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## Plan Ahead For State Session — September 24-26, 2020

The State Grange Convention will be at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Colorado Springs. All meetings will be at the Good Shepherd Church, 1201 Leta Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80911 — 719-392-5782.

### The National Grange Delegate To The 2020 Colorado State Grange Convention Is Lady Assistant Steward Karen Knight Overstreet

Karen Knight Overstreet, the National Grange Lady Assistant Steward, is a fourth-generation Granger. She held the office of Lady Assistant Steward in the Texas State Grange prior to being elected State President/Master in 2018.

Her maternal great-grandfather was a subordinate Grange President/ Master and both of her grandparents were Grangers. Her parents, Archie and Barbara (Ullrich) Knight met in the Grange. Karen joined the Alamo Junior Grange when she turned five and when she became old enough, she joined the Alamo Subordinate Grange. She has held many offices in her Junior, Subordinate and Pomona Granges. In 1982, she represented Texas as the State Princess and she and her husband, Buddy, were Texas State Grange Young Couple in 1995.



National Grange Delegate  
Karen Knight Overstreet, LAS

Karen grew up on a 290-acre farm south of San Antonio, Texas, where the family raised cows, sheep, pigs, goats, horses, chickens, and coastal hay. Karen and Buddy currently live on a 152-acre farm parallel to her family's farm where they raise coastal hay. They have been married for 35 years and have three children, Carl, Leah, and Karryn.

They attend Oak Island United Methodist Church. Karen retired from teaching after 30 years in 2014, when she began taking care of her parents.

She enjoys yard work, cooking/baking, playing the piano, singing, and loves Christmas.

**MOTEL INFORMATION:** There are many choices this year to make your own arrangements. The following are hotels that have gotten good reviews and decent prices. Holiday Inn, 1815 Aeroplaza Dr., phone: 719-591-6000, average rate is \$129; La Quinta, 2750 Guyser Dr., phone: 719-527-4788, average rate is \$149; Hilton Garden Inn, 2035 Aerotech Dr., phone: 719-622-0300, average rate \$122; Comfort Inn, 2115 Aerotech Dr., phone: 719-380-9000, average rate \$123; and the best deal was Super 8, 1790 Aeroplaza Dr., phone 719-570-0505; average rate \$65. Days Inn had very bad reviews so I did not include them. All of these hotels will honor most senior discounts you may have through AARP or other organizations. These are all close to the Good Shepherd Church.

*Each person is to call to make their own reservations at the phone numbers listed.*

More information about State Session in future *Grangers*.

### Grange In Action

The Grange In Action program is designed to encourage all Granges to be active in their communities and complete events or projects, no matter how small. Any Grange that does not complete the application for Distinguished Grange can participate in this program. Granges who wish to be recognized at the 2019 National Convention as a "Grange In Action" should complete the following requirements: Submit 1 page letter size with pictures and caption of at least 3 various events/activities that the Grange either sponsored or assisted with from Sept 1, 2019, to Sept 1, 2020 — anything over 1 page will be disqualified.

The Grange Name, Number, and State must be on the front of the page.

On a separate page please include the Name, address, phone and/or cell number and email address of who submitted the Grange in Action.

Granges that qualify for the 2020 Distinguished Grange award are not eligible for this recognition.

Deadline to submit the 1 page to National Grange is September 25, 2020, postmark or electronic, by midnight on September 25, 2020.

Mail to National Grange, Attn. Loretta Washington — 1616H Street, NW, 11th Washington, DC 20006.

Email to Loretta Washington @ [email protected] please put in the subject line for the email: Grange in Action report.

To be named a "State Grange in Action," a State Grange must have at least six Granges recognized as "Grange In Action."

Some of the entries will be on display at next year's National Convention.

Those Granges that submitted a 1 page entry will receive a certificate with the National Grange President's signature.

## 2020 NATIONAL GRANGE CONVENTION

The National Grange Executive Committee is very sorry to announce that the 2020 National Grange Convention will have many changes because of the COVID-19 pandemic and therefore will be open for National delegates and officers only. No visitors or Grangers will be invited to attend in person this year.

The convention will be cut to two days and the only business will be voting on resolutions and electing two executive committee officers. Extra activities, such as the Evening of Excellence, Youth and Junior Public Speaking and Sign a Song, will take place virtually. The Seventh Degree will not be exemplified this year.

Other recognitions such as Community Service awards, Distinguished Grange, Grange Legacy Family, and the Quilt Block Contest, will be held and awards given, but there will be no ceremony. National Grange Department Directors will be sending out information regarding their programs and how they will be handled this year, so stay tuned!

The Valley Forge Casino Resort, site of the convention, has been closed since March 14 to this date (June 6). We don't know when it will be permitted to open, because the counties around Philadelphia are a hot spot for the virus. The hotel is willing to allow us to downsize our convention to two days, 80 people, hopefully without penalty, so we are exercising that option at this time.

Also we do not want to endanger any of our members by asking them to travel and to spend days in a large crowd. The health and safety of our Grange family comes first. We feel it may not be safe to gather, even by November. Many of your State Sessions will see major changes this year also. We hope you will understand this decision, and keep on working at the local level as much as you can to help your communities.

Fraternally,  
Betsy E. Huber  
National Master

## 2020-2021 Colorado State Grange Scholarships Awarded

The Colorado State Grange Scholarship Committee awarded 17 scholarships this year. Each one was a \$1,500 scholarship.

The scholarships are made possible by the regular donations to the scholarship committee as well as the memorial gifts given to the State Grange when a Granger passes away. We would like to remind Granges that when they are making up their Grange budget they might consider a small donation to the Leadership and Scholarship Foundation. It goes a long way in helping our young folks move forward in their education endeavors. Scholarships are available to eligible Grangers and children or grandchildren of Grangers.

Just as important are the donations given by Granges and Grangers in memory of a loved one who has passed away. Any donation is welcome at any time. When it comes time to award scholarships we can only give when we have the funds available. We want to thank all who have helped in any way over the years. We have money in the scholarship account that accrues interest each year and is, of course, a very big help. But we need the continued interest of Grangers in donating to the Leadership and Scholarship Foundation to keep it moving forward and allowing us to give scholarships to many Grangers applying who are eligible. If you have noticed over the last several years the amount of the scholarships has risen and several years, such as this year, we have many recipients of the scholarships. Thank you to Grangers who make this happen.

Our list of winners this year lists where they are from, what school they will attend, and in most cases what Grange they represent. I wish to thank Jim Miller for the many hours he spent this year in determining the eligibility of the applicants to give the

committee information on that and on the funds available. This is what final decisions are based on.

### SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS FOR 2020-2021

- Rebecca Borst**, Manitou Springs — University of Colorado/Colorado Springs — Florissant
- Alexis Kippes**, Broomfield — Metropolitan State University — Crescent
- Katrina Borst**, Manitou Springs — University of Colorado/Colorado Springs — Florissant
- Emily Kirts**, Golden — Denver College of Nursing — Golden Gate
- Trent Boncznski**, Golden — Colorado Mesa University — Golden Gate
- Nathan Lane**, Golden — Colorado School of Mines — Maple Grove
- Benjamin Hoppes**, Black Hawk — Colorado School of Mines — Golden Gate
- Teagan Hackett**, Morrison — Red Rocks Community College — Garden Home
- Sierra Saltus**, Golden — Colorado State University — Golden Gate
- Miles Green**, Lakewood — Red Rocks Community College — Golden Gate
- Jared Kirts**, Golden — Colorado Mesa University — Golden Gate
- Chloe Roach**, Lakewood — University of Colorado/Boulder — Golden Gate
- Rachel Miller**, Thornton — Front Range Community College — Crescent
- Victor Montejano Jr.**, Littleton — Arapahoe Community College — Grand View
- Maysie Poland**, Arvada — Colorado College — Golden Gate
- Ember Quick**, Lindon — Northeastern Junior College — Cherry Creek

## — In Memoriam —

### Gretchen Gaynor Haskins March 22, 1926 – May 26, 2020

Gretchen Gaynor Haskins, age 94, died on May 26, 2020, at Rocky Mountain Assisted Living, Highlands Ranch, Colorado.

Born in Sioux City, Iowa, the daughter of Edmond Stoney Gaynor and Jeannette Chalmers Lynch Gaynor, Gretchen was the fifth of six children. The family spent summers in the family cabin on Lake Okoboji, where she met her husband, James F. Has-

kins, on the lake dock. They were married August 16, 1947, in Spencer, Iowa, with a reception at The Okoboji Club.

Gretchen was a graduate of Saint Mary's Hall (now known as Shattuck-St. Mary's School), Faribault, MN; attended Stevens College, Columbia, MO, and Metro State University of Denver. A lifelong learner, she added to her accomplishments with a bachelor's degree in English from Metro State University, graduating summa cum laude.

A former resident of The Douglas Mountain area near Golden, Colorado, Gretchen was a member of The Golden Gate Grange Community and counted the many dear women of The Columbine Club Women's Group as her friends.

Gretchen was known as a loving mother and wonderful aunt who always opened her heart and home to nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Preceded in death by her daughter Mary Elizabeth Haskins Mitchell in 1985 and her husband James in 2012, Gretchen is survived by her sister, Mrs. Robert (Priscilla) Farnham of Saint Paul, MN; son James Gaynor Haskins; and grandson, Joel Mayer Haskins of Denver, CO.

Interment was June 1, 2020, at Fairmount Cemetery, 430 S. Quebec Street, Denver, Colorado 80247.

Donations in her memory may be directed to SHATTUCK-ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, 1000 Shumway Ave., Faribault, MN 55021.



# Master's Message

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When things go wrong, we need to take some time to think about WHAT CAN WE LEARN from this situation? Have you learned that your Grange is dependent upon rentals to survive or is your Grange more service oriented? If you've learned that your survival is dependent upon ONE thing then it's probably time to make some changes in the way you operate. SURVIVAL should not be dependent upon one thing and one thing only. Maybe it's time to partner with another organization who utilizes the building on a regular basis and has a vested interest in the building or property. Creating a partnership is like a marriage, it takes work on the part of both parties. It's not easy and conflict will arise, but with love and patience and forgiveness things can be worked out. Is it time to explore some different options? Lots of things would need to be worked out, and talked about before you begin the partnership/marriage. If you have a building with property, perhaps some of the property could be used for a community garden.

Are you a community minded Granger? Have you been doing things in your community to be of service to others? As Grange members our service can be recorded as Grange service, so please let your community service chairman know what you've been doing during this time.

Many of you are probably wondering if we will be having a State Grange convention. At this point in time we are planning to have a State Grange convention. Our group is small enough that we can meet utilizing social distancing measures and since we are planning to meet in a church that should make it easier for us. So, we are continuing to make plans, but we are also looking at alternatives. A couple of options would be to meet via Zoom/teleconference each in our own homes or to have two or three locations to gather and meet via Zoom. We will keep you posted. But in the meantime, your Grange can meet via zoom or teleconference to discuss resolutions that you plan to send to State. National Grange can help you set up a zoom meeting. I attended a Zoom meeting recently for a Grange in NY. They have not let the pandemic stop their fundraisers; in fact, their fundraisers have sold out. They had their annual dinner but it was takeout or curbside delivery. They took reservations so they knew how much food they needed to prepare. They also have a sale going on for items on Facebook.

Our newly reorganized Sunflower Grange had their first meeting in months recently by having it outside the building using the round table format. They also completed a very successful tomato plant sale utilizing electronic means to take orders and to set up distribution and collecting funds of those purchased plants. So the lesson is that we can still be working as a Grange if we want to, we just have to do it in a different fashion.

Assuming that we will meet physically in Colorado Springs for State Session, then there's the debate about masks. **We must all remember that some individuals can not wear masks and should not wear masks due to health reasons.** Those with asthma or other breathing issues really can't wear masks for any extended period of time. I imagine that a person who has claustrophobia shouldn't wear a mask so that they don't experience an attack. We should not be judgmental of people who are not wearing masks, there may be underlying issues that we are unaware of. Nor should we be judgmental of those that do wear masks. We hear and see statement like "people who don't wear masks do not care about others", but there may be some issues you and I are not aware of. After all I don't know everything about everyone all the time, only our creator is capable of that kind of knowledge. In the meantime, start working on resolutions and stay safe and healthy.

## Granger Deadline And Guidelines

**August 15, 2020**, is the deadline for articles for the September-October 2020 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](mailto:costategrange@gmail.com).

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

Name of Grange  
Contact person (with 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)

## Visit the Colorado State Grange website [www.coloradogranger.org](http://www.coloradogranger.org)

### 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.

Email: [costategrange@gmail.com](mailto:costategrange@gmail.com)

Call 719-748-5008 or mail the form below.

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# Notes From The Secretary

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### A Positive Point Of View

I love summer. And this year we have had plenty of moisture, so far, so it is green and beautiful and of course here in the mountains, we don't get much above 80 so it is just perfect weather. I hope you are enjoying these summer months also.

Here at the office, planning for State Session is in progress as you can see by this edition of the *Granger*. Almost everything you need to know to make your plans is in this *Granger*,

but if you still have some questions, please feel free to call or email the State Grange Office, 719-748-5008.

I am working on the packets for the Secretaries getting them ready to mail out, and many of you could have them by the time you are reading this. Please fill out all the important paperwork and reports and get them sent back to this office or where ever it states you should send them. It is important to return everything so we can be ready for State Session. There

## Colorado State Grange History



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Following the 12-year long tenure of Levi Booth as Master and then his son-in-law D.W. Working who was Master for only one year, Mr. J.W. Newcomb was the 6th Master elected in 1894 and was elected several times bringing the Colorado Grange into the 20th century. His tenure lasted until 1906. He was the first Colorado Master to become a National Officer. During his term as Master, the Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Company had its beginning. The company had its opening in 1894 when Grangers realized the importance of property insurance protection and the role the Grange might play by providing this service to the Grange members. The company and its service continued to grow and thrive and was a great Grange business and service to the members for many years. Many prominent Grangers served on the Board or were employees of the company.

The next Master of the Colorado State Grange was John Morris who was born in Wales. When he first came to the United States he worked in a brick yard and then started to farm with his wife near Golden, Colorado. That was Grange country and he became a very dedicated Grange member. He was Master for almost 30 years and traveled all over the State promoting the Grange. John had a Model-T Ford for his use but it had no seat so he used a tool box covered with a blanket. He also traveled to many National Sessions with his car in that condition.

He asked for no expenses from the Grange.

In 1937 Lee Pritchard was elected State Master and served until 1955, He and his wife Josephine had a dairy vegetable farm near Littleton. He was devoted to the Grange Ritual and was able to deliver it anytime with a special beauty. The Grangers came to appreciate the ritual even more. Lee Pritchard was on the National Grange Executive Board 4 years. Josephine was always by his side and helped with the Ritual work. Lee also lobbied at the State Capitol for Grange issues and he supported having a State

Grange Building built in Denver. Lee Pritchard left a legacy of leadership for future officers.

Henry Christensen was elected 2 very separate times to be Master of Colorado. He was first elected in 1955 and served until 1962. He then became director for the Federal Farm Agency for Colorado and had to resign as Master.

He was again elected in 1972 after his employment with the Federal Government was over. During his two terms as Master he was instrumental in getting National Grange to hold two National Sessions in Colorado. Mr. Christensen always credited the Grange in helping to develop his leadership abilities. He was on the Grange Mutual Life Insurance Company and on the Colorado and National Wheat Growers Association Board and other organizations.

This was time of high enrollment in the Grange, much interest and activity.

A Grange building was conceived and the first wing of the State Grange Building was built in 1956. The State Grange and the Grange Mutual Fire Company had offices in the building. In the early 1960s the east wing of the building was built having a meeting hall and a kitchen and became the headquarters of the Colorado State Grange for many years plus the home of the two insurance companies. The building was at west 26th Ave. and Alcott St. The Colorado State Grange and the two Grange Insurance companies plus other small offices rented office space. It was a wonderful meeting place for the Colorado State Grange for conventions and many activities and the Grange could host other organizations. But it soon became a burden to a few to keep it maintained, paying taxes, and offices rented at capacity that much too soon the building had to be sold. In 1973 the insurance companies and the Colorado State Grange moved out and sold the building.

Between the two terms of Henry Christensen, Ray Obrecht was elected Master. He was a farmer/rancher in the Cherry Creek area. He was well versed on the land and water situation and became a lobbyist during Henry Christensen's terms. Ray Obrecht continued to lobby when he was Master and was well respected as an agriculture voice at the legislature. Many major agriculture bills were passed

are also forms to fill out for Membership and current Officers. These help us keep track of how our membership numbers are doing and the current Officer report helps us get the Roster current and printed on time. So please get those reports back to us right away.

It is also important to write your resolutions and get them to the State Office prior to State Session. These need to be typed up and printed and it helps us if we are not trying to do it all at State Session.

It is very important to get your 2nd Quarter Dues paid before State Session. Please send those right away if you haven't already. And it is OK to send those 3rd Quarter Dues now as well.

Thanks everyone and remember: Even in hard times, choose joy. Never let anyone steal your joy.

because of his expertise in the field as well as his lobbying efforts. He had the ear of Governors and many legislators. He enjoyed being Master as well, and the youth thrived and took many National awards and were genuinely interested in the Grange during this time. Ray Obrecht noted during his time that many urban folks were becoming Grangers and it meant the scope of the Grange had to broaden and he reached out to consumer groups. He and his wife were both dedicated Grangers.

Howard Kallenbach became Master when Ray Obrecht resigned in mid-year. He did an excellent job of preparing for the next convention but stated he would not run as Master as he had too many business commitments. He had been born on a farm and was interested in the tenets of the Grange and the fellowship of the organization. He was a carpenter and had his own firm. He made many beautiful altars and stations for local Granges. Howard Kallenbach and his wife gave \$10,000 when the Grange Scholarship Foundation was organized in Colorado. He was particularly interested in the urban-rural aspect of how the Grange was developing around the Denver area and felt the Grange had a great future.

That is enough on Grange Masters for a while. It is interesting though how and why Grange has been so important since the development of our state and those who were instrumental in building the Grange in Colorado. Next time we will talk more about Grange and membership activities.

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## Lecturer's Creative And Performing Arts

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It is that time of year when we start getting ready for our State Grange Convention in September. This year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we may not be able to have our convention in the conventional way. We are all hoping we can meet in September but are working on an alternative plan just in case.

**GALA:** As of this *Granger* the State Convention is still a go in Colorado Springs. The Gala this year is a Mardi Gras Theme, and will involve a craft project and possibly a potluck dinner. The materials for the craft project will be supplied at the Gala. More details to follow on the potluck as we get closer to convention and know more about whatever restrictions may be in force. In the event we don't have convention this year this will rollover to next year.

**LECTURER & PUBLICITY:** The COVID-19 Pandemic has put us all in a shutdown mode for the last few months. Our subordinate state Granges have been closed and unable to do many of their activities. However, please report on any of the activities that your Grange has been able to do since last year's convention. I understand that it won't be as much as in the past, but anything counts.

Please find the Report Form for the Lecturer Star Awards along with Community Service and Membership on the Colorado State Grange Page. This is a combined form which can be filled out by downloading it from any of the following tabs: Community Service, Membership or Lecturers. The form comes in two formats, a Word and PDF. If you don't have access to a computer, please let me know and I will send you a hard copy in the mail.

The form is due on September 1, 2020, so that we have time to get them

judged and get awards purchased in time for the convention. Please feel free to send your report early. Here are the directions for filling out the form as found on the report form: Often our programs fit into more than one category. Duplication is not necessary for the combined report. I suggest that you explain the program in the star category of this report where it fits best. You may add additional pages, as necessary. The reports must be filled out completely to qualify for the awards. You may send samples of your work along with the report, such as a picture, flyer, etc. Please include **only** up to four samples per Star report. We'd love to share your successes with other Lecturers; please give as many descriptive details as possible. Below is a list of Star Awards and which Departments use the information provided. Community Service and Membership have additional pages information specific to their department.

**Gold Star:** — From Lecturer & Community Service Report; **Blue Star:** — From Lecturer Report; **Green Star:** — From Lecturer & Membership; **Red Star:** — From Community Service Report; **Silver Star:** — From Community Service Report; **Orange Star:** — From Lecturer & Community Service Report; **Purple Star:** — From Publicity Report — For the Publicity special contest, please forward me your Grange's Brochure for judging by September 1, 2020.

Please send email reports to floridagranger306@yahoo.com (Lecturer) dom.e.breton@gmail.com (membership) and mittan42@msn.com (Community Service). We are looking forward to seeing what each Grange has been up to for the last year. Hope to see you in Colorado Springs in September.



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At press time we do not know if we will be having the State Grange Session in September. If it has to be canceled due to the COVID-19 the entries will be entered at the 2021 State Ses-

sion.

The 2020 National Grange Quilt Block Contest entries are to be sent directly to National Lecturer Christine Hamp by October 31, 2020. Refer to

the details in the May/June issue of the *Granger* and the entry form below. There is no limit to the number of quilt blocks submitted and it is open to non-Grange members as well.



## Community Service

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Hello Grangers. I hope this edition of the *Granger* finds you all safe and well. There will only be one more edition after this one before our annual Colorado State Grange conference in September. We have learned that only delegates and officers will attend the National Grange annual conference and it will be for only two days. Consequently, they will also only be accepting winning state level annual reports in a digital format. We cannot send any of our Colorado State contest winning reports — or One Books — in paper format.

We had planned on sending out the forms to you 3 or 4 months ago, and just didn't really know how long it would be before the state government would relax the lockdown and allow larger groups of people to gather — or how the local governments' requests for exemption would work. Back then, I sent out a request to nearly every subordinate Grange for email address confirmations and feedback as to whether your Grange wanted to get the forms in email or

hard copy in the postal mail. There are only 6 Granges for which I have no email address at all, for any officers or members. For nearly half of the Granges for which I had working email addresses — for 20 Granges, I did not get any response. Of the responses I did get, there were only 4 Granges that still wanted to get the forms mailed to them in hard copy. Since I had not received any response from the others, I had planned on sending the forms out in hard copy anyway.

Now though, since we cannot submit any hard copy reports to National Grange for the annual conference, the only way we can submit your reports is if your Grange were to win at the State level — and had submitted your reports in hard copy, is to have each page scanned into a computer to convert them to a digital format. If we ultimately, do not meet in person for our Colorado State Grange conference, we will need to have your reports in digital format — soft copy — in order for them to be viewed by all

of us at our different locations across the state, and of course shared among all of you. We think we have a way to do that without putting them up on the State Grange website, in case that is a concern for you.

We realize that your Granges may have not been able to do much for the past 3+ months — but you may have events on which to report, from before the virus lockdown started. If you did not respond to my earlier request, or are one of the 4 Granges who said they wanted to get the forms in hard copy and would like to change that now to getting them in email, please let me know. By email is best, so I can confirm a good email to which I can send the digital forms. My email address is mittan42@msn.com. I am still working, so may not be able to answer the phone if you call — but I will confirm that I got your message if you call me at 720-413-4106.

The forms are also available in a few different places on the Colorado State Grange website: ColoradoGrange.org. Definitely, if you do NOT want a hard copy of the forms in the postal mail or did want them and are now changing your mind to get them in soft copy after all — please email or call me, to let me know. I hope to see you in September, either in person at conference or in a zoom video conference!

## Junior Grange And Youth

Dan and Jenna Greer, State Directors

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Hello,

We hope that everybody's doing great and that you've all weathered COVID-19 without any major issues. We hope that you took some of the time at home to enjoy your family, kids, or grandkids.

Things are going pretty well down here in the southwest corner of the state.

Most regions have had to cancel their youth conferences this year. We were not able to hold Great Plains in Colorado this year due to the restrictions. We had many fun events planned for everybody who was going to attend.

National Grange announced that the national session will only be open to delegates and officers this year. :(

We also decided to cancel our "sleeping with the fishes" night at the aquarium scheduled for August. The good news is that we are still hoping and planning on doing something next year so let's start thinking about that now!!

We are still thinking that three days



in San Diego, California, on the beach would be awesome. If that's something that you're interested in or if your Grange is interested in sponsoring somebody to go we would love to hear from you. We are still getting all the details worked out, but hope to have a game plan by State session.

On a different note, have you been working on your JG crafts? We want a huge turnout at State Session. If you haven't started working on them now is the time. We can't wait to see them and to see you in September.

God is good all the time, all the time God is good!!



## 2020 National Grange Quilt Block Contest

### ENTRY FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**DO NOT JUDGE**

Grange Member:  Non-Member:

Grange Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No.: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

- Group I (Age 14+)

- Group II (Age 13 and under)

- Group III (MEN; Age 14+)

All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by October 31, 2020.

The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you.

Please make and submit as many blocks as you wish, but only one contest entry per person.

Each contest entry must have a completed Entry Form.

Mail entries to: Christine Hamp, National Lecturer  
16418 N. Birdie Road  
Nine Mile Falls WA 99026

## THE GRANGE BUILDS

**People** — by recognizing leadership abilities and encouraging individual talents.

**The Family** — by offering a family oriented environment and emphasizing family values.

**The Community** — by working together in a team spirit, providing service and community outreach.

**The State** — by encouraging "grass-roots action" and leadership in the State Legislature.

**The Nation** — by providing members a voice in the nation's capital.



## The Implement Box

by Claudia the Skunk from the National Grange Herd

The Implement Box sits on the Masters station during business meetings of the Grange. It contains emblems from each of the first four degrees.

The emblems of the First degree are:

**Ax** — is used to cut away obstructions in the fields and to prepare timber for use.

It teaches us perseverance in overcoming obstacles; for, as by repeated blows it cleaves its way through the hardest wood, so should we by repeat-

## Claudia's Corner



ed trials surmount every difficulty.

**Plow** — is used to break up the ground and prepare it for planting.

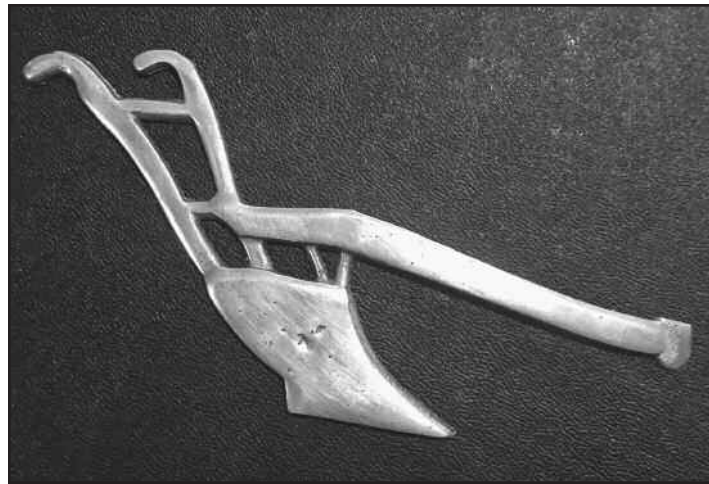
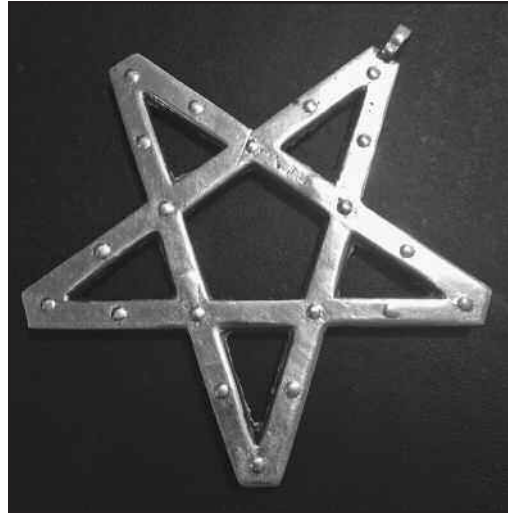
This should teach us to drive the plowshare of thought diligently through the heavy soil of ignorance, and thus prepare the mind for the growth of knowledge and wisdom.

**Harrow** — Is used to pulverize the soil as well as to cover the seed.

Let this be emblematic of that course of study and observation necessary to enable you to fully understand your business.

**Spade** — we use when we wish to penetrate deeper into the soil than we can with the Plow.

It becomes the emblem of thoroughness. Whatever you attempt to do, strive to do it well.



## Agriculture Report

David H. McCord, State Director

David • 303-388-1259

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### Statement From The National Young Farmers Coalition Staff, June 2020

*Breonna Taylor. Ahmaud Arbery. George Floyd. James Scurlock. David McAtee. Tony McDade. It is unacceptable that these lives, and so many others, have been taken from our communities. It is unacceptable that the murder of Black people goes unpunished, and that elected officials condone these deaths with their inaction. We stand in solidarity with protests across the country and with the individuals who demand justice and accountability from law enforcement. We stand against the reactionary forces of white supremacy that deem these demands unreasonable and those who consider "Black lives matter" a debatable assertion.*

### Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., 1968

*"And I must say tonight that a riot is the language of the unheard. And what is it America has failed to hear? It has failed to hear that the promises of freedom and justice have not been met. And it has failed to hear that large segments of white society are more concerned about tranquility and the status quo than about justice and humanity."*

We as a society are experiencing difficult challenges and I trust we will emerge healthier, with an equitable attitude, and fair and equal treatment for all our citizens.

### Impacts From COVID On Meat Prices And Availability

Shutdowns impacting food production and retailing from employee COVID infections have resulted in reductions in output and an imperative for protection of employees and workers. Meat production is commonly geared to large individual volumes destined for restaurants with regular retail level outlets being a smaller part of the overall meat market. Except for short periods of bare shelves, largely panic buyer driven, there have been no long-lasting food shortages due to COVID. The following comments are drawn from *USA Today*, *AP*, *Wall Street Journal*, *USDA*, and available online sources concerning food availability and costs.

Pork and beef processing was reduced 40% from last year and the selection of meat products available has been limited. Impacts on price and availability of meat began with a fire at the Tyson plant in Kansas (5% of all meat) last year and continued this year beginning in February as processors experienced employee absences due to COVID and resultant shutdowns and reductions in production.

**Price issue:** The feeder cattle price low was \$1.04 per pound in April, down from \$1.48 in January. Yet from March to April ground beef rose \$0.20 per pound, roasts by \$0.36 per pound, and steaks rose \$0.27 per pound. The USDA is investigating these discrepancies, between "box" and live beef prices. Twenty senators and attorneys general from 11 states requested federal investigations into meat market manipulations in a letter to U.S. Attorney Bill Barr seeking Department of Justice attention. Meat prices in the week ending May 23 were 15% higher than the prior year.

Food retailers are taking steps to protect customer loyalty. More recently food marketers and food companies are returning promotions, consumer benefit food bundling, marketing lower cost food items, and adding family size items costing less per ounce, and for some products, smaller packages. Our Sunday *Denver Post* returned to including pages of supermarket promotions — none during the early COVID shutdown. The proportionate part of family income spent on food is expected to go up reflecting price/cost increases and that family incomes are down with wage earner layoffs, furloughs, and reduced work hours. Increases in food costs are resulting from the need by food processors to redesign equipment to better protect workers from COVID, tighter transportation availability, and other logistical costs.

Our country's strength is that we have enough to eat. For the COVID shut downs and work reductions, that strength is under challenge. Please consider donating to the Food Bank of the Rockies or to any community food supply benefit programs.

## Chaplain's Corner

Loeda Westphal, State Chaplain

719-632-5965



During these troubled days, I am reminded of "The Chrysalis" by Nikos Kazantzakis. The writing tells of a man, who after watching and waiting for many hours for a butterfly to emerge from its cocoon, finally snipped off part of the cocoon to help the butterfly emerge. He did not know that helping the butterfly emerge would prevent necessary fluid flow from the central body to the wings. The butterfly was unable to fly because the fluid stayed in the swollen body and the wings shriveled. The birth of life is a painful event, but it is a part of the Creator's plan. A struggle makes us stronger and enables us to fly.

We can become tired of the waiting. We want the struggles of life to be over quickly. We are all tired of waiting for the virus to be eliminated, a cure to be discovered, or a successful vaccination become available. We have been restricted in a cocoon. It is a difficult restriction that feels

ugly, and we become impatient. We want the cocoon to split so we can get on with life. However, we must deal with the process that has become part of our life.

What can we do while we are waiting to emerge? Each of us has missed special events during the last few months, and it is easy to become discouraged with a large range of emotions. It's hard to keep traveling the narrow rough road. We strive to make the best of the situation. It can be a time of reflection, to read books we always wanted to read, to finish a sewing or wood project or working on a large variety of different projects according to our interests. It might include finishing a Grange activity you have never had time to finish. Whatever the activity, it is my prayer that you are able to create life during this time and be able to emerge as a more beautiful and stronger individual than before. I hope we will see our butterflies emerge in the near future.

**Make Plans Now For Colorado State Grange Session In Colorado Springs September 23-26, 2020!**

## Drug Deactivation: A Solution to an Epidemic



The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) now recognizes in-home drug deactivation systems as a safe and environmentally responsible way to dispose of unwanted pharmaceuticals.



**480 million** pain-related prescriptions were written in 2014



**70%** of prescriptions remain unused and available for abuse

Every day, **2,500** American kids abuse a prescription drug for the first time



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# 155th Annual National In Wichita, Kansas 2021 — WE NEED HELP!

November 9-14, 2021, the National Grange will hold its 155th Annual Convention in Wichita, Kansas, bringing together our national and state Grange leaders, general members and supporters of agriculture and rural America.

The Great Plains states (Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas) are the hosts for this convention which will be held at Hyatt Regency Wichita, 400 W. Waterman Street, in Wichita.

Each state has a coordinator and these coordinators and the State Masters have been having Zoom meetings making plans for this convention. Elizabeth Hiner is Colorado's coordinator. She and I met recently to determine the steps Colorado needs to take to get ready for this convention. Elizabeth is editing a letter to be sent to businesses in Colorado seeking financial support for the convention. Coloradans will be entitled to some compensation for lodging rooms who help with various aspects of the convention. So what are those aspects? How many people will it take? Who can help? The answer to the last question is the easiest — any Grange member can help that wants to. If you've never attended a National convention this is one way to participate. Below is a list of the areas we are aware of at this point in time that we will need individuals to help. If you'd like to volunteer for a specific area please let either Elizabeth or me know.

**Hospitality Room** – Right now Colorado has Wednesday as the day

we will man the hospitality room and provide the food for. We don't yet know what the restrictions will be but in the recent past the restriction has been that NO HOT FOODS can be served. The Hospitality room is for snacks only, not meals. We anticipate needing 6 people to help for 3-4 hours. They usually use a hotel room that was meant for lodging with furniture moved out for the Hospitality room, so it's not a big room therefore it only takes a few people to make sure that food is out, covered and restocked. The room is usually closed during meal times (say 12-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.).

**Sixth Degree** will be given on Saturday by the Host states. Texas is coordinating the sixth degree and will provide the Rose Drill. We have not yet learned what the dress for officers will be, but parts do not have to be memorized, just read well. If you'd like to volunteer to be a state officer let us know which offices you would be willing to take.

**Deputies** will be needed to man the session doors. We anticipate needing 2-4 people per shift and there should be three shifts depending on the day. The Deputies just make sure that those coming into the meeting are members, which means checking name tags or taking the password from new arrivals.

**Showcase Room** will need two people per shift to make sure that nothing walks out of the room. We anticipate needing two people for each shift. (three). This is where the exhibits are and where other groups have booths with information. At this point we're still looking for a coordinator who will make sure that the doors are covered.

**Registration** – Individual will be needed each day to help with registration. So far there isn't one state that has volunteered to coordinate registration and trail those who help. But if you like to greet people and want to help hand out tickets that have been purchased, and other information you could help here.

**Seventh Degree** – it takes a lot to get ready for the seventh degree. The costumes have to be laundered and ironed which usually starts happening on Tuesday so that they are all ready by Saturday. Then the host states are to come up with 5-7 young ladies who are capable of learning and performing a very vigorous march in the seventh degree. So if you want to help launder and iron costumes let us know. If you're a young lady interested in being a trumpet girl, let us know.

Each state will take a day to help with the Showcase, Deputies and Hospitality, so at on any given day we could use 6 to 8 individuals to help out. The sooner we know who is willing to go and help out the sooner we will be able to determine how much funding we'll need to raise to host the 2021 National convention.

Contact Cindy Greer, 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO 81326, 970-588-3386, hcrdgreer@frontier.net or Elizabeth Hiner, 3333 C.R. 510, Ignacio CO 81137, 970-403-4592, tinlizzy56@yahoo.com or florida-grange306@yahoo.com.



## P.I.C.K. People Improving Communities And Kids

Cindy Greer, Secretary/Treasurer  
7629 CR 100, Hesperus, CO 81316  
970-588-3386 • Fax 970-588-3871  
Email: hcrdgreer@frontier.net

People Improving Communities and Kids is aware that Granges have had to cancel fundraisers that were key to their upkeep of their Grange Halls and Community Service projects due to COVID-19. We also realize that many Granges have lost money, that they would have received from rentals, that helps pay the bills for the building. Unfortunately, the bills haven't disappeared, they may be less, but the basic bills are still intact. We haven't seen any rebates from the insurance company on the buildings, like some auto insurance companies issued and the Government hasn't yet seen that our non-profits and fraternal organizations also need help. The

National Master has issued a request in that form, but that takes time. The list of things goes on and on.

The PICK board has decided to offer \$500 grants to Granges who apply.

Granges must provide their current financial status and current bills when applying for funds to assist with utilities or a specific need for the building. If you have a savings account, invested funds, or CDs your chances of receiving a grant are less likely because we only have a certain amount that we can award that has not already been designated.

Granges who need funds to do their #1 Community Service project or to

assist with an emergency relief effort in their community, publicizing events, or recruiting new members, updating the technology available at their Grange Hall, sponsoring quality workshop for the Grange members by hiring professional presenters or starting a Grange Garden, Community garden, or building landscaping, or just paying utility bills will need to provide details about plans and what the project will cost. Information has been sent out to Grange Secretaries and Masters on how to apply, but you can also find the information on the State Grange Web site or e-mail or call me and I will send you a copy of the application. Grants will be awarded after the PICK board has reviewed the application. Only one grant will be awarded to a Grange.

**Deadline for the  
September-October 2020  
issue of The Colorado  
Granger is August 15, 2020.**

### PICK GRANT APPLICATION FOR GRANGE SUPPORT

Name of Grange and # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please answer the questions that apply to this grant application:**

1. Does your Grange need help with utilities?
2. What does your Grange building need?
3. What funds would help you do your #1 community service project?
4. What emergency relief is needed in your community?
5. Does your Grange need help publicizing events or recruiting new members?
6. Do you need to update the technology available at your Grange?
7. Would you like to sponsor quality workshops for the Grange by hiring professional presenters?
8. Do you need help starting a Grange garden, community garden, or building landscaping?

What is the current balance of the Grange's checking account? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the Grange have any of the following? Circle or underline the ones that apply

Savings Account                      Invested Funds                      CD

What are your Grange's current average bills?

Electricity \_\_\_\_\_ Gas/propane \_\_\_\_\_  
Sewer \_\_\_\_\_ Water \_\_\_\_\_  
Insurance \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ (Please explain)

What are the specific plans for your project? How long do you expect the project to take?

What will this project cost? (please provide as detailed a budget as possible)

*Following the completion of a project that funds are utilized for please send a report and pictures.*

Please send this application to PICK Sec/Treasurer, Cindy Greer, 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO 81326 or email to hcrdgreer@frontier.net.

## 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:

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

Entries are due in the **State Grange office by September 1**. 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 wishes.

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.

*The Grange is America's great family fraternity active in your community, state and nation promoting activities and legislation for the betterment and enrichment of our society and families.*



**Darden**  
Jefferson County

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

Darden Pomona was not able to meet in May due to the COVID-19 stay at home order. At this time, we are planning to have the community recognition at Enterprise Grange on September 12. Details will be given out when we know if the safer at home order is lifted. We hope everyone is safe at home during this time!

Idella Lewis

**Maple Grove**

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

Members have been staying home with the safer at home orders. It has been a good time to catch up on those projects that have been put off for a long time!

We have been keeping up with the weeds thanks to Ken Jessop who mowed along the fence and Idella Lewis and Marlys Halbeisen who have pulled the weeds along the front and side of the hall and trimmed the bushes.

Due to all the winds we have been having, the flag on the flagpole in the front of the building was very tattered and torn so it was removed and a new flag will be flying on the flagpole when we resume meeting again. Retired flags can be taken to a local fire department, VFW, or a Boy Scout ceremony to be disposed of properly.

Idella Lewis

**Wheat Ridge**

Contact Vivian Vos, vlvos@yahoo.com, 720-217-1340, for further information.

Thursday, July 9, 6:30 p.m. —

Elections for 2020-2021.

Saturday, July 11, 9 a.m. — Second Saturday Sale at the Grange, vendors.

Thursday, July 23, 6:30 p.m. — Grange Family BBQ.

Saturday, August 8, 9 a.m. — Pancake Breakfast, vendors, Kids Bike Ride.

Thursday, August 13, 6:30 p.m. — Grange Business Meeting.

Thursday, August 27, 6:30 p.m. — TBD.

Wheat Ridge Grange is next door to an elementary school. This school has a community garden for the student families. This garden was placed by Denver Urban Gardens and DUG fenced the property, built the raised beds, built a shed for tools and hoses, and placed water spigots on the land.

WR Grange has adopted two 10x10 plots for gardening and bounty to a local food bank. Seven Grangers met in May at a social gathering to look over the plots, determine what to plant and watering schedule. The following Saturday, six Grangers were at the garden at 8:30 a.m. to pull all the weeds, plant peppers, tomatoes, squash, etc. and four flower pots with snapdragons. The watering schedule works well and we are looking forward to the produce.

As we have been at the garden, watering, we have met several individuals and families who also care for plots. All of those encounters have been an opportunity to talk about the Grange and to make invitations to Grange meetings. Very helpful that our Grange hall is across the street from the gardens.

Two of our members died unrelated to the virus and we have had to choose a new Treasurer and a new cleaner of the hall.

Mostly since the virus and stay at home orders, our Grange meetings have been on Zoom. We plan to have meetings outdoors as the weather is

nice and warm. All our members are well. We continue to care for others as the facilities open and we become aware of each other.

Vivian Vos

**Pleasant Park**

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

July 11 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Sack Lunch Picnic.

August 8 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Sack Lunch Picnic.

September 12 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Sack Lunch Picnic.

We are very thankful that none of our members have contracted the Virus. Dave and Rosie Gray would appreciate prayers for other health issues.

We held a meeting on June 13. It was the first one since January and we practiced Social Distancing.

Members have been working hard on building sanitation and yard maintenance. The yard was raked and it took two truckloads to haul away all the pine needles and pine cones. A tree had to be cut down and the back stairs had to be replaced because of heavy snow damage.

We are still assisting Marlys with the Christmas Card project for soldiers overseas.

All of our scheduled events are canceled for the year to be on the safe side and abide by all the rules in place.

The bicycle rest stop is open for the season and has been very busy. Many bikers love to stop just for cookies. We are wrapping each one individually to be safe. The donations are very appreciated and are the only income we have to keep our Grange going.

We look forward to when we can get back to the new normal and pray that all Grange members stay safe.

Yvonne Ludwig



Crescent Grange gardeners are tending some unique crops this season.



Crescent Grange has partnered with Sustainable Broomfield for a new Composting Club.



With the help of many new members, Crescent Grange's community gardeners have tackled many projects, like repairing the irrigation system.



The Cookie Crew at Pleasant Park Grange — Yvonne Ludwig, Suzi Morris and Julie Olson.



Pleasant Park Grange's Cleaning Crew — Julie Olson, Sharon Bonomo and Laura Anderson.



Practicing Social Distancing at Pleasant Park Grange's June meeting.

**Boulder County**  
Boulder County

**Crescent**

Contact Butter Petty, butterpoweredbike@gmail.com, for further information.

Though thoroughly suburban in location, the pandemic has seen members of Crescent yearning to reconnect with agricultural roots. While negotiating this strange new time, the group is taking comfort in growing food together and supporting local farms.

Our community garden welcomed many new members this year. Projects tackled this year include cleaning out the hoop house, reinforcing the walking paths, and repairing the irrigation. Currently, the gardeners are tending several special crops including unique cultivars of garlic, Persian cucumbers, and a landrace variety of

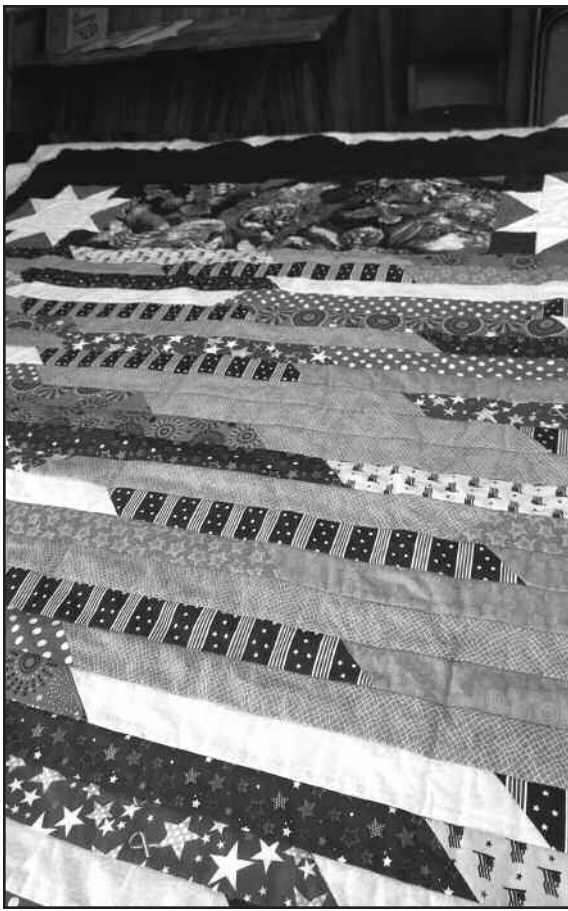
winter squash from Northern New Mexico. The garden crew is also growing broomcorn, which is a fun project because it is the namesake for the city of Broomfield.

Crescent has partnered with Sustainable Broomfield for the new Composting Club, wherein members have buckets of compost switched out and taken to the Grange. This is a wonderful new way for locals to participate more widely in reducing waste, and Crescent's community garden benefits with gorgeous compost for its crops.

As a way to support local farms and bring healthy fresh produce to the heart of the community, Crescent's parking lot was used as a pickup point for a CSA-type box of goods through Singing Seeds. Participants enjoyed products ranging from flour and eggs, to herbs and vegetables.

Butter Petty





Quilt of Valor Guild working on quilts at Florissant Grange.



Necklace made during Wire Wrapped Pine Needle Class at Florissant Grange.



Handpainted artwork made at Florissant Grange's Gourd Class.

## Pikes Peak

El Paso and Teller Counties

### Florissant

Contact Renee Caldwell, 719-748-5004, [caldwellrenee3@gmail.com](mailto:caldwellrenee3@gmail.com), for further information.

July 11 — Wire Wrap and Basket Making Class.

## La Plata

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

### Marvel

Contact Cindy Greer, 970-588-3386 or [hcrdgreer@frontier.net](mailto:hcrdgreer@frontier.net), for further information.

July 18, 3 p.m. — Ice Cream Social at 8097 C.R. 100, Hesperus.  
August 7 — Business Meeting Tentative date — Only time will tell if we have a County Fair as scheduled.

August 16, 1 p.m. — Pomona Picnic hosted by Marvel. Location to be decided.

September 4 — Business Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Marvel Grange has postponed all activities and meetings at the Grange Hall since March. We plan to start meeting physically again in July and will have our Ice Cream Social for the community and veterans. We will also recognize our members who have achieved membership milestones.

July 7 and 21 — Quilt of Valor Guild quilting time.

August 11 and 25 — Quilt of Valor Guild quilting time.

August 15 — Basket/Gourd Making Class.

COVID-19 has put Grange activities on hold as you all know. In Florissant we have been keeping in touch with neighbors and friends and everyone is getting along fine. We are just

Some of our members have been working with a food bank at the Marvel Methodist Church, some have been making masks and others have been helping out neighbors.

The building committee has gathered supplies to put in the water line from the domestic water tap that will hopefully be hooked up some time this year.

Our newest member Erin Aas has a hydroponics greenhouse and she has been very busy planting, harvesting and selling lettuce, kale, swiss chard, bokchoy, cucumbers, tomatoes, etc. I'm sure Erin would be happy to show you her greenhouse if you're interested.

### Marvel JG

Contact Cindy Greer, 970-588-3386, for further information.

We began meeting again in June and worked on our Nature Craft and the American Flag Passport. We may meet twice a month during the summer, just to catch up and have a little fun together.

Cindy Greer

anxious to get back to normal.

We have had to cancel some events because of the limitations given by our Governor when opening inside events. For the first time in 14 years, we canceled Heritage Day events as did the other Florissant businesses that participated.

We also canceled two dinner concerts that we were looking forward to.

We have been able to have some of the classes by limiting the number of people who can come and making sure we practice social distancing while we are inside the building, and of course disinfecting before people come and after they leave. Lots of extra work, but worth it.

The band who holds the potlucks and music nights has decided to resume the Potluck/Music night with limitations and being sure to practice the social distancing rules.

Alan and Renee had a family gathering at the Grange hall to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Their three daughters and husbands and six grandchildren were there and we had a great time playing horseshoes and corn hole outside.

Two of our most loved Grangers, Ed and Janette Opperman, moved from Florissant to Penrose recently. We miss them already, as neighbors and friends, but our Grange will miss them tremendously. They have promised to come to the potluck/music night when more restrictions have loosened up and they remain part of our Grange family.

Renee Caldwell

## Progressive

Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas & Elbert Counties

### Sunflower Grange

Contact Cherry Ellis, [cherryellis5@yahoo.com](mailto:cherryellis5@yahoo.com) for further information.

Sunflower is just beginning to get organized. We've been keeping in touch by email, and we've kept active through partnering with others in our community. The Indian Park Schoolhouse helped fund "Sedalia Feeding Friends" volunteer food delivery in March and April to keep local restaurants in business and provide lunches three times a week to people in the 80135 zipcode — Deckers to Sedalia. Our organization's community email lists helped pass the word quickly.

#### 8th ANNUAL PLANT and HEIRLOOM TOMATO SALE

Saturday May 23, we held the 8th Annual Plant and Heirloom Tomato Sale in Sedalia! The plans had to evolve as we learned new information about COVID-19. We brought 1,200 plants to customers in Sedalia while minimizing crowds and protecting everyone's health. The plants were healthy and beautiful.

We had to make these changes: The newly re-organized Sunflower Grange 162 sponsored this sale. Grange members decided which projects, such as citizen awards, youth activities, Sedalia Elementary's Sustainability Program and groups like the Artistic Community, would be funded from sale proceeds. The site of the sale changed to protect the health of the first responders, the Firehouse was closed to the public, so the sale took place outdoors in the B-Man's BBQ parking lot. We appreciated the offer of their space. Customers were asked to wear masks and gloves when picking up plants. On the positive side, you could also order take-out BBQ while getting your plants! Because the sale was outdoors where there was no overnight storage place for plants, and the sale was one day only, Saturday, May 23. That is the only day plants from all 13 growers assembled in one place. The plant list, usually handed out at the sale, was emailed to anyone who wanted to make choices beforehand. You could order plants by email for pick up, if you wanted to. Plant lists, pictures, order forms and answers to questions were available at [Sunflower162.grange@gmail.com](mailto:Sunflower162.grange@gmail.com).

Some things remained the same: Nena Robbins again distributed all the growing materials for 1,200 pampered plants, locally grown from saved seeds by 13 growers. Plants were still priced at \$3 (regular containers) and \$5 (gallon containers). We again donated leftover plants to Sedalia Elementary for its community garden beds and to Wellspring for its gardens at CALF and Adventist Community Gardens. We had Bob Snyder's B.S. Tomato — our local heirloom grower. Sedalia Plants available were: tomatoes, peppers, other veggies, herbs and flowers.

While everyone involved in the project loves growing plants, we also enjoyed seeing friends and neighbors at the sale. We practiced distance hugging and loved seeing your masked faces.

#### SUNFLOWER CITIZEN AWARDS

by Cherie Stephens, Meghan Watts, Judy Smith, Margaret Ellis and Cherry Ellis

Many of the people in essential occupations do their work unnoticed. To show appreciation for all they do, each year local Granges award an EMS, a Firefighter, a Law Enforcement Officer and a Teacher to recognize the outstanding service provided to their communities. Nominations are then forwarded to Colorado State

Grange and National Grange for recognition.

Sunflower Grange members have nominated a local EMS and a Teacher this year for their contributions to our community and added other categories for community service.

Carrie Dunn-Thompson was nominated by Cherie Stephens for the EMS Award. Carrie joined the Fire Department in 1995, right out of high school, and continues in the department as an EMT/Paramedic. She has always been eager to learn and serve the community. Carrie keeps an eye on the people of Sedalia, too; if someone is ill, she makes sure they get the treatment they need. As Paramedic Coordinator for Health Outreach Program in downtown Denver, she aids the homeless community there. Sedalia is grateful for Carrie's lifelong commitment to the people of our community and for her work on the front lines during this health crisis.

Emmie Rooney, first grade teacher at Sedalia Elementary, is Meghan Watts' nominee for the Teacher of the Year Award. Mrs. Rooney is a Douglas County native and has taught at Sedalia Elementary for over 20 years. She recognizes students' potential and challenges them to do their best and exceed grade level expectations. She also knows how to create memorable learning experiences, like my children's favorite — Dr. Seuss Day — for fun and creativity! Emmie Rooney cares for her students and goes above and beyond to make sure students are getting a great education, as well as feeling loved and cared for.

Judy Smith and Margaret Ellis nominated Donna Ingman of O'Brien's Cafe and Sedalia Bakery for the Community Hero Award. Donna has provided meals to raise funds for every local worthy cause — the Fire Department, First Responders, Sedalia Elementary, Indian Park Schoolhouse, Douglas County Fair, Adventist Hospital, and most recently Sedalia Feeding Friends, supplying hot meals to the community during the COVID-19 pandemic. Donna and her family also started the annual St. Patrick's Day parade to generate community spirit. Donna has battled cancer for the past year but has not slowed down in her efforts to support the Sedalia community. "I love our town and the family feel it brings. I love to support anything to do with kids and our community." Sedalia loves Donna.

Another Community Award goes to "Sedalia Feeding Friends," the creation of Patty McDonough: four restaurants and many volunteers who take orders and deliver hot meals. They help bolster community businesses while providing nutritious meals for those who are hungry or sheltering-at-home. Patty has a whole community of fans, and a long history of community service with the Indian Park Schoolhouse and the greater Sedalia area.

No awards ceremony is possible in this pandemic year, but the next time you see any of these winners — Carrie, Emmie, Donna, and Patty — please thank them for all they do for all of us.

Saturday, June 13, we held an outdoor Grange meeting, our first since January because of weather and COVID. Everyone wore masks and sat at a distance from one another. The meeting was needed to inform everyone about the upcoming elections and committee activities. Judy Smith is planning some quilting videos to show members how to make the blocks for the National Contest; male Grange members are encouraged to enter blocks. Margaret Ellis has a T-shirt Design Contest for a Sunflower t-shirt, and for entry in the National Publicity Contest.

Cherry Ellis

## 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](mailto:larry_corman@hotmail.com) or 970-884-4762.



# Tentative State Grange Convention Agenda

## 147th State Session of the COLORADO STATE GRANGE Program

All State Session Meetings and Exhibits will be held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 1601 Leta Drive, Colorado Springs, CO.

All meetings of the State Session of the Colorado State Grange will be held in the **Fourth** Degree and members of any Grange in any state may attend.

Delegates must present their credential cards if the Secretary of their Grange has not already mailed them to the Secretary of the Colorado State Grange prior to the opening of the State Session.

Pianist: Ruth Wilson  
Photographer: Elizabeth Hiner

### WEDNESDAY, September 23, 2020

**4:00 P.M.**  
Set up for meeting.

**6:00 P.M.**  
Officers and Directors Dinner.

**7:00 P.M.**  
Sixth Degree Practice, State Officers.

Practice for Memorial Service to follow.

### THURSDAY, September 24, 2020

**9:30 A.M.**  
Registration.  
Check-in time for Lecturer, Family & Women's Activities, Junior Grange Contest  
Entries for judging.

**9:45-10:00 A.M.**  
State Session Committee Chairmen meet with the State Master.

**10:00 A.M.**  
New Delegates meet with State Master.

**10:30 A.M.**  
All State Session Delegates work on Resolutions.

**11:45 A.M.** — Recess for Lunch.

**12:00 P.M.** — Lunch

**1:15 P.M.**  
Opening of the Colorado State Grange in full form in the Sixth Degree.  
Lowering to the Fourth Degree.  
Receiving Honored Guests.  
Roll Call of Officers/Directors.  
Communications.  
Adopting Convention Agenda.  
Annual Address by State Master Cindy Greer.  
Report of Treasurer and Secretary.  
Report of Executive Committee Chairman.  
Preliminary Report of Good of the Order.  
Report of Grange Museum.  
Report of Leadership and Scholarship Foundation.  
Committee Reports.  
Report of Ag Committee.

**3:00 P.M.**  
Guest Speaker, National Representative — National L.A.S. Karen Overstreet.  
National Convention 2021 discussion.

**Time TBD**  
Family and Women's Activities Bake Sale.

**7:00 P.M.**  
Memorial Service under the direction of State Chaplain Loeda Westphal.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL**  
Following Memorial Service along with Table games.

### FRIDAY, September 25, 2020

**6:45 A.M.**  
Colorado State Grange Alumni Breakfast  
Marlys Halbeisen presiding.

**8:45 A.M.**  
Open the Grange in the Fourth Degree.  
Report of Credentials Committee.  
Election of one Executive Committee member for a three year term.  
Continuation of Committee Reports.

**11:00 A.M.**  
Jennifer Scharpe, Colorado Ag Foundation.

**11:45 A.M.**  
Recess for Lunch.

**12:00 P.M.**  
Membership Lunch  
Dominick Breton presiding.

**1:45 P.M.**  
Reconvene Session.  
Report of Grange Insurance Association, Tom McKern.  
Installation of Executive Committee member by National L.A.S. Karen Overstreet.  
Continuation of Committee Reports.

**6:30 P.M.**  
Grange Gala

**8:30 P.M.** (Or ASAP following Gala)  
Annual Meeting of PICK.  
*Everyone invited.*

### SATURDAY, September 26, 2020

**6:45 A.M.**  
Colorado State Grange  
Past Masters Breakfast  
Tom Campion presiding.

**8:45 A.M.**  
Junior and Youth Officers  
Open the Grange.  
Continuation of Committee Reports.

**10:00 A.M.**  
2021 Convention Site

**10:30 A.M.**  
Spotlight on Grange —  
Sunflower #162.

**12:00 P.M.**  
JG Lunch  
Dan and Jenna Greer presiding.

**1:45 P.M.**  
Short Form 5th Degree.

**2:00 P.M.**  
Sixth Degree conferred  
by State Grange Officers.

Close the Grange in full form  
in the Fourth Degree.

**6:00 P.M.**  
Annual Banquet of Colorado State Grange.  
Executive Committee Chairman  
John Cruz presiding.  
Presentation of Outstanding Granger.  
Presentation of Quilts of Valor.  
Talent Showcase.

**7:15 P.M.**  
Raffle Drawing

## MEAL FUNCTIONS

A limited number of meal tickets will be available.  
Please call Renee Caldwell.

**September 25, Friday, 6:45 a.m.**  
**Alumni Breakfast**  
*Past State Officers/Directors  
and Spouses invited.*

**September 25, Friday, 12:00 p.m.**  
**Membership Lunch**  
*Everyone invited.*

**September 26, Saturday, 6:45 a.m.**  
**Past Masters Breakfast**  
*Past Masters and Spouses invited.*

**September 26, Saturday, Noon**  
**JG Lunch Fundraiser**      **Adults \$10.00**  
*Everyone invited.*      **Children \$5.00**  
*Potato Bar.*

**September 26, Saturday, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Final Banquet**  
*Everyone invited.*

Fifth Degree Fee .....\$1.00  
Sixth Degree Fee.....\$5.00  
(Purchase tickets from State Secretary)

Lecturers, Family & Women's Activities,  
and Junior Grange Exhibits  
will be on display throughout the Convention.

## What's So Special About A DELEGATE???

**YOU** have been chosen as your Grange's Delegate to the State Session and we are excited to have you as part of this special group of people.

You, too, probably are excited, but a bit dismayed and puzzled as to your exact responsibilities. They fall into 3 main areas and let me briefly explain them for you.

**1. MEMBER OF A COMMITTEE.** As much as possible, delegates are assigned to the committee they chose on their Committee Choice Form. Committees will meet at **10:30 a.m. Thursday, September 21**, to discuss your committee's resolutions. Allow yourself time to register, check in contest items, etc., so that you can find your committee meeting place (locations will be posted by the registration desk) and be ready for work. A notebook and pencil are handy to have, and it is also helpful if you have read the resolutions beforehand. Your committee may be called on to meet at break times during the convention, so stay in touch with your Chairman until you know all work has been finished.

**2. VOTING DELEGATE DURING SESSION.** All Grange members can, with permission of the State Master, speak to a resolution once as they are presented, but only Delegates have the final vote. As a representative from your Grange it is important that you attend the Session meetings so that your Grange has a voice in policies being made.

**3. REPORT BACK TO YOUR GRANGE.** Other members who were unable to attend the State Session will look to you for information. Your report should be given soon after you return home. It's fun and a good idea, too, to jot down things about the Session which impress you — it will be these references which personalize your report and make it more than a skeleton of routine business and speeches. But be sure to point out decisions on resolutions especially important to your Grange.

As a Delegate we hope you will not only obtain information for your Grange, but gain new enthusiasm for the programs and exchange ideas and share with other Grangers.

Most importantly, we want you to have a good time!