

## Scholarships

**Colorado State Grange Leadership/Scholarship Foundation**  
Applications must be received by April 15. Applications can be downloaded from the Web site or contact Pat Quick.

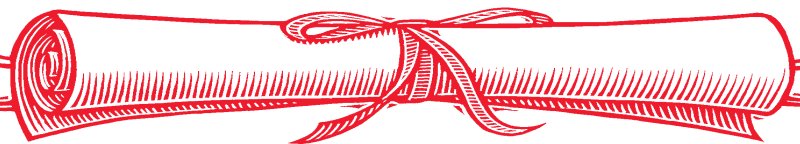
The Colorado State Grange Leadership/Scholarship Foundation is a non-profit organization that holds and distributes money for educational purposes. The Foundation enables Granges or Grangers who want to donate money as tax incentives to help in scholarship/leadership roles. Donations may be made to the State Grange Office. When memorial donations are made, the remembered person's name is printed in the Book of Memories and read at the annual State Grange Session Memorial Service.

Scholarships are awarded to applicants attending a Colorado accredited college, university or any Colorado state licensed vocational school. It is required that applicants be initiated Grange members with at least one year's membership, or children or grandchildren of such members. Supportive members are not eligible.

### Grange Insurance Association Scholarship Program

Applications may be secured from: Grange Insurance Association, P.O. Box 21089, Seattle, WA 98111-1089.

Grange Insurance Association (GIA) awards scholarships annually to policyholders or their children. Winners may take any course of study at any accredited school.



## Contacts

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### All State Directors

Call individuals listed for questions or suggestions regarding any programs and activities.

## Public Relations

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We would like for each Grange to submit an annual report due September 5. This can be done on one page or you can include press releases, promotion materials and pictures. Recognition awards will be given.

If you would like help in writing press releases, printing a brochure or business cards, sending out e-mail regarding an upcoming event or putting information on the Grange Web site please contact the State Office. Would you like to serve on the State Grange Public Relations Team?

### PLAN, PROMOTE, PARTICIPATE

We want to know what your Grange is doing. Please send articles for the *Colorado Granger*.

### 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, 7275 S Lima St., Centennial, CO 80112-3850, fax 303-708-0411 or e-mail cogrange@na800.net.

## Women's Resources

### Lisa Cole, Director

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The Women's Resources program is a multigenerational, future oriented, creative program promoting activities and education specifically for women. We wish to expand the education of all women and broaden their interests in our world today through economic, cultural programs, the arts, politics, and many other activities, as well as through the promotion of personal and professional growth of women. We encourage leadership and legacy by giving back to existing programs through mentoring, and service opportunities.

Retreats and workshops throughout the State will offer a variety of programs for all women — Grangers, friends and family are all included.

The National Grange has a free publication "The New Grange" which is mailed bimonthly. Add your name to the mailing list at Info@nationalgrange.org or through the mail at National Grange, 1616 H Street, NW Washington, DC 20006.

# Colorado State Grange Program Handbook

September 1, 2012 - August 31, 2013



## Guide To Contests And Programs

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

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# P.I.C.K.

People Improving Communities And Kids — The Heart Of The Grange

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Size — minimum 2-1/4" x 1/4" and no larger than 8-1/2" x 5-1/2".

Card may be decorated with any medium.

First place will receive \$25, Second Place \$15 and Third Place \$10.

Cards will not be returned.

Cards will be judged at the Colorado State Grange Convention.

Cards will be grouped and sold in the PICK silent auction.

Each project must be labeled with the Name of the entrant, age of entrant, mailing address of entrant, and sponsoring Grange

### 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 workshops completion the Grange seeking funding must report the outcome of the workshop and provide one photo. This report can be sent via e-mail. We would like to know how many attended the workshop. Funding must be returned if the Grange fails to report within in 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.

### Inspirational Grange Recognition Award

To be a Grange that strives to be the center of their community should be one of the Goals each Grange has. Certificates of recognition will be given to Granges who achieve different levels of being the center of their community. In order to be considered for the certificate a Grange will need to complete the All Star Grange Report and sent it to PICK Secretary, Cindy Greer by September 5.

- Gold Inspirational Granges are those who complete 91-100% of the items on the report.
- Silver Inspirational Granges are those who complete 81-90% of the items on the report.
- Diamond Inspirational Granges are those who complete 71-80% of the items on the report.
- Ruby Inspirational Granges are those who complete at least 60-70% of the items on the report

## Colorado Grange Museum

21901 E. Hampden Ave.  
Aurora, CO 80013-5019

Museum Tours by Reservation Only.

For Reservations or Information Call:

**Secretary Pat Quick**

at 303-690-7393 or pat\_quick@comcast.net

# Junior Grange • Ages 5-14

## Cindy Greer, Director

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### Junior Grange Contests

- Open to anyone ages 5 to 14, Junior Grange member and non-members.
- All entries must be labeled with name, age, sponsoring Grange or Junior Grange, member or non-member, and class.
- Items will be judged on neatness, creativity, appropriateness and ability for age.
- All entries are due by noon on Thursday of State Session.
- There will be two age categories 5-9 and 10-14.
- Children may enter more than one item in each class.

**Creative Writing Project** — Open to member and non-member. 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.

**Art Contest** — Any medium may be used. (pencil, crayon, oil, acrylic, chalk, clay, etc.). Maximum size of entry must not exceed 14"x14". There is no minimum.

**Photography** — Size: not to exceed 5x7. Prints only, do not have to be matted or framed.

- A. People
- B. Scenes
- C. Animals

**No-Bake Cookies** — 7 cookies, exhibited on a disposable base in a zip-lock type bag. The recipe must be included. Cookies will not be returned.

### Crafts:

- A. Jewelry
- B. Recycled Craft — any item made using something one generally throws away (no larger than a shoe box).
- C. Nature Craft — Any item made from nature (rocks, pinecones, seeds, etc.).
- D. Needlework — knitting, crochet, embroidery, latch-hook, Quilt block, etc.
- E. Miscellaneous
- F. Scrapbook (ages 11-14) make a scrapbook with 5 pages of your favorite sports activity (pages no larger than 8-1/2" x 11", placed in a notebook).

**Outstanding Junior Granger Award** — Any Subordinate Grange member may nominate a Junior Grange member for this award. A short write-up on what makes them an outstanding Junior Granger must be submitted. (The write up may include examples of their activities in their Junior Grange and community, along with a few pictures.) The Junior Grangers will be recognized at the State Grange Convention.

**Membership Award** — An award will be presented to the Junior Grange member who recruits the most friends to join. A short description of what was completed should be sent to the director by September 5.

**Community Service Award** — An award will be presented to the Junior Grange member who demonstrates a caring nature through helping out their community. A short description of what was completed by September 5.

### National Junior Grange Department Opportunities — Junior Grangers In Action

#### Creative Writing Contest:

*As told to ... 7 and under:*

What is your favorite game to play outside?

*Written by ... 8-10:*

What do you do for fun in your Junior Grange?

*Written by ... 11-14:*

How do you keep your Junior Grange in action?

**Creative Art Contest** — draw a picture of your Junior Grange in Action

**Sign-A-Song Contest** — manually sign the Alphabet: Ages 8-14

Sign-A-Song contest — Ages 8-14

**Junior Regional Public Speaking Contest** — Deliver a prepared speech on a topic of your choice. Ages 8-10, 11-12, 13-14.

**Merit Badge/Puzzle Pieces** — See National Junior Grange web site for details.

### Super J.G. Award

### Ambassador Program

### Kelley Farm Project

**Host State Study 2013** — New Hampshire

**Talent Contest** — A Junior Talent Contest will be held during State Grange Session. **Three Classes: 1: Vocal; 2. Instrumental; 3: Variety Act.** Performance not to exceed six minutes. Prizes will be awarded. Please notify State Office or Junior Director of intent to enter.

**Junior Grange Day** — A luncheon to be held during State Session where awards will be presented. After lunch we will have fun playing arcade games and participating in activities such as putt-putt golf and laser tag.

# Youth Program

## State Grange Office

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The Youth Department is open to all ages with only a couple of contests restricted to age. Thus, anyone from very youthful to youthful seniors can enter these contests! Here are some of the dates that Youth should be aware of for 2013.

**June 1 (Tentative)** – Entries due for Public Speaking and Sign a Song

**TBA** – Great Plains Conference

**September 5 (Tentative)** – National Grange Youth Officers Team applications due (NGYOT)

**September 5 (Tentative)** – Horizon Leadership AMBASSADOR applications due

**September 5 (Tentative)** – John Trimble Youth Legislative Experience participant applications due

**September 5 (Tentative)** – Writing Entries due

**September 5 (Tentative)** – Young Couple application due

**September 26-28** – Colorado State Session

**November 12-16** – National Grange Session in Manchester, New Hampshire

There are many contests and activities available for the youth. Please submit your ideas and suggestions to the State Youth Department. Send your e-mail and/or snail mail address to the State Directors to receive upcoming information. Check the National Grange Web site ([www.nationalgrange.org](http://www.nationalgrange.org)) and the State Grange Web site ([coloradograngegrange.org/youth](http://coloradograngegrange.org/youth)) for youth programs and updated information. Remember you are a Grange member! Participate in all Grange activities and programs. Help make the Grange **GROW!**

### Emergency Capital Improvement Projects —

This is a temporary loan to help a Grange with an emergency that affects the availability of the use of the building in the community. For example if the water heater, heater or some other aspect needs repair or replacement and the Grange doesn't have enough funds to replace it for a period of time these funds can be applied for. Or if vandal's strike and windows or doors need replaced or fixed immediately funds can be applied for. There is no time limit on the loan and there will be no interest charged.

- The Grange must provide current information on balances in checking, savings and CDs or other invested funds when applying.
- The Grange must also provide a list or regular/monthly/periodical expenses that help prove that they are in need of assistance.
- Maximum amount available per incident is \$250.00.
- The Grange must provide quarterly reports on activities that prove their efforts to earn the funds to repay the loan.

### Juniors/Youth Project

Every Grange needs to connect with the youth in their community. Each Grange can connect with the youth and not have a specific Junior Grange or Youth program. We would like each Grange to promote participation in a special project.

### Create A Thank You Card (2013)

Open to any individual between the ages of 4 and 19. There will not be any age divisions at the State level. A Grange may want to have age groups and provide prizes or obtain sponsors for prizes on a local level.

Cards should be made out of heavy duty paper or cardstock

## Outstanding Granger Contest

*Entries are due September 5 to State Grange Office.* The Outstanding Granger will be nominated by a sponsor and the sponsor will be responsible for sending in a booklet containing letters of recommendation, pictures, articles and other supportive material. Contact the State Office for a Guideline Form.

# Deaf Activities

*The purpose of the Deaf Activities program is to educate Grange members and community members about deafness, hearing loss and hearing protection.*

## Do You Know The Signs Posters/Brochures

Every Grange hall should have a "DO YOU KNOW THE SIGNS" poster up in their building 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 in your meeting place.

Every preschool and kindergarten class should have a "DO YOU KNOW THE SIGNS" poster and brochures made available to them. Please contact your local schools to see if they would be willing to put up one of these posters or distribute brochures. Early intervention is important to a child's learning when hearing loss is involved. Posters and brochures can be obtained through the State Office or the Deaf Activities Director.

## Colorado School For The Deaf And Blind

We encourage each Grange to collect Campbell's product UPC symbols for the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind. UPC symbols can be brought to the State Convention or sent to the State Director or State Office.

# 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.

Flyers 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.

## Spare Change For Mandy Project

Here's an idea of how to get people to donate to the Mandy Project. Take a small coffee can or some other type of container and attach a sign or label to the container stating what the funds will be used for. Place it in a visible place in your Grange Hall or meeting place and remind members of it at each meeting. Leave the can out when other groups are using the hall, that way we allow others to help us with the project. Periodically collect the contents of the can and keep a record of how much was collected. At the end of September send the amount collected to P.I.C.K. for the Mandy Project. Donations should be sent or delivered to P.I.C.K., Attention: Cindy Greer, Mandy Project Coordinator, 7629 C.R. 100, Hesperus, CO 81326-9311.

## Helen Condron, Director

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## Subordinate And Pomona Grange Activities Suggestions:

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

## Sign A Song Contest

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

- Participants are to submit three copies of the words to the song they are signing.
- Participants must provide their own music. A cassette and CD player will be available.
- Anyone who is a professional instructor or receives money for signing may not enter.
- Signers must use total communication techniques: Sign Language, facial expressions, mouthing of words for lip reading, finger spelling if appropriate, and body movement.
- Props and costumes are not allowed, rhythm is optional.
- There are three categories
  - Novice** — one who is beginning to learn sign, has had no more than three sign language classes and has entered the Sign a Song contest no more than two years.
  - Hobbyist** — one who signs on an occasional basis and strictly for fun. One who has entered the Sign a Song contest more than two years.
  - Group** — two or more people signing.
- Only one song may be signed during the competition performance. Medleys are not allowed.
- Participants must sign their own name and song title.
- First place winners will receive \$25.00.

# Family And Women's Activities

## Joan Hill and LaVerne Jessop, Co-Directors

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*We will continue to collect used eyeglasses and cancelled stamps.*

## Baking One Entry Per Class

### Class A — Cakes

Butter Cake, frosted (shortening as an ingredient)

### Class B — Altered Cake Mix

### Class C — Yeast Bread

One loaf or seven rolls

### Class D — Sweet Rolls

Seven made with yeast

### Class E — Bar Cookies

Seven per plate

### Class F — Drop Cookies

Seven per plate

### Class G — Quick Breads

Fruit or nut containing no yeast

### Class H — Fudge

All kinds, seven pieces per plate

### Class I — Other Candy

Seven pieces per plate

All Baking Contest entries will be judged at State Session in September. All baked and food preservation items become the property of the State Women's Activities Director to be sold following judging. All baking entries are to be exhibited on a disposable base and placed in a zip-lock bag. The recipe must accompany the entry and must be printed or typed on a standard recipe card. The name, address of contestant, sponsoring Grange name, and Class must be written on the back of the recipe card, which will be covered during judging. Baking contestants **must be Grange members in good standing.**

## Needlework, Quilting And Sewing

### One Entry Per Class

#### Needlework

Class A — Crochet Doilies, Centerpieces, or Table Toppers

Class B — Crochet or Knit Afghans (any size)

Class C — Crochet or Knit Sweaters (any size)

Class D — Crochet (miscellaneous)

Class E — Embroidery

(any item — back must be uncovered)

Class F — Decorator Pillows

#### Quilts (any size)

Class G — Machine Quilted Quilt

(Note size: twin, full, queen, king)

Class H — Machine Quilted Table Runner

Class I — Machine Quilted Wall Hanging

(not to exceed 36" x 54")

#### Sewing

Class J — Adult Garment

Class K — Child's

Garment

Class L — Aprons

Class M — Stuffed

Toys

All needlework items, quilts and sewing items must be labeled with

contestant's name, address, sponsoring Grange name, and class. If you are a professional please

add PROF after class (ie, J-PROF)

Needlework, Quilt and Sewing Contest judging will be held in October at State Session and are open to non-Grange members.

All items must be finished within the Grange year (9/1/2012-8/31/2013). First place will only be awarded when the judges feel it is deserved.

*There is still a need for book bags — please use heavy material and provide an age appropriate children's books.*

**Baby Quilts Project** — we will continue to collect baby quilts (these are not judged). They will be left in the area where State Session is being held.

**Clothing Protector Project** — we will continue to collect clothing protectors (bibs for adults, also not judged). They will go to area nursing homes (or where they are needed). Please contact LaVerne or Joan for directions.

**Amputee Covers** — Please contact LaVerne or Joan for more information.

**Christmas Tree Ornaments for National Grange** — Please contact LaVerne or Joan for more information.

## Food Preservation

### Guidelines:

- Canned entries must be in clean, clear standard glass canning jars sealed with new clean lids.
- Headspace will be considered when items are judged.
- Label entry with the following additional information: Name of item — Month and year processed — **Method of process**
- Some entries **may** be opened for judging.
- Dried goods should be exhibited in snack or pint size sealable bags.

- Classes:**
- Dried Foods
  - Canned Foods
  - Jelly or Jam
  - Pickled Food Items

All baked and food preservation items become the property of the State Women's Activities Director to be sold following judging.

## National Quilt Block Contest

Pattern and colors will be coming from National. Check upcoming issues of *The Colorado Granger* for more information.



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

# Membership Program

## Kathy Wardle, State Lecturer

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### Lecturer's Star Awards

Lecturers completing the Star Report form and returning it to the State Lecturer by **September 5, 2013**, will be eligible for the following Star Awards. Star certificates will be awarded to each Grange earning any of the following possible stars.

- **Gold Star — Information:** Programs/activities providing education, 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: your own website, e-blasts, Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn in addition to 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 given. This award will be based on the Star Report form.

### Performing Arts

Regional *Showcases* will be held in the following areas: Denver metro area, Durango area, Montrose area, and the Colorado Springs area, provided a host can be obtained.

Each Grange in the area is encouraged to bring at least one participant to the area *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. Juniors 5-13
- II. 14 and over.

The statewide *Showcase*, featuring regional winners, will be held at the State Convention following the *Final Banquet*. Those wishing to participate in the *Talent Contest* need to notify the State Lecturer on 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 at the National Convention in November. Some financial assistance for travel will be available to that entry.

#### Classes:

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

### Chili Cook-off And Pie Contest

Granges that sponsor a **Community Chili Cook-off** and a **Homemade Pie Contest** will be recognized. Pies may be auctioned off as a fund raiser to help Colorado send a talent participant to the National Grange Evening of Excellence or for a fund raiser for the sponsoring Grange.

### 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.
- A written list of winners will be available after the judging.
- Awards: First place receives \$5, second place \$3 and third place \$2.
- A **Best of Show** will be awarded.
- The **Grange** with the most entries will receive **The Colorado State Grange Lecturer's Participation Award**.
- **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. Scrapbooks
  5. Special Gifts

#### Photography

##### Guidelines:

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

- Professional photographers may not enter the contest (professionals make their living through photography.)
- Judging Criteria:**
- Composition and arrangement — Interest — Presentation — Technique

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

#### With Pen in Hand

##### Guidelines:

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

##### Judging Criteria:

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

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

### Community Garden Program

Subordinate and Pomona Granges completing any category and reporting on the Community Garden Program Form (to be mailed to Subordinate Granges and due to the State Lecturer on September 5, 2013) will receive a Community Garden Award. A Grand Prize will be awarded to a Grange in each category if appropriate.

#### Categories:

- **Establish a Community Garden** — Grange members create a community garden area for their Grange or a garden area with plots that can be planted by community groups or individuals.
- **Plant a Garden in an established Community Garden** — Grange members plant a garden in an already established community garden and reap the bounty
- **Share the Harvest** — Grange members and friends donate excess crops to the local food bank or pantry or a deserving family. Keep track of amount donated.
- **Community Produce Contest** — Sponsor a "Best Vegetable or Produce" contest for your community. Establish your own judging criteria.
- **Community Food Preservation Contest** — Sponsor a food preservation contest for your community. Use the rules for our Women's Activities Food Preservation state contest or make your own rules.

## Legislative

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Do you have a desire to improve your community, state and nation through constructive, nonpartisan political action? A single idea presented to a local Grange can change our nation by becoming Grange policy.

The National Grange is headquartered in Washington, D.C. just a few blocks from the nation's capital and continues to serve as a strong legislative force with "grassroots" legislative policy.

The focus of the State Grange Legislative Department is to continue to have our voice heard on many important issues. Resolutions may be submitted by Subordinate and Pomona Granges to the State Office for the Colorado State Session in October.

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The Colorado State Membership program will offer rewards for new members joining between September 1, 2012-August 31, 2013.

- 1) Granger will receive an award for each new member
- 2) Granger who brings in the most new members
- 3) Grange with the most new members
- 4) Pomona with the most new members

*The Membership Department has purchased the following equipment which is available for your use. Contact the State Grange Office.*

1. A LCD Projector which will hook-up to your laptop or any portable computer. It can be used to project whatever image is on your computer screen. It's great for power point presentations or slide shows.
2. Two high quality tri-fold display boards for your Grange to use when setting up an informational or membership recruiting display in your community. These display boards are blue felt on one side and white dry-erase board on the other. And the system is interchangeable so you could display one dry board and two flannel boards, or any combination, if desired. Each panel is 34" x 22". They are designed to set atop a table and create a professional table display. One is at the State Office and one is in Durango.

## Community Service

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### September 5 — Deadline for contest reports.

Watch for Community Service suggestions in *The Colorado Granger*. A CS packet to be e-mailed and/or mailed to each Grange. April is Grange month and an ideal time to promote projects and recognize Grangers and non-Grangers who are making a difference with their volunteer work. Participate in the State Deaf Education, Mandy Project, P.I.C.K., Emergency Relief Program, Family and Women's Activities, Junior Grange and Youth projects.

**State Community Service Contest** — A report form will be sent to each Grange. Include pictures and news articles with the report form (deadline is September 5).

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

**Empty Plate Project** — Granges are encouraged to collect non-perishable food items for local food pantries.