Joan Hill, 303-648-3104, for further information.

We had a wonderful Harvest Dinner with about 40 folks enjoying the abundant turkey, taters and delicious shared holiday dishes as the photos attest. We also celebrated our Ruby Hickman's 94th birthday, although she was not able to attend due to illness. She has been a Grange member for over 40 years.

An announcement was made by Gary Tobey that we will be hosting learning seminars on how food is produced and how it is delivered to our



tables. Dates to be announced at a later date.

We will meet in January, weather

permitting. No meeting in February. We will meet in March.

Joyce Mountain



Pikes Peak
El Paso and Teller Counties

Florissant

Contact Ed Oppermann, 719-748-5004, florissantgrange@gmail.com, for further information.

February 11, 2017 — 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Valentine's Day Brunch.

Get on your sweetheart's good side by bringing her/him to a good ol'

home cooked brunch BEFORE Valentine's Day. Eggs, bacon, hash browns, biscuits 'n gravy etc. (sorry, we can't do the champagne). A friendly atmosphere and always good food. Please feel free to join us.

Late October thru December is definitely a busy time at the Florissant Grange. Without our volunteers we would never be able to have this much fun or do this much good for our community.

Our Kids Halloween Party (Oct. 29)

was a big hit for the little ones. We changed things up a bit and held it in the afternoon (1-3 p.m.) this year. Not a very scary time of day but, real good for the "under teen" crowd. It worked well as we had at least 40 children turn out to join in the fun. We made a maze from a wood frame and lots of cardboard. It was a huge success. Even our Master had a go at it. Scarecrows were made, pumpkins were decorated, prizes were handed out for costumes and candy was consumed. There was even a "potato hunt" (the Fall version of Easter Eggs)! A good time was had by all.

November 23 our Grange hosted its Free Thanksgiving Dinner for the community. This event has been well received in the past and, thanks to a lot of wonderful volunteers, this year was a huge success once again. Over a hundred people attended and had a great traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Many of whom stayed and chatted with friends for a good while after listening to the music of The Florissant Jammers. I can't thank our cooks and servers enough. A huge effort but, well worth it.

Santa and his wife visited our Grange Hall once again on December 10. About 23 kids from our area brought their parents out to meet them. Treats were handed out to the good boys and girls, crafts were made, face painting was done and cookies were sampled! One of our members was anxious to try out her new toy (a photo printer) so she took photos of the children with Mr. and Mrs. Claus and printed them out for the parents there at the party. No waiting this year! Thank you Sue. It was appreciated.

Every Thursday all year we have music by The Florissant Jammers. Potluck starts at 6 p.m. and music from 6:30 p.m. until the musicians call it a night. If you play an instrument and would like to jam with us some Thursday, please come on out!

Last but, not least we had our Last Minute Craft Show. Saturday, Dec. 17, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Just in time for Christmas. Procrastinators always love this one!

Ed Oppermann

See Page 8 for information from Mount Lookout and Left Hand Subordinate Granges.



Florissant Grange Mrs. Claus, Santa and kiddos.



Face painting.



Live music at Mount Lookout Grange Pig Roast.

Boulder County

Boulder County



Boulder County Architect Stan Snyder and Eagle Scout Candidate Ming Sun.

well attended. We are expecting that the presence of a certified commercial kitchen will bring many more wonderful activities to our Grange Hall. We are looking forward to an exciting year.

Carol van der Harten

Left Hand

Contact Bruce Johnson, 720-301-6367 or johnson.blj71@gmail.com for further information.



Left Hand Valley Grange Park new benches and re-mounted plaque.

Ute Mountain

Dolores and Montezuma Counties

Mount Lookout

Contact Carol van der Harten, 5hearts@q.com or 970-533-9955, for further information.

January 8 — Community Supper 5:30 p.m.

January 16 — Annual community Martin Luther King breakfast.

January 18 — Officers meeting 6 p.m.

February 12 — Community Supper 5:30 p.m.

February 15 — Officers meeting 6 p.m.

Following a very successful fundraising event in October, a Pig Roast with live music and great food, it has been decided that this should continue as a yearly event. The officers elected for the new year include: Kathryn Fulton, Master; Josh Horner, Overseer; Betsy Harrison, Treasurer; Carol van der Harten, Secretary; Gretchen Groenke, Lecturer; Craig Feigenbaum, Steward. Patricia Burk, Greg Kemp, Jordan Lang and Chad Close will also serve on the Council. January will bring our yearly offi-

cers' retreat, where we will brainstorm our activities for the coming year. We plan to bring back to the membership more education and general interest programs, in addition to completing a commercial kitchen expansion and community food pantry. This year promises to be a busy, productive time.

We will also host the annual MLK community breakfast, which is always



Left Hand Grange Secretary Bruce Johnson and his wife Marcia with their paintings.



Painting Class at the Left Hand Grange.

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Links to both the Grange Store @Monroe Classic and the Grange Supplies Store @National Grange are below and on the National Grange website.

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