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## Plan Ahead For The 2021 National Grange Convention To Be Held In Wichita, Kansas — November 9-13, 2021

Colorado is one of the five states in the Great Plains region who will be hosting the 2021 Convention with Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas.

For many attending a National Grange convention is a once in a life time experience. It's a great opportunity to connect with Grange members from around the nation. Every Grange member can sit in the National Grange meeting and enjoy the debate and process.

There are usually workshops to participate in, exhibits to look at, awards given, Evening of Excellence (Talent Show), and an opportunity to take your seventh degree, the degree of Ceres. The sixth degree is also presented for those who haven't had the opportunity to take it. One will need to have the fifth degree before being able to take the 6th and 7th degrees.

The *Peterson Brothers* have been requested to come to the convention to the Ag Luncheon, do some Youth workshops and a concert which will

be open to the public. Details on cost to Grange members is being worked out.

Hosting also carries responsibilities and opportunities for Grange members to serve. At some point in time there will be a "sign up genius" online for individuals to select a time to help out. For those of you who are computer literate you can do this on your own; for others if you want to volunteer but need assistance you'll be able to contact Cindy Greer or Elizabeth Hiner and we will get you signed up. So what are the opportunities to help out.

**1. Hospitality Room** – each state will be responsible for the Hospitality room at least one day, but since there are only five states we may have to help at additional times. The times the Hospitality room will be open will vary on what the hotel allows. It's usually only for snacks between meals. Right now Colorado will host the Hospitality room on Wednesday, we may need donations of cookies and

snacks, but that too will depend on what the hotel allows.

**2. Deputies** – when the National Grange is in session (open for business) 2 to 4 individuals will be needed to "guard" the doors, making sure that only members or special guests are permitted in the meeting. Tuesday is the only day that the deputies need to be seventh degree members. The remainder of the days and evening community Grange members can serve as deputies as the National Grange opens in the fourth degree (Community).

**3. Seventh Degree Preparation Team** – several members are needed to launder and iron costumes for the

seventh degree, which has been taken care of Tuesday and Wednesday.

**4. Overseeing the Exhibit Rooms** – two members per shift are needed to oversee the exhibit rooms and making sure that none of the exhibits are removed without permission from the room.

**5. Registration Team** will help all the Grangers who attend the convention with registration. Each Granger registered receives a name tag, schedule and tickets that have been pre-ordered. One may need to know how to type or make name tags.

**6. Sixth Degree Officers** – The host region is responsible for putting on the sixth degree. Officers will be

needed and expected to dress as requested by Texas, who is in charge of the degree. Texas has a rose drill team and is planning on filling the Master's/President's office. Parts do not have to be memorized but should be read with expression and smoothly. Officers will be doing an entrance drill, so marching is required.

So mark your calendars and plan to take a few days to participate in the National Grange convention in Wichita. Colorado State Grange has set aside some funding to help members who volunteer to help at the convention with expenses. We'll let you know what you need to do to receive some of those funds.

### — In Memoriam —

#### Janet Union

December 10, 1941 -  
October 20, 2020

Janet Ramona Swank Union passed away at Saint Joseph's Hospital, Denver, Colo., October 20, 2020. Janet was born December 10, 1941, at home in Penokee, Kansas. She married Norman Union on November 3, 1979.

Janet had a special relationship with all her family, especially her husband Norman. Janet and Norm started Norm's Printing in 1982, which is still in operation. In March 1988 they started the *Commerce City Beacon Newspaper*, where she and Norman were the owners and publishers. She enjoyed knowing the people of Commerce City and reporting on news and events in the area. She belonged to many clubs and organizations in Commerce City and volunteered her time. Janet also enjoyed going on rides to the mountains or staying in their mountain getaway. Janet was a member of the Rose Hill Grange where Norm is still the President.

Janet was preceded in death by her daughter Sarah Union in August 1997, her father Milton Swank, and her mother Margaret Swank.



Janet Ramona Swank Union

She is survived by husband Norman Union, brother Robert (Mary) Swank of Keenesburg, sister Barbara McMillan of Commerce City, sister Carol Roubidoux (Russ) of Keenesburg, and brother Walter Swank of Brighton, and Lois Kaplan, Norm's sister. Janet also had numerous nieces and nephews and a great many great nieces and nephews.

Services were held October 29, 2020, 2 p.m. at Horan & McConaty Funeral Home in Thornton, Colo. Services are limited because of COVID. Service will be available to live-streaming at HoranCares.com. Burial Service will be held at a later date and will be private.

A donation may be made to Commerce City Historical Society.

#### Phoebe Reese

Phoebe Reese passed away from the COVID virus. Phoebe and Neil Reese were longtime Golden Gate Canyon residents and valued members of the Golden Gate Grange. After Neil's death, Phoebe moved to Southern Colorado to be near her family. We mourn her death and celebrate her life.

Condolences can be sent to the family at the following address:

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## State Grange Program Handbook Enclosed

### Marlys Halbeisen Community Service Project

In October, 40,000 Christmas cards were sent to Washington, D.C., to a non-profit organization called Soldiers and Sailors of America. Each card had a hand written message such as "God Bless You" or Thank you for YOUR service," as well as an insert about Grange and Scarlett O'Hatters, red hat group. They will process the cards and mail them to military bases and ships all over the world for our troops. This is a very small thank you to them and lets them know that we know they are out there in over 22 countries and show our gratitude. There are over 160,000 troops out there.

This was a Darden Pomona and Scarlett O'Hatter's project but this year was different. Due to the pandemic we could not have large gatherings to write the cards. However, people took them home and wrote them. Marlys was never bored during the pandemic as she wrote cards almost daily and Lois Painter, who is legally blind, and also a Maple Grove Grange member, stuffed 15,000 cards. Others bought cards and wrote them and sent them to Marlys. Among those were Colorado State Grange President Cindy Greer, Lecturer Elizabeth Heiner, Jeanne Davies, and several others



who bought and signed cards for this project. Her niece sent 800 signed cards from Washington state. Pleasant Park Grange bought many cards as well as took cards home from the meeting and prepared them. Booth Wheat Ridge Grange and Enterprise Grange had a card signing at one of their meetings. The 94 year old mother of the lady who paid for the cards

to be shipped last year has written over 500 cards in her spare time.

Many thanks for all the help in this project. This has been a difficult year for all but especially those who protect our freedom. The second week of December the cards were sent "Priority Mail" to the military bases and ships so they would be there before Christmas.

## Awards From National 2020

#### National Quilt Block Contest

Junior Division – Third Place –

Arianna Watts from Sunflower Grange

#### Program for 2021,

#### Community Flag Pole Relocation Initiative

Information to be out in February.

#### No More Empty Pots

Nebraska Grange

#### Granges in Action:

53 Granges submitted Grange in Action.

**Colorado State Grange – we had 7 submit!!!**

Sunflower #162

Golden Gate #451

Animas Valley #194

Florida #306

Mt. Allison #308

Mount Lookout #339

Marvel #479

#### Firefighter/EMS of the year Award

Awarded to Sunflower Grange's nomination,

Carrie Dunn-Thompson

#### Junior Grange Community Service

1st – Marvel J.G.

Washington State – 39 Granges submitted.

#### NATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS:

#### Outstanding Youth Grange Member:

**Wibb and June Justi Award** – Gene Fletcher

**Teacher** – Kelli Perkins – NC

**Law Enforcement** – Detective: Shirley – NH



Quilt Block, Third Place, Arianna Watts

#### Community Service Awards

3rd – Stanford Grange in NY

2nd – Capatchi Grange, RI

1st – Cheshire, CT

# Master's Message

**Cindy Greer, State Master**

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2021 — a New Year with new hopes and dreams. What new dreams does your Grange have. If you're one who hasn't met in another method other than in person you might need to investigate how you can make a change. We are all hoping that there will be a vaccine so that we can move forward, but if there isn't we're going to have to find ways to move forward. Many Granges across the nation and even in our own state have had meetings via ZOOM or some other video platform, conference call meetings, or conducted business via email. It's not as much fun as it is when we get together, but we at least get business taken care of. Those Granges who have met via a different platform are to be congratulated. It's encouraging to hear of Granges who are having fundraisers and seeing their communities support them even though it may be drive thru events, curb side delivery of meals or virtual silent auctions, etc.

**The Colorado State Grange Officers and Directors are hoping to offer a virtual Super Grange Event in March or April where each department will share programs and tips to help local Granges promote the programs and projects. Stay tuned for more information as it comes available.**

In November the National Grange held its first virtual convention. There were 52 delegates who discussed resolutions and elected two executive committee members. The election was held using a system called Survey Monkey. Each voting delegate received an email with a link to the survey in which they could cast their vote. Each voting delegate had to have their own email address. Ten state Granges are allowed only one voting delegate because they don't have enough local Granges to qualify for two delegates. Each delegate was sent a voting paddle that was green on one side with a thumbs up and the other side was red with a thumbs down. We spent two days on Zoom meetings which began at 10 a.m. Mountain time, ended at 2 p.m. then started again at 4 p.m. and ended around 8 p.m. or later each day. There were 15 past delegates remembered in the Memorial Service.

Ninety-seven resolutions were considered. Each committee met prior to the convention at least one time to review policy statements and the resolutions for their committee. Thirty of those resolutions were adopted. Eight were included in Policy statements. Twelve were considered Present policy. Several were combined with similar resolutions or rewritten and covered by another resolution. One was considered a state issue. Eight were rejected on the floor. Fourteen were reported as adverse by the committees.

The resolutions that Colorado sent were included in the Grange Law policy statement and the amendments to section 4.10.6 in the *National Grange Digest of Laws* was adopted. The Feasibility Study committee for a video of the first four degrees presented an initial report and because COVID curtailed accessibility to resources were granted another year to finish the study. It appears that it could be quite expensive to have the degrees produced even with qualified volunteers willing to pay their own expenses to participate. They also felt that there would be a fundraising process to help pay for the production if the National Grange was not in a position to provide the funds. I'm willing to send the report to anyone who is interested in reading the report.

Our resolution on a round table format for meetings was included in the policy statement. *"The Grange law committee would like to acknowledge the vigorous discussions occurring in many Community and Pomona Granges across the country regarding the relevance of the traditional ceremonies being used in our local Grange chapters. This is especially true for the physical performance aspects of the ceremonies involving hall setup/takedown, marching, standing/sitting as well as tasks like presenting the flag, taking up the password, and opening the Bible on the altar. These discussions manifested themselves this year in resolutions presented to this committee from three different states asking the National Grange to formally sanction informal "round table" meeting formats that would curtail or eliminate the physical performance parts of our ceremonies for opening, conducting and closing our regular meetings. After vigorous discussion, the committee decided not to endorse these requests this year. However, the Grange Law Committee also strongly felt that some degree of guidance from the National Grange was appropriate.*

*Therefore, the Grange Law Committee urges that the traditional opening and closing ceremonies or the approved alternative opening and closing ceremonies always be used, whenever possible. The Grange Law Committee further urges that recitation of the verbal portions of either the traditional opening and closing or the approved alternative opening and closing ceremonies must be used, regardless of the whether or not that Grange can regularly follow the physical performance portions of these ceremonies, because at a bare minimum, these verbal recitations are necessary in order to legally conduct business as a Grange."*

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Call 719-748-5008 or mail the form below.

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 ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
 (GIVE ROUTE AND BOX NUMBER)

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# Notes From The Secretary

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Here we are, greeting the New Year. Let's hope that 2021 will be a great year for all of you and for our Grange Organization. We need to get back to normal.

Things here at the office are running smoothly. State Session by Zoom was fun but very different this year, but with that behind us, I have been working on the new Roster and the Journal of Proceedings and, of course, the Jan.-Feb. edition of the *Granger* has to be dealt with during all that. All three should be in your mail boxes in early January. Of course, with COVID

... the Post Offices are having their challenges too and everything seems to be late, so don't panic. It will come eventually.

Be sure to pull the new Handbook out of the *Granger* and keep it on hand so you can join the fun at State Session entering all the contests. If you should happen to lose it or misplace it, we also have an email version we can send you, or you can find it on our State Grange Website at: [www.coloradogranger.org](http://www.coloradogranger.org).

Here is wishing everyone a Happy New Year.



# Community Service

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Hello Grangers! It is a New Year, and hopefully we can all feel confident in making plans for the wonderful things we'll be able to do this year — with our extended families, with our friends, with our fellow Grangers, and in our communities. I'll be emailing the Combined Star Report form (which includes the reporting forms for Community Service categories and Membership) soon. We hope it will be helpful to you to be able to build your reports throughout the year, as your programs and events are happening, rather than facing the work of putting it all together at once as we approach the end of the Grange year. There will also be more time for us to help you in working through any questions you may have about using the form.

The reports will be due September 1 (instructions on the form itself, and in the 2021 Handbook). IF WE SENT THE REPORT FORM TO THE CORRECT EMAIL ADDRESS LAST YEAR, YOU DON'T NEED TO DO ANYTHING. If you did NOT get the form to the correct email address, PLEASE LET ME KNOW. Please send me an email, to [mittan42@msn.com](mailto:mittan42@msn.com), preferably from the same email address where you would like the reporting form to be sent. I would very much appreciate having a person's name as well, to whom I am sending the form at that email address.

After reading the Handbook included in this *Granger*, if you require a hard copy of the form that you will complete and mail in, please let me know the name of the person in your Grange who should receive it, and the address where I should mail it. If you're unable to email the information to me, please feel free to call me, 720-413-4106, with the name of your Grange, the person's name who should receive it, and the correct address where I should mail it.

If your Grange received the hard copy in 2020 to the correct person and the correct address, and you do not let me know you would like to receive it via email this year, there is no

need to call me — I will send it to the same person at the same address.

Blessings to you and yours for 2021! I wish you all a very Happy New Year, and great energy for these winter months, and creativity in planning all the awesome things you'll do together, when it's time for the next *Granger* and Spring is at our doorstep!

## Claudia's Corner



by Claudia the Skunk from the National Grange Herd  
*The emblem of the Fourth Degree* is:

**The agate:** let it be to you an emblem of FIDELITY. May your principles of manhood and womanhood be as firmly impressed as the lasting colors in the stone, and may our friendship be as firm as the stone itself.



## The Colorado Granger Guidelines

February 15, 2021, is the deadline for articles for the March-April 2021 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](mailto:costategrange@gmail.com).

We would appreciate your following these guidelines when writing an article.  
Name of Grange  
Contact person (with phone number)  
Upcoming dates

Brief summary of what has been happening at your Grange — DO NOT SEND MINUTES  
Community Service Projects  
In Memoriam (Grangers who have passed away)  
Thinking of You (Grangers who are sick and shut in — include address if they would enjoy cards)  
Hats Off (Grangers to be recognized)  
You're Invited (activities open to non-members and visiting Grangers)

Deadline For The March-April 2021 Issue Of *The Colorado Granger* Is February 15, 2021.

# P.I.C.K.

**People Improving Communities And Kids**  
Secretary/Treasurer  
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**P.I.C.K. stands for People Improving Communities and Kids.**

P.I.C.K. is a program that is needed by the members of the Colorado State Grange in order to fund many of the programs and projects that they have going.

P.I.C.K. will also help us to expand our current vision and explore new avenues of funding and create interest in the organization of the Grange.

There will be no membership class in P.I.C.K. but membership in the Colorado State Grange is a requirement for the board.

## PICK GRANT APPLICATION FOR GRANGE SUPPORT

Granges who need funds to do their #1 Community Service project or to assist with an emergency relief effort in their community, publicizing events, or recruiting new members, updating the technology available at their Grange Hall, sponsoring quality workshops for the Grange members by hiring professional presenters or starting a Grange Garden, Community garden or building landscaping or just paying utility bills will need to provide details about plans and what the project will cost. Information has been sent out to Grange Secretaries and Masters on how to apply, but you can also find the information on the State Grange Web site or e-mail or call me and I will send you a copy of the application. Grants will be awarded after the PICK board has reviewed the application. Only one grant will be awarded to a Grange.

Granges must provide their current financial status and current bills when applying for funds to assist with utilities or a specific need for the building. If you have a savings account, invested funds, or CD's your chances of receiving a grant are less likely because we only have a certain amount that we can award that has not already been designated.

The PICK board has decided to offer \$500 grants to Granges who apply.

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Hello fellow Grangers.

Due to COVID-19 and the return of restrictions I know it has been hard for Granges to get together for meetings or events. My hope is that the virus is under control and we can get back to normal so we can again meet in person.

With this issue of the *Granger*, you will find the *Handbook* for the State Grange contests. Remember that we changed the submissions for 2021 to include items you would have submitted for 2020. I am looking forward to seeing all of your Grange's hard work. Lisa and I have worked on the instructions for the submission form for your Grange reports — we hopefully made them clearer to cut down on duplication. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

With Marlys' permission I am adding as a stateside Lecturer program the following: USASOA (United Soldiers and Sailors of America) Christmas Card Signing (See Publicity Report) for Granges that wish to participate. This will assist Marlys with her yearly project to get cards sent to our serv-

ice men and women overseas. This program will not be included in the star awards, but an award will be given to the Grange that produces the most cards for this by September 1, 2021. See instructions below. Per Marlys it is best to purchase cards right after Christmas or use any you have left over. This an easy pandemic type program that you can do as a Grange while stuck at home with social distancing. Let's see if we can top the 40,000 done this last year.

### Lecturer Program: Christmas Card Signing

Sign your cards with your first name using the following phrases:

- God Bless You
- God Bless you my friend
- Thank you for your service
- Thank you for our freedom

Please DO NOT use cards with glitter or upraised attachments.

Cards need to be sent unsealed (for insert to be added) to Marlys Halbiesen at 10650 West 45th Avenue, Wheatridge, CO 80033. The cards can be sent anytime during the year before September 1, 2021.



Marlys Halbiesen and her boxes of cards ready for the Post Office.



Sample cards

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### Christmas Card Drive For USASOA (United Soldiers And Sailors Of America)

We would like to congratulate Marlys Halbiesen of Maple Grove, Darden Pomona, the Scarlet Red Hatters, Marlys's canasta group, several Granges/Grangers from around the state for donating time and cards to this effort to provide a bit of Christmas cheer for our service people around the world.

As reported in the last *Granger*, Marlys sent 40,000 cards to the

USASOA which is 1/4 of 160,000 service men and women. Denver Channel 7 did a news story on this effort and received donations that helped defray the cost of cards and postage. The Tablet.org in Brooklyn, NY, also did a piece on this undertaking. She also received cards from Barnes and Noble in NYC.

Great Job by one and all. See previous article in the September *Granger* and look for article in the upcoming *Good Day Magazine*.



## Family Activities

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What is the definition of success? According to speaker and author Jeff Hayden, "Instead of defining success by a finish line — a number, a certain car, a definition of success is whether you get to do work you enjoy."

### TIME.

Success is also to have time. It is more about fulfillment than money or material things. There are many things we love to do. A person who has time is much richer than one who

has lots of money or power, but not time to live. The definition is different for each one of us.

### SHARING RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS.

Something anyone can do is to take a step away from the usual chaos and expectations of the moment. Celebrate joy and togetherness by sharing random acts of joy and kindness. These are some suggestions:

- Make a gift for someone. What are

you good at doing? Use your talent to hand craft a keepsake.

- Do something for someone every day. It shouldn't be a grand gesture or extravagant gift but a simple kindness that connects us all. Even a simple phone call can make someone's day brighter.
- Now is a perfect time to start making something in the needlework and baking event for the Family Activities contest next year.

## Junior Grange And Youth

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Hello Everyone!

Well winter is finally in full swing. Hopefully we still have some snow on the ground, and lots of moisture in the mountains.

There are few things that we want to remind you about.

First, is that winter is a great time

to get kids doing some projects! It's never too early to start JG crafts to enter in 2021.

Second, if you are youth age and would like the opportunity to go to the National Grange in Kansas this coming year, please reach out to us so that we can help get you there. There are



many programs where you can get sponsored to attend the session and hang out with other youth. We'd love to help get you there.

Third, we are trying our best to get a JG camp going this year. We have some pretty awesome plans, but to make them happen we will need some pretty awesome funding to make it affordable for JGers to attend. Hopefully we will have more details on our JG camp this year in upcoming articles.

Fourth, now is the time to start thinking about how we can grow our program. Colorado's youth and JG is growing and that's awesome! We want to make a bigger impact though. And we CAN'T do that without you. What ideas do you have to help grow our program? Maybe your local Grange could host a youth game night twice a month? Or put together an Easter egg hunt for all ages. Possibly have a dance party, where you let the kids choose the music and allow yourself to "get young" again.

I'm sure that you have seen many things saying "2020 was the worst year ever" or "2021 has to be better than 2020." We have one thing to say on that. You have to find blessings in everything!

What we mean is that, we can't change the past so why should we dwell on it. Yes some of our plans got thwarted in 2020, but lets look forward to 2021 and the future to see how we can help kids and youth in our local area become part of the Grange.

The best way to do that is to discover WHY you joined the Grange.

So, why did you join the Grange?

A few answers that we won't accept are, "Because my family belongs to the organization." Or, "Because I've always been a member."

So Why did you join the Grange? When you figure it out, share it on social media (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, etc.) with the #ImAGranger. Lets let the world know why we are Grangers and why they should be too.

Until next time, stay safe!  
God Bless.

### 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.

Dear Hero,

We appreciate all you do for our freedom and sending prayers for your safety. We are members, and friends, of two organizations, Patrons OF Husbandry (National Grange) and the Red Hats Organization. Grange is over 150 years old and was started to help rebuild our country after the Civil War. The Red hats organization was started to activate ladies over 55 who wear red and purple and have fun.

The Darden Pomona Granges in Jefferson County, CO includes: Enterprise, Maple Grove, Pleasant Park, and Wheat Ridge granges. Our red hat group is Scarlett O'Hatter's with twenty members als active in Grange and community service. As an example, we provide 3rd graders dictionaries, support Food Banks, Items for the homeless, feed the hungry, provide assistance where needed, and items for seniors in a nursing home where people have been forgotten.

In 2019 we prepared and sent 18,000 Christmas cards to US troops overseas. This year 35,000 US troops are receiving cards and we are excited that YOU have received your card.

Our address: P.O. Box 44, Wheat Ridge, CO 80034-0044

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Inserts included in the cards.

Sending YOU  
Love and Prayers

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

And a Blessed  
New Year

Thank you!



## Agriculture Report

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### Conservation Reserve Program – USDA, “CRP” Providing and protecting natural lands

The CRP is a voluntary program for agricultural landowners to place their lands under approved conservation methods on parcels where natural conditions are allowed to develop. The land owner receives rental payments and cost-share funding to establish the CRP lands that are then not cropped. Public access is available for hunters, hikers, and anglers. Payments benefit the landowners and provide economic drive for local communities where outdoors people visit.

Under the CRP millions of acres of land are protected from erosion and native or natural habitat is encouraged. Participant’s contacts extend for 10 to 15 years. Plus, the recreation benefit supports jobs, state and local taxes, and, in 2016 \$57.3 million in economic activity was generated. The program’s return on investment averages \$5.20 in economic activity for each federal dollar invested. Nationwide three million acres are enrolled in the CRP. Source: *Roosevelt Report News*, Nov. 2020

Less acreage has been enrolled in CRP over the last few years so it will be important that the incoming administration be prepared to take action to strengthen this important program for ensuring healthy soil, water, and wildlife environment on private land. CRP funding is via the Farm Bill.

Per the USDA approximately two million acres of Colorado’s CRP contracts will soon expire and if not re-

newed, will result in the natural habitats established to decrease, however, to move out of the CRP coverage, a plan is required to guide the changes to grazing, natural cover, cropping, etc. Recognizing this, technical assistance and financial assistance are available to owners who chose to transition into grazing uses. Assistance can include livestock pipelines, water tanks, fences, weed control, and wildlife habitat management. Threatened and endangered species must be identified and considered. The vast majority of our CRP lands are in eastern Colorado,

Of interest, there is a prairie herd of elk that seems to have moved out from the Black Forest to inhabit agriculture lands north and south of I-70 east to Agate, Deer Trail, Limon, etc. Available CRP lands provide encouragement for the elk plus deer and pronghorn populations.

### Redistricting Of Colorado’s Congressional Districts And Legislative Districts

Our state’s demographics continue to change drastically as people relocate here, especially the younger demographic who also appreciate our access to outdoor recreation. They largely are from urban areas, not from rural areas, and their attitudes reflect an urban life experience, not outdoors, not agriculture, not fishing, not hunting, but they may favor hiking, mountain biking, skiing, parks, and scenic drives. Our Front Range population will continue to drive much of Colorado’s political expression in legisla-

tion and attitude. Registered voters increased by 760,000 since 2016, about 6% growth per year.

As you all may be aware, the initiative to introduce wolves into western Colorado was approved at the election this year. Colorado State Grange opposes the introduction. Approval of the vote was from the Front Range communities largely reflecting attitudes expressed above. The vote was opposed by rural counties. Our state’s demographics are changed to favor our urban population which reflect a bias too often resulting in legislation and policies not favorable to Colorado’s agricultural economy and to rural communities. This brings me in a round-about way to refer to the two independent redistricting commissions created from the 2018 elections charged with redrawing Colorado’s Congressional and Legislative districts — I encourage you to carefully track what they do.

Each commission must have 12 members, four from each of the two largest political parties, Democrats and Republicans, and four who are not affiliated. Each commission must include at least one member residing in each current congressional district and at least one member from the Western Slope. Each commission must, to the extent possible, reflect Colorado’s racial, ethnic, gender, and geographic diversity. Commissions members are chosen from a pool of applicants who submitted applications by the deadline in November. That process is underway now. A panel of retired judges will make the final commission member selections.

Could Colorado be allowed another Representative? Maybe if another state lost population. Congress is maxed at the current number of members at 435. Progress of the two commissions can be tracked via their web site (and you should sign up there to receive notices): <https://redistricting.colorado.gov/faq>.

Staff will also tweet information @COredistricting.

I would like to see a reduction in the amount of urban influence in our state being exercised now but I doubt that can happen short of highly inventive districts to dilute the Front Range population influences by linking districts with as much of rural Colorado as possible. Can we try shoe string and dog bone shaped districts?

I encourage everyone to carefully track activities of the two commissions which should begin in February 2021, and when interim process steps are made public, ensure the proposals are what you want to see. You are allowed to submit maps and other information.

**Deadline for the March-April 2021 issue of The Colorado Granger is February 15, 2021.**

## Health Awareness

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Happy New Year! If you are reading this, you made it!! Congratulations on making it through 2020. When I was in school, way back when, the world was worried about the year 2000! That year was a piece of cake in comparison! Cheers to 2021! Take a break and laugh a little; it’s good for us!

A child asked his father, “How were people born?” So his father said, “Adam and Eve made babies, then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on.” The child then went to his mother, asked her the same question and she told him, “We were monkeys then we evolved to become like we are now.” The child ran back to his father and said, “You lied to me!” His father replied, “No, your mom was talking about her side of the family.”

A blonde and a redhead have a ranch. They have just lost their bull. The women need to buy another, but only have \$500. The redhead tells the blonde, “I will go to the market and see if I can find one for under that amount. If I can, I will send you a telegram.” She goes to the market and finds one for \$499. Having only one dollar left, she goes to the telegraph office and finds out that it costs one dollar per word. She is stumped on how to tell the blonde to bring the truck and trailer. Finally, she tells the telegraph operator to send the word “comfortable.” Skeptical, the operator asks, “How will she know to come with the trailer from just that word?” The redhead replies, “She’s a blonde so she reads slow: ‘Come for ta bull.’”

A boy asks his father, “Dad, are bugs good to eat?” “That’s disgusting. Don’t talk about things like that over dinner,” the dad replies. After dinner the father asks, “Now, son, what did you want to ask me?” “Oh, nothing,” the boy says. “There was a bug in

your soup, but now it’s gone.”

A guy took his blonde girlfriend to her first football game. They had great seats right behind their team’s bench. After the game, he asked her how she liked the experience. “Oh, I really liked it,” she replied, “especially the tight pants and all the big muscles, but I just couldn’t understand why they were killing each other over 25 cents.” Dumbfounded, her date asked, “What do you mean?” “Well, they flipped a coin, one team got it, and then for the rest of the game, all they kept screaming was, ‘Get the quarterback! Get the quarterback! I’m like, hello? It’s only 25 cents!’”

There was an elderly couple who in their old age noticed that they were getting a lot more forgetful, so they decided to go to the doctor. The doctor told them that they should start writing things down so they don’t forget. They went home and the old lady told her husband to get her a bowl of ice cream. “You might want to write it down,” she said. The husband said, “No, I can remember that you want a bowl of ice cream.” She then told her husband she wanted a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream. “Write it down,” she told him, and again he said, “No, no, I can remember: you want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream.” Then the old lady said she wants a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top. “Write it down,” she told her husband and again he said, “No, I got it. You want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top.” So he goes to get the ice cream and spends an unusually long time in the kitchen, over 30 minutes. He comes out to his wife and hands her a plate of eggs and bacon. The old wife stares at the plate for a moment, then looks at her husband and asks, “Where’s the toast?”

## Chaplain’s Corner

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There is no argument about the tension we have all felt this year and the relief of returning closer to normal life in 2021 because of the vaccine. We have new hope with this science miracle and give thanks for the training and knowledge of so many who have given of themselves. We are seeing a ray of light at the end of a long tunnel as we watch doctors, nurses and others obtain the first protection.

Even with the delivery of the vaccination, we will cautiously move forward. In Daniel 2:21 we read “He changes the seasons and guides history.” We are thankful for the changing seasons that God gives us. We are just beginning the long, cold, dark winter, but with it the promise of spring and the decrease of the virus. Even in the midst of the winter, we will enjoy the peacefulness of the white snow as it covers our land.

We can view the winter as a preparation time for the birth of spring and with it, we hope, a closer normal life. I have been wondering what the transition time will feel and look like. What have we learned during this time of unexpected trials? What will our new normal really be?

How will we react? I hope we will live with a deeper sense of “goodwill to all men.” Our ritual offers knowledge of a way of life. Now is time to review the writings of our ritual and to prepare ourselves for service to our Master in our personal life and in our life as Grange members. In the First degree we are reminded that “the road is full of obstacles, rough and uneven.” The degree gives us peace and faith as written

“With me you can find ease and comfort.”

**JOIN US**  
AND LEARN HOW TO HELP OTHERS DO THE SAME

**EVERY THIRD TUESDAY AT 8:30 EASTERN ON THE GRANGE MEMBERSHIP TELECONFERENCES**

Go to [tiny.cc/1867zoom](https://tiny.cc/1867zoom) or call 669-900-6833. Use meeting ID 525-965-930 to log in.

## Mandy Project

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### WHAT’S REQUIRED AND HOW TO APPLY

The families applying need to send the following information.

1. Name of Family
2. Address & Phone Number
3. # of members in Family
4. Names & Ages of children
5. Name & Age of child with hearing loss.
6. School (child is attending) if applicable.
7. Parents must be citizens of the United States or legal immigrants. (Legal immigrants should send a copy of their green card.)
8. Services needed for child with hearing loss: Speech Therapy, Surgery, Hearing Aid(s) or other devices, etc.

### 9. Brief description of:

- a. Cause of hearing loss,
  - b. Previous treatment, needed
  - c. Expected treatment, current and future.
10. **Family goals** for child with hearing loss.
  11. **Current expenses** (connected to child’s hearing loss and not covered by insurance).
  12. **Picture** of child for promotional purposes.
  13. **Statement of need.** (Must include: Your current income, other resources for assistance, what you insurance covers?)
  14. **Letter of proof** of hearing loss or hearing test results, or both.
  15. **Release Statement** granting permission for Mandy Project to use story and picture for promotional use with a parent signature.
  16. **WHO** will be providing the service for the child? Checks will be made out to the service provider, not the family.

Applications should be sent to 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO 81326, or e-mailed to [hcrdgreer@frontier.net](mailto:hcrdgreer@frontier.net). Please share this information with individuals you may know who need assistance. If your Grange would like brochures please contact me.

**The Grange is America’s great family fraternity active in your community, state and nation promoting activities and legislation for the betterment and enrichment of our society and families.**

## 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/](http://www.coloradogranger.org/)) or the national youth website (<https://nationalgrangeyouth.org/>) for youth programs and updated information. Remember you are a Grange member!! Participate in all

## Leadership Scholarship Foundation

The Colorado State Grange Leadership and Scholarship Foundation is a private, non-profit foundation that provides college and vocational school scholarships as well as financial support for individuals enrolled in qualified leadership development programs. The Foundation is eligible to receive tax-deductible donations from individuals and other entities. Applicants of all ages are welcome provided they are or will be enrolled in an accredited Colorado institution of higher education, a Colorado-licensed vocational school, or a recognized program to develop leadership skills.

Scholarships are awarded once each year to individuals who are regular members of a Grange in Colorado or who are children or grandchildren of Colorado Grange members. Applications must be submitted to the Foundation Treasurer, by April 15. Applications should be submitted by email to [grangescholarshipfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:grangescholarshipfoundation@gmail.com). To obtain an application visit [www.coloradogranger.org/](http://www.coloradogranger.org/) scholarship. For more information call the State Grange Office or phone the Foundation treasurer, Jim Miller, at 303-898-5052.

The Foundation welcomes donations of funds or property. Donations made in memory of a deceased Grange member will be noted in the Grange Book of Memories held by the Colorado State Grange Office. Donations should be directed to the Secretary of the Colorado State Grange, 2009 County Road 31, Florissant CO 80816.

Please submit the donation along with the name of the deceased Granger and the name of the Grange to which he or she belonged, along with an address where a memorial appreciation note can be mailed.

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 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 2019-2020 Program and Contest Handbook at <https://nationalgrangeyouth.org/>.

**Great Plains Regional Leadership Conference** — More information on National Grange website.

**155th Annual National Grange Convention** — November 9-13, 2021, Wichita, Kansas.

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.

## Publicity Dept.

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Publicity is connected with the Community Service, Lecturer and Membership in the Star Awards Program. Each Grange will need to submit a Publicity Report by September 1, 2021 to me by either email or mailing address listed above.

Please fill out the Report (to be sent out in early August 2021). You can attach example of your work.

- 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

I also 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](mailto: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.

**Publicity Contest:**

Submit a tri-fold brochure advertising your Grange. Due by September 1, 2021.

The brochure should include an application form and information on your Grange and your activities. Be creative.

# Colorado State Grange Program Handbook

September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021



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

**Please Save This Handbook, Pull Out And Fold.**  
**Or see it online at [coloradogranger.org](http://coloradogranger.org).**

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

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

**Specific areas of interest to P.I.C.K are as follows:**

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

## Outstanding Granger Award

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.
- An award is given to the winner, as well as a special name badge that will denote that the person received this special honor.

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 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 the 30 days.*

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

## Health Awareness Department

**Louetta Phelps**

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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. Patriotic — Anything that represents our Country!
14. Agriculture Craft — Must use something from Agriculture, ex: grain/seed, old tools, etc.
15. \*NEW\* **Woodworking** — craft or project using wood, including painting, burning, shaping. If it uses wood it can be included in woodworking.

16. \*NEW\* **Super Hero** — you can be as creative as you like. Create your ultimate super hero. It can be a picture, sculpture, you name it. Make sure to include their special abilities (ex. flying, see through walls, turn back time, 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.

**Junior Grange Camp** —

DATES & LOCATION 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 Junior Grange Handbook or <http://www.nationaljuniorgrange.org/>**

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

## 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, 2021 (postmarked).** Funds awarded are for the 2021-2022 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](http://www.grange.com).



# Mandy Project

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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

- 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 flyers and 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
  - 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.

## Community Service

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Watch for Community Service suggestions in *The Colorado Granger* throughout the year. The first suggestion here is to keep a notebook at your Grange for any member to record their volunteer activities and hours since they were last there. At each meeting, as you go through reports from each of your areas (Legislative, Agriculture, Community Service, etc.) have the members talk about their own volunteer activities since the last meeting, in addition to any reports your Community Service person has to share.

Participation in the State programs: Deaf Education, Mandy Project, P.I.C.K., Emergency Relief Program, Family Activities, Junior Grange and Youth Grange projects will certainly count toward Helping Hands.

All three of the Community Service forms mentioned below must be submitted for the Community Service 1st place winner to be eligible for the National Community Service Contest.

### September 1, 2021 —

#### DEADLINE FOR CONTEST REPORTS.

#### Community Service Additional Information Form

A combined contest report form will be sent to each Grange. It is also available by email and on the Colorado State Grange Website, so it can be filled out on a computer. Please refer to the instructions in the Lecturers' Star Awards section of this Handbook, and on the form itself, for more details on how to complete and submit the combined report form. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or would like any clarification at all.

#### Helping Hands

The Helping Hands form is for you to keep track of your Grange members' projects and hours spent volunteering on them. Everyone helps someone at some time. Everything you and your Grange do to help your community or individuals qualifies. Examples are: helping at Church, the Library, the Museum; helping your neighbor cut wood, fix a door, feed their pets; visiting a nursing home, a hospital, a sick friend; and time you spend at the Grange Hall for community service events. Although the hours you spend doing a project are not nearly as important as the project itself, sometimes it is enlightening to see how much time you actually spend helping others. This report is the place to put those hours you've tracked throughout the year. \*Time spent on maintenance or cleaning of your own Grange hall is not considered hours to be counted for Helping Hands.

#### Empty Plate

Feeding the hungry and helping others through food can be an ongoing project for each Subordinate Grange. Did you start a community cupboard; do you have an ongoing community cupboard; did you adopt families during the holidays; did you designate your Grange as a distribution point for Angel Food or another program; do you go to a food kitchen and feed the hungry/homeless; do you sponsor Free meals at your Grange? When reporting on projects under the Red Star or any of the other Community Service related Stars, make a note if you're calling out the project as applying to either Empty Plate or Helping Hands (or both).

# Family Activities

- 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
- Class P** — Recycled Items

## 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 yam.

## "From The Heart" Projects

Baby quilts, items collected for Blue Star Mothers, eyeglasses (eyeglasses only, no cases), and boxtops for education will not be collected at the Colorado State Grange Session. Please continue to collect these items at your Grange and donate them to a worthy cause in your own community.

# Membership Program

**Dominick Breton, Director**  
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Phone: 303-919-2680  
Email: dom.e.breton@gmail.com

The Colorado State Grange membership program will offer recognition and rewards to Granges for new members joining September 1, 2020-August 31, 2021. The Subordinate/Community Grange with the most net members will be recognized, as well as the top recruiters. The form on which to report, is included in the Combined Report Form for this year. Please fill it out completely and return it according to the directions on the form.

If you are only submitting for Membership, you can mail that page to me directly or you can also 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:

- Granges that get at least seven (7) new members.
- The Subordinate/Community Grange with the most new members.
- 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.

**Idella Lewis and Karen Baxter, Co-Directors**  
Lewis • 11615 W. 32nd Ave., Wheat Ridge, CO 80033  
303-223-3393 • idellamlewis@gmail.com  
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970-259-1595

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

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

Entries will be judged at State Session.

## Baking

Label baking entries with the following:

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

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

- Class A** — Cakes (Butter Cake, frosted)
- Class B** — Altered Cake Mix
- Class C** — Yeast Bread

(One loaf or seven rolls per plate)

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

**Class E** — Bar Cookies (Seven per plate)

**Class F** — Drop, Rolled, Shaped Cookies (Seven per plate)

**Class G** — Quick Breads

(Fruit or nut containing no yeast)

**Class H** — Fudge (Seven pieces per plate)

**Class I** — Other Candy (Seven pieces per plate)

**Class J** — Gluten Free Cookies (Seven per plate)

**Class K** — Gluten Free Cakes

**Class I** — Gluten Free Breads

## Food Preservation

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

Entries should be labeled with the following:

- Name of item and Class
- Method of processing
- Month and year processed
- Contestant's name, address, Grange
- Class 1** — Canned Foods
- Class 2** — Jams, Jellies
- Class 3** — Juices
- Class 4** — Salsas, Tomatoes, Relishes
- 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



# Lecturer's Awards

**Elizabeth Hiner, Colorado State Lecturer**  
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 floridagrangerange306@yahoo.com

## Lecturer's Star Awards

Star Awards will be presented *only* based on the information supplied in the Combined Star Report. The Outstanding Grange Star Report will be recognized, as will each Grange that submits a report and earns any of the stars available. Granges completing all of the categories will be recognized as a Star Achievement Grange.

The awards for Community Service activities will also be based on information from the Star Report. The winning Grange's Combined Star Report will be sent to the National Grange convention for consideration to be awarded at the National level. The completed Community Service Additional Information Report form is required — to contain summary information only — to be the Colorado State Grange entry to the National contest.

Submission of Star Reports by email is *strongly* preferred. Your State Lecturer will forward emailed reports to the Directors of Community Service and Membership. If email is absolutely impossible, please mail three copies of your report. In addition to mailing your report to the Lecturer — please mail separate copies of your report to the Community Service and Membership Directors (mailing addresses are on the form). They will each need a copy of your reports by September 1, so there is time for them to thoroughly evaluate them all and prepare the prizes. Star certificates will be awarded to each Grange earning any of the following possible stars:

- **Gold Star — Lecturer & Community Service — INFORMATION:** Programs/activities providing education or information on issues pertinent to your community.
  - **Blue Star — Lecturer — ENTERTAINMENT:** Programs/activities involving traveling outside your hall or meeting place for an event, special meal, art exhibit, play, or show, etc.
  - **Green Star — Lecturer & Membership — MEMBERSHIP:** Activities/programs promoting membership and recruiting new members.
  - **Red Star — Community Service — COMMUNITY:** Programs/activities specifically planned for the community. A Community Dinner hosted by your Grange, planned around a theme, and open to your community will be reported under this star. \*It is likely this Star will be the best fit for reporting most of your Community Service programs and events.
  - **Silver Star — Lecturer & Community Service — COOPERATION:** Sponsor programs/activities cooperating with other community groups.
  - **Orange Star — Lecturer — FAMILY:** Programs/activities oriented around children and family, or providing opportunities for members and guests to enjoy Grange events together as a family.
  - **Purple Star — Publicity — PUBLICITY:** 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 NextDoor, plus traditional brochures (that may also be entered in the Pen in Hand portion of the Lecturer's contest), posters, news releases, newsletters, and PowerPoint presentations about your Grange, etc. Working with three or more media types qualifies for this award.
- Special Publicity Contest:** Submit a tri-fold brochure advertising your Grange. Due by September 1, 2021. The brochure should include an application form, information on your Grange, your activities and some history of the Grange. Be creative, add pictures and have fun with it.

*In an effort to streamline the process and to cut down on duplication, information for the Community Service and Membership Awards will be taken from the combined Lecturer's Star Report. Please see the possibilities with each Star's description, in bold color.*

Outstanding Program of the Year will be chosen from the combined report areas: Community Service, Lecturer, Membership, Publicity, and Food Sustainability.

The Star reports must be filled out completely to qualify for awards. You may send samples of your work along with the report, such as a picture, flyer, etc. Please include only up to four samples per Star.

**ONE BOOK:** We encourage each Grange to still do a One Book or Scrapbook as this is a historical record for your Grange and is a useful informational tool to use in recruitment or just to show who and what your Grange is, and what you do.

Please send your One Book with your Grange's delegates to State Session. It will NOT be used for judging the Star categories, or Community Service or Membership activities. If no one from your Grange will be attending State Session in September, you may mail your One Book to either Director (Elizabeth or Lisa) by September 15th to allow time for it to arrive so the Director can carry it to State Session for you — your books will be judged at State Session and on view for the membership in attendance. The Outstanding One Book Award winner's book will travel to National Convention in November and then be returned to you. This Award is separate from the Lecturer's Star and Community Service Awards.

*Granges do not need to create a One Book to be eligible for the Lecturer's Star or Community Service Awards.*

## Contest Criteria

- All Granges in the state will be judged on the same basis, whether Subordinate or Pomona
- Judged on: Completeness of reports, efforts of activities and events to meet the intent of each Star category
- One Books to be Judged at State Convention

## Lecturer's Awards

### Fine Art, Hobby Corner, Photography, With Pen in Hand and Talent

#### General Guidelines for all Lecturers' Contests:

- All entries in Fine Art, Hobby Corner, Photography, Individual Scrapbooks (not the Grange One Book) or With Pen in Hand must be labeled as follows: Name, address, Grange or sponsoring Grange, class, member or non-member, and value.
  - All entries are due at State Session on Thursday between 8 a.m. to noon.
  - Individuals may have more than one entry in a class.
  - All categories are open to Grange members in good standing as well as non-members sponsored by a local Grange.
  - Entries must be completed since the beginning of the previous State Convention.
  - We reserve the right to combine or divide classes as number of entries warrants.
  - Participants must select the class for his/her entry.
- Awards:** First place receives \$5, second place \$3 and third place \$2.
- A Best of Show** will be awarded.
1. The Grange with the most entries will receive The Colorado State Grange Lecturer's Participation Award.
  2. A Sweepstakes Award will be given to the individual with the most entries in the Lecturer's programs.

#### Fine Art Guidelines

- All entries should 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
- Painting
- Drawing
- 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
- Holiday items
- Jewelry
- Miscellaneous
- Individual Scrapbooks
- 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
- Woodworking
- Handmade Toys
- Leather Craft
- Metal Craft
- 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
- Landscapes and Seascapes
- People
- Animals and Other Creatures
- 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 [custom flyers for Grange may also be used in the Publicity (Purple Star) category and/or in the Publicity Contest].

#### Judging Criteria:

- Content — organization — Spelling, punctuation and grammar — Audience appeal
- Short story or essay
- Recommend a book (your choice)
- Poetry
- Pamphlet/flyer

#### Performing Arts Guidelines

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.
- 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. More participants will make for a better Showcase.
- There will be two age categories in Vocal, Instrumental, Variety and Joke Telling — Junior, 5-13; and Adult, 14 and over.
  - 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)

## Lecturer's Report

Lecturer's Report to include information on the following:

- **Community Dinner**  
Granges that sponsor a Community Dinner planned around a theme such as a Chili Cook-off or Luau or other creative event (to be reported in the Red Star category).
  - **Food Sustainability**  
Program for Subordinate and Pomona Granges completing any ONE category will receive a Food Sustainability Award. Do one or more of the following Categories (A or B, within one of the three groups):
    - **Share The Harvest**  
A. Grange members and friends donate excess crops to the local food bank or pantry, or a deserving family.
    - **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.
    - **Community Food Preservation Demonstration or Classes**  
A. Sponsor a food preservation demonstration for your community.
    - **B. Sponsor a class on food preservation.**
- LECTURER PROGRAM: CHRISTMAS CARD SIGNING**  
 With Marlys' permission I am adding as a statewide Lecturer program the following: USASOA (United Soldiers and Sailors of America) Christmas Card Signing (See Publicity Report) for Granges that wish to participate. This will assist Marlys with her yearly project to get cards sent to our service men and women overseas. This program will not be included in the Star awards, but an award will be given to the Grange that produces the most cards for this by September 1, 2021. See instructions below. Per Marlys it is best to purchase cards right after Christmas or use any you have left over. This an easy pandemic type program that you can do as a Grange while stuck at home with social distancing. Let's see if we can top the 40,000 done this last year.
- Sign your cards with your first name using the following phrases:**
- God Bless You
  - God Bless you my friend
  - Thank you for your service
  - Thank you for our freedom
- Please DO NOT use cards with glitter or upraised attachments.
- Cards need to be sent unsealed (for insert to be added) to Marlys Halbisen at 10650 West 45th Avenue, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033. The cards can be sent anytime during the year before September 1, 2021.



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

**Florida**

Contact Elizabeth Hiner, 970-403-4592, floridagrango306@yahoo.com, for more information.

Due to the pandemic, we have been doing just small gatherings. In October we hosted a meet the candidates; we had four candidates and people attending to make our max 10 people. It went very well, with fewer people in attendance more questions were asked and answered. It made for an enjoyable afternoon.

We also did a no contact trick or treating on Halloween for the kids. The candy was bagged up into snack sized zip-lock baggies and set out on tables for the kids to come by and pick up or delivered to the car. We had a good turnout and lots of cute outfits.

We also had crocheting workshop where we learned how to make baby hats. All hats were donated to Mercy Medical's Maternity ward.

We are still hosting Zumba and have picked up a drum circle for our periodic rentals. We did have to cancel our ThanksMass Dinner but hope to do it sometime in the Spring depending on COVID-19.

Elizabeth Hiner



Florida Grange's no contact trick or treating for the kids was well attended on Halloween. Costumes were cute and creative.



January 30 — Community Breakfast 8-10 a.m.

In November we held a Veterans Day program and presented a Quilt of Valor to Lyn Winbourn-Sanchez who served in the Army WAC from 1968-1971. Then On Sunday, November 22 we presented Russell Kennedy with a Quilt of Valor. Russell also served in the Army.

We canceled our December meeting, and at this writing are waiting to see if we will have any other activities in December. We also postponed the Secret Sister party until January.

We have new front doors on the hall thanks to Harry Greer and Roger Ayers. In September when someone

was leaving the hall the wind caught the door and took it off the hinges. We were fortunate to be able to put it back on, but it was bent. We did make a claim to the insurance company and finally after some time new doors arrived, were painted and installed.

The Halloween Bash we hosted involved the youth of the community; we had 35 participate. Leia Albright, Billy Greer, Jenna Greer, and Brianna Greer all helped manage games. Nathan, Daniel, Jacob, and Harry helped set up and clean up. Shantell Greer, Sandy Valencia, Jenna Greer and Cindy Greer provided cupcakes and cookies. We had ring toss, bean bag toss, fish pond, cupcake and cookie walk, coloring pages, and foam pumpkins to decorate and checkers.

Line dancing continues to be held at the Hall on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and Clogging is still happening on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Marvel JG**

Contact Cindy Greer, 970-588-3386, for further information.

Third Mondays at 3 p.m. Meetings.

In November we met on the 16th and worked on a wood craft, worked on memorizing the Junior Grange Pledge, played a couple of fun games the Peine Family provided, and enjoyed their refreshments.

Cindy Greer



All the baby hats made during Florida Grange's crocheting workshop were donated to Mercy Medical's Maternity ward.

**Marvel**

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

January 8 — Business Meeting.

January 16 — Chili Cook-off and Dessert Auction 6 p.m.

January 22 — Secret Sister Party, 3 p.m. at Cindy Greer's home.



Lyn Winbourn-Sanchez, Army WAC, was very touched to receive a Quilt of Valor during the Veterans Day program on November 11, 2020, at Marvel Grange.



Russell Kennedy, Army, received his Quilt of Valor on November 22, 2020.



Questions asked and answered during Florida Grange's Meet the Candidates gathering in October.

**GIA Scholarship Program For School Year 2021-2022**

Grange Insurance Association (GIA) Chairman of the Board, D. Thomas McKern, is pleased to announce that GIA will again fund 25 scholarships for the 2021-2022 school year, totaling \$33,500. In addition, GIA is honored to award the \$1,000 Paul and Ethel Holter Memorial Scholarship, funded by a gift of Mrs. Holter's estate, and the \$1,000 Dee and Ina McKern Memorial Scholarship, funded by a gift from the McKern family.

Applicants may apply for either an academic or a vocational scholarship. Three of the awards will be for students wishing to pursue vocational studies and 22 awards will be for academic studies. The top winner in each category will receive a \$2,500 award and the remaining winners will receive \$1,000-\$2,000 each.

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

1. Current GIA policyholder (or children of GIA policyholder)
2. Children of current GIA company employees
3. A previous recipient of a GIA scholarship

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

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

ognized profession or vocation, including: community colleges, business colleges and technical institutes. Vocational scholarships are aimed specifically for those students not pursuing a college diploma, but seeking further education and/or training in a vocation often not covered by more traditional colleges or universities.

The committee will base its awards on the following:

- Complete and legible application
- Scholastic ability (official grade transcript required)
- Handwritten or typed **Essay** by Applicant
- Please tell us about yourself, your family and your future goals
- Also include any leadership or volunteer-related programs or projects in which you have been involved in high school, in the community, or elsewhere
- What college, university, or trade school do you plan to attend and how will this scholarship assist you

**Application deadline is March 1, 2021 (Postmarked). Funds awarded are for the 2021-2022 school year.**

Please complete the request form below for an application for a Grange Insurance Association Scholarship.

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

**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

**GRANGE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION  
(Seattle, Washington)  
NOTICE OF 2021 ANNUAL  
POLICYHOLDERS' MEETING**

The Annual Policyholders' meeting of the Grange Insurance Association will be held on Monday, March 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at Grange Insurance Association, 200 Cedar Street, Seattle, Washington 98121.

This meeting may be moved to a virtual setting as we continue to monitor the pandemic.

Please consult our website (www.grange.com) as the meeting approaches for further announcements and potential virtual registration instructions.

All Grange Insurance Association policyholders are welcome to attend.

Signed at Seattle, Washington, this 16th day of September 2020.

Brian AJ. Allen, CPCU, ARM, AFIS, Corporate Secretary  
GRANGE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

**Darden**  
Jefferson County

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

Darden Pomona Grange was not able to have the usual Christmas party at Enterprise Grange in December. However, each Grange donated \$50 to help the less fortunate at The Carin' Clinic to help them pay for their needs. The Carin' Clinic provides medical care for those not covered by other means.

In past years a complete Christmas dinner was provided, Christmas carols were sung, gifts were handed out, Santa read the Christmas story, "Twas The Night Before Christmas," and a piñata was broken, spilling out the candy inside, and everyone received a Christmas stocking filled with treats. We have many memories to look back on of the joy that was brought to everyone who was present in previous years!

Idella Lewis

**Enterprise**

Contact Carol Lackey, carollackeyhomes@gmail.com, 303-521-4477, for further information.

**January 13, 2021, Wednesday, Potluck at 6:30 p.m.** Following potluck, there will be a short planning meeting to discuss the High Tea and whether we want to do a carry out event or hold off until next year. We will also discuss 2021 Grange Year activities and Community Service Projects. After the meeting we will hold a game night. Playing cards will be provided and then please bring any games that you enjoy playing in a group setting so we can give them a try.

**February 10, 2021, Wednesday, Valentine Party and Potluck at 6:30 p.m.** Bring a Valentine for your Granger Friends and Family. Following potluck, we will have our meeting. Entertainment for that night TBD.

**February 13th, 2021, Saturday, High Tea — TBD.**

**March 14, 2021, Wednesday, St.**



Group on Stocking Making Day, back row: Amy McClure, Ashley Lackey, and Pam Campbell; front row: Eileen Figliolino, Peggy Brett, and Dorothy Dannels.

**Patrick's Day Irish Potluck at 6:30 p.m.** Bring something green or something Irish! Irish music will be provided. Planning for the Community Service Award program and our Community Garden follows potluck.

In September we decided to fill 212 stockings for the seniors, disadvantaged and disabled people in our Community Service groups. Olin Residences needed 212 and the Jefferson County Health and Human Services received 100.

Because of COVID, our income was limited so we made a set of fleece scarves and hats hoping to save some money for the other items we needed to stuff the stockings. Depending on the day, 6 to 8 Grangers got together to work on the hats and scarves from September through mid-November, four hours a day, twice a week. (Peggy Brett, Eileen Figliolino, Ashley Lackey, Muriel Frink, Amy McClure,

Dorothy Dannels, Pam Campbell and Carol Lackey). Dorothy Dannels always provided us with a wonderful luncheon.

Other Grangers took home the scarves and hats that were cut to tie and bring back. (Kathy and Gary Wardle, Lisa Mittan and Carol Lackey). It was a massive project. It ended up costing about the same to make those fleece hats and scarves that it would have to just go to the dollar store! But we sure did have a great time complaining and laughing about how hard we ended up making it on ourselves. We enjoyed true camaraderie during this crazy COVID time but hopefully, we learned our lesson and will just purchase them or ask for donations next year!

We can't go without saying how extremely generous everyone was this year. We received enough items to fill all the stockings to the brim and



Carol and Ashley Lackey on Stocking Making Day.

still had cash donations of close to \$750. Because of that generosity, we also were able to work with Maple Grove Grange and the Scarlett O'Hatters Red Hat Club to fill large bags for the 36 residents of Parkhill Residences.

During the time we were spending hours with our scarves and hats, we still had small bags to fill with lotions, soaps and shampoo, fill other snack bags with candy, and finish writing Christmas cards for the stockings.

Luckily, we found out one of our neighbors was an organizational wizard! Nancy Sells stopped by one day to offer her services. We were sooo pleasantly surprised and thankful. I know when she stopped, she could never have expected to spend so much time and effort but she dug in immediately and never stopped.

First, she filled the 212 lotion bags. She then sorted and continued to sort all the donations as they came in. She kept count of all the items hoping to get to the 212 of each. She even took several large boxes of cards that had been donated and sorted them all into



Muriel Frink helping out on Stocking Making Day.

categories while she was watching her TV shows.

Once we got closer to filling day, she organized the flow to make it easier to fill the stockings. In less than two hours, we had all 212 stockings



Stocking Filling Day Group, left to right: Tim Eplett, Nancy Sells, Gary Wardle, Kathy Wardle, Mike Lackey, Carol Lackey, Muriel Frink, and Leonard Dannels.



DJ and Cassandra wrapping and stuffing stockings.



Organizational wizard and willing volunteer Nancy Sells on Stocking Stuffing Day.



Samples of the fleece scarves and hats made to fill stockings donated by Enterprise Grange.



Stockings stuffed and ready to go!

filled and ready to go to their separate destinations. She then took over and organized and filled the 36 bags for Parkhill. On filling day she brought with her a friend, Tim Eplett, and her kids Cassandra and DJ. Gary and Kathy Wardle, Muriel Frink, Leonard and Dorothy Dannels, and Mike and Carol Lackey were the Grangers that filled stockings that day too.

We can't thank everyone enough for the hard work and many long hours it took to accomplish our mission of community service. It could have never been done without each and everyone getting so involved and being so generous with their time.

We held our Thanksgiving potluck at 6:30 p.m. on November 11. Carin' Clinic and Shannon's Hope clients were unable to join us. We decided to only have any Granger, any of their friends and family who wished to attend. Our Thanksgiving feast was a traditional potluck with turkey and all the trimmings. As with any Grange Dinner, when it was time to leave everyone was full of food and laughter!

Enterprise Grange held their Old-Fashioned Christmas Dinner this year on December 13. Again, the Grangers and any friends and family that wished to attend were welcomed. We had a meal of ham, a multitude of sides, salads and desserts. Joe Koontz showed us pictures of his motorcycle that he decorates with thousands of lights for Christmas. It is a labor of love for him and only gets more elaborate each year.

We wish all our fellow Grangers, their family and friends a very Happy Holiday! We are sure everyone is looking forward to a wonderful 2021!

Carol Lackey

### Maple Grove

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

Maple Grove Grange has not been meeting due to the COVID Virus but we are looking forward to the time when we can meet again. We need to be thankful for the many blessings we are grateful to have during this time.

Congratulations to John Cruz for being re-elected to another term on the Executive Committee for the Colorado State Grange.

We remind everyone that dues are now due and should be sent to J. Kelly. We have three Golden Sheaf members, (50 year membership), Idella Lewis, Robert Lewis and Norene Hawthorne.

Idella Lewis

### Wheat Ridge

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

Wheat Ridge Grange has been still holding monthly meetings. We are constantly thinking about ways to move forward during this time and engage with the community. Our renters are still using the Grange.

During the month of January, we will be getting new doors to the front entrance, a wall rebuilt, and a new paint job on the interior of the hall. Next time we'll have before and after pictures. Everyone here wishes everyone there the best, (that you can have), for the coming holidays as well as the new/better year of 2021

Vivian Vos

### Pleasant Park

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

January 9 — Regular Meeting 10 a.m., followed by Sack Lunch.

February 13 — Regular Meeting 10 a.m., followed by Sack Lunch.

March 13 — Regular Meeting 10 a.m., followed by Sack Lunch.

We have a new well!!! Thank you to Laura Anderson and Ken Spoor for all their hard work in completing this project. The next phase is getting water pipes over to the Bicycle Rest Stop area and that will be worked on in the spring.

Meetings have been canceled to keep members safe. The Executive Committee has stepped up to make necessary decisions until we can meet again.

We are very thankful that none of our members have contacted the Virus. Several members have health issues not related to COVID and are kept in our prayers.

All of our scheduled events are canceled to be on the safe side and abide by all the rules in place. This included the annual Christmas Party and white elephant gift exchange. We do have many things to be grateful for in spite of COVID.

The bicycle rest stop is closed for the season. The porta-potty is still available as a community service project.

We look forward to when we can get back to the new normal and pray that all Grange members stay well.

Yvonne Ludwig

### Golden Gate

Contact Terri Costeldia, President, 303-277-0351, terricosteldia@hotmail.com, for further information.

We have been holding Golden Gate Grange meetings via the internet since March. If you would like to join the virtual meetings, please notify Jane Ruesch (jayruesch@aol.com) and we will add you to the roster.

Rich Phillips and Teri Costeldia have been continuing their efforts to improve the Grange building and property. New hardware and letters have been purchased with help from a grant from the Colorado State Grange. This will enable our sign to be changed from the ground rather than the perilous climb up a ladder to the narrow ledge at the bottom of the sign. Hopefully, the new letters will be less affected by the strong winds. New lighting has been installed to make the sign more visible at night.

Since we were not able to hold our usual annual Gift Drive and Wrapping Party for Jeffco Foster Children, the event chair, Janet Primmer, found a new way to show our Holiday Spirit and bring holiday cheer to the Foster Children of Jefferson County. Each volunteer picked up a bag of donated gifts which they wrapped and added to with their own donations. The gifts were then returned to the Grange for distribution to the children.

Thanks to Janet and Dave Primmer for organizing this project and to the volunteers who sorted, wrapped and donated gifts for more than 40 children. Our volunteers included Kim Trost, Nancy Bachman, DeeDee Ramstetter, Sue Hock, Lori Niquette, Jill Shewmaker, Sally Shriner, Susan Dentry, Jayne Ruesch, Lisa Petrella, Nancy and Gary Baughman, Ann Bizzano, Amy Long, Rich and Elle Phillips, Marith Rehies and Linda Gavitt. Thank



Drilling rig digging the new well for Pleasant Park Grange.



Ken Spoor working on the pipes for the new well. Ken has spent many manual labor hours working on this project for Pleasant Park Grange.



Christmas cookies Wheat Ridge Grange style.



Wheat Ridge Grange hall improvements coming in January 2021 ... the front entrance will be getting new entry doors ...



... the west wall will be rebuilt ...



... and the interior of the hall will get a new paint job and new color.

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### Sunflower Grange

Contact Cherry Ellis, cherryllis5@yahoo.com for further information.

The State and National Granges, our local members and community have made Sunflower's first year as a reorganized Grange memorable. Many of our nominees received State Awards: Carrie Dunn-Thompson as State EMS recipient, Emmie Rooney as State Teacher recipient, and Margaret Ellis as Colorado Granger of the Year! We were surprised and grateful to have them receive recognition beyond our community. They certainly deserve it.

Nena Robbins, Sunflower's Lecturer, received an Award Certificate for STAR Reports and an album to hold State and National Awards from State Lecturer Elizabeth Hiner. Thank you. We hope to be able to continue a high level of activity and participation.

Though we were not able to meet at the Meadows Grange Community Center in November or December, we have had some outdoor gatherings. About 20 people attended Big Foot Story Night to hear Wesley Watts and others tell stories of sightings and to watch "The Monster of Plum Creek" video projected on the fence outdoors at BMan's BBQ, thanks to Garrett and J. Wiley. There have already been requests for more story nights, so Wesley has more work ahead of him.

The "first Friday after the first frost," some of us attended Sedalia's annual Pumpkin Weigh-in at Bud's Bar, a town tradition since 1985. Results: Billy Moore once again took first and second places with his 109

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(Continued from Page 7) and 107 pounders; Garo Chalian was third at 47 pounds; Carrie Thompson fourth at 30 pounds; and 5-year-old Wyatt had a 5 pounder. Our only Grange entry was a 5 pound turnip! In a drought year, all growers deserve congratulations.

Our December 12 meeting was held at FarmBox Foods in Sedalia. The temperature was 22 degrees when the meeting began, so the dozen members and three visitors in attendance moved around to stay warm. Farm-Box offers "...ready to use, turn key, vertical hydroponic and gourmet mushroom farms" in semi-trailers that "can be used in any climate, any place in the world." One semi-trailer houses a mushroom farm. Farm Manager Trevor Garofalo gave a short talk on the facilities at FarmBox, then showed the mushroom-growing truck to four people at a time.

We also checked the semi equipped with vertical hydroponic tubes for growing lettuce and other vegetables which they will plant soon. Trevor sold \$5 bags of oyster mushrooms to many attendees; oyster mushrooms offer a higher protein content than regular button mushrooms according to Trevor. Nena Robbins, our lecturer, arranged to have him come to our January meeting for a longer talk about their growing process and discuss possibilities for our spring plant sale!

Several Grange members will join with Lea Marshall and other community members for a new book club beginning in January and continuing through June. The group will read and discuss six volumes of *The Remarkable Ladies of Sedalia*, stories of women who helped settle the town and preserve it, which were compiled by volunteers of Sedalia's Museum.

Sedalia's usual Santa Shop for children and Winterfest were not held this year. Our Grange focused on community giving. We held email discussions and votes to provide King Sooper gift cards for families of Sedalia Elementary's students. Linda Straw held a mini-food drive to stock the Little Pantry at Sedalia's Museum with dried and easily prepared foods and snacks. We are discussing other donations we can make to help our community get through this very difficult year.

Seed catalogs are arriving which indicates it's time to begin our yearly Plant Project that culminates in the May Plant Sale. At January's Grange meeting, we will have a Seed Swap.



Above: The winners at the annual pumpkin weigh-in at Bud's Bar; and Below: Five pound turnip.

Photos by Bobbie Elder



Many of us have saved seeds from our gardens, dried, packaged and labeled them for sharing with other gardeners. Renee Sweet (the Tomato Queen), Bob Snyder of Louviers, and Wayne Eads of Greeley, taught us how to save the seeds from our successful varieties of tomatoes, peppers and squash. If members of other Granges

are interested in seed-saving and sharing, please let us know. In January, we'll discuss when to start growing plants for the sale, and Nena will begin distribution of supplies to the volunteer growers who will make 2021's Ninth Annual Heirloom Tomato and Plant Sale a success.

Cherry Ellis

**Pikes Peak**  
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**Florissant**

Contact Renee Caldwell, 719-748-5004, [caldwellrenee3@gmail.com](mailto:caldwellrenee3@gmail.com), for further information.

**January 9 — Pine Needle Basket/Crafting Class from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.** Make a Basket, Felt critter, or ??? For more information and to make a reservation for the class, call 719-748-5004.

**February 13 — Crafting Class from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.** For more information and to make a reservation for the class, call 719-748-5004.

**February 14 — Valentine's Day Breakfast.** Let's celebrate Valentine's Day by enjoying a Florissant Grange TAKE OUT breakfast. We will have scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, bacon and something sweet. Suggested donation is \$10 and we will be serving from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Drive up and get yours to celebrate Valentines Day.

November 25 we served Free Thanksgiving Dinner to our Community. It is our way of saying Thank You to all those who support our Grange and all those who may not be able to enjoy a Thanksgiving Dinner otherwise. We served approximately 150+ community members with a Drive through complete Thanksgiving Dinner including Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Cranberries, and Apple Pie. All leftovers were delivered to the homeless in Colorado Springs by four of our Grangers, Trina and Josh Borst, and Doug and Marica Phillips.

December 12 Santa visited the Florissant Grange with goodies and fun for all the community children with a Drive Through Christmas with Santa Event. The weather was very Christmas-like with snow flurries the day before, but that did not stop the kiddos from coming to see Santa and give him letters that were promptly answered. Fun was had by all.



Arianna Watts from Sunflower Grange took Third Place in the Junior Division of the 2020 National Grange Quilt Block Contest.



Florissant Grange's Drive Through Christmas with Santa Event was a big hit with community children.



December 19 the Florissant Grange delivered boxes with complete Christmas meals and gifts to families in our area who need some help this Christmas. With COVID... many families have lost their jobs and some people

just can't get out to enjoy their family and friends and just needed some extra attention.

We hope you have a very Blessed Christmas and New Year.

Renee Caldwell



Felted Christmas Fairies made during a Florissant Crafting Class.

November 30, 2020

Dear Arianna,

Thank you for participating in the 2020 National Grange Quilt Block Contest.

Congratulations on placing third in Group II, age 5-13!

In a year full of challenges and changes to our normal, we had over 285 quilt blocks submitted and they just keep coming (long after the deadline). Each and every block will find its way into one-of-a-kind handicrafts to benefit our state and local Granges across the country.

I have enclosed a rosette ribbon, your \$20 check for third place as well as the 2021 National Grange Quilt Block Contest guidelines and Entry Form. Please share the 2021 information with friends and neighbors - remember, anyone can submit a quilt block, not just Grange members.

Thanks for being a DO•er!

Fraternally yours,

Christine E. Hamp, Lecturer  
The National Grange

Enclosures