

Colorado State Grange Program Handbook

September 1, 2018 - August 31, 2019



Guide To Contests And Programs

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

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P.I.C.K.

People Improving Communities And Kids — The Heart Of The Grange

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

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

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

Specific areas of interest to PICK are as follows:

- **Mandy Project** — We supplement applications received by CSG as needed.
- **Youth and Juniors** — We support educational camps, seminars, workshops and retreats focusing on leadership, strengthening community involvement, developing and enhancing awareness of cultural and social unity specifically for Youth. Granges desiring to start a program needing some financial assistance can apply to PICK.
- **Community Improvement** — We encourage Granges to continue to bring Community Improvement Projects to their community. This includes keeping their building up-to-date and usable, thus a need for capital improvement projects is in order and we will assist Granges in seeking grants for capital improvement projects. An Emergency project fund has been established. Contact PICK secretary for details.
- **Women's Resources** — Educating the community about safe and proper methods of food preservation is quickly making a comeback. The Grange can be a leader in making sure men and women who are interested in food preservation are educated and well informed. We encourage each Grange to sponsor a food preservation program using a reliable source to conduct the workshop. If funds are needed to obtain a reliable source and your Grange does not have funding you can apply for partial assistance. Proof of completion of the workshop is required. If funds are requested the following information must be included:

Grange Name and Number, Contact Person, Address, Date of workshop, Name of workshop expert, Qualifications of workshop expert. Thirty days following the workshop's completion the Grange

Colorado State Grange Leadership/ Scholarship Foundation Scholarships

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

COLORADO GRANGER

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

seeking funding must report the outcome of the workshop and provide one photo. This report can be sent via email. We would like to know how many attended the workshop. Funding must be returned if the Grange fails to report within 30 days.

- **Women's Health Issues** — are unique and we encourage you to consider hosting an educational program on a health issue that is important to your community.
- **Creative and Performing Arts** — PICK will supplement prizes for contests open to non-members. We will help Talent participants with travel expenses to the National showcase.

Health Awareness Department

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

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

Activity Ideas include:

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

Junior Grange Contests

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- Open to anyone ages 1 to 14, Junior Grange members and non-members.
- Age category is determined by the age of the child as of Dec. 31 of the current Grange year.
- All entries must be labeled with name, age, sponsoring Grange or Junior Grange, member or non-member, and class.
- Items will be judged on neatness, creativity, appropriateness and ability for age.
- All entries are due by noon on Thursday of State Session.
- There will be three age categories: under 5, 5-9 and 10-14.
- Children may enter more than one item in each class but are limited to no more than three items per class.
- First, Second and Third Place will be awarded in each class and age group.
- Entries will be judged at State Session. All entries must be submitted on Thursday morning.

Art Contest —

Any medium may be used. There is no minimum or maximum size.

1. Water Color
2. Other Mediums

Photography —

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

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

Cookies —

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

Cookies will not be returned.

Crafts —

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

Growth —

Any type of plant that the Junior has grown from a seed or is taken as an offshoot. These will be judged on health of plant as well as creativity of planter.

Creative Writing Project —

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

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



Mini-Scrapbook Contest —

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

Digital Scrapbook —

See Mini-Scrapbook above.

Creative Art Contest —

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

Public Speaking —

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

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

Talent —

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

Sign A Song: Categories —

- Individual Sign A Song Contest: Ages 11-14
 - Group Sign A Song Contest: Two or more Junior Grangers. All members must be 9-14 years of age.
- Contest held in conjunction with the Lecturer's program at State.

Merit Badge Program —

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

HOST State Study — Vermont

Kelley Farm project

Super J.G. Award

Junior Ambassadors

Junior Grange Recruiter

Junior Grange Camp —

In 2019 there will be up to three different Jr. Grange camps. One will be held in the southwestern part of Colorado and the other will be held in the northeast region. Two of these camps will be a "Grange Camp Out" and will include fun activities and an age appropriate community service project. Each camp will present all attendees the opportunity to earn multiple merit badges. DATES TBC. **The Third Camp will be decided at State Session and the date is TBD.**

Talent Contest —

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

- 1: Vocal;
2. Instrumental;
3. Comedy.

Prizes will be awarded. Please notify Director of intent to enter.

National Opportunities:

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

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



Mandy Project

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The purpose of the Mandy Project is to help children with hearing loss to become productive citizens and to provide assistance to a family experiencing hardship due to a child's hearing loss.



As many children will be helped as possible and as funds are available. Families with a child who has a hearing loss will be chosen through the application process to receive funding assistance to help cover costs of hearing aids, speech therapy, surgery or other related expenses.

Brochures can be obtained by contacting the State Director.

Granges who sponsor a special fundraiser or make a donation to the Mandy Project will receive a special certificate at State Convention.

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

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

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

Granges might also sponsor Sign Language classes in their halls.

Subordinate And Pomona Grange Activities And Suggestions

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

Grange Insurance Association Scholarship Program

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

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

A Song contest for the community.

- B. Support legislation and encourage assistance for the hearing impaired.
- C. Sponsor a special fundraiser for the Mandy Project flyers and brochures.
- D. Promote Hearing Testing
- E. Assist Lecturer with a program educating members and non-members about deafness or hearing loss.
- F. Write articles about Grange Deaf Activities Projects and send to local news media during May, which is a special month for deaf awareness.
- G. Each Grange should have posters up on Signs of Deafness or Hearing Loss for
 - 1) Adults
 - 2) Children
- H. Promote Finger Spelling Bees, Sign Language Challenges, and Sign A Song competitions.
- I. 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

Entry is available at the Great Plains Leadership Conference. Watch *The Colorado Granger* for details about the conference.

Community Service

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August 25, 2019 — Deadline for contest reports.

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

State Community Service Contest — A report form will be sent to each Grange. Please include pictures and news articles with the report form. The deadline is **August 25, 2019**.

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

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

Family And Women's Activities

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

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

Entries will be judged at State Session.

Baking

Label baking entries with the following:

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

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

Class A — Cakes (Butter Cake, frosted)

Class B — Altered Cake Mix

Class C — Yeast Bread

(One loaf or seven rolls per plate)

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

Class E — Bar Cookies (Seven per plate)

Class F — Drop, Rolled, Shaped Cookies

(Seven per plate)

Class G — Quick Breads

(Fruit or nut containing no yeast)

Class H — Fudge (Seven pieces per plate)

Class I — Other Candy (Seven pieces per plate)

Class J — Gluten Free Cookies (Seven per plate)

Class K — Gluten Free Cakes

Class I — Gluten Free Breads

Food Preservation

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

Entries should be labeled with the following:

- Name of item and Class
- Method of processing
- Month and year processed
- Contestant's name, address, Grange

Class 1 — Canned Foods

Class 2 — Jams, Jellies

Class 3 — Juices

Class 4 — Salsas, tomatoes

Class 5 — Pickles, any kind

Class 6 — Dried Foods including leathers and jerky

(1/2 Cup in a plastic bag)

Needlework, Quilting And Sewing

All entries must be made by a Grange member and finished within the current Grange year.

Entries should be labeled with the following:

- Class

- Name, address, Grange

All items should be picked up before the end of State Session.

Needlework

Class A — Crocheted or Knit Afghans (any size)

Class B — Crochet or Knit Sweater (any size)

Class C — Crochet (miscellaneous)

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

Class E — Decorator Pillows

Quilting

Class F — Machine Quilted Quilt (any size)

Class G — Hand Quilted Quilt (any size)

Class H — Quilted Table Runner

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

Sewing

Class J — Adult Garment

Class K — Child's Garment

Class L — Aprons

Class M — Stuffed Toys

Class N — Quilt Block

Contest

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

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

"From The Heart" Projects

Baby Quilts are accepted but not judged at State Session.

They will be donated to a worthy cause.

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

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

Eyeglasses — collect and donate to a local Lions Club.

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



THE GRANGE BUILDS

People — by recognizing leadership abilities and encouraging individual talents.

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

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

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

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

Lecturer's Awards: Programming Ach

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Lecturer's Star Awards

Lecturers completing the Star Report form and returning the form to the State Lecturer by August 25, 2019, will be eligible for the following Star Awards. Reports should be mailed to Kathy Wardle, Colorado State Lecturer, 1136 Bluebell Way, Brighton, Colorado 80601 or email the completed form to my email at: artklw@gmail.com.

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

- **Gold Star — Information:** Programs/activities providing education or information on pertinent issues to your community.
- **Blue Star — Entertainment:** Programs/activities involving traveling outside your hall or meeting place for an event, special meal, art exhibit, play, or show, etc.
- **Green Star — Membership:** Activities/programs promoting membership and recruiting new members.
- **Red Star — Community:** Programs/activities specifically planned for the community.
- **Silver Star — Cooperation:** Sponsor programs/activities cooperating with other community groups.
- **Orange Star — Family:** Programs/activities oriented around the family or provide opportunities that are focused on the family.
- **Purple Star — Media:** Creating publicity using social media or traditional media to promote Grange programs/activities and the Grange. Suggested media include website, e-blasts, Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn plus traditional brochures, posters, news releases, newsletters, and PowerPoint presentations about your Grange, etc. Working with three or more media types qualify for this award.

Outstanding Subordinate and Pomona Lecturer Award will be awarded based on the Star Report form. Outstanding Program of the Year will also be chosen from this report and supporting material.

Grange Yearbook Contest

Criteria:

Subordinate and Pomona Granges will be in the same category.

Judging:

1. Completeness
2. Creativity
3. Craftsmanship

If you create a Yearbook for your Grange, please place the Lecturer's Star Report Form at the beginning of the yearbook.

Note: Granges do not need to create a yearbook to be eligible for the Lecturer's Star Awards.

Up to four Granges will be recognized for the best Grange 2019 Yearbooks (scrapbooks). **Yearbooks must be received by August 25, 2019**, by the State Lecturer. Please mail them to Kathy Wardle, Colorado State Grange Lecturer, 1136 Bluebell Way, Brighton, Colorado 80601.

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

One Book

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

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

Performing Arts

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

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

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

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

Classes:

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

Community Dinner

Granges that sponsor a **Community Dinner** planned around a theme such as a **Chili Cook-off** or **Luau** or other creative event will be recognized. **BE SURE TO INCLUDE THIS INFORMATION IN THE LECTURER REPORT.**

Food Sustainability Program

Subordinate and Pomona Granges completing any ONE category and reporting on the Community Garden Program Form (to be mailed to Subordinate Granges and due to the State Lecturer on August 25, 2019) will receive a Community Garden Award. **BE SURE TO INCLUDE THIS INFORMATION IN THE LECTURER REPORT.**

Categories (Do one of the following):

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

Lecturer Contests

General Guidelines for all Lecturers' Contests:

- All entries in Fine Art, Hobby Corner, Photography, or With Pen in Hand must be labeled as follows: Name, address, Grange or sponsoring Grange, class, member or non-



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member, and value.

- All entries are due at State Session on Thursday between 8 a.m. to noon.
- Individuals may have more than one entry in a class.
- All categories are open to Grange members in good standing as well as non-members sponsored by a local Grange.
- Entries must be completed since the beginning of the previous State Convention.
- We reserve the right to combine or divide classes as number of entries warrants.
- Participants must select the class for his/her entry.

Awards: First place receives \$5, second place \$3 and third place \$2.

A **Best of Show** will be awarded.

1. The **Grange** with the most entries will receive **The Colorado State Grange Lecturer's Participation Award**.
2. A **Sweepstakes Award** will be given to the **individual with the most entries in the Lecturer's programs**.

Fine Art

Guidelines:

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

Criteria for judging entries:

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

- Classes:**
1. Painting
 2. Drawing
 3. Computer art/collage

Hobby Corner

Guidelines:

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

Judging Criteria:

- Originality/Neatness/Creativity/Workmanship

- Classes:**
1. Holiday items
 2. Jewelry
 3. Miscellaneous
 4. Individual Scrapbooks
 5. Special Gifts

Work Bench

Guidelines:

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

Judging Criteria:

- Originality/Neatness/Creativity/Workmanship

- Classes:**
1. Woodworking
 2. Handmade Toys
 3. Leather Craft
 4. Metal Craft
 5. Duct Tape Craft

Photography

Guidelines:

- Photos should be mounted or in a photo mat.
- **Framed photos will not be accepted.**
- An image may be entered in only one class.
- Participants may enter all classes using separate images.
- Participants may have multiple entries in one category.
- Photos/images may be made by a commercial processor, but

must have been taken by the entrant.

- The photo must not be less than 4 x 6 or larger than 11 x 14.
- A caption/title about the photo is optional.
- Only prints (color, black/white or digital) will be accepted, no slides.
- Professional photographers may not enter the contest (professionals make their living through photography).

Judging Criteria:

- Composition and arrangement — Interest — Presentation — Technique

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

With Pen in Hand

Guidelines:

- All entries must be typed and double spaced.
- Entries may be fictional or non-fictional.
- Flyers and Pamphlets may be computer generated.

Judging Criteria:

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

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



Membership Program

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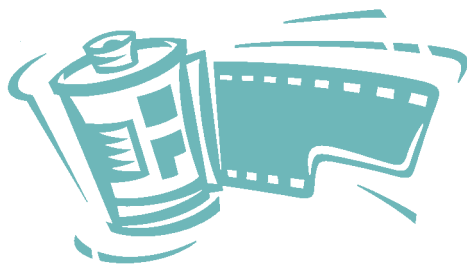
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The Colorado State Grange membership program will offer recognition and rewards to Granges for new members joining September 1, 2018-August 31, 2019. The

Subordinate/Community Grange with the most net members will be recognized, as well as the top recruiters. A form will be sent to report your membership to us. Please fill it out completely and return it to me by mail, email or give it to us on the first day of State Session. If you mail it be sure to send as early as you can in September so that it will arrive at my home before the week of State Session.

To summarize, you may be recognized in three ways:

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



Youth Program

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

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

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

Fun Family Event — Watch *The Colorado Granger* for details. There are many contests and activities available for the youth. Please submit your ideas and suggestions to the State Youth Department. Send your email and/or snail mail address to the State Director to receive upcoming information.

Check the State Grange website (www.coloradogranger.org/youth) or the national youth website (<https://nationalgrangeyouth.org>) for youth programs and updated information. Remember you are a Grange member!! Participate in all Grange activities and programs. Help make the Grange GROW!

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

Outstanding Granger Contest

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

- Nominations can be made by any Grange member.
- The nominations should be in booklet form about the nominee for the judges to use to make their decision. The booklet should contain:
 1. Letters of Recommendation
 2. Information about the person's Grange activities and achievements.
 3. Articles
 4. Pictures
 5. Other supportive material (involvement with organizations other than Grange)
- Entries are due in the **State Grange office** by **September 1**. The State Master will appoint a committee to judge the entries. The winner is not announced until the banquet, and may be kept a surprise if the sponsor so wishes.
- A plaque noting this award is given to the winner, as well as a special name badge that will always denote that the person received this special honor.

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

National Youth Achievement Awards include:

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

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

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

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

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

Public Relations

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

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Clearly identify the section for your publicity material under a separate tab, so that it can be judged at State Session.

Judging of your Grange's publicity efforts will be based on:

- Quantity of Information Releases
- Quality of Information Releases (visual, contact info, when, where, what...)
- Variety of public promotions (flyers, radio, newspaper, etc.)
- Social/web Media presence (Web, Facebook, Twitter...)
- Professional submission of this report

In the front section of the ONE BOOK, please include a page and email a copy to Elizabeth Hiner at FloridaGrange306@yahoo.com (clearly identified as Public Relations) which has the following information on it:

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Contact Person along with phone number/email

I encourage each of the Granges to become more visible in your publicity efforts. If interested please contact Larry Corman, who is the State Grange's webmaster — please contact him at Larry_Corman@hotmail.com if you want your Grange to have a presence on the State's website. He is also available for any of your technology needs.