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Scenes From 2018 Colorado State Grange Session



Colorado State Grange Officers



Balloon Game



National Grange Chaplain Barbara Bordereaux with her gifts from State Grange.



Speaker on Bees



2018 Rose Drill, left to right: Penny Piene, Addy Piene, Karly Eidenschink, Lila Piene and Brianna Greer.



Junior Grangers at the Opening Ceremony.

More photos from 2018 State Session in Durango, including highlights from the Annual Banquet, can be found inside this issue.

Raffle News

The winner of the quilt was Marge Sassman from Victory Grange, and the winner of the goat meat was Becky Chestnut of Hesperus. Congratulations! The Raffle brought in a total of \$797 this year. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and sold tickets. We hope that we can get the tickets out earlier next year so that we have longer to try to sell them to non-Grangers too.

The Raffle account paid for registration fees for five individuals to attend the Great Plains Regional Leadership conference and assisted with motel expenses for the conference. We will be assisting the Colorado State Grange Talent winner with travel expenses to participate in the National Grange Evening of Excellence in Stowe, Vermont, and the Junior Ambassador candidate as well as others attending the National Convention in November. Funds remaining will be used as needed with projects and activities throughout the year.



State Master Cindy Greer presenting Marlys Halbeisen with the Outstanding Granger Award.



Memorial Service



Jeanie Widner singing during Memorial Service.



Sixth Degree Participants

State Grange Handbook Enclosed

Quilt Of Valor Honorees

The Colorado State Grange, during the banquet at the Masonic Hall, recognized three of their members this year for their military service with a Quilt of Valor. "Quilts of Valor" is an organization started in 2003 which makes quilts to give comfort, and honor our service men and women.

The members honored September 29, 2018, at the Colorado State Grange Convention were Tom Campion of Hesperus, Clarence Hunter of Aztec, NM, and Dean Hiner of Ignacio, CO.

Clarence Hunter and Dean Hiner are members of Florida Grange #306 and Tom Campion is a member of Marvel Grange #479. Mr. Hunter served in the U.S. Air Force with a rank of Staff Sergeant. Mr. Hiner served in the U.S. Marine Corps with a rank of Corporal (E4) — 1974-1978. He served at Camp Pendleton, Concord Weapons Station, and Okinawa, Japan.

Mr. Tom Campion served in the U.S. Army with a rank of SP5 — 1967-1969. He served at Ft. Bliss, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Ft. Carson and Aschaffenburg, Germany.

The Florida and Marvel Grange members said they were proud to qualify for this honor.

Mr. Hunter said, "I appreciate being recognized, as you turn your life over to the military during your term of service with no guarantee to the outcome. It is wonderful to know that others understand what we do for our country. I thank you, with a special thanks to the ladies who made this beautiful quilt, for this honor. I will cherish it."



Tom Campion, Clarence Hunter and Dean Hiner after they received their Quilts of Valor.

Master's Message

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We're at the beginning of the Grange year and time to be setting goals for the coming year.

A Dream written down with a date becomes a GOAL.

A Goal broken down into steps becomes a PLAN.

A Plan backed by ACTION becomes a reality.

What is SMART goal setting? SMART goal setting brings structure and trackability into your goals and objectives. Instead of vague resolutions, SMART goal setting creates verifiable paths toward a certain objective, with clear milestones and an estimation of the goal's attainability. Every goal or objective, can be made S.M.A.R.T. and brought closer to reality.

What does S.M.A.R.T. goal setting stand for? Why not think of a small goal you want to set right now for your Grange. To make your goal S.M.A.R.T., it needs to conform to the following criteria: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Timely.

Specific — What exactly do you want to achieve? The more specific your description, the bigger the chance you'll get exactly that. Questions you may ask yourself when setting your goals and objectives are: What exactly do I want to achieve? Where? How? When? With whom? What are the conditions and limitations? Why exactly do I want to reach this goal? What are possible alternative ways of achieving the same?

Measurable — Measurable goal means that you identify exactly what it is you will see, hear and feel when you reach your goal. It means breaking your goal down into measurable elements. You'll need concrete evidence.

Attainable — That means investigating whether the goal really is acceptable to you. You weigh the effort, time and other costs your goal will take against the profits and the other obligations and priorities you have in life.

Relevant — The main questions: Why do you want to reach this goal? What is the objective behind the goal, and Will this goal really achieve that? Does this goal promote or support the mission of the Grange and specifically your Grange?

Timely — Make a tentative plan of everything you do. Everybody knows that deadlines are what make most people switch to action. So install deadlines, for yourself and your team, and go after them. Keep the timeline realistic and flexible, that way you can keep morale high. Being too stringent on the timely aspect of your goal setting can have the perverse effect of making the path of achieving your goals and objectives into a hellish race against time — which is most likely not how you want to achieve anything.

Another thing that's very important when setting SMART goals, is formulating it **POSITIVELY**. Remember that what you focus on, increases. So when you focus on **NOT** doing something, all you think about is that thing. And it will increase.

We look forward to hearing and seeing the results of your Goals in the coming year.



Notes From The Secretary

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We had a great time in Durango at State Session this year.

One of the main responsibilities of the State Secretary is to keep the membership for the State Grange. The membership figures are used from the most current count ending August 2018. We lost two Granges this year, Lakewood and Deer Trail. We now have 40 Subordinate Granges with a total of 1,174 initiated members, 9 family groups, and 22 associate members for a total membership of 1,221. There are three active Pomona Granges and two active Junior Granges.

The three largest Granges, using

the August 2018 figures, were Golden Gate with 169 members, Florissant with 87 members and Mt. Lookout with 79 members.

As in the past three years, working with the Executive Committee is fun and interesting. We lost our Chairman, John Hagen and voted Larry Corman to step in. Overseer Gary Wardle, John Cruz, newly appointed Norm Union, State Master Cindy Greer, Treasurer Marlys Halbeisen and myself make up the Executive Committee. We have worked hard to continue to organize, understand our finances, and streamline our processes.

Outstanding Granger Marlys Halbeisen

Marlys Halbeisen of Maple Grove Grange was honored as the Outstanding Colorado State Granger of 2018. Marlys is currently serving the Colorado State Grange as Treasurer. She has served as a member of the Executive Committee and as Membership Director.

Marlys and her husband Don were square dancers and they joined Maple Grove Grange because of that connection. Marlys has served as Master of Maple Grove Grange and Darden Pomona Grange for a number of years. She's always willing to learn something that will help benefit the Grange as a whole.

Marlys was awarded the 2017 Senior Hero Honree Award by the Seniors' Resource Center and the Jefferson County Council on Aging.



Outstanding Granger Marlys Halbeisen, right, with Master Cindy Greer.

She has donated many hours in her community and county helping others.

Grangers Enjoy Annual Banquet

The Annual Banquet was held at 6 p.m. in the Durango Masonic Lodge, hosted by Executive Committee Chairman Larry Corman. National Chaplain Barbara Bordereaux gave the Invocation.

The banquet was enjoyed by over 60 Grangers and guests. State Master Cindy Greer presented the Outstanding Granger award to Marlys Halbeisen.

After dinner everyone enjoyed entertainment by Daniel and Bill Greer, Idella Lewis and Ruth Wilson. Master Cindy Greer awarded Quilts of Valor to three Grangers: Clarence Hunter, Tom Campion and Dean Hiner, who received a standing ovation.

At 7:30 p.m. the Colorado State Grange Raffle winners were drawn and Marge Sassman won the first place quilt.



Granger Deadline And Guidelines

December 15, 2018, is the deadline for articles for the January-February 2019 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)

It is always a pleasure to work with our officers, Directors and members of each Grange in our efforts to keep our Granges active and grow our organization.

Many thanks to the staff at Southeast Denver Graphics who continue to handle our *Granger* newspaper needs and to Master Cindy Greer who helps to edit and proofread all the articles.

Thank You

What a great surprise to win the quilt from the State Session Raffle. A big thank you to Karen Baxter and all the members who made the blocks.

Also I am enjoying the beautiful plant I received. The colors are perfect for our weather this fall. I miss all my Grange friends and thank you for your cards and good wishes for my health issues.

I wish a wonderful Grange year to everyone.

Marge Sassman

She has been active in State activities such as the Ag Day celebration at the Capitol that the State Grange participates in each year. She and her late husband helped prepare food for legislators and the public. They also traveled the state visiting county assessor offices where Grange halls were located to update county and State Grange records for each Grange. It was not an easy task but very important task at the time to bring all the records up to date.

Marlys is definitely the glue that holds Maple Grove Grange together and takes an active part in all the Grange activities/programs. Some of the activities/programs that she organizes or

takes part in are: leads monthly meetings; deals with insurance premiums and claims (roof replacement last year); dictionary delivery to third graders; nursing home visits to arrange flowers with residents in spring and distribute items collected at holidays; helps with Grange clean-up day; buys supplies and cooks for annual breakfast that benefits Grange youth; schedules Grange users; coordinates food for memorial luncheons honoring Grange members; collects items for needy newborns.

Marlys is definitely an Outstanding Granger.

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As Colorado State Grange Lecturer, I am privileged to look at all the fantastic scrapbooks that Granges across the State send to State Session. Every Granger would burst his or her buttons if they could examine the myriad of activities this organization brings to the communities across the State. Below is a quick overview of a few of them.

Florida Grange held an Ellis Island Re-enactment for fourth graders in their school district. They had a quilting bee and a beading class. Golden Gate Grange held a community pig roast and fundraiser for the Golden Gate Canyon Fire Department. They also held a bear box class and a fraud protection presentation. Marvel Grange raised \$17,000 for the Dalton Garret Family. Dalton was injured in a car accident. They also held a Taste of Marvel Potluck and Historic Night plus their annual Luau.

Mt. Allison Grange held a Grinchmas Community Breakfast and a Paddington Bear Movie Night. They also developed a Historic Driving Tour of their Region. Animas Valley Grange hosted and created the Animas Valley Speaker Series. Often 70 or more citizens would enjoy the presentations. They also held community movie nights and hosted a 4-H Tea. Redlands Mesa hired two instructors for a women's self-defense class and held the Kids Pasta Project. They also hosted the County Fire Emergency Preparedness Seminar.

Maple Grove Grange hosted the Cowboy Poet Event and had country-western recording vocalist Susie Knight sing at their Grange. They also held a Community Breakfast which was a benefit fundraiser for the State Grange Youth. Enterprise Grange held their Friendship High Tea with proceeds going to charity. They had a community Easter egg hunt and worked with a local church to make and provide Christmas stockings stuffed with personal items to many forgotten seniors in Jefferson County. Florissant Grange held community breakfasts, concerts, Free Thanksgiving, Easter, Christmas and Halloween parties.

Wheat Ridge Grange opened their

Grange Museum Closes

by Jeanne Davies

Vice President, Museum Board

The Colorado Grange Museum is at the Plains Conservation Center in Aurora east of Denver. This last year the City of Aurora bought the Plains Conservation Center and have made it an Aurora City Park project. They wanted the Colorado Grange Museum to stay at the Plains Center and asked us to open for the special events, open to the public, they had planned for the summer.

Several Board members did maintenance work and painting and cleaning and we were open for the special events. What we have been finding over the years we have been open is that we have an increasing number of people who use walkers or are not steady in walking, young mothers with strollers and toddlers, and wheelchair bound visitors. Our museum is not set up for these types of guests. We have tables with items out for people to look through, things that toddlers can pick up and put down somewhere else, and we would need to put in a handicap ramp on one of our entrances. If someone should fall against one of our tables or displays, or fall over something a toddler set down, our liability would be great.

Our Museum Board is limited in many ways and we have not been able to get interns or a curator to help us in recent years, and we have not had many takers from the Grange when we asked for volunteers to help with the museum. At the last Colorado

doors to the Community Christmas Celebration, serving hot chocolate and cookies. They sponsored the annual Wheat Ridge Carnation Festival Pancake Breakfast. Crescent Grange took on a massive Communal Garden Project that included a produce store, classes, Weedy Wednesday lectures on Gardening Projects, and excess crop donations to charity. Pleasant Park Grange held an annual BBQ and Blue Grass Music Event and they had their annual free community Turkey Dinner at Thanksgiving. They purchased school supplies for needy families and enjoyed a community ice-cream social.

The activities were too numerous to touch on all of them. But this list makes it obvious how important the Granges in Colorado are. Thank you, you do-ers.

Lecturers Awards

Many Outstanding Granges and Grangers were recognized for their work and talent at the 2018 Colorado State Grange Convention. Listed are the award winners.

Colorado Outstanding Star Achievement Granges:

Darden Pomona Grange
Animas Valley Grange
Crescent Grange
Enterprise Grange
Florida Grange
Florissant Grange
Golden Gate Grange
Maple Grove Grange
Marvel Grange
Mount Allison Grange
Pleasant Park Grange
Redlands Mesa Grange
Wheat Ridge Grange

Outstanding Program:

Crescent Grange

Outstanding Pomona Lecturer:

Idella Lewis, Darden Pomona

Outstanding Subordinate Lecturer:

Mary Hunter and Elizabeth Hiner, Florida Grange

Outstanding Grange Yearbook:

Crescent Grange
Enterprise Grange
Pleasant Park Grange

Food Sustainability Program Award:

Animas Valley Grange
Crescent Grange

Grange Museum Board meeting the Board voted to close the museum. It does not seem we are helping the Colorado State Grange and it is becoming more difficult to be open for the public.

Granges or Grangers who have items at the museum that they want to claim can call Pat Quick, at 303-690-7393 or Jeanne Davies at 730-379-5834 and make arrangements to pick them up. Colorado State University will take scrapbooks and any written material to store it and/or digitalize it for future research and reference.

Some Granges have offered to display artifacts in their halls and some items will be sent to the Western Slope for display in Granges there. The weather needs to be good to get to the museum so this fall and next spring we will be moving out items at the museum. There are many artifacts that will need a home.

The Colorado Grange museum was established in 1980. It was conceived by Gladys Inness, a longtime Granger, at the Glendale Grange. Gladys Story of Lakewood Grange became the first Curator and set up a very fine museum. When she could no longer do the work the Museum Board did most of the work of the museum with special help from Dorinda Dembroski and Karin Baron over the years.

I want thank Pat Quick, Audrey Maydew, David McCord and Gary Tobey, the present Museum Board, for their guidance on the Museum Board and work at the museum.

Enterprise Grange
Florissant Grange
Golden Gate Grange
Marvel Grange
Mount Allison Grange

Community Dinner Recognition:

Animas Valley Grange
Crescent Grange
Enterprise Grange
Florida Grange
Florissant Grange
Golden Gate Grange
Maple Grove Grange
Marvel Grange
Mount Allison Grange
Pleasant Park Grange
Wheat Ridge Grange

Adult Talent:

Ruth Wilson, Lewis Grange

Junior Talent:

Nathan Greer, Marvel Grange

Creative Arts

Sweepstakes Award:

Vicki Sutton-Gallegos,
Mount Allison Grange

Creative Arts Lecturer

Participation Award:

Yvonne Chapman,
Mount Allison Grange

Creative Arts Best of Show Award:

Roger Ayers, Marvel Grange

Fine Art Painting:

First, Cindy Greer, Marvel Grange
Second, Ashley Lackey,
Enterprise Grange

Individual Scrapbook:

First, Cindy Greer, Marvel Grange



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There were many entries in the events at the State Session in Durango. The Grange with the most entries was Maple Grove with 20 entries, second most entries was Marvel with 14 entries and third most entries was Mt. Allison with 10 entries.

Awards were presented at the Gala Friday night. Everyone was a winner for participating! The bake sale held after judging brought in \$72. Thank you to everyone who supported the bake sale. Items which are collected need to be given to places in your community. Several baby blankets were turned in and will be taken to the hospital in Durango. The eyeglasses should be donated to the local Lions Clubs where they are distributed to those who need them. They just need the eyeglasses and sunglasses, but not the cases. Perhaps there is someone else who could use these. Boxtops for Education can be collected and taken to a local school. Check the Grange website for items that are collected for the Blue Star Mothers. They collect items for people serving in the military overseas and they are also able to accept cash donations.

The National Quilt Block winning entry was made by Jane Harvey of Maple Grove. It will be sent on to the National event held at the National Convention. The pattern chosen this year was "Tender Heart" done in sherbet colors of oranges and pinks. Donated quilt blocks will be made into quilts to be raffled off in November.

The following are winners in the contest events held at the State Session in Durango:

BAKING AND

FOOD PRESERVATION

Class B Altered Cake Mix

1st Marlys Halbeisen, Maple Grove
2nd Idella Lewis, Maple Grove

Class C Yeast Bread

1st Beverly Weinert, Fountain Valley
2nd Marlys Halbeisen, Maple Grove
3rd Idella Lewis, Maple Grove

Class D Sweet Rolls

1st Idella Lewis, Maple Grove
2nd Marlys Halbeisen, Maple Grove

Class E Bar Cookies

1st Cindy Greer, Marvel
2nd Norma Conley, Mt. Allison

Class F Cookies, Drop, Rolled

1st Jeanne Davies, Grandview
2nd Sharon Nossaman, Mt. Allison
3rd Beverly Weinert, Fountain Valley

Class G Quick Breads

1st Marlys Halbeisen, Maple Grove

Special Gifts:

First, Renee Caldwell,
Florissant Grange
Second, Renee Caldwell,
Florissant Grange
Third, Peggy Brett,
Enterprise Grange

Miscellaneous:

First, Renee Caldwell,
Florissant Grange
Second, Cindy Greer,
Marvel Grange
Third, Yvonne Chapman,
Mount Allison Grange

Jewelry:

Vicki Sutton-Gallegos,
Mount Allison Grange

Holiday Craft:

First, Pauline Ford, Florida Grange
Second, Yvonne Chapman,
Mt. Allison Grange
Third, Cindy Greer, Marvel Grange

Woodworking:

First, Roger Ayers, Marvel Grange
Second, Billy Greer,
Marvel Grange
Second, Dan Greer, Marvel Grange

Photography,

Animals and Other Creatures:

First, Marlys Halbeisen,
Maple Grove Grange
Second, Marlys Halbeisen,
Maple Grove Grange
Third, Renee Young,
Fountain Valley Grange

Photography,

Photo Collage or Story:

First, Trish Corman,
Mount Allison Grange
Second, Larry Corman,
Mount Allison Grange
Third, Vicki Sutton-Gallegos,
Mount Allison Grange

Photography,

Landscapes and Seascapes:

First, Ashley Elizabeth,
Maple Grove Grange
Second, Jenna Greer,
Marvel Grange
Third, Cindy Greer, Marvel Grange

Photography, People:

First, Marlys Halbeisen,
Maple Grove Grange
Second, Jenna Greer,
Marvel Grange
Third, Trish Corman,
Mount Allison Grange

With Pen in Hand, Poetry:

First, Idella Lewis,
Maple Grove Grange

With Pen in Hand,

Recommend a Book

First, Sheryl Ayers, Marvel Grange
Second, Idella Lewis,
Maple Grove Grange
Third, Cindy Greer, Marvel Grange

With Pen in Hand,

Short Story/Essay:

First, Renee Caldwell,
Florissant Grange
Second, "Butter" Petty Wilde,
Crescent Grange
Third, Sheryl Ayers,
Marvel Grange

NEEDLEWORK

Class A Crocheted/Knitted Afghans

1st Pauline Ford
2nd Marlys Halbeisen, Maple Grove
3rd Beth Simons, Mt. Allison

Class C Miscellaneous

1st Marlys Halbeisen, Maple Grove
2nd Mary Ann Forman, Maple Grove

Class D Embroidery

1st Karen Baxter, Mt. Allison
2nd Cindy Greer, Marvel

Class F Machine Quilted Quilt

1st Jane Harvey, Maple Grove

Class G Hand Quilted Quilt

1st Jane Harvey
Class H Table Runner

1st Peggy Brett, Enterprise

Class I Wall Hanging

1st Jane Harvey, Maple Grove
2nd Karen Baxter, Mt. Allison

SEWING

Class J Adult Garment

1st Marci Heiser, Crescent
2nd Jane Harvey, Maple Grove

Class L Aprons

1st Karen Juenemann, Crescent
2nd Jane Harvey, Maple Grove
3rd Shanda Price, Marvel

Class M Stuffed Toy

1st W. Butter Petty
Class O Miscellaneous

1st Jane Harvey, Maple Grove
2nd Ashley Elizabeth, Maple Grove

National Quilt Block

1st Jane Harvey, Maple Grove

Claudia's Corner

by Claudia the Skunk from
the National Grange Herd

Meet two of the Colorado State Grange Officers on a more personal level.

Amy Peterson, CSG Lady Assistant Steward, is a member of Florida Grange #306. Amy is retired from the Durango School District 9R where she worked as an elementary school cook. She is part time custodian of her church. She is also currently serving as the La Plata County Fair Board President. Amy has been a Grange member for 37 years. She hopes to stay vertical and active!

Amy fondly remembers a Grange Family Camp and after attending a Women's Retreat bringing home an unwanted mouse in her car. She says that Grange is always a great experience.

Her personal motto is *Be Willing to Help!*

J. Kelly, CSG Flora, is a member

of Maple Grove Grange #154. She is retired from a telephone company and involved in Legacy West Pioneers. She has two sons and they help her on some of her projects from time to time. She has been a Grange member for 16 years, and hopes to stay healthy so that she can continue her volunteer work.

J. is the president of the Colorado/Nebraska Chapter of Legacy West Pioneers. Colorado members are busy volunteering in the community by donating time working on Hug-A-Bears, Lap Robes, Walker Bags, at nursing homes, schools, beep ball, Colorado Talking Book Library.

Her favorite Grange experience is working with her siblings (who are Grange members) doing any project, but especially when cooking for the youth breakfast or the annual banquet.

Her personal motto is *Keep moving forward.*

Junior Grange And Youth

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Fall is officially in the air. The leaves have turned, the mountains have seen a little snow, and State Convention is over. Speaking of State Convention we had a great time this year and made some great progress to improving our Youth and JR program for the coming year. We had a great turnout this year at State. Five of our JRs helped out in the Rose Drill on Thursday evening, then on Saturday we had a great turnout for the JR opening.

When was the last time you saw the JR opening? Well if you were at State Session Saturday morning you got to see it firsthand. Then all of the JRs stuck around and helped prepare the taco bar for JR luncheon. Then after that we had so much fun at the rec center swimming and even played a game of basketball and some air hockey.

We are so proud of our JRs and all the time they spent this year working on crafts and projects. This year we had 167 entries in the JR program and handed out over \$300 in prizes. Also we had two JRs compete in the talent contest. Nathen Greer sang "Let it Go" from the movie *Frozen* in different Disney character voices. He did a great job. Billy Greer and I performed a Hillbilly variety act. We would like to encourage everyone to bring your talent to next year's State Session.

Last month we introduced Billy Greer, Colorado's first ever JR Ambassador. Billy has the privilege of going to the National Session in Stowe, Vermont, this November where he will be competing to be



named the National JR Ambassador for next year. Here is Billy's biography so you can learn a little more about him.

My name is William Greer, but everyone calls me Billy. I was born and raised in Durango, Colorado, on my family's ranch/farm. I get to live on my great-great-grandpa's original homestead that he claimed in 1902. How cool is that! I was born on June 3, 2006, but the cool thing is that I was due to be born on my parent's first year anniversary. I have two younger brothers and one younger sister. Their names are Nathen, Brianna, and Jacob, but we all call him Jake.

I have been a Junior Granger since the day I turned 5. I really enjoy everything that I get to do with the Grange. I take pictures and enter them in our Pomona, State and National Grange contests. Last year I got the opportunity to go with my dad to the National Convention in Spokane, WA, with our funny act. You might be a millennial if, and my part "You Might Be an Ol' Fart if." I had so much fun making people laugh, we even met an old lady from Pennsylvania, Fay, who said we could use her name in our



Junior Grangers after the Opening Ceremony at State Session.

Health Awareness

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Brush Away Your Health Risks by Kimberly Rae Miller, author of *Coming Clean. (Condensed)*

Healthy teeth, healthy body! Poor dental habits can have a ripple effect throughout your body. A toothbrush and some floss could help prevent diabetes, cancer, heart disease and more; plus keep your teeth and gums healthy for life!

Lower Blood Sugar. People with diabetes and periodontal disease may have a harder time controlling their blood glucose levels, according to some studies. Be sure to let your dentist know if you have diabetes, and if you wear dentures, make sure they fit properly.

Lower Cancer Risk. Postmenopausal women who've experienced periodontal disease are at increased risk for breast, esophageal, gallbladder, skin and lung cancers, according to a 2017 study.

Stronger Heart. Endocarditis is an infection or inflammation of the inner lining of the heart chambers and valves, caused by germs invading the bloodstream. While fairly uncommon, it can be fatal. The National Institutes of Health warns that "poor dental hy-

giene and unhealthy teeth and gums increase your risk for the infection."

Healthier Kidneys. The correlation between poor periodontal health and atherosclerosis has been well established for a few decades now. Atherosclerosis can be the root of a bunch of health problems you want nothing to do with, like chronic kidney disease.

Sharper Brain. People with severe periodontal disease were three times more likely to have Alzheimer's disease according to a statistical review. In another study, stroke patients had higher levels of certain bacteria in their saliva, demonstrating a link between oral hygiene and stroke risk.

Clearer Lungs. If you find yourself headed to the hospital, bring your toothbrush. A recent study found that patients with oral care decreased instances of hospital-related pneumonia by 39 percent.

Fatter Wallet. Every time you brush and floss, it's like adding to your 401(k). The average 20-year dental expense for an American 65-plus is about \$15,340. At-home tooth care can help avoid a large chunk of that cost.

act. I also enjoyed touring the fire station, and getting to know some of the other Junior Grangers across the nation.

Some of my hobbies are: leather craft, fishing, wood working, lacrosse, and taking care of my animals. We have: 2 cats, 2 dogs, 3 pigs, 19 chickens, 4 ducks, a 3-toed box turtle, and 1 potbelly pig. I play the sport of lacrosse, as a defender. It is so much fun. I got a new stick this year made out of carbon that is 5 feet long! This spring I was asked by one of the coaches if I would be willing to play against kids that were 14 years old and I was only 11. I looked at him and said, "heck yeah, If I can handle a 1,000 pound steer then I can hold my

own against a 14 year old." He laughed really hard, but he didn't know that I was serious. Lol.

I am also in 4-H, and have lots of fun there too. I enjoy showing my milk cows and their calves, as well as my steers and lambs.

My heroes are my dad, mom, and Jesus.

When I grow up I would like to either be a veterinarian or a helicopter pilot in the military. I don't know which branch but I think it would be really cool to be a helicopter pilot. I love working with animals but it's really hard to see one and know that I can't do anything to help them. This year my mom and I helped our neighbor deliver some piglets and the sow

had a really hard time with the labor. We cried with every piglet that didn't make it out alive. Also we toured the USS Midway this year in San Diego, CA, and I got to see some military helicopters and airplanes up close. It was awesome to be able to go inside of them and look around. So I'm really not sure if I want to be a vet or a vet. Lol.

Thank you for taking the time to read my biography.

— Billy Greer

If you are interested in any of the JR or Youth programs please let us know and we'll do everything that we can to get the process started!

As always, God is good all the time. All the time God is good.

Real Estate Management

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I am often asked in my Real Estate practice and from Granges, "Do I need a lease or a rental agreement to rent out the Grange or any property?" Since it comes up quite often, please read the following. For definition, the landlord will be the Grange and the tenant is to whom you rent the building to. Since our halls are our largest asset, we should know and practice the following.

What Is a Lease and Why Is it Important?

A lease is the contract between a landlord and a tenant. The lease sets forth the rights and responsibilities of both the landlord and the tenant. The lease allows the tenant to occupy and use, for a specific period of time, land and structures on that land. In return, the tenant generally pays a set rent. The lease may set forth other duties and responsibilities of the landlord and tenant.

Once the parties sign the lease both are bound by its terms. Landlords should select their leases with care. Before selecting a lease, a landlord may wish to consult with an attorney who regularly handles landlord and tenant matters.

What Should a Lease Contain?

Unless the lease contains illegal provisions, a court will require the landlord or tenant to do what the language of the lease requires. Make sure ALL requirements are listed. None can be assumed.

What Are the Advantages and Disadvantages of a Written Lease?

The advantages of a written lease are generally considered to be certainty and clarity. The lease sets the rent for the lease term. Unless the language of the lease states otherwise, rent cannot be increased during the lease term. A lease spells out the obligations of the tenant and landlord. If there are any disputes between the tenant and the landlord, the lease represents what was agreed upon by the parties. Where there is not a written lease, there are often misunderstandings between the tenant and landlord. The primary disadvantage of a lease is that it binds the tenant to the premises for a specified amount of time. Leases can be made for any length of time, so you could ask the landlord if the lease could be written for the time period you expect to use the Grange Hall.

Does a Tenant Have Any Rights When There Is Not a Written Lease?

A tenant who occupies rental property with the landlord's consent and makes rent payments without a written lease is called a "tenant-at-will." Colorado landlord-tenant law, including eviction laws and security deposits laws, still apply. A tenant-at-will has the right to occupy and use the rented premises subject to any restrictions upon which the landlord and the tenant have agreed. Because there is not a written lease, Colorado law regulates the type of notice which a tenant-at-will and the landlord of the tenant-at-will must give to terminate or change the original rental agreement. A tenant must give thirty (30) days notice to the landlord to terminate or

change the original agreement. A landlord who has a tenant-at-will must give sixty (60) days notice to the tenant before seeking to terminate the agreement or change any term of the original agreement. This means the landlord must give a tenant-at-will sixty (60) days notice before imposing a rent increase. To protect your legal rights any and all notices should be in writing.

When a tenant-at-will fails to pay rent, the landlord is not required to give the sixty days notice before terminating the tenancy. If the tenant-at-will fails to pay rent, the landlord can demand possession and immediately file a dispossession warrant seeking possession in court.

Aren't All Leases "Standard"? What Difference Does it Make Whether the Tenant Reads the

Membership

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Hello Grangers! I hope everyone is getting ready gearing up for a strong 2018/2019 having a great year by keeping the focus around growing and making the Grange more visible in the community. We have set the goal at getting 145 new members in the upcoming year. Let's all gear up to have a strong year by all finding a membership chair and publicity chair.

- 1) Granges that get a least seven new members
- 2) The Subordinate/Community Grange with the most net members,
- 3) The top recruiters in the state will be honored

I had a great time in Durango meet-

ing everybody and looking forward to growing the Grange and getting more involvement throughout the state. I would encourage all Granges to save the date for the next upcoming State Session September 26-28, 2019. Thanks for all the hard work being done.

We will be having a Leadership conference at Maple Grove Grange on December 1 with breakouts of training and resources to help our Granges grow.

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

Publicity

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We had The Colorado State Convention in Durango, Colorado, this year at the Masonic Hall. The Convention, held September 27 through 29, 2018, was successfully completed.

The Publicity Department received five of the "One Book" that had publicity in a dedicated section of the book. We chose to let the membership decide on the winner due to the lateness of the books getting to publicity. Each book was well done; however Enterprise Grange took the top honor of first place, with Marvel and Maple Grove tying for second and Florida and Darden Pomona taking third. Thank you all for your books, I enjoyed them all.

As you are doing your books this year, please set aside a section for Lecturer, Community Service and Publicity. I know these overlap in some areas; to make sure it counts add the information to each section of your book. I thank you all for your

hard work and hope to see more submissions to publicity.

At the Banquet, we celebrated three of our veterans with a presentation of Quilts of Valor. Clarence Hunter and Dean Hiner from Florida Grange each received a quilt and Tom Campion from Marvel Grange was the third recipient. Thank you and all our veterans for your service.

Please take the time to send me your monthly activities. I would like to advertise them around the state to let other Granges know what you are doing. Therefore, if someone is visiting in your area, it gives them an opportunity to attend your event. The calendar I am proposing will be a good tool for us to use as each Grange had unique ideas that may or may not transfer to other Granges. This is a good place to share ideas with each other.

I personally want to thank you all for your assistance and input.

Youth Program

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The Colorado State Grange Youth Department is open to all ages with only a couple of contests restricted to age. Thus, anyone from very youthful to young at heart can enter contests at a state level but may not be selected to proceed on to regional or national competitions.

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.

Fun Family Event — 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 State Grange website (www.coloradogranger.org/) or the national youth website (<https://nationalgrangeyouth.org/>) for youth programs and updated information.

Remember you are a Grange member!! Participate in all Grange activities and programs. Help make the Grange GROW!

National Grange Youth Program includes the following: Grange Youth Handbook & Contest Guide; Grange Fair Program; Parliamentary Procedure; National Youth Ambassadors; Regional Sign-a-Song; Regional Public Speaking

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.

Colorado State Grange Program Handbook

September 1, 2018 - August 31, 2019



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 coloradogranger.org.**

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Washington, D.C. 20006-4999
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www.nationalgrange.org

Colorado State Grange Office
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Florissant, CO 80816
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Competition; Distinguished Youth Program; National Grange Youth Officers Team (N.G.Y.O.T.); GROW Club; Horizon Leadership Ambassador Program; John Trimble Legislative Experience; National Junior Horticultural Association (NJHA); Folding Display Contest; Photo Scavenger Hunt; Grange Jeopardy; National Grange Youth Membership Representative Program; Apathy Not Allowed.

National Youth Achievement Awards include:

Oliver Hudson Kelley Public Speaking Award; William Saunders Award; John Trimble Legislative Award; John Thompson Award; Caroline A. Hall Award; Aaron B. Grosh Mentoring Award; Francis McDowell Trivia Challenge Award; William Ireland Deaf Awareness Award; Drill Award; Right On Target Award; Outstanding Youth Award; Member Recruitment Award; Grassroots Activism Award; Junior Mentor Award; Youth Community Service Award.

If you have any questions about the National contests please see the 2018-2019 Program and Contest Handbook at <https://nationalgrangeyouth.org>.

Great Plains Regional Leadership Conference — June 2019, in Texas. Watch *The Colorado Granger* for additional details and registration information.

153rd Annual National Grange Convention — November 5-9, 2019, DoubleTree Bloomington/Minneapolis South, 7800 Normandale Blvd., Minneapolis, MN 55439.

Please reach out to the State Youth Directors with any questions or suggestions. We are always working to make this a better program across the state.

Public Relations

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Public Relations has joined with the other State departments/programs (Lecturer, Community Service and Publicity) in the "One Book" submission. Please include your Public Relations submission in the ONE BOOK, due August 25, 2019, and send it to:

Kathy Wardle, State Lecturer

1136 Bluebell Way, Brighton, CO 80601

Clearly identify the section for your publicity material under a separate tab, 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 and email a copy to ElizabethHiner@FloridaGrange306@yahoo.com (clearly identified as Public Relations) which has the following information on it:

Contact (or Pomona) Name
Contact Person along with phone number/email
I encourage each of the Granges to become more visible in your publicity efforts. If interested please contact Larry Corman, who is the State Grange's webmaster — please contact him at Larry.Corman@hotmail.com if you want your Grange to have a presence on the State's website. He is also available for any of your technology needs.

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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 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

Colorado State Grange Leadership/ Scholarship Foundation Scholarships

Applications must be submitted to the Foundation Treasurer, by **April 15, 2019**. Applications should be submitted by email to grangescholarshipfoundation@gmail.com. Applications available at www.coloradogrango.org/scholarship.html. For more information call the State Grange Office at 719-748-5008 or phone the Foundation treasurer, Jim Miller, at 303-898-5052.

COLORADO GRANGER

The 15th of the preceding month is the deadline for articles for the *Colorado Granger*. You can send them to the State Grange Office, 2009 CR 31, Florissant, CO 80816, or email coloradogrango.org.

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.

Health Awareness Department

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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

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- Open to anyone ages 1 to 14, Junior Grange members and non-members.
- Age category is determined by the age of the child as of Dec. 31 of the current Grange year.
- 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. There is no minimum or maximum size.

1. Water Color
2. Other Mediums

Photography —

Prints only, do not have to be matted or framed. Any size is acceptable.

3. Scenes
4. Animals
5. People
6. Sunsets, Sunrises

Cookies —

Cookies exhibited on a disposable base in a zip-lock type bag. The recipe must be included. Cookies will not be returned.

Crafts —

7. Holiday Decorations
8. Recycled Craft — Any item made using something one generally throws away.
9. Nature Craft — Any item made from nature (rocks, pine cones, seeds, etc.).
10. Textiles — May use any type of fabric, yarn, thread, etc.
11. Miscellaneous
12. Special Gifts
13. *NEW* Patriotic — Anything that represents our Country!
14. *NEW* Agriculture Craft — Must use something from Agriculture, ex: grain/seed, old tools, etc.

Growth —

Any type of plant that the Junior 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.

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.



Talent —

This can be any type of talent, Musical, Variety Act, Joke Telling, anything you can imagine.

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 — Vermont
Kelley Farm project
Super J.G. Award
Junior Ambassadors
Junior Grange Recruiter

Junior Grange Camp —

In 2019 there will be up to three different Jr. Grange camps. One will be held in the southwestern part of Colorado and the other will be held in the northeast region. Two 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. DATES TBC. The Third Camp will be decided at State Session and the date is TBD.

Talent Contest —

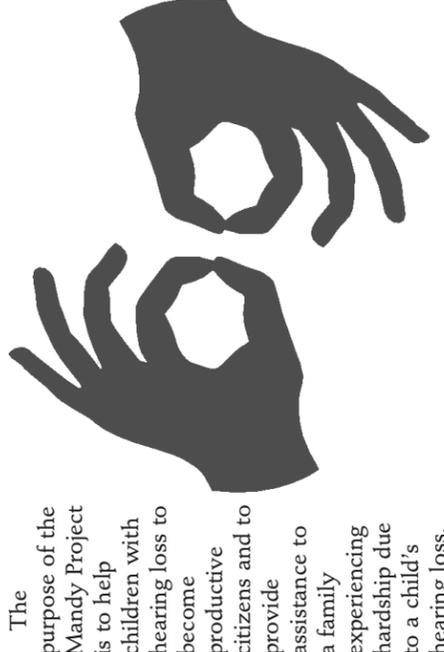
Junior Talent Contest will be held during State Session in conjunction with the Lecturer's Department Talent Contest. Three classes:
1. Vocal;
2. Instrumental;
3. Comedy.
Prizes will be awarded. Please notify Director of intent to enter.

National Opportunities:

Theme: Please see the National Grange Handbook or <http://www.nationaljuniorgrange.org/>
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 And Suggestions

A. Sponsor, host, or promote Sign Language classes or a Sign

Grange Insurance Association Scholarship Program

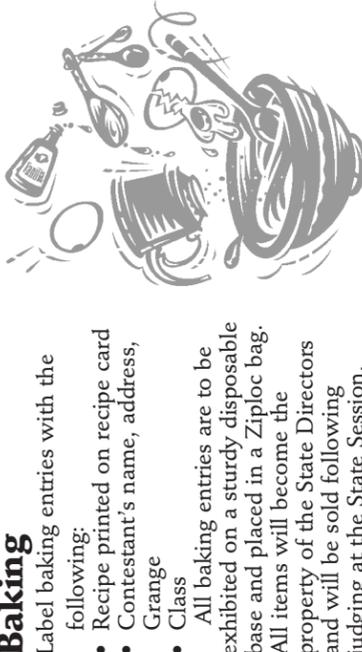
Grange Insurance Association (GIA) awards scholarships annually to policyholders or their children. Winners may take any course of study at any accredited school. **Application deadline is March 1, 2019 (postmarked).** Funds awarded are for the 2019-2020 school year.

Applications may be secured from: Grange Insurance Association, P.O. Box 21089, Seattle, WA 98111-1089. Forms can also be downloaded at www.grange.com.

Family And Women's Activities

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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 I — Gluten Free Breads

Food Preservation

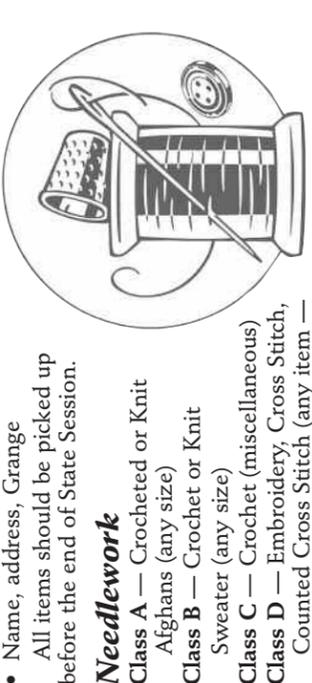
Canned items should be entered in standard glass canning jars and sealed with new lids. Headspace for jams/jellies is 1/4" and canned foods is 1/2". Canned items will not be opened for judging. Canned foods must be picked up before the end of State Session.

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)

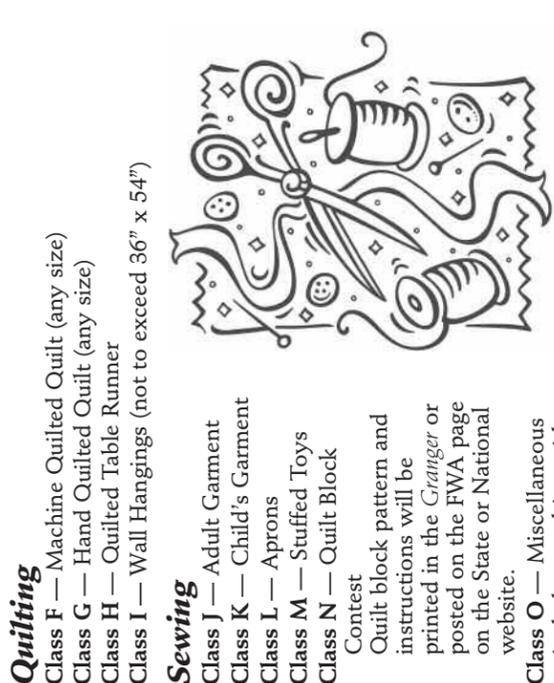
Needlework, Quilting And Sewing

All entries must be made by a Grange member and finished within the current Grange year.
Entries should be labeled with the following:
• Class



- Name, address, Grange
- All items should be picked up before the end of State Session.

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.

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.

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

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Lecturer's Star Awards

Lecturers completing the Star Report form and returning the form to the State Lecturer by August 25, 2019, 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 education or 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. Outstanding Program of the Year will also be chosen from this report and supporting material.**

Grange Yearbook Contest

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

- Judging:**
1. Completeness
 2. Creativity
 3. Craftsmanship

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 2019 Yearbooks (scrapbooks). **Yearbooks must be received by August 25, 2019**, 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

ONE BOOK. The Lecturer Department, the Community Service Department and the Publicity Department have agreed to allow one book, covering all three departments, to be created and submitted for the various awards from these departments. **EACH DEPARTMENT MUST HAVE ITS OWN SECTION.** For the Lecturer Department, be sure

to include the Star Report at the front of the Lecturer's section. **One Books need to be mailed to the State Lecturer by August 25, 2019.** The books will then be forwarded to the other Departments.

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 Showcase* 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:

- Vocal
- Instrumental
- Variety (skits, readings, monologues, dance, pantomimes, etc.)
- Joke Telling
- Public Speaking (See Youth and Junior Dept. for specific guidelines)
- 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 Luau or other creative event** will be recognized. **BE SURE TO INCLUDE THIS INFORMATION IN THE LECTURER REPORT.**

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, 2019) will receive a Community Garden Award. **BE SURE TO INCLUDE THIS INFORMATION IN THE LECTURER REPORT.**

Categories (Do one of the following):

- **Share The Harvest**
 - a. Grange members and friends donate excess crops to the local food bank or pantry, or a deserving family. OR
 - b. Plant or sponsor a community garden.
- **Community Produce Classes or Contest**
 - a. Sponsor an agricultural oriented contest for your community. Establish your own judging criteria. OR
 - b. Sponsor a class on an agricultural topic.
- **Community Food Preservation Demonstration or Classes**
 - a. Sponsor a food preservation demonstration for your community. OR
 - b. Sponsor a class on food preservation.

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

Work Bench

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. Woodworking
 2. Handmade Toys
 3. Leather Craft
 4. Metal Craft
 5. Duct Tape Craft

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.
- Flyers and Pamphlets may be computer generated.

Judging Criteria:

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

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

Membership Program

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The Colorado State Grange membership program will offer recognition and rewards to Granges

for new members joining September 1, 2018-August 31, 2019. The

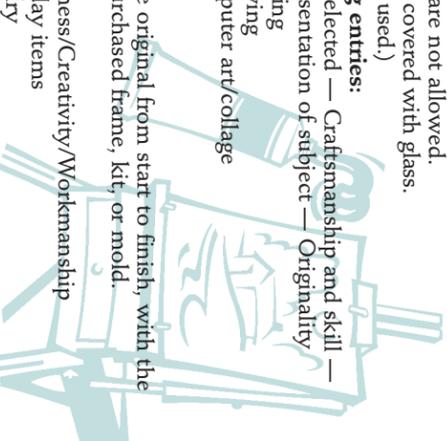
Subordinate/Community Grange with the most net members will be recognized, as well

as the top recruiters. A form will be sent to report your membership to us. Please fill it out

completely and return it to me by mail, email or give it to us on the first day of State Session. If you mail it be sure to send as early as you can in September so that it will arrive at my home before the week of State Session.

To summarize, you may be recognized in three ways:

- 1) Granges that get at least seven (7) new members.
 - 2) The Subordinate/Community Grange with the most new members.
 - 3) The Top Recruiters in the State will be honored.
- Remember, ask someone to join your Grange. YOU can make a difference. New members make your Grange stronger.





Agriculture Report

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My thanks to the delegates, officers and friends who reviewed and acted on the two Ag Committee resolutions presented at the recent State Session in Durango. Delegates voted to oppose two ballot issues that are on the November election ballot, Amendment 74, compensation for reduction in fair market value of property by governmental law or regulation, and Amendment 112 that would increase setback requirements to 2,500 feet from oil and natural gas development and redevelopment. Colorado voters will vote on these two amendments and 11 other state amendments and propositions in the November elections.

In my opinion, while Amendment 74 was largely intended to compensate owners of oil and gas rights where local or state governments might impose restrictions on well development, the amendment, promoted by the Farm Bureau and the oil and gas industry, could have far reaching negative impacts on all government actions where a reduction in property value might result. The local or state government would be on the hook for that reduction in value and the cost on all levels to compensate property owners could reach billions of public dollars. Plus, legal challenges would no doubt be many, lengthy, and expensive.

Implementation of Amendment 112 would close down most of the state to oil and gas development given the many protected sites and areas the 2,500-foot setback is measured from. This distance would have many, many overlapping areas of coverage measured from occupied structures, and areas designated as vulnerable including recreation areas, water sources, canals, reservoirs, lakes, streams (whether flowing or not), and any other area designated by the state or local government as vulnerable. Federal lands would not be affected. State school lands would be affected from which money generated by oil and gas leases is directed to public schools. That money would be cut-off if 112 were approved.

Other Ag Items

Per Colorado Commissioner of Ag Don Brown, "Colorado currently has the largest hemp acreage in the nation

at about 30,000 acres." Hemp has wide Colorado interest due to the plant's drought hardiness and commodity potential but it is still federally classified as a Schedule I drug even though Colorado hemp is closely monitored to ensure it has minimal THC, the active ingredient in pot. The new farm bill could change hemp's illegal designation and if supported, hemp would then be treated like any other ag commodity, allowing it to be produced without federal strictures and presumably able to move in interstate commerce.

NAFTA and the new USMCA (U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement)

Also from Commissioner Don Brown, Mexico and Canada are top importers of Colorado corn, wheat, hay, and potatoes. Mexico's recent tariffs apply to processed potatoes, like French fries, which leaves Colorado's fresh potato exports to Mexico unscathed but there may be unknown impacts from trade concerns beyond NAFTA. China placed tariffs on U.S. soybeans, not big in Colorado, but could cause all U.S. soybean farmers to grow other crops, possibly potatoes, adding a market for Colorado seed potatoes but also may create competition down the road.

Staff from the Colorado Department of Agriculture flew to Cuba to begin market discussions for Colorado agricultural products with a potential market for seed potatoes, potatoes, and affordable beef cuts. The Department is also looking at marketing elsewhere in the Caribbean including the Dominican Republic and other Caribbean countries.

Drought Summary: October 9, 2018

Much of the Intermountain West has experienced a needed weather pattern shift for the beginning of Water Year 2019. Precipitation of 1-2 inches has been measured for most of the Upper Colorado River Basin and some areas received between two and four inches since October 1. For much of Utah and western CO, this equates to greater than 400% of average moisture for this time of year (though the region remains droughty).

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Community Service

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"Community" is defined simply as, "a unified body of individuals: such as 'the people with common interests living in a particular area' or 'a group of people with a common characteristic or interest living together within a larger society,'" or "a body of persons or nations having a common history or common social, economic, and political interests." Other phrases defining community are common location, common character, and experiencing 'a common social state or condition.' The Latin root of the word "community" means "common, public, shared by all or many." The operative word is obviously, COMMON. As humans, we all have much more in common than we have differences. So, the audience for our help, use, benefit, contribution, and work is basically, anyone! Or a group of anyone with something in common!

In my view, that "something in common" only has to be whatever makes the effort you give meaningful to that group as a whole. For example, an effort that would be most appreciated by kids wouldn't be meaningful to a group of senior citizens, or vice versa. Alternatively, WE are members of our communities — plural. We live in a neighborhood, a town, a school district; we are members of a church, a book club, a quilting or sewing club, a history or car club, an alumni association, and of course our Granges. There are people everywhere with whom we have something in common. Membership in these communities, as well as less formal ones, provides a great opportunity to find ways to be of service to others.

Heck, we're all Coloradans! We're all residents of our counties, cities, districts, wards. I'm sure we could all find people with common interests, or even common needs, with other people out there. Maybe someone with whom we have a common need could work together with us to help solve that need — it's just that neither of us can solve it by ourselves. In these cases, you are serving that other person twice: once by helping solve their need, and again by giving them the opportunity to serve by helping you to solve yours. Finding ways to serve in our communities only requir-

es the effort to seek out opportunities, an open mind to places and ways in which service would be welcome, and at times, creativity in devising ways our efforts may be improved or even multiplied.

Community Service Winners

Maple Grove Grange was the first place winner in the Community Service contest this year and their report was taken to the National Convention for judging. Second place went to Pleasant Park Grange, and third place went to Animas Valley Grange and fourth to Florida Grange.

Maple Grove Grange participated in a Baby shower for needy babies; volunteers manufacture and repair Beeping baseball bases to enable the blind to play baseball; they collect stuffed toys from garage sales, stores and second hand stores for the Alzheimer's division of the Mountain Vista Home. The items are laundered, new bows put on, and repaired as needed. They also collect puzzles, games, books, hats, gloves, toiletries, jewelry and make lab robes, Fidget aprons, bibs, and afghans for all residents of Mountain Vista Home. Maple Grove Grange is a proud sponsor of Cub Scout troop #111. They provided dictionaries for three schools. Their hall is donated to groups for use 42 days out of the year.

They collected food for Shannon's Hope to help feed the ladies and their children who live there. They help with the annual beeping Easter Egg hunt for visually impaired children. They take home-grown flowers to the seniors at the Wheat Ridge Manor.

They collected new and used hats, gloves, mittens, socks, scarves and hats and mittens for children and took them to the Christian Action Guild for distribution to the homeless. They also took small bottles of toiletries for the homeless.

Annually they hold a benefit breakfast for the Colorado State Grange Youth program. The Ronald McDonald House is the recipient of four gallons of pull tabs from aluminum cans that they collected.

Maple Grove Grangers participated in Senior Law Day and visited and helped other Granges in the area. For the fourth year Maple Grove Grange has provided assistance for the Jeffer-

Mandy Project

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Imaging learning that your precious newborn has a hearing loss or learning that your child is struggling in school because of a hearing loss? You'd want to do everything you could for them, but when the average cost starts around \$5,000 and your insurance company tells you that hearing loss expenses are not covered. Where would you turn? What would you do?

The Colorado State Grange Mandy Project was established in 1998 with a vision of reaching out to non-Grange families and Grange families who have children with a hearing loss. The Colorado State Grange established PICK (People Improving Communities and Kids) a 501c3 organization so that grants could be sought to help with the Mandy Project as well as other Grange departments. One Grange member left a sizeable donation to the project in their will.

This year the Mandy Project awarded the following children assistance:

Henry Pier of Centennial;
Autumn and Brooke Stevens are 6-1/2 month old twins, Thornton.

The State Grange has received \$10,837.38 mostly from donations from Granges and the Mile of Quarters projects since starting the project in 1998. This amount does not include an endowment donation that was received from the Charlotte De Herport Estate which ended up totaling \$112,785.72. P.I.C.K. has received \$22,356.27 again mostly from donations and fund raisers that we have had over the years. Granges and Grangers have raised a total of \$33,193.65 to help children with hearing loss. Early in the beginnings of the project we did receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000 from a local telephone company, which is not included in the amounts above.

The Mandy Project through the Colorado State Grange and P.I.C.K. has helped 137 children obtain services pertaining to their hearing loss. You should be proud of your contributions to this project. It's one way that we get the Grange name out to the public. Thank you for your continued support and promotion of this project.

We would like to thank the following for their donations to the Mandy Project for 2017-2018 year which ended August 31, 2018: Grand View Grange #151, Tom Campion and Animas Valley #194.

This year we have received two donations from Amazon due to one person's using smile.amazon.com when ordering products. You can also help in this simple way by selecting People Improving Communities and Kids as the recipient of a % of your smile.amazon.com orders.

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.



Chaplain's Corner

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With a mixture of sadness and joy, we remembered many who died within the last Grange year at our State Grange session in Durango recently. The theme was "memories," and we were blessed to have former member, Jeanie Widner, sing songs including "Precious Memories." Also helping (and greatly appreciated by me) were our State Master, the assistant stewards, our State Flora, our State Secretary, and Loeda Westphal on the piano.

In case you were unable to be there, following are the names and dates for those former delegates or state officers/committee persons we remembered at the memorial service:

Lena Baughman (May 10, 1921-October 8, 2017)

Spencer George Harrison (May 20, 1938-November 19, 2017)

Dean Jessop (September 30, 1930-January 24, 2018)

John Ray Hagen (November 19, 1947-January 30, 2018)

Jean Kuehster (July 31, 1927-February 26, 2018)

Jacqueline Northway (July 26, 1920-June 17, 2018).

Our secretary read the following

names from "The Book of Memories:" Lena Baughman (Golden Gate), Roberta Rehfeld and Kay Jensma (Castlewood), John Hagen and Russel Epple (Homestead), Jean Kuehster (Pleasant Park), Heraldine Frecka and Jackie Northway (Garden Home), Dean Jessop, Marion Castro and Ms. Terry Mood (Maple Grove).

Each of those names was entered because some person or Grange made a donation in that person's memory to the Colorado State Grange scholarship and leadership fund. Those monies are used for just what the name implies.

As you remember loved ones or Grange members who pass into eternity, please remember to send me survivor information so I can send a card. If you send obituary and memorial service information now (for those who have been State Grange delegates, officers or committee chairs), it won't need to be done next August. In addition, please consider making a donation to the scholarship and leadership fund in their memory. Acknowledgment of your donation is sent to the family if you include their contact information.



P.I.C.K.

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2018 PICK Minutes — September 28, 2018

Domonick Breton, President called the meeting to order.

Those present were: Domonick Breton, Marlys Halbeison, Harry & Cindy Greer, Jeanne Davies, Guest - Barbara Bordieaux.

The Minutes of 2017 were not read, they were emailed.

The Secretary/Treasurer reviewed the annual report that was included in the packet for delegates with resolutions. The secretary shared that PICK had received \$10.50 from Amazon .smile for purchases made on smile.amazon.com when an individual has selected PICK as their charity of choice.

The Secretary/Treasurer reviewed the proposed budget. A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposed budget. The motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Silent Auction — Dominick Breton, Marlys Halbeison and Jeanne Davies coordinated the silent auction this year. Dominick Breton talked about connecting with Grange members who have businesses to donate

next year. The silent auction netted \$310.75.

PICK will be reporting to the Coors Family Foundation on Golden Gate's grant in the very near future.

New Business:

National Master Besty Huber sent an email requesting funding to brand a website for the National Grange with Safe Gatherings which does background checks for organizations who have people working with kids. The set-up fee to brand the site with Grange logo and information runs between \$3,500-\$5,000. Betsy H asked for \$2,500 and will check with other states or the National Grange Foundation.

We decided we would like to have more information before donating. Jeanne Davies suggested \$500 at the most if we were to consider it. We felt that any state who might utilize the system should contribute toward the cost of branding the website.

Billy Greer is going to National to compete in the Junior Ambassador program. Dominick Breton moved we donate \$250 toward his expenses. Seconded and carried.

Meeting was adjourned.

Darden
Jefferson County

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

DARDEN POMONA NEWS
Saturday, Dec. 8 — Christmas Party at Enterprise Grange. Set up at 4 p.m. Dinner preparations at 4:30 p.m. Dinner at 5 p.m. with Christmas program to follow.

Darden Pomona Grange met Sat. Sept. 8 at Maple Grove Grange. Delegates to the State Grange Session were Marlys Halbeisen and Idella Lewis and Youth Delegate was Ashley Elizabeth.

Yvonne Ludwig of Pleasant Park Grange was appointed to be on the Executive Committee of Darden Pomona Grange.

Marlys Halbeisen reported that the Darden Pomona book containing community service activities and publicity was submitted to the State Lecturer Kathy Wardle.

The Christmas Party will be held at Enterprise Grange on Saturday, December 8. Setup will begin at 4 p.m., 4:30 p.m. dinner preparations, 5 p.m. dinner with Christmas program to follow. Members are asked to bring food for the potluck dinner and stuffed toys for Santa to hand out at the program to follow. In addition to Grange members and their families, guests and their families will be attending from The Carin' Clinic, a group which provides medical help to those in need. Each Grange will bring \$50 to donate to the Carin' Clinic.

Darden Pomona Grange will be collecting items for the Senior Stocking Project as well as collecting items for those less fortunate. The Senior Stocking Project provides a stocking filled with items for forgotten seniors to enjoy a gift at Christmas. Small items such as lotions, note pads, hard candies are welcome. Hats, gloves, scarves are also collected for those less fortunate people in our community. It helps to make this time of year brighter for forgotten people!

Idella Lewis

Enterprise

Contact Carol Lackey, carol.lackey@att.net, 303-521-4477, for further information.

Wednesday, November 14 — Thanksgiving Potluck at 6:30 p.m. Carin' Clinic and Shannon's Hope clients will join us along with any Granger friends and family who wish to attend. Our Thanksgiving feast is a traditional potluck with turkey and all the trimmings. Turkey, beverages and desserts are provided by the Grange. Attendees bring a small dish to share.

Saturday, December 8 — The Darden Pomona Old Fashioned Christmas Dinner starts with a potluck for Friends and Family of all the Granges and Disadvantaged Children referred from the Carin' Clinic and Shannon's Hope. Main course, beverages and desserts are provided by the Grange. Attendees bring a small dish to share. The Program after includes Christmas Carol sing-a-longs, children's performances and reading of the "Night Before Christmas." Santa Claus arrives and everyone sits on Santa's lap, gets a small gift and tells him their Christmas wishes. The evening finale is a piñata for the children. Please join us with your children for a festive holiday evening.

Wednesday, January 9 — Potluck at 6:30 p.m. Following potluck, Kim Lackey has offered to teach us how to make candles and will bring all the supplies for the candle making night. She asks that they only cover the cost of the supplies. Supplies will be about \$5 or less for each candle you would like to make. She has many jars, wicks, wax, colors and scents to choose from. Join us for a fun evening of candle making. All friends and family members are invited. Please RSVP to Dorothy Dannels at 303-425-0111 or 303-921-7849 so Kim can get an idea of how many supplies she'll need.

Some activities we enjoyed this



We left a key to Enterprise Grange #25 to add to the key collection at The Baldpate Inn near Estes Park.



fall include:

On Tuesday, October 2, we went as a Grange to the Baldpate Inn located seven miles south of Estes Park for lunch and their Key Museum tour. It is a classic mountain getaway perched on Twin Sisters Mountain at 9,000 ft. offering spectacular views, intriguing history and fresh food.

The Baldpate Inn started with a married couple Gordon and Ethel Mace and Gordon's two brothers, Charles and Stuart Mace in 1911. Initially only a small Homestead cabin was built on the land and rhubarb was planted to fulfill the requirements of the Homestead Act. In order to supplement their income, the Mace family built several small tourist cabins which proved to be a huge success so the family made plans to build an inn. With their homestead patent registered as complete on January 22, 1917, the family officially opened The Baldpate Inn.

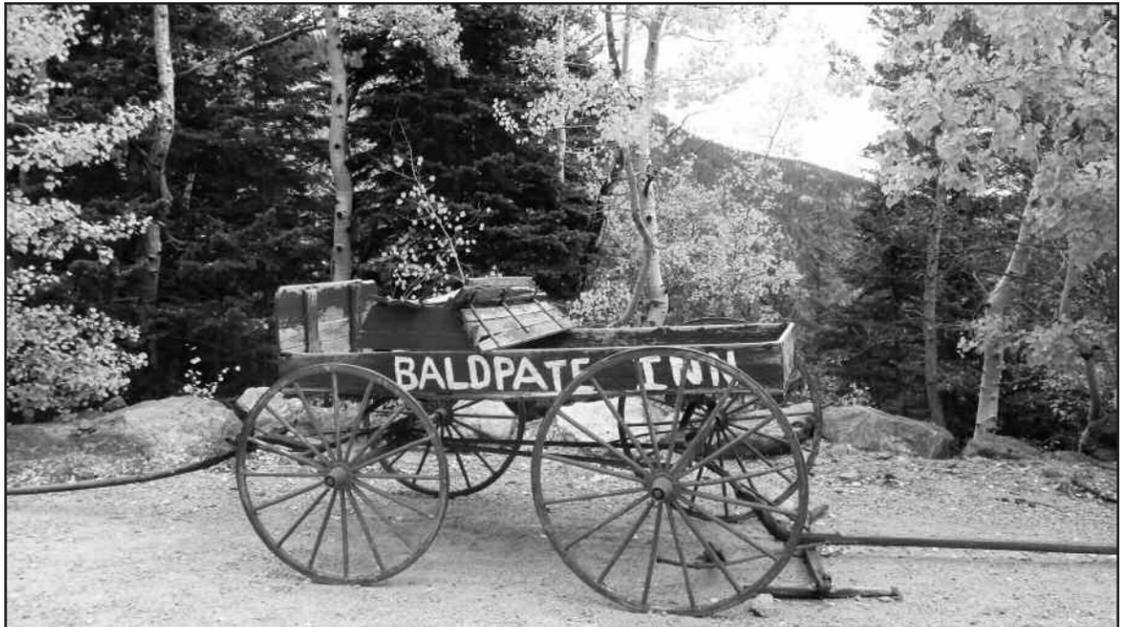
With financial resources being very limited, the Mace family used their talents with what natural resources were available and constructed the inn from hand-hewn timber cut from the property. Massive stone fireplaces were built to provide warmth and hot water. The Baldpate was opened boasting such amenities as hot running water, electric lights, and indoor plumbing!

The Inn was named after the mystery novel, "Seven Keys To Baldpate" by Earl Derr Biggers, who upon visiting the property stated that the inn was so similar to what he had imagined that the Baldpate Inn would become the "real" Baldpate Inn. In the novel, each of seven visitors traveled to the closed-in-wintertime hotel, and thinks that each has the only key to the Inn. In keeping with the story line of the novel, the Mace family gave each visitor to the Inn their very own key.

This tradition continued until the outbreak of World War I, when the price of metal became so expensive that the owners were no longer able to give keys away. The loyal guests who returned yearly were so disappointed that they began their own tradition of bringing a key back to the inn with them each year. It is said that the competition between guests became so fierce to bring the best and most exotic key each year that the Maces decided to begin a display of all the keys that the visitors brought.

This was the beginning of the world's largest key collection. The collection boasts over 20,000 keys including examples from the Pentagon, Westminster Abby, Mozart's wine cellar, and even Frankenstein's castle to name a few. We left a key to Enterprise Grange #25 to add to their collection! Everyone enjoyed the outing and we were sure glad to have made it before they closed for the season.

The annual Enterprise Grange Bye-Week Chili Dinner was held on Sunday, October 7 from 5 to 7. It was an all you can eat meal with a variety of chilies concocted by members of the Grange, cornbread, hot dogs, chips and drinks. Unfortunately the Rockies had a playoff game the same night. No one could have guessed that would be happening. (They lost, by the way).



Grangers attending the trip to the Baldpate Inn: Ashley Lackey, Amy McClure, Peggy Brett, Merry Whyman, Pam Campbell, Dorothy Dannels, and Carol Lackey.

We had a lot fewer guests than we anticipated. This was our fundraiser for the Jefferson County Senior Stocking Project so we are hoping for a few more donations from friends, family, Grangers and neighbors to help fill the stockings this year. Did you know that 50% of seniors living in nursing homes never receive a visitor let alone

a small gift during the holidays? The seniors we are trying to serve are local low income seniors and disabled adults.

- Items Needed to Stuff Stockings**
- Men's and women's socks/gloves or mittens, scarves
 - Christmas card with words of encouragement

- Non-perishable food and snacks — individual size containers such as pudding, fruit cups, cheese and crackers, granola bars, etc.
- Large print puzzle books like crossword, search words, Christmas pins or fun jewelry, watches, etc.
- Toiletries, i.e. toothpaste, individual packets of facial tissues, toilet pa-



Enterprise Grange Chili Dinner Group that made it all possible, back row: Merry Whyman, Mike Mittan, Steven McGee, Amy McClure, Eileen Figliolino, Amelia Shields, and Pam Campbell; front row: Joe Koontz, Debbie Koontz, Carol Lackey, and Lisa Mittan.

per (gift wrap individual rolls), shaving cream, combs, nail polish, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion etc.

- Individually wrapped candy/chocolates (including sugar free), tea bags or instant coffee
- Supplies — zip lock bags and tape

Call Dorothy Dannels at 303-425-0111 or Carol Lackey for pick-up. In lieu of our October 10 meeting, we decided to attend the "Gracias Christmas Cantata" at the Denver Coliseum. It is a musical experience with three separate acts. Act 1 celebrated the Nativity with an opera twist. The second was their reimagination of the classic tale "The Gift of the Magi" with familiar Christmas Carols and some original ones. Act 3 was a mix of three choruses singing G.F. Handel's "Messiah." The voices and music were nothing short of amazing! We were all glad that we decided to take the time to attend and start off our holiday season with beautiful music and friendship.

Carol Lackey

Maple Grove

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

Maple Grove Grange met October 4 for a potluck dinner followed by a round table meeting. Master Marlys Halbeisen led everyone in reciting The Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome to Lois Painter who demitted to our Grange. She will serve as Flora at Maple Grove.

Marlys Halbeisen, Jane Harvey, and Idella Lewis distributed the dictionaries in the Words for Thirds Dictionary project to Kullerstrand Elementary and Peak Academy Elementary. The students were delighted to receive them. Whiteboards, two books each and whisper phones from the Telephone Pioneers were also given to students. J. Kelly had these left from a project the Pioneers had done.

The Family and Women's Activities report was given by Idella Lewis. Maple Grove had 24 entries at the State Session with the most entries in the Family and Women's Activities event. Congratulations to all who entered needlework and baking items as well as entries in the Lecturer's events. You are all very talented!

A discussion was held on E Memberships.

The charter was draped at the September meeting for our departed members, Marion Castro and Terry Mood.

Due to several recent unusual rain/hail storms we had a leakage of water coming in under the door and also basement windows. Thanks to Brian and Elaine Kolstad who spent a lot of time cleaning up the mess. It damaged the plaster in the basement. Hopefully this won't happen again!

Congratulations to Marlys Halbeisen who received the Outstanding Granger award at the State Session in Durango. She has spent a lot of time with all Grange activities and is very deserving to be recognized for her contributions to the Grange.

Idella Lewis

Wheat Ridge

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

October 27, 4-6 p.m. — Citywide Trunk or Treat.

November 10 — Second Saturday Sale at the Grange.

December 1 — Christmas Holiday Celebration and City Tree Lighting.

December 8 — Second Saturday Sale at the Grange.

Vivian Vos

Deadline For The January-February 2019 Issue Of The Colorado Granger Is December 15, 2018.

La Plata

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

Marvel

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

Mondays at 8-8:45 a.m. — Exercise class (Zumbish).

Mondays at 11 a.m. Strength and Balance Class.

Wednesdays at 11 a.m. — Strength and Balance Class.

November 29 — Future of Farming — Durango Herald Diaries — 6 p.m.

December 7 — Business Meeting 7:30 p.m.

December 21 — Waffle night.

December 29 — Free Community Breakfast.

December 31 — New Year's Eve Party

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

Linda Sanchez was welcomed as a new member at our September meeting.

We now have a covered bulletin board up on the outside of the building. We hope that this will help to not have posters taped to the door which has resulted in the paint coming off the door. For members with keys to the hall there is a key to the bulletin board just inside the door.

We're making plans to have a wheel chair ramp put in on the North side of the hall as well as a planter area just under the eaves. Also investigating the cost of non-electrical lighted exit signs for the building.

Marvel Grange donated \$250 to the National Grange for the building fund.

Marvel Grange is to receive the National Grange Distinguished Grange award in Stowe Vermont in November for the third year.

In September we had a potluck supper followed by the Fort Lewis Mesa Fire Department talking about two ballot issues, and the League of women voters shared information on all the other ballot issues.

Congratulations to Kathy Hogan and Dave Mathias who took the fifth and sixth degree at State session. Nathen Greer participated in the Jr. Talent Show and Dan and Billy Greer participated in the adult talent show. Thanks to all the Marvel members who entered items at state. We were well represented.

A memorial service was held at the



Jacob Greer selling candy bars at the Marvel Grange Breakfast Oct. 6.

Grange Hall for Cecil Benton on October 7.

Line Dancing and Clogging classes were held at the hall twice in September. The Fort Lewis Mesa Fire Department and League of women voters gave presentations on September 21 about the ballot issues following a potluck supper.

Our fifth Saturday community breakfast was moved to October 6 due to State Session, we still had a good turnout with approximately 100 people enjoying breakfast.

Cindy Greer

Marvel JGs

Contact: Cindy Greer hrcdgreer@frontier.net, for further information.

Our meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month at 3:45 p.m. at the Grange Hall most of the time. In September we met to practice the opening and march and we were each given an assignment to find the answer to one of the questions on the Postal Passport from National and we had fun doing watercolors. Ten of our members opened the Colorado State Grange session on Saturday, September 29. We had a great time marching in to the music "Move It." We helped prepare lunch and had a great time at the rec center after lunch.

Five of our girls were in the Rose Drill for the sixth degree on Thursday,

September 27.

Cindy Greer

Boulder County

Boulder County

Crescent

Contact Marci Heiser, mheiser46@yahoo.com, 303-818-2708, for further information.

Grange member meetings are the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

In September, Crescent was represented at both the Broomfield Farmer's Market and Broomfield Days, where we sold many cookbooks and greeted potential new members. Our community garden flourished from the summer heat, and we were able to share a wealth of tomatoes, chilies, zucchini, and leafy greens with the food pantry at FISH.

In October, we held our annual Harvest Festival. Despite the first measurable snowfall of the year, all who attended were well entertained by the music of Clisset & Company, and the a cappella group, the New Wizard Oil Combination. Our garden store sold prepared horseradish, salsa, seeds, fresh chilies and green tomatoes, as well as handmade goat soap to raise money for the Grange.

Butter Wilde

Grange Insurance Association Announces Scholarship Program For School Year 2019-2020

Grange Insurance Association (GIA) Chairman of the Board, D. Thomas McKern, is pleased to announce that GIA will again fund 25 scholarships for the 2019-2020 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 scholarship

Please note that children or legal wards of officers, directors or agents of GIA are ineligible.

These scholarships may be used at any institution offering courses leading to a certificate or a degree in a rec-

ognized 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, 2019 (Postmarked). Funds awarded are for the 2019-2020 school year.

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

Pikes Peak

El Paso and Teller Counties

Florissant

Contact Renee Caldwell, caldwellrenee3@gmail.com, for further information.

November 3 — Bluegrass Music Dinner Concert — 6-9 p.m.

November 21 — FREE Community Thanksgiving Dinner 6-9 p.m.

December 8 — Community Christmas Party with Santa and Mrs. Claus 1-3 p.m.

December 15 — "Last Minute Christmas Shopping Craft Fair" 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

October was a fun-filled month with planning of new and fun events at our meetings, to organizing our yearly events such as our Annual Halloween Party. Halloween is always a challenge with many community parties across the county, but with lots of community participation and cooperation, we always have a great time. This year we had a potato hunt, costume contest and parade, craft stations and yummy Halloweenies. The kids loved it and the Grangers had a ball building it.

November 3 was another in our series of Dinner Concerts. The Backyard Bluegrass Boys entertained us. Dinner was pulled pork, cowboy beans, mixed salad and dessert. It was served to our guests and the Hall was decorated a little on the rustic side.

The Annual FREE Community Thanksgiving Dinner plans are in full swing. With 10 donated Turkeys and all the donations for the fixins, we will have a feast.

The annual Christmas party for the community kiddos and the annual "Last minute Christmas shopping Craft Fair" will be in December so the Florissant Grange is always busy planning something.

We are happy to announce that one of the local chapters of 4-H that we have not worked with prior to now, has joined us and will be holding meetings in our Hall as well as helping earn badges by helping us with events and projects at the Grange Hall. Welcome to our 4-H group.

Renee Caldwell

Plan Ahead For The 2019 State Session September 26-28!



Leadership Conference

When: Saturday, December 1, 2018

Time: 10 a.m.

Where: Maple Grove Grange Hall 3130 Youngfield, Wheat Ridge, CO

Who Should Participate: Every Grange member is welcome to participate.

What To Expect:

- General overview for all members on MISSION of the Grange — Each Department Director, State Lecturer, and State Secretary will present information about their department that every Grange member needs to know.
- Break-out sessions for:
 1. Lecturers
 2. Family & Women's Activities
 3. Membership, Masters, Community Service, Public Relations, Juniors and Youth
 4. Secretary
- Round-up closing, Door Prizes and evaluation.



Resolutions Passed At The 2018 State Session

The following is a list of Resolutions adopted at the Colorado State Grange Session, September 27-29, 2018.

AG-1

INITIATIVE 97 SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT

RESOLVED, that Colorado State Grange opposes ballot item #112, and be it further
RESOLVED, that Colorado State Grange encourages a "NO" vote on ballot item #112.

**AG-2
AMENDMENT 74**

RESOLVED, that Colorado State Grange opposes Amendment 74, and be it further
RESOLVED, that Colorado State Grange encourages a "NO" vote by electors on Amendment 74.

**EHEW-1
RECOGNIZING OPIOID ABUSE**

RESOLVED, that, as Colorado State Grange recognizes the opioid abuse crisis, we encourage all Granges within the state to join any local efforts to educate their individual communities.

**GA-1
COLORADO STATE GRANGE SCHOLARSHIPS**

RESOLVED, that the Colorado State Grange Scholarship and Leadership Foundation consider awarding scholarships to qualified Colorado Grange students who wish to attend out of state institutions.

**GOTO-1
E-MEMBERSHIP DUES**

RESOLVED, that Section 4.6.15 of the Digest of Laws be replaced with the following language:
“(F) E-Membership. Membership in the National Grange and in a State Grange as an E-member may be attained by individuals or families who may have an interest in the advancement of agriculture, improvement of rural life, and policies and principles of the organization. Membership is gained by completion of the approved membership form and paying the annual dues for this class of membership directly to the National Grange, under the terms and conditions provided for by the National Grange.

(A) E-members will receive such information, publications, programs, benefits and services from the National Grange, in such manner, as shall be determined by the National Grange. In addition, State Granges, may, at the discretion of each individual State Grange, extend the benefits of information, publications, programs, benefits and services provided by the State Grange to its Subordinate, Pomona or Junior members to the E-members who reside in their state, in such a manner and under such terms and conditions, as shall be determined by the respective State Granges. E-members shall not be entitled to vote on matters of Grange policy or compete in National Grange sponsored contests that are designed for the benefit of Subordinate Grange members only.

(B) The National Grange shall report, via electronic communication, to the various State Granges, on a quarterly basis, the contact information of all active E-memberships within their jurisdiction, provided that State Granges may not sell, barter, exchange or otherwise provide this information to any entity outside the jurisdiction of this Digest of Laws without the expressed approval of the National Grange. Individual or family E-memberships may be terminated by the Executive Committee of the National Grange for improper conduct, illegal action, conflict of interest or other reasons that the Executive Committee may determine are taken for the Good of the Order.” and be it further

RESOLVED: that Section 4.8.2 (F) in the Digest of Laws be replaced with the following language:

“(F) E-Membership. The annual dues for E-Memberships will be forty dollars (\$40.00) for individuals and eighty dollars (\$80.00) for families, to be paid directly to the National Grange.

(1) A. Dues will be divided as follows: \$32.50 to the National Grange, \$7.50 to the State Grange for individual E-Memberships and \$65.00 to the National Grange and \$15.00 to the State Grange for family memberships for E-members who reside within a state with an active, chartered State Grange.

B. For the purpose of this subsection only, Potomac Grange #1 in Washington, DC shall be entitled to receive the State Grange portion of the annual dues for E-members who reside within the District of Columbia.

C. One hundred percent of all E-Membership dues collected from E-members who reside in any state or territory of the United States without an active, chartered State Grange, or who reside outside of the United States, shall remain with the National Grange, provided that the National Grange Executive Committee, may, by annual vote, on a case by case basis, elect to share the State Grange portion of E-Membership dues collected from residents of any US states or US territories, with State Granges that have been assigned jurisdiction by the National Grange to organize and manage the affairs of the Order in a neighboring state or territory without an active chartered State Grange.

(2) At the end of each calendar quarter, the National Grange will forward to each respective State Grange entitled to receive them, the annual State Grange portion of E-Membership dues collected from residents of their respective states during the previous quarter. All transfers of dues funds from E-Memberships within the various divisions of the Order entitled to receive them shall be by means of electronic funds transfers, unless both the sender and receiver agree to other alternatives.”

WHEREAS, the National Grange is proposing to increase the membership dues for E-members only. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Colorado State Grange approve the increase for E-members.

**GOTO-2
CSG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE QUORUM**

RESOLVED, that the Colorado State Grange constitution be amended as follows: A quorum shall consist of any two voting members **and** the State Master or State Overseer. At a scheduled meeting if the State Master is unable to be present the Overseer shall assume the responsibilities. All members of the Executive Committee shall be notified of any regular or special meetings.

**GOTO-3
STATE SESSION QUORUM**

RESOLVED, that when a quorum is not reached, the requirement for a quorum may be suspended by a vote of the delegates present with the approval of three Executive Committee members.

**GOTO-4
ROUND TABLE FORMAT FOR GRANGE MEETINGS**

RESOLVED, that the Colorado State Grange continue to encourage Granges to use the Ritual format and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Colorado State Grange adopt the Grange Round Table format as a pilot project.



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