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National Grange Fellowship Program

The National Grange announced its 2016 class of Communication Fellows, which includes Elizabeth Hiner, a member of Florida Grange #306 in Durango. She will be part of the 10-day learning experience during the historic 150th Annual National Grange Convention this November in Herndon, VA.

"I wanted to be a part of the Fellows program so I could learn the skills to make our Grange and other

local granges more viable in an urban environment and how to reach the younger generations to keep the Grange in our area growing. It is an honor to be a part of the nationwide team and to tell the story of the Grange over our 150 years," Hiner said.

The program includes training in the basics of communication, writing for the media, social media management, audio and video recording and editing. This year Fellows will also re-

ceive training in leadership development and coaching, event planning and program development.

"I nominated Elizabeth because I believe she is enthusiastic and someone who gets things done. I think that she will learn a lot from this experience and that the Grange as a whole will benefit from what she learns," Cindy Greer, Colorado State Master said.

After 10 days of intensive, hands-on training, Fellows return home to be part of the core sesquicentennial celebration team. Fellows will assist National Master Betsy Huber, the organization's first female president, in her 2017 nationwide tour and provide content and direction for National Grange Public Radio, the web radio station that will re-launch in November.

"I think I'm most excited about meeting the team and participating in the classes at Fellows program," Hiner said. "I know Aunt Lillian, who was a Golden Sheaf member of Florida Grange, would be so proud to know I'm part of the team to help promote our organization for its 150th birthday. She so wanted family to be a part of the future of the Grange."



David and Kay McCord were named the 2016 Outstanding Grangers of the Year at State Session held Sept. 29-Oct. 1 at Castlewood Grange.

The Winners Are!

by Cindy Greer

The winners of the Raffle are as follows:

- Two Train Tickets — Larry Meyer from Divide
- Patriotic Quilt — Patty Johnson from Durango
- Christmas Table Runner — Ernie Snare from Florissant
- Two Train Tickets — Judy Harrison from Cherry Creek Grange

The Raffle brought in \$1,125. Thank you to all the Grangers who took the time to sell the tickets and return them; without your help this would not have been possible. We will be helping Grange members attend the National Grange Convention in Washington, D.C., in November with these funds.

Yvonne Chapman sold the ticket to the quilt winner and the day his wife was notified he brought the stubs out and said "Guess we didn't win" and threw the stubs away. When he got home that evening his wife told him they had won. It sure is a small world, as Mr. Johnson turns out to be Dr. Johnson and is my grandson's orthodontist.

National Grange Has A New And Improved Grange Store

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

There are a lot of new items available for sale.



www.promoplace.com/grange

www.grangestore.org



Programs Available From National

The National Lecturer is making available the following programs for Granges to use. They are PowerPoint programs that can be downloaded from the National Grange Website. There are documents and handouts

too. Go to www.nationalgrange.org and click the News/Resources tab and then go to Lecturers Programming to download. Programs that are currently available are:

- Strawberries
- Green Belt Towns of the New Deal
- Keys to Parliamentary Procedure
- Agritourism & Outbreak Safety on Farms
- It Can Wait (Driving, cell phones and texting)

Grange Insurance Association Announces Scholarship Program For School Year 2017-2018

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

Applicants may apply for either an academic or a vocational scholarship. Three of the awards will be for students wishing to pursue vocational

studies and 22 awards will be for academic studies. The top winner in each category will receive a \$2,500 award and the remaining winners will receive \$1,000-\$2,000 each.

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

1. Current GIA policyholder (or children of GIA policyholder)
2. Children of current GIA company employees
3. A previous recipient of a GIA 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 recognized profession or vocation, including: community colleges, business colleges and technical institutes. Vocational scholarships are aimed specifically for those students not pursuing a college diploma, but seeking further education and/or training in a vocation often not covered by more traditional colleges or universities.

The committee will base its awards on the following:

- Complete and legible application
- Scholastic ability (official grade transcript required)
- Handwritten or typed **Essay** by Applicant
 - Please tell us about yourself, your family and your future goals
 - Also include any lead-

ership or volunteer-related programs or projects in which you have been involved in high school, in the community, or elsewhere

- What college, university, or trade school do you plan to attend and how will this scholarship assist you

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

Please complete the request form on Page 2 for an application for a Grange Insurance Association Scholarship.

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



Important Dates

The following are dates of STATE and POMONA activities that we have received in the State Office. See individual articles for contact information.

- Nov. 12** Golden Gate Grange Holiday Craft Fair, 9 am. to 4 p.m.
 - Nov. 13** Golden Gate Grange Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 10:30 a.m.
 - Nov. 13** Castlewood Grange Community Harvest Dinner, 1 p.m.
 - Nov. 16** Redlands Mesa Grange Potluck 5:30 p.m. followed by monthly meeting.
 - Nov. 21** Mt. Allison Grange Business meeting, 7 a.m.
 - Nov. 23** Florissant Grange Free Thanksgiving Dinner 6 to 9 p.m.
 - Nov. 24** Colona Grange Soup Dinner, 6:30 p.m.
 - Dec. 3** Golden Gate Grange, Wreath Making and Kids' Crafts 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 - Dec. 10** Florissant Grange Children's Christmas Party, 1 to 3 p.m.
 - Dec. 10** Darden Pomona Meeting at 4 p.m., Potluck Dinner at 5 p.m., Christmas Party to follow.
 - Dec. 10** Pleasant Park Grange, Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Christmas Party and Gift Exchange.
 - Dec. 10** Mt. Allison Grange Free Community Christmas Breakfast and Canned Food Drive, 8 to 10 a.m.
 - Dec. 11** Golden Gate Grange Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 10:30 a.m., Jeffco Foster Kids Gift Drive and Wrapping Party 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 - Dec. 16** Marvel Grange Waffle Night and White Elephant Gift Exchange, 7 p.m.
 - Dec. 17** Florissant Grange Last Minute Craft Show, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 - Dec. 19** Mt. Allison Grange Business Meeting, 7 a.m.
 - Dec. 31** Marvel Grange Free Community Breakfast, 8 to 10 a.m.
 - Dec. 31** Marvel Grange New Year's Eve Party, 6:30 p.m.
 - Yoga** Golden Gate Grange Mondays at 1:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 5 p.m.
- Every Thursday** all year we have music by the Florissant Jammers at the Florissant Grange. Potluck starts at 6 p.m., Music from 6:30 p.m. until the musicians pack up.
- Jan. 6** Marvel Grange Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
 - Jan. 9** La Plata Pomona Meeting 7:30 p.m., Marvel Grange Host
 - Jan. 14** Pleasant Park Grange Regular Meeting 10 a.m. followed by Potluck Lunch
 - Feb. 11** Pleasant Park Grange Regular Meeting 10 a.m. followed by Potluck Lunch

Master's Message

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Twenty-one resolutions were reviewed by committees at the Annual State Grange Convention, two of which will be sent on to National for consideration.

I recently heard someone talking about "FOLLOW THROUGH." If we don't follow through on plans then we can't succeed. We have a great group of officers and directors that do follow through. The resolutions passed won't do any good unless we follow through with them. It takes a team to have a successful convention. Thank you to everyone for your support in my first year as State Master.

We had interesting speakers on the use of Drones in Agriculture, Colorado Ag Leadership Program, and the National Western facility.

We would appreciate any suggestions you have that will help us in the future. We need to have your cooperation in getting the names of your delegates and their committee preferences in earlier so that we have time to communicate with them prior to the convention. We need to have your cooperation in getting meal ticket reservations in so that you can be included in the counts to the caterers and we're not trying to out-guess what tickets you want because we didn't receive your reservation form.

Harry and I are looking forward to representing Colorado in Washington, D.C., at the National Grange Convention. I hope that by the time you are reading this article that you did take the time to VOTE. Your voice is important in this election year as well as on the many ballot issues.

This is the beginning of a new Grange Year. What are your Grange's Goals and plans? If you haven't made any, now is the time to start. If there is any way that I as State Master can help you please let me know.

Colorado Corn Seeking Applications For New Farm Stewardship Award

Many Colorado farmers are implementing some of the latest-and-greatest production methods, aimed at improving efficiency on their farms, protecting our natural resources, and enhancing air and water quality.

And now Colorado Corn wants to honor the producers taking these efforts to new heights, as the organization is seeking applications for its first ever Colorado Farm Stewardship Award.

"It will no doubt be a difficult task to select just one winner, when we know so many of our Colorado farmers are putting extensive time and energy into being excellent stewards of our resources, while also producing our food, fuel and fiber," said Mark Sponsler, executive director for Colorado Corn. "But while it won't be easy, we couldn't be more excited about this new stewardship program. We feel this award will provide a platform for many growers to share their great stories — shining a light on the numerous, forward-thinking, best-management practices taking place on Colorado's farms."

The Colorado Farm Stewardship Award winner is expected to be selected by a committee comprised of board member representatives from the Colorado Corn Administrative Committee (CCAC) and Colorado Corn Growers Association (CCGA), as well as other experts in agriculture, conservation and sustainability.

The announcement of the winner

Deadline for January-February 2017 issue is December 15, 2016.

Please notify the State Grange Office of any address change.

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A Positive Point Of View

All the planning and preparation for State Session paid off and we had a great State Session. I want to thank everyone for their patience as we struggled with some printing issues, but we made it through and all went well. We had a very productive and successful State Session this year.

So here we are starting a new Grange year and I am certain this year will be

as smooth and productive as the last one thanks to all the Great Grangers we have in our Granges here in Colorado.

Thanks to everyone who claimed the furniture and office supplies in the Castlewood Grange Office. Your donations are appreciated and we hope you can make good use out of the items you selected. You sure alleviated the problem of getting someone to



Mandy Project

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The Kokding (nyikango) family from South Sudan is working with the Iowa Ear center to get assistance for their 3-year-old who is in need of a cochlear implant. The parents noticed that Awok was not responding to verbal communication at one year of age. At the age of two, she was still not able to speak any words, except for some indeterminate babbling sounds. There are no audiologists, speech pathologists, or ENT specialists in South Sudan. Awok was two years old when her father took her to a hearing clinic in Uganda, but they were unable to conduct a hearing tests and didn't have equipment for other tests. At 2-1/2 her father took her to Khartoum, Sudan, for an evaluation with an ENT doctor, who conducted an ABR test under sedation. He recommended hearing aids and cochlear implants.

Since surgery for cochlear implants cannot be done in either Sudan or South Sudan, Awok's parents sought further diagnostics and medical care in the United States. These tests show that she has a severe-to-profound sensorineural hearing loss. Awok has hearing aids that she wears inconsistently, and there are no audiologists in South Sudan who can provide training to Awok and her parents to use hearing aids and sign language.

The family's goals are for Awok to lead a normal life, communicating with family, friends and outsiders through speech and sign language. She will attend a public school in Juba, South Sudan, and will be able to actively participate in classroom learning activities. She will attend



Alaina Schar

ly had a MRI done and they found out that there is no nerve connecting from her ear to her brain. After talking with the doctor and the audiologist it was decided that by wearing hearing aids Alaina will benefit from hearing from both sides.

They want Alaina to be confident in her abilities and successful in all areas of her life.

She has profound sensorineural hearing loss at 250-8000 Hz for the right ear. There is no known history of childhood hearing loss in the family. Alaina is in a regular education classroom and receives support services from Audiology with a classroom fm system and preferential seating. She was recently discharged from speech language therapy.

Their insurance does not cover hearing aids. Their church is able to donate around \$1,000 to help cover the cost of the hearing aids.

Mom is a special education teacher for School District 11 in Colorado Springs. Her monthly gross income is \$3,374. Her husband works as a diesel technician at Optimal Diesel in Pueblo and his monthly gross income is \$3,800.

Total cost of the hearing aids is \$3,884. Colorado State Grange awarded this family \$1,000.

Awok "Paulina" Kokding
university and pursue a field of study and a career of her choosing.

In the near future she will learn to hear and associate sounds with symbols of communication and will catch up in her speech and language skills by six years of age. They want her to learn to play with other children and interact using appropriate and normal behavior; and that her frustrations of not being able to hear or talk will subside and she will grow to be a happy, productive, well behaved child.

The Colorado State Grange awarded this family \$500 toward their expenses. The father is an employee of the United States Embassy in South Sudan.

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Alaina Schar is 8-years-old. She has a brother, mother and father and they live in Colorado Springs. She attends public school and is in need of hearing aids. They are citizens.

Alaina has had no hearing out of her right ear since birth. She recent-

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Thank you to all of the Granges that submitted publicity books for State Session. And the winners were:
Subordinate:

- 1st — Marvel (\$20)
- 2nd — Mt. Allison (\$15)
- 3rd — Maple Grove (\$10)

Pomona:

- 1st — Darden (\$20)

I would highly encourage each Grange to submit something for a publicity book for next year. So it's not too overwhelming in August next year, my suggestion is to assemble your pub-

licity book throughout the year. I know that many, many Granges are active in publicizing their events. Simply put your articles/Facebook posts as they are created into a book and update it regularly. This will take the stress out of assembling a book at the last minute.

Also, many of you submitted the "One Book" for State Session which included publicity info. Again, make copies so that'll you also have information for the publicity book.

I look forward to having many more entries at State Session in 2017!

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE GRANGE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

Please send a GIA Scholarship Application to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Mail your request to: GRANGE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION
Attn: Scholarship Coordinator, P.O. Box 21089, Seattle, WA 98111-3089



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I want to take this opportunity to invite subordinate lecturers to submit ideas or whole columns to me to use this coming year. I would encourage suggestions for programs, stories about successful events, perhaps unique ways your Grange gets things done, or any other article you feel would help Granges or Grangers with programming or creative arts.

Congratulations to the 2016 Colorado State Grange Lecturer Awards winners. Thank you for all of your entries. Here is a list of all the winners:
Outstanding Program of the Year: Mt. Allison Grange's 100th Birthday Celebration
Outstanding Subordinate Lecturer of the Year: Dorothy Dannels, Enterprise Grange
Outstanding Pomona Lecturer of the Year: Idella Lewis, Darden Pomona Grange

Colorado State Grange Outstanding Achievement Granges:

Animas Valley Grange, Karen Sexton, Lecturer
Enterprise Grange, Dorothy Dannels, Lecturer
Florissant Grange, Renee Caldwell, Lecturer
Golden Gate Grange, Terri Costeldia, Lecturer
Maple Grove Grange, Idella Lewis, Lecturer
Marvel Grange, Cindy Greer, Lecturer
Mt. Allison Grange, Yvonne Chapman, Lecturer
Wheat Ridge Grange, Dominic Breton, Lecturer
Darden Pomona, Idella Lewis, Lecturer

Colorado State Grange Star Achievement Grange:

La Plata Pomona, Tom Campion, Lecturer

Outstanding Yearbooks:
Terri Costeldia, Golden Gate Grange
Dorothy Dannels, Enterprise Grange
Yvonne Chapman, Mt. Allison Grange
Renee Caldwell, Florissant Grange

CREATIVE ARTS AWARDS:

Best of Show, Creative Arts: Daniel Greer, Marvel Grange
Talent Show: Daniel Greer, Marvel Grange
Junior Talent Show: Kaleb Burnett, Enterprise Grange
Sweepstakes Award: Yvonne Chapman, Mt. Allison Grange
Grange with Most Entries: Cindy Greer, Marvel Grange

FINE ART

Drawing:
First Place: Trina Borst, Florissant Grange
Second Place: Jeanne Hostetler, Golden Gate Grange

Painting:
First Place: Renee Caldwell, Florissant Grange
Second Place: Jeanne Hostetler, Golden Gate Grange
Third Place: Renee Caldwell, Florissant Grange

Computer Art/Collage:

First Place: Nicole Dannels, Enterprise Grange

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Youth News

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I want to thank everyone for supporting the youth at State Session, A special thanks to Kara Jacobs for coordinating the Saturday morning Youth March to open the State Session, and thanks to all the Junior Grangers and Adults who helped fill empty spots. The march in on Saturday morning when the "young people" open the session is always fun to watch!

Thank you to Ed and Jeanette Oppermann for all their help in the kitchen. Now my soap box! We need active youth and it needs to start at the subordinate level. Get your grandkids and your great-grandkids to come with you, we need their help! We as an organization need young bodies to GROW the Grange! Youth age is 15 to 35, but age has no limits. The more youth we have the more fun we can have! Each Grange should work on that this year.



Family & Women's Activities

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The Family and Women's Activities event was very successful at the 2016 State Session. There were 44 entries in the baking contest and 32 entries in the needlework contest. The bake sale generated \$96 profit. We also had several who sent in entries for the Dresden Plate Quilt block to National.

The award for most entries was Mt. Allison and second most entries Maple Grove.

Watch for several changes for next year in the next Granger.

The following awards were presented at the Friday Night Gala at the State Session:

BAKING

Class A — Butter Cakes

1st — Idella Lewis, Maple Grove
2nd — Dorothy Dannels, Enterprise

Class B — Altered Cake Mix

1st — Idella Lewis, Maple Grove

Class C — Yeast Bread, Rolls

1st — Beverly Weinert, Fountain Valley
2nd — Idella Lewis, Maple Grove

Class D — Sweet Rolls

2nd — Idella Lewis, Maple Grove

Class E — Bar Cookies

1st — Norma Conley, Mt. Allison

Class F — Drop Cookies

1st — Carol Lackey, Enterprise

2nd — Jeanne Davies, Deer Trail

3rd — Norma Conley, Mt. Allison

Class G — Quick Breads

1st — Margaret Sutton Mt. Allison

2nd — Shirley Engler, Mt. Allison

3rd — Sharon Nossaman, Mt. Allison

Class H — Fudge

1st — Norma Conley, Mt. Allison

2nd — Shirley Engler, Mt. Allison

Class I — Other Candy

1st — Trudy Hagen, Homestead

Class J — Gluten free

1st — Cindy Greer, Marvel

2nd — Marlys Halbeisen, Maple Grove

3rd — Idella Lewis, Maple Grove

Class I — Food Preservation Canned Food/Salsa

1st — Cindy Greer, Marvel



2nd — Shanda Price, Mt. Allison
3rd — Trish Corman, Mt. Allison
Class II — Food Preservation, Jams, Jellies
1st — Shirley Engler, Mt. Allison
2nd — Shanda Price, Mt. Allison
3rd — Carol Lackey, Enterprise
Class II — Food Preservation Pickled Foods
1st — Margaret Sutton, Mt. Allison

NEEDLEWORK

Class A — Crochet or Knit Afghans

1st — Marlys Halbeisen, Maple Grove

2nd — Beth Simons, Mt. Allison

Class B — Crochet/Knit Sweater

1st — Beth Simons, Mt. Allison

Class C — Crochet, Miscellaneous

1st — J. Kelly, Maple Grove

2nd — Beth Simons, Mt. Allison

Class D — Embroidery

1st — Leisha Lanz, Florissant

2nd — Cindy Greer, Marvel

Class E — Decorator Pillows

1st — Ann Elliot, Maple Grove

2nd — Carol Stepanich, Castlewood

Class F — Quilted Quilt

1st — Ann Elliot, Maple Grove

2nd — Jane Harvey, Maple Grove

3rd — Cindy Greer, Marvel

Class G — Machine Quilted Table Runner

1st — Ann Elliot, Maple Grove

2nd — Karen Baxter, Mt. Allison

3rd — Peggy Brett, Enterprise

Class J — Aprons

1st — Jane Harvey, Maple Grove

Class K — Stuffed Toy

1st — Jane Harvey, Maple Grove

2nd — Cindy Greer, Marvel

3rd — Beth Simons, Mt. Allison

Class L — Quilt Block

1st — Karen Baxter, Mt. Allison

2nd — Cindy Greer, Marvel

3rd — Peggy Brett, Enterprise

Class Q — National Quilt Block Sewing Miscellaneous

1st — Renee Caldwell, Florissant

2nd — Peggy Brett, Enterprise

3rd — Margaret Sutton, Mt. Allison

4th — Trish Corman, Mt. Allison

5th — Beth Simons, Mt. Allison

6th — Carol Lackey, Enterprise

7th — Shirley Engler, Mt. Allison

8th — Norma Conley, Mt. Allison

9th — Beverly Weinert, Fountain Valley

10th — Jeanne Davies, Deer Trail

11th — Dorothy Dannels, Enterprise Grange

12th — Idella Lewis, Maple Grove

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27th — Dorothy Dannels, Enterprise Grange

28th — Idella Lewis, Maple Grove

29th — Dorothy Dannels, Enterprise Grange

30th — Idella Lewis, Maple Grove

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Do you know how much water you drink a day?

Our bodies are more than 60 percent water. Being well hydrated helps all our organs and systems function properly. Every function in our body takes place in water. It's the solvent that moves nutrients, hormones, antibodies, and oxygen through our bloodstream and lymphatic system, and removes waste. And it is essential to our kidneys' ability to filter and eliminate metabolic byproducts and toxins. If we don't drink enough water, our body is forced to recycle dirty water, diminishing the efficiency of every metabolic function. Imagine your body as a fish tank and what happens if enough fresh water is not going in daily.

We lose nearly 12 cups of water every day: 2 cups through perspiration, 6 cups through urine, 2-4 cups through breathing and nearly 1 cup through the soles of our feet. And in high altitudes or dry environments, we lose even more, so we can get dehydrated in a hurry.

Some of the benefits of drinking water are:

- It prevents dehydration.
- It minimizes or eliminates fatigue, lack of energy, headaches, and unclear thinking.
- It speeds up our metabolism.

- It helps us feel full and satisfied, therefore keeps us from overeating.
- It helps our liver convert fat to energy.
- It facilitates the removal of toxins as preservatives from our cells. Drinking eight 8 oz. glasses of ice water can burn an extra 74 calories a day. That may not seem like much, but it adds up to a whopping 7.7 pounds of fat per year!

Not drinking enough water can lead to sugar cravings, headaches, fatigue, irritability, dehydration, and foggy thinking. Dehydration also slows down fat burning!

How much water do we need and what is the best source?

A general rule is to drink half our body weight in ounces. For example, a person that weighs 100 pounds would drink 50 ounces a day. However the best practice to follow is to drink enough water that our urine is almost colorless (unless we have just taken vitamins).

Plain water is the best source for quenching thirst and it is cheap, calorie free and contains no sugar, caffeine or other additives.

I encourage you to be aware of the amount of water that you drink on a daily basis and increase your consumption if necessary.

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GRANGE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION (Seattle, Washington)

NOTICE OF 2017 ANNUAL POLICYHOLDERS' MEETING

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

All Grange Insurance Association policyholders are welcome to attend.

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

Rodney A. King, CIC, AFIS, Corporate Secretary
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Chaplain's Corner

**Sheryl Ayers,
State Chaplain**
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I enjoyed seeing long-time friends and meeting new friends at our state meeting last month. Remembering those who have died is always a part of that gathering, and I pray we honored them and God through the memorial service.

Lillian Davis, Holly Heap, Roberta Rehfeld, Claudine Stamm, were all important to their families, their subordinate Granges and the State Grange. It was a pleasure to remember the light they provided through their friendship and their service. If you came to the memorial service, I hope you enjoyed remembering those women and all the other Grangers whose names are now in the Colorado State Grange Book of Memories.

Things don't happen in a vacuum, and I thank the following Grangers for helping conduct the memorial service:

Amy Peterson and Roger Ayers (assistant stewards), who handed out candles and programs, then assisted

with draping the charter;

Loeda Westphal, who played beautiful piano music through much of the service;

Alan Caldwell, for his beautiful solo rendition of "In the Garden;"

Terri Costeldia, for eagerly doing her part of the charter draping ceremony;

Cindy Greer, for giving direction, responding and reading names;

Renee Caldwell, for reading names from the Book of Memories; and those who sent eulogies for the four past state delegates and officers.

At next year's State Grange meeting we will again memorialize those who have died throughout the year. Secretaries and friends, please send me information as they pass so we will be ready to do that next September or October.

And for now, where and how will you light your candle to provide a bit of light for someone else?

Tune In To Junior Grange

Dan and Jenna Greer, State Directors
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We have had a great time at State Session. We had six Juniors there on Saturday to open the State Session with the Youth. After that we made a trip to the Family Center where we played laser tag, miniature golf, drove bumper cars, went ice skating, played in the bouncy house, and had our JG Luncheon. The luncheon was great and we were able to present the JGs with their prize money, and let me tell you we had some big winners too.

Junior Name	Number	Total of Crafts Winning			
Alex St. Aubin	4	\$9.25	Isaac Greer	12	\$26.50
Ashley Walters	5	\$4.75	Jacob Greer	14	\$27.75
Billy Greer	16	\$35.25	Jason Jacobs	4	\$6.25
Brianna Greer	18	\$23.50	Karly Eidsenck	9	\$4.00
Caitlyn Chapman	2	\$6.00	Lauryn Dukart	1	\$2.00
Cayden Simons	3	\$4.25	Logan Shauinger	1	\$0.25
Colin Price	1	\$3.00	Melanie Price	5	\$7.25
Eden Young	1	\$2.00	Nathen Greer	15	\$21.75
Emily Davis	2	\$2.25	Rebecca Davis	3	\$1.50
Emmett Greer	10	\$12.50	Ryan St. Aubin	7	\$10.00
Gavin Dougharty	4	\$2.50	Trevor Phillips	2	\$5.00
			Zion Simons	3	\$1.50
			Grand Total	142	\$219.00



At the luncheon we talked a little bit about Colorado, with over 40 fun facts on our state. To end the day we got to watch a great performance by Kaleb Lackey. He had a great song, "If I were the president."

We had a great turnout of crafts entered at State Grange as well with over 140 crafts and pictures that were judged. There were definitely some busy juniors (and parents/leaders) this year. Thank you for all of your hard work!!

As the session and all of the excitement winds down there are a few things to keep in mind. One is, what are you personally doing to get more juniors involved in your Grange? Are your Grange meetings "kid-friendly?" Keeping the meeting kid-friendly is one of the biggest challenges that we run into with family organizations. But if we don't keep it kid friendly then we are not really inviting younger members to join.

Guess what, if they can't feel comfortable bringing their kids they aren't going to keep coming to the meetings and the social events. Take a few moments at your next meeting to discuss what you could do to make your meeting kid-friendly. It might be as simple as getting some toys in a tub that the kids can play with. Also having some kid friendly snacks can go a long way to encourage a kid-friendly environment.

Inspire the kids to sit with an officer and help to learn the part, while feeling important. Guess what, even the Master's part can be done by a five-year old with a little help, and they will be so excited to help lead in the salutation while standing up in front of a group of people. Then we are doing more than inspiring them to be a part of the Grange, we are helping to teach them public speaking habits that they will use throughout their entire lives.

If anyone is interested in helping to get a Grange Sleep-In or another event in your area for the JGs going, please let us know. We will be more than happy to help any way that we can. We are looking for ideas on what we could do and where we could go for a State Grange Family Camp this year. Please share your thoughts and ideas with us.

Thank you for a great first year as JG directors.



Memorial Service.

Agriculture Report

David H. McCord and John Hagen, State Co-Directors
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by David H. McCord,
CSG Agriculture Co-Director

My thanks to all the Grange Delegates at the Annual Session for their support for the several agriculture related resolutions. I conveyed our support for proposed amendment 71, "Raise the Bar" to make it more difficult to amend our state constitution and our opposition to proposed amendment 69, Colorado Health Care to Julie McCaleb, chairwoman of the Ag Council. She will be polling the Ag Council members on direction to take on the amendment 71 campaign.

The Ag Council will hold its fall meeting in mid-November and from that, I will know more about possible legislation proposed for the 2017 session. Meanwhile, for your local elections for the Colorado Senate and House, quiz the candidates for their knowledge about Colorado's agriculture and, especially ask, what they know about Colorado water law.

On October 31 the Colorado Ag Water Alliance (CAWA) will hold a planning meeting for the CWCB/IBCC Agriculture Viability Summit coming up in November as well as introductions for CAWA's two new CSU interns.

Kay and I were deeply honored and humbled to be chosen Grangers

of the Year at the annual session. I had no idea and wondered if the award would be made this year. It has been



a pleasure to be involved in the Grange over the years and we both hold very high the honor and recognition you have bestowed upon us. Our thanks to all of Colorado's Grangers.

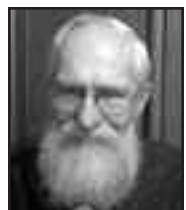
by John Hagen,
CSG Agriculture Co-Director

Livestock producers should be aware new laws for purchasing antibiotic feed additives will be put in place in December 2016. A number of the additives, but not all, require a prescription from a veterinarian before adding to rations for animals or animal products for human consumption. Producers using a veterinarian on a steady basis should be able to avoid problems with the new standards. Smaller operations with only occasional use of veterinary services need to establish a method for getting the additives needed. Some sources of additives will disappear when the more rigorous standards go into effect. Acquiring the prescriptions will take planning and time for the vet to become familiar with the operation. The extra time for vets to meet the new rules may cause delays, affecting the bottom line.

Membership

**Roger Ayers,
State Director**
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We had a great Colorado State Session this year at Castlewood Grange. I would like to highlight membership reports that I received last year.

1. There were seven Granges that had five or more new members which is one of the goals last year. They were Left Hand, Golden Gate, Grandview, Florissant, Marvel, Maple Grove, and Florida. Great job! Keep up the good work.

2. The Grange with the most new members was recognized at the Membership lunch. That Grange was Golden Gate. Golden Gate recruited 26

new members and even though they lost thirteen members they had a net gain of 13. Way to go!

Eighteen Granges reported via Colorado Membership Report. Be sure to fill the report out completely. There may have been more Granges that could have been rewarded for their efforts. Of the eighteen that reported, seven had gains, three no change, and eight had a loss in membership. Let's try to get more Granges in the gain category.

Remember the most important thing to do is ask someone to join Grange.

Granger Deadline And Guidelines

December 15, 2016, is the deadline for articles for the January-February 2017 edition of *The Colorado Granger*. You can send them to the State Grange Office, 2009 CR 31, Florissant, CO 80816 or email costategrange@gmail.com.

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

Name of Grange
Contact person (with a phone number)
Upcoming dates
Brief summary of what has been happening at your Grange; Community Service Projects; In Memoriam; Thinking of You; Hats Off; and You're Invited.

Community Service

J Kelly, State Director
address???

303-431-0486 • Email: jkellygrange@hotmail.com

I would like to thank the Subordinate Granges and Pomonas that sent in a book or packet for judging for Community Service for the 143rd Colorado State Session.

1st place winner —
Maple Grove Grange #154
2nd place winner —
Pleasant Park Grange #156

3rd place winner —
Animas Valley Grange #194
I know that you may think that just because you only have a few members in your Grange, that you do not qualify, you are wrong. All Granges are doing community service in their communities and we need to show each other that Colorado is a very caring state. Grange members are busy helping out their neighbors to maintain their homes and property, with meals, rides to appointments, at schools, churches, libraries, animal shelters, food banks and many other projects. So please start keeping track of the hours you all do for the Empty Plate and Helping Hands projects.

I would like to issue a challenge to each Grange in this year that National Grange is now 150 years old. For the Empty Plate Project, please keep track of each time you collect 150 non-perishable food items or donate \$150 for your local food bank or pantry, from September 1 thru August 31, 2017, and let me know.

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PICK would like to thank Marlys Halbeisen and Janette Oppermann for coordinating the Silent Auction this year. The silent auction raised \$434.50. We also received an additional donation in the amount of \$50.

This past year we have supported the Junior department by purchasing ribbons and merit badges and covering the additional prize money not budgeted by the State Grange. We ordered QuickBooks thru TechSoup as well as Grant station at very reasonable prices.

PICK has applied for a tax-exempt license and are still waiting to see if we get it. That way when the State Grange utilizes a facility that charges sales tax we can use the license and save some money.

PICK will be establishing guidelines for applying for capital improvement grants this coming year.

We will be helping the State Grange Talent winner go to Washington, D.C., as well as the junior talent.

Thank you to those who attended the meeting on Sunday morning. Those present were: Audrey Maydew, Harry and Cindy Greer, Renee Caldwell, Roger and Sheryl Ayers, Gary and Kathy Wardle.

Don't forget to file your 990N postcards to retain your tax exempt status.



National Grange Representatives Chip Narvel and his wife Barbara.



Chaplain Sheryl Ayers lighting candles at the Memorial Service.



Photos of the past found by Great-Great and Great-Great Granddaughters.



Marlys Halbeisen



Master Cindy Greer and Harry at the Banquet.

Thank You For A Successful Session!

Thank you to everyone who attended part or all of the State Convention. The dangerous thing about thank yous is that one will probably miss someone. We apologize in advance for anyone who we miss.

Thank you to **John Cruz, Alan and Renee Caldwell, Ed and Janette Oppermann** for setting up the building. To the **State Officers** for a successful presentation of the Sixth Degree, and to the Fifth Degree team. To the three new Fifth and Sixth Degree candidates. To the deputies and assistants who watched the doors. To Lecturer **Kathy Wardle** for a fun evening at the Gala. To the directors for their efforts and presentation of awards: Family and W.A. — **Idella Lewis and Karen Baxter**; Community Service — **J. Kelly**; Publicity — **Larry Corman**; Membership — **Roger Ayers**; Junior Grange — **Dan and Jenna Greer**. Thank you to pianist **Loeda Westphal** and photographer **Sue Zaba**. Thank you **Florissant Grangers** who prepared breakfast two mornings for Alumni and Past Masters and to the **Presidents** of those two groups for the programs.

Thank you to the **Florissant Grangers**,

the **Oppermann Family**, Vince, Julia, Ed and Janette for catering the Banquet. They got a standing ovation. To Chaplain **Sheryl Ayers** for a lovely Memorial Service and for arranging all those Junior Grange craft entries (141). Thank you to the election committee: **Liz Hiner, Clarence Hunter and Bruce Johnson**. Thank you to **Gary and Kathy Wardle** for installing the newly elected Executive committee member. Thank you to **Charlene Porter** for manning the Hospitality Room along with all her helpers and for organizing the Rose Drill. Thank you ladies for being a part of the Rose Drill. Thank you to **Castlewood Grange** for allowing us to meet there.

Thank you to our speakers and **Westminster Grange** for spotlighting their curtain restoration project. Thank you to **Mike Lackey**, Real Estate Director for sharing information. Thank you to our National representatives, **Chip and Barbara Narvel** from Delaware.

Thank you to the **Executive Committee**, Master **Cindy Greer**, Overseer **Gary Wardle**, Chairman **Larry Corman**, Committee Members **Alan**

Caldwell and John Hagen, Treasurer **Marlys Halbeisen**, and Secretary **Renee Caldwell** for their hard work all year.

Thank you to those who helped with the silent auction, bringing items,

bidding on items and attending to the tables, and Thank you to everyone behind the scenes who did something we don't know about. We can't say thank you enough to each and every one of you for everything.



State Officers marching in.



The Rose Drill Team.



Juniors marching in to open Session on Saturday.



Dawn Jockman, Teresa Montejano and Lisa Mittan.



The Graces: J Kelly, Terri Costeldia and Janette Oppermann.



Cooks Vince and Julia Oppermann, from Florissant Grange, hard at work catering the banquet for Saturday Night.



Grangers enjoy the Gala Friday Night.



Grangers enjoying the Banquet.

You Are Invited

The following are Subordinate Grange activities you are invited to.

Nov. 12 — Holiday Craft Fair, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Golden Gate Grange, 303-215-9257.

Nov. 13 — Pancake Breakfast, 8-10:30 a.m., Golden Gate Grange, 303-215-9257.

Nov. 13 — Community Harvest Dinner, 1 p.m., Castlewood Grange, 303-829-9936.

Nov. 23 — Free Thanksgiving Dinner, Florissant Grange, 6-9 p.m.

Dec. 10 — Children's Christmas Party with Santa, 1-3 p.m., Florissant Grange, 719-748-5004.

Dec. 10 — Potluck and Christmas Party, 4 p.m., Darden Pomona, 303-233-3393.

Dec. 10 — Free Community Christmas Breakfast and Canned Food Drive, 8-10 a.m., Mt. Allison Grange, 970-884-4762.

Dec. 16 — Waffle Night and White Elephant Gift Exchange, Marvel Grange, 970-588-3386.

Dec. 31 — New Year's Eve Party, 6:30 p.m., Marvel Grange, 970-588-3386.

Darden

Jefferson County

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

December 10 — Darden Pomona meeting at 4 p.m., potluck dinner at 5 p.m. and Christmas Party to follow.

Darden Pomona met September 10 with a potluck dinner followed by the meeting with Marlys Halbeisen presiding and installation of officers by Gary and Kathy Wardle. Delegates to State Session were Marlys Halbeisen and Idella Lewis.

Darden Pomona did the Fifth Degree at the 143rd State Session at Castlewood Grange in September.

December 10 will be the December meeting at Enterprise Grange. Meeting at 4 p.m., Potluck dinner at 5 p.m. followed by the Christmas Party. Remember to bring extra food for the potluck dinner as we will be having guests at the Christmas party and bring popcorn balls for the sacks of candy which will be given out to everyone.

Idella Lewis

Maple Grove

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

Maple Grove Grange met at Wheat Ridge Grange to honor three outstanding Wheat Ridge Grange members in September, Doris Bruntz, and Dave and Edyth Brown.

The October meeting was held Oct. 6. Reports were given on the State Session. Delegates from Maple Grove were J. Kelly and John Cruz. Maple Grove received many awards at the State Session in the various contest events.

Marge Gaitlin is recovering from an aneurysm and we wish her well.

We were glad to see Dean and LaVerne Jessop at the meeting. Dean is recovering from his rehabilitation.

The "Words For Thirds Dictionary Project" was taken to three elementary schools, Kullerstrand, Pennington, and Pleasant View. Labels were in each one with the student's name and presented by Maple Grove Grange. A presentation was given on the information in the dictionaries and then they were handed out to the students who always enjoy receiving them. We handed out approximately 100 dictionaries.

Idella Lewis

Pleasant Park

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

December 10 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Christmas Party and gift exchange.

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

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

A special Thank You to Bob and



Golden Gate Grange held its annual Citizen Recognition Event.

Jean Kuehster for representing Pleasant Park Grange at the State Convention. Our members, Bill Suvada and Mike Olson were honored at the Memorial Service. Our Grange won't be the same without them. They will forever be in our thoughts and hearts.

We were honored to win second place in the Community Service category. Thank you to the Scrapbook Committee for all the time and hard work putting the scrapbook together!

The annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held after the regular meeting on November 12. Abe Lincoln (John Vohl) will be our guest speaker.

The summer went by so quickly and we are now looking forward to the Christmas Party and white elephant gift exchange.

The Bicycle Rest Stop is shut down for the season. Thank you to all the dedicated members who made this another successful year. After taking care of our expenses, the leftover profit will be donated to local non-profit organizations.

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

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

Yvonne Ludwig

Golden Gate

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

November 12 — Holiday Craft Fair, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

November 13 — Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 10:30 a.m.

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

December 1 — Grange Meeting, 3 to 4 p.m.

December 3 — Wreath Making and Kids' Crafts 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

December 11 — Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 10:30 a.m.; Jeffco Foster Kids Gift Drive and Wrapping Party, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Pancake Breakfasts, held on the second Sunday of the month, are a great way to catch up with neighbors and friends. Thanks to Terri Costeldia, Natalie Mozer and Tony Dibonas for running our Pancake Breakfasts all through the summer! Pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee and juice will be served. The price is \$5 for adults.

Grange member Mitch Jarvis brought his Beatles Tribute Band, Captain Quirk and Friends, for a performance at the Golden Gate Grange in July. We were very lucky to have Mitch as a Grange member and for his willingness to bring this amazing event to the Golden Gate Grange. What could be finer than a day under



Rich and Elle Phillips were honored as Grange Members of the Year.



Kirk Johnson was honored as Golden Gate Citizen of the Year.

the beautiful blue Colorado sky with great music! Many thanks to Mitch and his band. We raised about \$500 for our future repairs at the Grange at this event.

Our annual Citizen Recognition Event was held in August. We honored Rich and Elle Phillips as "Grange Members of the Year" and Kirk Johnson as "Citizen of the Year." Go to our website to see the tributes to these very special award recipients.

The Grange hosted the Golden Gate Auxiliary Pig Roast in support of the Golden Gate Fire Protection District Firefighters on September 17 at 5 p.m. A wonderful pulled pork dinner with all the fixings was served. In conjunction with the State Grange, a raffle was held offering a truly unique driving experience donated by Oxotic Cars. The winner will drive one of Oxotic's amazing sports cars through the scenic mountain roads from Golden to Estes Park and back. Thanks to the State Grange for helping us support our volunteer fire fighters! About \$11,000 was raised between the Pig Roast, auctions and the raffle.

The Golden Gate Holiday Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come and find a unique handcrafted gift for your special someone. Crafts will include jewelry, pottery, books, handcrafted knives, photographs, art, knitwear, Christmas ornaments, cards, food items, quilted wall hangings and much more. Admittance is free and lunch will be available. For more information call or email Jayne Ruesch, 303-215-9257, jayruesch@aol.com or Mary Ramstetter, 303-277-0134 or crazy3@gmail.com).

On December 3 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. we will have our wreath-making event. Adults and teens will make their own wreaths from greens gathered in our beautiful foothills. Children will make Christmas and winter ornaments. If you bring your wreath frame from previous years, there is no cost. Wreath frames are \$5. Children's crafts range from \$1 to \$5 depending on the cost of materials. Non-Grange members are asked to pay a \$5 facilities fee.

For the third year we will hold a Holiday Toy and Clothing Drive for the children in Jefferson County Foster Care. Bring your donation of new toys or clothes to the Golden Gate Grange by Sunday, December 11. We will have a huge wrapping party from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come and help us make this Christmas season special for Jeffco's Foster Children. If you bring a gift your breakfast will be free! For more information or questions call Janet Primmer 303 239-6789.

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



Beatles Tribute Band Captain Quirk and Friends performed in July.

Progressive

Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas & Elbert Counties

Grandview

Contact Teresa Montejano, 303-408-7389 or teresamontejano@hotmail.com, for further information.

We are proud to announce that Grandview Grange #151 was awarded \$50 for recruiting 10 new members for 2016 from Colorado State Grange.

Happy Birthday (going on 94) to Grandview Grange Member Paul Hon on December 11!!

(picture)

Help us send him Birthday Wishes to:

Paul Hon
4221 Road Runner Lane
Santa Fe, NM 87507

Teresa Monjeano



Paul Hon



Teresa Montejano, left, and Dawn Jockman with the \$50 check at the 2016 Colorado State Grange Convention.

Castlewood

Contact Secretary Joyce Mountain, 303-829-9936, or Joan Hill, 303-648-3103, for further information.

November 13 — 1 p.m. Community Harvest Dinner. You are Invited!

We thank Skip Hill and Gary Toby for being our representatives to the State Grange Convention Sept. 29 through Oct. 1 and are looking forward to their report.

Castlewood Grange, and I'm sure many other folks who knew Roberta Rehfeld, were very sad to hear of her passing on August 26 in Greeley. She was a longtime member of Grange and served in many capacities at the State, Pomona and local levels. She had been secretary of Castlewood for many years and she will be sorely missed by all. If you wish to donate to her memorial please send your contribution to the Grange Scholarship Fund, 2009 CR 31, Florissant, CO 80816.

Hats off to Joan and Skip Hill who have put in uncountable hours over

Redlands Mesa

Contact Kay Adams, kjadams@tds.net or 970-872-2132, for further information.

October 19 — Potluck at 5:30 p.m., followed by monthly meeting.

October 21 — Bottomless Soup Bowl Buffet at 5:30 p.m.

November 16 — Potluck at 5:30 p.m., followed by monthly meeting.

Nearly 200 people showed up in early September to tour our farms and gardens, connect with our creative neighbors, learn some interesting new skills and savor a tasty lunch of either buffalo, elk or alpaca chili at the Grange Hall.

The "What's Up On Redlands Mesa" tour was a fundraiser for our Grange and the perfect way to introduce folks from all over the Western Slope to our area. The tour included Akuna Matada Alpaca Ranch, High Wire Ranch, featuring grass-fed buffalo and elk, Gini McNair's pottery shop that also featured fused glass jewelry and a very special garden, Peace & Plenty Farm featuring a perennial nursery using biodynamic and permaculture practices and Doug Fritz, our local blacksmith doing demonstrations all day long. In addition, our guests were treated to Lance Swigart's garden where he grows all his own grains, dry beans, fruits, veggies and seeds at 6000' elevation without a greenhouse. Lance also demonstrated how to save seeds which can then be exchanged at the local seed library.

For those guests that wanted to extend their stay, the Colwell Cedars Retreat opened their doors to a world

the years, not only for Castlewood but at the Pomona and State levels of Grange. When Castlewood hosts State Convention they are always there to be sure everything's set to go and easily accessed by all convention attendees. They have always acted selflessly to assure that our Grange is maintained and have always helped each Granger in any way they can. They live 40 miles from the Grange but have rarely missed a meeting or refused to react to emergency needs. Hats off to the Hills!

We are planning our annual harvest dinner on November 13. You and your friends are invited. Castlewood will furnish the turkey, potatoes, gravy, coffee and punch. Please bring a side dish to serve at least six people. We will also provide tableware so come at 1 p.m. to enjoy an afternoon of feasting, celebrating our blessings and visiting with a fun group of people! Please call Joan Hill to let us know you are coming, 303-648-3103.

We wish each of you a wonderful holiday season.

Joyce Mountain



The "What's Up On Redlands Mesa" tour included a stop at Peace & Plenty Farm.

of art and nature that included hiking trails, museum quality art and beautiful views. The evening ended with music and wine tasting at Jack Rabbit Hill, our local vineyard with music provided by The Soul Brothers, one of our talented Grange members and his partner. The event was such a success that we are already planning for next year.

Gloria Crank

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.

La Plata

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

Florida

Contact Elizabeth Hunter, FloridaGrange@yahoo.com, for further information.

Free Breakfast

We are suspending our free breakfasts due to the unpredictable weather until April. Until then have a great winter.

State Grange Convention

The State Grange Convention held at the Castlewood Grange was successful. There was only one election for officers, Larry Corman was re-elected to the Executive Committee.

National Grange Convention

The National Convention is at the Hilton Dulles Airport Hotel in Herndon, Virginia, November 15 thru 19, 2016.

Exhibit Day

Exhibit Day was great. We had a variety of entries by kids and adults alike. Please see our Facebook page for pictures. The potluck which followed was delicious. The awards presentation followed the dinner and talent show. Performing was Isaac Greer on the violin from the Marvel Grange winning 1st Place. Ben Lively from the Florida Grange won 1st Place for his Lego ship.

Free Turkey Dinner And Dessert Auction

Come celebrate our One Hundredth Birthday with us with a turkey dinner and dessert auction on November 5, 2016 at 12 p.m. The admission is a Christmas ornament for our tree. Come and learn how we have spent our years here at the Grange over the last 100 years.

We will have displays of our history and some of our achievements.

Elizabeth Hunter



Isaac Greer from Marvel Grange won 1st Place performing on the violin.



Exhibit Day at Florida Grange.

Mt. Allison

Contact Larry Corman, 970-884-4762 or marvelgrange@gmail.com for more information.

Upcoming events:

November 21 — monthly business meeting, 7 a.m. at Grange Hall.

December 10 — Free Community Christmas Breakfast and canned food drive, 8-10 a.m. at Grange Hall.

December 19 — monthly business meeting, 7 a.m., Grange Hall.

Congratulations to all of our members for their participation and various prizes in both the Exhibit Day and at State Session. We were well represented! A special thanks to Yvonne Chapman for her long hours in putting together all of the information for both the Community Service and Lecturer Books (the "one book").

Thank you to all of those who helped in the Words for 3rds distribution to the Ignacio Elementary School and Hope Community Christian Academy. Approximately 80 dictionaries were distributed this year. This is a great community service project for our Grange; the kids so much appreciate receiving their own dictionary!

Also, congratulations to all of the recently elected officers for this upcoming 2016-17 year:

- Master — Shirley Engler
- Overseer — George Knoll
- Lecturer — Yvonne Chapman
- Steward — Karen Baxter
- Asst. Steward — James Sutton
- Lady Asst. Steward — Trish Corman
- Chaplain — Margaret Sutton
- Treasurer — Sharon Nossaman
- Secretary — Larry Corman
- Gatekeeper — Phil Meunier
- Ceres — Vickie Sutton-Gallegos
- Pomona — Norma Conley
- Flora — Joyce Knoll
- Exec Committee — James Sutton (1st year), Norma Conley (2nd year); Sharon Nossaman (3rd year)
- Larry Corman

Marvel

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

December 2 — Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

December 16 — Waffle Night & White Elephant Gift Exchange.

December 31 — Free Community Breakfast, 8-10 a.m.

December 31 — New Year's Eve Party, 6:30 p.m.

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

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

In September we welcomed Christy Martinez as a new member!! And had a local foods potluck and talked about possible programs and activities for the coming year.

October 15 we hosted the League of Women Voters at the FLM elementary school to explain the ballot issues. We also had three bond issues that we received information on.

October 17 our Grange hosted the County Commissioner On the Road meeting at the Grange hall.

We had three Marvel Grange members volunteer to judge the costume contest at the FLM elementary School carnival.

October 29 we had a free community breakfast.

Cindy Greer

Marvel JGs

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The Junior Grange met on September 12 at 9:30 a.m. and worked on National creative writing entries and painted wooden spoons. We checked out our garden and picked pumpkins, squash and gourds in October. We are still trying to figure out what day to meet and what time.

Cindy Greer



Refreshments were served by Joan Collin, Joyce Caddy, Cathy Loss and Joyce Loss, during Colona's centennial celebration.

Ginny Harrington with the centennial picture that will become a fixture in the Colona Grange building after the restoration work is completed.



Colona

Contact Wanda Miller, chevyla dy5@aol.com or 970-249-5024, for further information.

October 26 — Potluck at 6:30 p.m., followed by meeting.

November 24 — Soup dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by meeting.

December 25 — Happy Holidays, no meeting in December.

At our August picnic and Grange meeting, it was voted to retain officers for the coming year.

September was a busy month for Colona Grange. We enjoyed a two day visit by Colorado State Grange President Cindy Greer and husband Harry Greer. Our doors are always open to visitors.

On September 24, we hosted a visit by members of the Colorado Preservation, Inc. (CPI) board of directors. While visiting, CPI did extensive filming of our building, both inside and outside for part of a documentary on Threatened and Endangered Places in Colorado. Before leaving Cindy Nasky, CPI Preservation Services Director, reviewed the History Colorado grant and upcoming work with Harry D. Loss, Colona Grange President; Cindy Greer, Colorado State Grange President and Wanda Miller, Colona Grange Secretary. Colorado Preservation, Inc. will be administering the



Cindy Greer and Claudia, the Colona Grange animal.

building restoration/rehabilitation work to be done using a \$200,000 grant from History Colorado. When the work is in progress, we will meet at locations to be determined as needed.

On September 25, we celebrated our building's centennial with cupcakes and cookies for the public. We were pleased to see an article celebrating 100 years of the Colona School and later Colona Grange Hall, written by Marilyn Cox, in the History section of *Montrose Daily Press*.

Cindy and Harry Greer attended the centennial and introduced the community to Claudia, the Colorado Grange animal.

We were happy to unveil the centennial picture that will become a fixture in our building after upcoming restoration work is completed. A thank you to Ginny Harrington for the work she did to obtain the picture and to Cara Miller for supplying the photos used and basic picture design.

Tables with school and Grange displays were prepared by Ginny Harrington and Cara Miller. Decorations following the theme of the school colors of blue and orange were used on tables in the kitchen/lunch room area. Refreshments were served by Joan Collin, Joyce Caddy, Cathy Loss and Joyce Loss. Wanda Miller, Harry D. Loss, Ginny Harrington and Cara Miller answered questions. We were very happy to have Cindy Greer available to answer questions about the Grange organization. Harry Greer was very helpful and provided us with information about other school buildings and painted stage curtains.

We would like to give Harry Greer a special thank you for spotting pencil writing on the unpainted portions of our stage set. Cara Miller and Marilyn Cox did extensive search to record the pencil writings and were able to date the names found back to the 1940s. Discovery of the writing and dates proves the stage set has been in place for over 50 years. The age of the writings gives various dates and verifies the stage set as old enough that it can qualify as a historical artifact of significance.

Cara Miller

Pikes Peak

El Paso and Teller Counties

Florissant

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

November 23, 6 p.m. — Free Thanksgiving Dinner. Our night before Thanksgiving feast has become quite popular. Thanks to our volunteers who cook, bake, and just help out all around we usually serve over 100 folks on that Wednesday evening. A nice community get-together.

December 10, 1-3 p.m. — Children's Christmas Party. Mr. and Mrs. Claus always join us for this event. Kids can get their picture taken with them, tell Santa what they're

wishing for and (if they've been good) receive some treats!

December 17, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. — Last Minute Craft Show. People looking for that special handmade Christmas gift or just procrastinators in general can always find that one of a kind something made by our local crafters.

Every Thursday, all year we have music by the Florissant Jammers. Potluck starts at 6 p.m., music from 6:30 p.m. until the musicians pack up. If you play an instrument, feel free to join us for a jam session.

In other news. We recently attended our State Grange Session. Lots of food, fun, food, friends (that we don't get to see very often) and food. We even managed to squeeze in some important work there too. I was on the Agriculture committee this year. The

resolutions brought up were very interesting to me. I had no idea that some of these things were going on in the state. I would urge everybody to volunteer to be a delegate at future sessions so you can really see what the Grange stands for. Did I mention there's also lots of good food at these sessions?

Speaking of food, the Florissant Grange provided two of the breakfasts so a HUGE thank you to my partners for helping those two early mornings. Janette Oppermann, Sue Zaba, Renee Caldwell, Dave Luetkenhaus, Jeanette and Ed Zupancic and Vince and Julia Oppermann (who also cooked the banquet dinner). Also a big thanks to Alan Caldwell for making the Wal-Mart runs for us.

Florissant Grange members had a number of entries in the different cate-

gories of writing, art, etc. Some of them even took home ribbons.

Leisha Lanz, 1st place for Embroidery.

Trina Borst, 1st place for Fine Art.

Renee Caldwell, 1st place for Sewing, 1st place for With Pen in Hand, 1st and 2nd place for Special Gifts and 2nd place for Crafts.

Grange #420 was also fortunate enough to win recognition for membership (2nd place) and the Lecturer's Star Award for outstanding achievement. Last but not least were the two ribbons presented to us for Community Dinner and Outstanding Yearbook.

Again thanks to all our members who participated. Lots of hard work but, worth it.

Ed Oppermann



Florissant Grangers serving breakfast at State Session.



Resolutions Passed At The 2016 State Session

The following is a list of Resolutions adopted at the Colorado State Grange Session, September 29-October 1, 2016.

AG-1

FARM AND RANCH WORK AS A MEANS TO HEAL PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL WOUNDS OF WAR.

RESOLVED, that Colorado State Grange supports and encourages programs to meet the needs of PTSD veterans to become engaged in farming and ranching, and therefore be it RESOLVED, that Colorado State Grange encourages farmers and ranchers to consider involvement in programs to provide the PTSD veterans with a work and training environment.

AG-2 RIVER FLOWS

RESOLVED, that Colorado State Grange lobby the Colorado legislature to ensure that the State Engineer and employees or contractors of the State not be allowed to divert water from one stream or river by any means to another simply to provide water to another state to fulfill demands; and be it further RESOLVED, that Colorado State Grange lobby the Colorado legislature to ensure that terms of employment for all State Department of Natural Resources employees include a requirement that they make provision for Colorado residents before providing for anyone out of state concerning water in streams, rivers or tributaries.

AG-3

COLORADO STATE GRANGE TO REPEAT OUR SUPPORT FOR THE NORTHERN INTEGRATED SUPPLY PROJECT AND ENCOURAGE A SPEEDY CONSTRUCTION OF THE GLADE AND PRAIRIE RESERVOIRS.

RESOLVED, that CSG continues to support construction of Glade and Prairie off stream reservoirs.

EHEW-1

RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSITION 69

(to create a single payer healthcare system in Colorado)

RESOLVED, that Colorado State Grange opposes Colorado Care and, be it further

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

GA-1

EXPANDING CONTEST CLASS DESIGNATIONS

RESOLVED, that the contest class designations be changed as follows:

Food Preservation

1. Canned Food
2. Jams
3. Jellies
4. Juices
5. Salsa
6. Pickles

Needlework

- F. Hand Quilted Quilts
- G. Machine Quilted Quilts
- H. Table Runners
- I. Wall Hangings
- J. Adult Garments
- K. Child Garments
- L. Aprons
- M. Stuffed Toys
- N. Quilt Block Contest Entry
- O. Miscellaneous — anything with fabric, thread or yarn

GOTO-1

AMEND SECTION 4.17.1 OF NATIONAL GRANGE BYLAWS

RESOLVED, that 4.17.1 of the Bylaws of the National Grange be amended to read as follows:

“4.17.1 Bylaws of the National Grange — (A) By-Laws of the National Grange with the exception of sections pertaining to dues may be adopted, amended or repealed in whole or in part by the five-sixths vote of the delegates present and voting at a meeting at which a quorum is present. If the vote in favor of adoption is less than five-sixths, but more than two-thirds, the proposal shall lay over until the next annual session, where it will require a two-thirds vote for adoption. 4.17.1(B) Any dues increase shall require adoption by two-thirds majority at two consecutive sessions.”; and be it further RESOLVED, that Colorado State Grange opposes this change.

GOTO-3

ELIMINATE RESTRICTION ON DUAL GRANGE OFFICES

RESOLVED, that the bylaws of the National Grange be amended in the *National Grange Digest* (sections 4.10.2, 4.6.4, 4.6.9 and 4.6.7) to remove the wording that restricts a person from holding the same office in more than one Grange with the exception of Master; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Colorado State Grange supports this change in the *National Grange Digest* at the second reading at National Grange convention.

GOTO-4

GRANGE AND DRUGS

RESOLVED, that the National Grange *Digest of Laws* be amended by inserting a new section following Chapter 10, Article 11, and renumbering the existing Article 12:

“**Illegal Drugs** 10.12.1 All Granges are prohibited from allowing the use of Schedule I drugs, as defined by the federal Controlled Substances Act (CSA), in a Grange hall or on any Grange property or at any Grange meeting in buildings or on property not owned by the Grange. 10.12.2 Section

1 of this Article shall apply to all Schedule II through V drugs as defined by the CSA except those held in lawful possession as prescribed by a licensed physician.

10.12.3 No Grange shall allow on Grange property any other person to engage in activities that circumvent Section 10.12.1 or encourage the disregard of the CSA; and be it further RESOLVED, that Colorado State Grange supports these additions to the *Digest*.

GOTO-7

RECOGNIZE CAROLINE A. HALL

RESOLVED, that the National Grange recommends that the Assembly of Demeter vote to direct the High Priest of Demeter to set aside in the Sacred Record appropriate pages with photo and biographical information and the recognition of Caroline Arabella Hall’s status as an equal Founder of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry; and be it further RESOLVED, that Colorado State Grange supports this recommendation.

GOTO-8

STATE GRANGE BUDGET

RESOLVED, that the Colorado State Grange proactively establish a revenue committee that includes one member of the Colorado State Grange executive committee and four other members (as chosen by the state Master and Overseer) to explore revenue resources including, but not limited to grants, etc., the committees term to coincide with the election of State Officers and be it further

RESOLVED, that the revenue committee shall make recommendations to the Colorado State Grange Executive Committee every six months beginning June 1, 2017; and be it further RESOLVED, that the revenue committee meet via computer or phone, eliminating any additional expense to the Colorado State Grange.

L/T-1

RAISE THE BAR

RESOLVED, that Colorado State Grange supports a favorable vote on Amendment 71.

L/T-2

RURAL FREE DELIVERY

RESOLVED, that National Grange, during this 150th anniversary year prepare certificates that subordinate Granges can order and frame or have framed to present to their local Post office for display, and be it further

RESOLVED, that National Grange pursue any necessary legislative or other measures to grant permission for these framed certificates to be on display in the rural post offices, and be it further

RESOLVED, that National Grange prepare an appropriate certificate to be presented to the Smithsonian Rural Free exhibit building that already commemorates National Grange’s Contribution to the Rural Free Delivery system.



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