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COSG Master's Newsletter

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HISTORY UPDATES **deadline date changed**

We'd appreciate having history updates by **June 1, 2019**. In order to get you started answer the following questions:

1. Name of Grange and Number
2. What does your Grange provide your community?
3. What has been your biggest accomplishment over the years.
4. What Community Service projects does your Grange Sponsor?
5. What do you see your Grange doing in the next 10 years?

Please send your updates to
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Special Thanks to those who have already send in their updates.



HISTORY UPDATES

I would like to thank the following Granges for sending in their History updates:

El Plaso #480,

Grandview #151

Lambert #439

Colona #259 (which included Riverside, & Springcreek, Uncompaghre Pomona)

Progressive Pomona #4

Cache La Poudre #456

Animas Valley Grange #194

Mt. Allison Grange #308

So if your Grange is not on this list, you still have time to submit something for the history update. I would suggest that you solicit a member who has an interest in the history of your Grange to write up an update or perhaps your secretary who has the most accurate record of the Grange's history could write something up. We want to include all of the current Granges in the book, but we can only do that if your Grange submits something. Please help us out.

Congratulations to Lewis Grange!!

Lewis Grange recently finished fixing the floor in their hall and hosted their first event on Easter Morning – a Sunrise Service.

**Colorado State
Grange Annual
meeting**

**September 26-28,
2019**

Castlewood Grange

7275 S. Lima Street

**Centennial, CO.
80112**

**2019 Communication
Fellows** at the
153rd Annual National
Grange Convention in
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The program is open to any Grange member in good standing that is nominated.* It teaches the basics of communications, such as press release writing, newsletter planning and creation, interacting with the media, live streaming, social media management, and more. It has also grown to include additional training for future Grange leaders, with a special focus on the intersections of programming, membership recruitment, retention and engagement and communications. **FELLOWS MUST ARRIVE AT THE HOTEL IN MINNEAPOLIS BY NO LATER THAN 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 1 and can leave anytime after the close of banquet on Saturday, Nov. 9 (10 p.m.) [it is recommended you plan to depart on Sunday, Nov. 10]. Applications are due May 20 to National Grange.**

Deaf Activities Grant Deadline

Granges seeking up to \$500 from the Grange Foundation to support deaf activities or education and outreach must complete their application by May 1. Up to three grants may be awarded.

The application should be in document form and include name of State Grange, name and address of contact person, date of application, name of the project, description of the project, anticipated number of people involved, anticipated impact on the Grange (State and/or Local), anticipated impact on the Community or State, other anticipated results of the project.

Grants may be awarded for any project that enhances deaf education. Preference will be given to high-quality activities that involve significant numbers of individuals. Creativity and uniqueness of the projects will also be factored into the selection process. Any State Grange is eligible to apply for a grant to assist with a worthwhile project that may be planned within the state.

Community Granges can apply through their State Grange. If you are mailing, it please send to National Grange Foundation, Attn: Deaf Grant, 1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC. 20006

Membership Director Seeking Members to Join Leadership Team

By Joe Stefenoni, National Grange Membership Director

The National Grange Member Membership Director is seeking assistants to join the leadership team to assist in creating Grange growth across the country. The assistants will work on a regional basis with State and Community Granges to develop goals and benchmarks for membership growth and retention as well as working to organize and reorganize Community Granges.

Assistants will receive training from the National Grange Membership Director on how to organize Granges, creating membership plans and other necessary skills. The regional assistants will be provided with reimbursement for travel expenses.

For more information or to complete the interest survey, contact National Grange Membership Director by email at membership@nationalgrange.org, or by phone at 707-328-0631.

Notable findings in Snapshot of Rural Health in Colorado

- 51% of all rural counties do not have an active, licensed addiction counselor (27 of 47 counties)
- 9 of the 10 Colorado counties with the highest opioid overdose death rates are rural
- Median household income is 29% lower in rural areas of the state compared to urban areas (about a \$14k difference)
- Rural Colorado has high rates of public insurance (a 32% difference)
- Rural Colorado has a 38% higher teen pregnancy rate than urban parts of the state