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## Colorado State Grange Annual Convention 2021

September 23-25, 2021

Masonic Temple

421 Turner Drive, Durango, CO

We are looking forward to having an in-person Convention this year in Durango. The State Officers and Directors will arrive on Wednesday, September 22, to set up the building and practice the opening and closing and the Sixth Degree. We are going to try something different this year by presenting the Sixth Degree on Saturday afternoon. We hope that more people will be able to attend.

We have invited the National Grange Lady Assistant Steward, Karen Overstreet, from Texas, to be our National Representative. We are still looking for a possible educational speaker for the Convention.

On Thursday after the Memorial Service, we will have an Ice Cream Social and table games for fun and fellowship. Granges who have had members who served as delegates, state officers, or directors that have passed away, need to send in information to the State Chaplain in order for her to be able to recognize these individuals at the memorial service.

This is a full election year for officers. As some of you may already know our State Lecturer and Assistant Steward will be moving later this year to Hawaii. There are no other officers who have reached their term limit this go-round.

We hope that you are working on Resolutions on issues that concern you that the Grange can support. Please try to get your resolutions in to the State Office by early September. We would like to be able to send them out to delegates, but we can't do that if we don't have them. Which means that each Grange needs to select their delegates and get the credentials card and committee selections in as early as possible. Only Granges who have paid their dues through the second quarter are entitled to have delegates. We need to assign committees and can't do that if we don't know who the delegates are. Of course financial assistance to your delegates from your Grange is highly encouraged.

The State Convention is a great time to share ideas with other Granges across the state if one takes advantage

of the opportunity. Individuals who are not delegates are welcome to attend any part of the Convention. You will need to have the Fourth Degree password for the business meetings. The Lecturer is planning a Mardi Gras celebration on Friday evening with salad and pizza as awards for the year are presented from the Lecturers program, Family Activities, Mandy Project, Community Service, and Publicity. Everyone is welcome!

The Alumni Breakfast and Past Master's Breakfast will be catered by PICK.

Thursday afternoon opening is in the Sixth Degree, so only Sixth Degree members are allowed in until the Grange is lowered to the Fourth Degree.

The membership lunch on Friday will be served by the Eastern Star.

Saturday evening is the Final Banquet and will be catered by the Mt. Allison Grange. We hope to honor several veterans with Quilts of Valor, Honor an Outstanding Granger (if we get any nominations), and have a Talent Show at which one will be selected to attend the National Convention to participate in the Evening of Excellence.

We have a lot of fun and hope you will join us.

### Hotels Near

**Masonic Lodge in Durango**  
**LaQuinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Durango**, 125 Mercury Village Dr., Durango, CO 81303.  
970-259-8400

**Super 8 by Wyndham Durango**, 20 Stewart St., Durango, CO 81303.  
970-259-0590

**Homewood Suites by Hilton**, 15 Girard St., Durango, CO 81303.  
970-259-2996

**SpringHill Suites by Marriott Durango**, 77 Mercury Village Dr., Durango, CO 81301.  
970-822-8777

**Comfort Inn & Suites**, 455 S. Camino Del Rio, Durango, CO 81303.  
970-259-7900

**Sleep Inn**, 1260 Escalante Dr., Building A, Durango, CO 81303.  
970-403-1350

## National Lady Assistant Steward, National Representative



National Grange Lady Assistant Steward  
Karen Knight Overstreet

Karen Knight Overstreet, the National Grange Lady Assistant Steward, is a fourth-generation Granger. She held the office of Lady Assistant Steward in the Texas State Grange prior to being elected State President/ Master in 2018.

Her maternal great-grandfather was a subordinate Grange President/Master and both of her grandparents were Grangers. Her parents, Archie and Barbara (Ullrich) Knight met in the Grange. Karen joined the Alamo Junior Grange when she turned five and when she became old enough, she joined the Alamo Subordinate Grange. She has held many offices in her Junior, Subordinate and Pomona Granges. In 1982, she represented Texas as the State Princess and she and her husband, Buddy, were Texas State Grange Young Couple in 1995.

Karen grew up on a 290-acre farm south of San Antonio, Texas, where the family raised cows, sheep, pigs, goats, horses, chickens, and coastal hay. Karen and Buddy currently live on a 152-acre farm parallel to her family's farm where they raise coastal hay. They have been married for 35 years and have three children, Carl, Leah, and Karryn.

They attend Oak Island United Methodist Church. Karen retired from teaching after 30 years in 2014, when she began taking care of her parents. She enjoys yardwork, cooking/baking, playing the piano, singing, and loves Christmas.

### Outstanding Granger Award

1. 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.

## — In Memoriam —



### LaVerne Jessop

February 26, 1931 - May 12, 2021

LaVerne Jessop passed away peacefully on May 12, in Golden, Colorado. She is survived by her loving family, children; Deborah Jessop, George (Tina), Ken, (Carol), five grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years Dean Jessop; her parents Burton and Esther McMullen; sister Kathrine Moore; and brother Marvin McMullen.

LaVerne was born February 26, 1931, in Stockton, California. Her parents died when she was four years old, leaving the three children in the care of her mother's parents, aunts

and uncles. She was raised at a ranch in Galt, California, attending school in Galt and attending business school in Stockton, where she learned skills she'd use the rest of her life in establishing a nice home for her family.

She met her "sailor boy," Dean, at a New Year's Eve party in Treasure Island, California. She was shocked the next morning when he actually showed up on her doorstep and began courting her. He was shipped out the following week and continued corresponding. He actually told her in his second letter that she was the one he would marry. When in port in San Diego he'd hitchhike to Stockton to see his sweetheart. They planned a November wedding but decided before he was shipped out again to get married July 26, 1952, onboard the USS Curtis. When he was released from the Navy he took his expectant wife to his home state of Colorado, where they lived in Denver, Lakewood, and Golden. They planned and built their home in Golden. LaVerne stayed home and practiced the skills she learned from her grandmother and aunts to create a loving family.

She was an outstanding seamstress and took in sewing and alterations to supplement the family income. As the children got older she added skills of knitting, crocheting, cake decorating, floral arranging, photography and more to her skills of sewing, cooking, and gardening. Not being busy enough, she became a Cub Scout den mother and 4-H leader. The house was never empty of children learning from her. After the children left home and Dean retired, they enjoyed square dancing, traveling by RV, taking three mile walks with friends, and membership in Maple Grove Grange.

LaVerne enjoyed being a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, as well as a friend to all of those around her.

## GIA Calls For Director Nominations

The position for Director in District 3 is up for election in March 2022. The Grange Insurance Association is a mutual company having special regulations lawfully applicable to its organization, membership, policies or contracts of insurance.

By virtue of this policy, the policyholder is a member of the company and is entitled to vote, in person, by mail, or by electronic means approved by the Board of Directors. The annual meeting of the members of the company shall be held on the third Monday of March at 10 a.m. at the Home Office of the Grange Insurance Association.

The Directors are elected by the members at the member's annual meeting each year. Pursuant to the procedures set forth in Article II, Section 3, (b) of the GIA Bylaws, the Nominating Committee shall submit a slate of candidates for the open positions on the Board of Directors. Ad-



ditional candidates may be nominated by petition pursuant to the procedures of Article II, Section 3 (e) of the Bylaws. Such petitions must be signed by at least fifty (50) members who reside in the same district in which the candidate resides.

The qualifications for Director can be found in the GIA Bylaws Article II section 3 b. Director Eligibility. In summary a person to be eligible for nomination or election as a Director must be currently a member of this Association for five (5) consecutive years. The person and his/her spouse is not and has not been, within three (3) consecutive years, an officer (such as president, vice-president, etc.), director, manager, partner, master, overseer, member of an executive commit-

tee, or holder of a similar position with any State or National Grange or affiliate thereof; other than a Director of this Association or its affiliated insurance companies; and (iii) the person and his or her spouse (if any) is not a director, officer, manager, agent, broker, or employee of an insurance company that writes property and/or casualty insurance other than a Director who is an agent of this Association or its affiliated insurance companies at the time these Bylaws are adopted. Candidates for nomination who attain the age of 72 years or older by the annual meeting for which they are a candidate for election may not serve as Director, unless that candidate at the time of his/her election is a serving Director of the Association. Serving Directors of the Association who attain the age of 80 years or older by the annual meeting for which they are a candidate for election are not eligible.

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**Help Needed  
At National  
Convention 2021  
Wichita, KS  
November 9-13, 2021  
See Page 3 For Details**

# Master's Message

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As children we couldn't wait to GROW up. We were always looking forward to changing and becoming old enough to do something or tall enough to do other things. This time of year we watch the vegetables or fruit grow big enough to pick or eat.

The decision to grow always involves a choice between risk and comfort. Growing often involves change. Change is a word that makes a lot of us uncomfortable because we don't want things to change, but change is inevitable. Which means that sometimes we will fail.

Failure is not an event, but rather a judgement about an event. Failure is not something that happens to us or a label we attach to things. It is a way we think about the outcome. Winston Churchill said "I never failed anything in my life, I was given a second opportunity to get it right." When we start a project or activity, many times we want a big show and if we don't get a big show we think we've failed. When in reality a small beginning is better than no beginning at all. Failure does not shape you, the way you respond to failure shapes you. It takes time to build a reputation that people want to be a part of or experience. I think that our Granges have the opportunity to GROW, especially as we begin to hold activities and projects again and people are getting out. Each Grange will have to try different things to see what works in their community. What works in a rural Grange may not work for the urban Grange. But if you FAIL to do anything then you have failed your community and your Grange. If you try and begin small then you have achieved a form of SUCCESS.

The State Officers and Directors are preparing for State Convention and we are hoping that each Grange will see the importance of participating and do their part to send delegates to the convention. That means that your Grange may need to financially assist your chosen delegates to come since the convention will be held in Durango. Yes, it's a long way for some to come, but remember also that it's just as far for the folks in the Southwest corner of the state to go to the Northern part of the state. Delegates have the opportunity to participate in committee meetings, which discuss the resolutions that have been submitted from Granges about issues of concern. The committees tweak the resolutions, and decide if the topic is something the Grange should support or should not support. Those that the committees think should be supported will be presented on the floor for all delegates to vote on. Those that the committee thinks should not be supported will not be presented on the floor unless another delegate makes a motion to reconsider the committee's decision. We try to follow Roberts Rules of Order in the business meeting of the Grange. We hope you will join us. We will be presenting the Sixth Degree on Saturday afternoon; this is a change from previous years of a Thursday evening presentation. We hope that we can get more people to attend the degree.

## Leadership Scholarship Foundation Announces Scholarship Winners

Jeanne Davies, jeannedavies@comcast.net

Thirteen scholarships — \$1500 each

The Colorado State Grange Leadership and Scholarship Foundation is pleased to announce its 2021 Scholarship winners. There were thirteen scholarships awarded, each one was for \$1500. We thank the Grangers and the Granges who donate to the scholarship fund each year to help our Grange youth in their continuing education. Grangers and Granges donate to the scholarship fund in the memory of a loved one who has passed away by sending their donation directly to the Foundation. Remember to send your donation anytime during the year.

The Foundation is strong and has been growing over the years and of course, needs to be refreshed each year though Grangers and Granges memory gifts. The State Grange and founders of the Foundation gave a good start to the Program and at first, offered smaller and fewer scholarships, but now are positioned to help many of the youth Grangers around the State.

This year's winners are listed as follows:

Borst	Rebecca	University of Colorado, Colo. Spgs.	Florissant
Nicholas	Paige	Fort Lewis College	Golden Gate
Borst	Katrina	University of Colorado, Colo. Spgs.	Florissant
Kirts	Emily	Denver College of Nursing	Golden Gate
Halbeisen	Halina	University of Colorado, Colo. Spgs.	Maple Grove
Lane	Nathan	Colorado School of Mines	Maple Grove
Land	William	University of Northern Colorado	Garden Home
Hackett	Teagan	Red Rocks Community College	Garden Home
Saltus	Sierra	Colorado State University	Golden Gate
Green	Miles	Red Rocks Community College	Golden Gate
Kirts	Jared	Colorado Mesa University	Golden Gate
Roach	Chloe	Colorado State University	Golden Gate
Boynczynski	Trent	Colorado Mesa University	Golden Gate

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Notes From The Secretary

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### A Positive Point Of View

This year State Session is being held at the Masonic Lodge in Durango, and it is approaching fast. Please check the Hotel Information in this edition of the Granger. Each person attending needs to make their own hotel reservations. Also in this edition of the Granger is the Meal Reservation Form (also in the mail to Secretaries, Directors and Officers). Be sure to fill yours out and send it with your check to the State Office. Please, get it here on time. Take a look at the tentative State Session Schedule in the Granger as well, and don't forget to pull out your Handbooks (mailed at the beginning of the year) and let your Grangers know about entering all the great contests we have at State Session. Make your plans to join us,

and have a good time.

Did you notice our weather? Suddenly it is Summer. I am very happy about that. The grass is green again, the Aspen have leafed out with that beautiful light green "new" look, and the wild flowers are blooming. The hummingbirds, blue birds, robins, and beautiful grosbeaks are back. It just doesn't get any better than this. Let's pray for a normal summer of rain every afternoon to ward off those fires. I do not like fire season.

On another note: This will be the last term I will serve as the Secretary for Colorado State Grange. It has been a pleasure serving as the Secretary and streamlining a lot of the processes from manual functions to using Excel and other programs to make the job much simpler and more fun.

## Claudia's Corner



by Claudia the Skunk from the National Grange Herd

Resolutions are the method that the Grange has adopted to discuss issues of concern to its members. A Resolution consists of Whereas statements that explain what the writer sees as important concerns about the topic. The Resolved needs to be specific as to what action is desired of the Grange, either state or national. The Resolved needs to "stand alone" which means that when you take away all the whereas statements one still knows what the topic is and what the desired action is.

The State office would really appreciate receiving these resolutions as soon as possible. We'd really like time to be able to send the resolutions out to the delegates so that they have time to do some research on the topic before arriving at the convention to vote on them. I strongly suggest that your resolutions be sent to the State office by September 5, 2021.

### Resolutions

One of the real benefits of Grange membership is the opportunity to have an effective voice regarding public policy issues that affect our lives. A basic precept of the Grange is its adherence to grassroots policy development. Every Grange member or the Grange itself has the right to author

a resolution, but it is important to understand the correct procedure for drafting resolutions. The following guidelines can help to write and adopt successful resolutions:

- A resolution is a statement of policy or position on an issue.
- Each resolution should have a clear and concise title.
- Each resolution should address only one issue.

After a resolution has been written and submitted to the Grange, it may be referred to a Resolutions Committee for consideration and action before being presented to the Grange members for a vote. All actions reported by the committee should be by majority vote of the committee. The committee can take any of the following actions:

- Recommend approval of the resolution as written.
- Recommend rejection of the resolution.
- Amend the resolution or redraft it as they so desire.
- Recommend that the resolution be transferred to another committee, be tabled, or referred for further study to avoid action on it directly.

### Sample Resolution

WHEREAS: this is the part of the resolution that explains the issue or problem; and

WHEREAS: each resolution should address only one issue or problem; and

WHEREAS: each "Whereas" statement should address only one fact, idea or supporting argument related to the issue or problem; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the "Resolved" statement should stand alone and the action proposed therein should be clearly understood by the reader without having to refer back to the "Whereas" statements.

RESOLVED: that each "Resolved" statement should address a separate action to be taken or solution proposed to resolve the issue or problem; and be it further

After a resolution is adopted by a Grange and before it is sent to the next level of the Grange or released to the public, it should have the Grange seal affixed and the signatures of the Master or Secretary.

## 2021 National Grange Convention In Wichita, Kansas November 9-13

## The Colorado Granger Guidelines

August 15, 2021, is the deadline for articles for the September-October 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.

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)

I am still in the process of transferring all the information from the Card Catalog of members (join date, Golden Sheaf, etc.) to the National Database and will have that finished prior to State Session. I have enjoyed getting to know all of you and helping some of you learn to use the National Database which helps Colorado State Grange and National Grange with the task of keeping track of membership and a multitude of other information that is needed for both State and National Grange.

You can't wait till life isn't hard anymore to decide to be happy. Be happy today.

## Mandy Project

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Hearing Loss Association of American (HLAA) Research Symposia have been held annually at HLAA Conventions since 1994. The sessions cover cutting-edge scientific findings relevant to adult hearing loss. The symposia are unique because they are geared toward educating the lay audience of people with hearing loss about research. The 2021 Research Symposium is supported by the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), National Institutes of Health (NIH). This conference was held in June.

In the United States, most people with hearing loss do not receive hearing health care. How can we do better? This research symposium will feature some of the latest advances in delivering hearing care to communities traditionally unserved by clinic-based hearing care, including remote Alaska villages, older adults along the U.S.-Mexico border, and low-income older adults in Baltimore. In these settings, care is provided by a range of providers from community health aides to peer mentors.

The HLAA Research Symposium featured talks by three national leaders in hearing care that bring a range of expertise and perspectives to meeting the hearing care needs of Americans, from children to older adults, and beyond. It will also include a panel of community-based health care providers who are the on-the-ground experts in this field.

HLAA provides Hearing Life magazine to its member.

To learn more about this organization you can visit their web site at www.hearingloss.org.

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### LECTURER:

It looks like COVID-19 is winding down and we can get back to normal, or at least a new normal where we can get out and congregate again. The pandemic has been hard on our Granges. It will be nice to see you all out and about again. I am looking forward to seeing your projects for the last 2 years. Please remember that your submissions need to be in by September 1.

The digital form has been revised so it should be easier to use. It was emailed to your grange earlier this year, if you don't have a copy, please check the state site under the community service tab for the most current form (2021) of contact Lisa Mittan or me.

At Convention in Durango, the Gala will be a Mardi Gras theme. We will be having a pizza party and mask decorating evening along with the awards presentation. Please let me know at convention about any food restrictions or shoot me an email.

### Lecturer Program For 2021:

#### 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 Halbisen at 10650 West 45th Avenue, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033. The cards can be sent anytime during the year before September 1, 2021.

Please send me a total of the cards you have sent as there are prizes for the most cards sent by any Grange.

### PUBLICITY:

The time for getting in your brochure for the publicity contest is coming up. Whether your Grange is an old one or a new one, a brochure with information about your Grange is a great tool for recruiting. The brochure should cover: What the Grange is, what your Grange does, where you are located, when you meet, and an application. I have found if you have a couple with you, you can give them away when you are asked about the Grange.

**Publicity Contest:** Remember to work on your brochure for the state contest. The sky is the limit.

### General Information:

COVID-19 has hit our Granges hard this last year, from having to quarantine at home to having meetings on Zoom or no meetings at all. We need to take a step back and re-evaluate the Grange. Our shared history and values need to somehow translate to our future. As farms become more corporate and the need for the old concept of the Grange wanes, we need to look at what we as the Grange should look like going forward. We should honor the old ways. We still need to keep our agriculture roots and boost our legislative and community outreach programs. Somehow the old guard needs to give way to the new. One of the ways we can do this is to look at the diversity in our Grange.

Diversity comes in many different forms. The most prominent is race, followed by religion, and sexual orientations. But there is diversity in our language, our ages, incomes, life experiences, and beliefs. How do we take these differences and attract new members? There are those who are different, but it turns out, not so different from who we are or think we are. What we want and need are very much the same, to be happy, successful, productive, safe, and secure, to have a comfortable life with friends and family.

I have included the diversity report

that was established by National President Betsy Huber to study our rules, rituals, and customs. Please share this report with your Grange if you haven't already. This could be a place to start to strengthen our Granges and is a conversation we all need to participate in to recruit new members and keep our Granges going for another 155 plus years. We do have a lot to share with our brothers and sisters, we just need to look beyond where we are at now to what we can be in the future.

### REPORT OF THE

#### DIVERSITY TASK FORCE

The Diversity Task Force was established by the National Grange President, Betsy Huber, to study our ritual, rules, and customs to make sure we are not unintentionally showing any signs of prejudice or discrimination in the Grange. The Diversity Task Force was comprised of the following members: F. Philip Prelli, National Grange Vice President as the Chairperson; and the following active members: Sharon Croucher, NY; Edgar Hicks, NE; Raymond Hayes, NC; Jini Reynolds, CA; Robert Beamon, PA; Rick Grotton, ME; Edna Mae Guerra, TX; and Yeseña Rangel, TX.

The history of the Grange has always shown our strong support for major social issues with an open policy of membership. This is a very appropriate time for the National Grange to undertake this action; not only because of the social unrest and tension in our country but as it is the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment to our Country's Constitution, granting women the right to vote. From the beginning of our organization, women were equal members with the right to vote at our meetings and we worked tirelessly to help in the passage of the amendment. We should now be just as vigilant in ensuring that we investigate and eliminate any barriers that could imply or show any signs of prejudice or discrimination in our organization.

The task force held several virtual meetings. The members reviewed the manuals of our order from the Junior thru the Seventh Degree as well as the promotional and instructional materials provided by the National Grange for membership both in the Subordinate/Community and Junior levels. Lengthy and lively discussions were held on many points. The task force members understand that the authority to make changes to our manuals and bylaws of our order belong with the delegate body of the National Grange and in some instances also with the Assembly of Demeter but offer the following findings and recommendations.

#### Findings

The major and most discussed barrier over several meetings were the titles of Master and Overseer. The group felt that even though these titles can be explained as their relationship to the English Farm on which they are based, the first impression is to their use on plantations during the slave era. It was also pointed out that these generate negative connotations in both the Hispanic and Native American cultures. This not only had an effect on the Subordinate/Community membership level but also at the Junior level. With the changing generations this could continue to grow as a barrier. The use of the title Master also has a negative effect on certain Christian sects as they feel "they only serve one Master." First impressions are important, especially when promoting our organization and asking people to join. We must remember as we have been told many times in membership seminars, "You only have one chance to make a first impression." To a lesser degree, the titles of the Stewards and Gatekeeper were also discussed.

Barriers can be characterized several ways and we must consider how others will perceive the concepts and ideas being presented. One area discussed was the lack of diversity in the stock photos used in many of our promotional materials. It was also pointed out in some of the promotional material, that the sentence "Traditional family values are promoted and woven into Grange activities and events," though understood by our members, could act as a barrier to some individuals. The intent is to instill family values in our programs, but many will not get past the concept of only accepting "traditional" families.

In the review of the manuals and aspects of our meeting, the task force felt strongly that our ritual was the basis of our organization and did not create any major barriers. That being said, some concerns were raised about the use of Brother and Sister and the effect that may have on some people in the LGBTQ community, the Draping of the Charter Ceremony being Christian only, the idea of only a bible on the altar, and the use of some Christian Hymns in the Seventh Degree.

#### Recommendations

Resolutions were adopted during the 2002, 2003, and 2004 National Grange sessions for the use of alternate titles for several Officers including President for Master, Vice President for Overseer, Board of Directors for Executive Committee, Program Director for Lecturer, and Greeter for Gatekeeper. Also included in those

resolutions was the use of Community Grange for Subordinate Grange. We see the need for taking this to a higher level and making these the primary titles in all of our communications, social media sites, press releases, as well as use in our meetings. Many of us remember the title change from Juvenile Grange to Junior Grange and how many people thought that would destroy that part of our Order. It did not happen, and they are still alive so many years later. Now is the time to take the next step in our Order and address the titles. Does this need to be addressed in our ritual as well? As mentioned above, we strongly support our ritual and leave this suggestion up to the Delegate Body.

When producing promotional and instructional material about our Order we should use more diverse photos, whether actual or stock prints. This is especially true in those materials focused on membership of Youth and Juniors. Society has changed with more single parent families, children being raised by grandparents and other family members, adoptive parents, and same sex families. These are all a part of and welcomed in our Granges now. When referring to our values emphasize that they are "Family Values" that include all our families.

When a problem or question arises about referring to a member as Brother or Sister, rather than causing hard feelings, common sense should be used. The presiding officer should

speak with the member prior to a meeting and perhaps use the title Patron or their name to avoid an embarrassing moment.

Not all of our current members are Christians. The Draping of the Charter Ceremony should be modified to allow for a poem or some appropriate verse for the past member's religion to be used in lieu of The Lord's Prayer if that past member was not of the Christian Faith.

#### Closing

Many of our recommendations may be construed as radical, unnecessary, or going too far by some of our members. We understand that, but as stated above, it has been done before and we must look to the future of our organization. The task force understands that some of these changes would need approval at National Grange by delegate action. Because we are a Grassroots Organization, this would require resolutions adopted at a Community Grange and State Grange and being presented at National Grange. We ask that this report be distributed to the National Grange Officers as well as the State Presidents.

Our thanks to National President Huber for showing her trust in us and giving us the opportunity and honor to serve on the task force.

Respectfully Submitted, F. Philip Prelli, Sharon Croucher, Edgar Hicks, Raymond Hayes, Jini Reynolds, Robert Beamon, Rick Grotton, Edna Mae Guerra, and Yeseña Rangel.



## Family Activities

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This is a reminder for everyone to be getting entries together to bring to the State Grange Session in Durango. It is important to go by the rules in the handbook that were sent out in the *Granger*. Check the categories and enter something. We hope to have a great exhibit this year! Remember that entries that were not entered last year because of COVID will be accepted to be entered this year.

The National quilt block is to be sent in to Christine Hamp by October 31.



## Community Service

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Hello Grangers! Summer is in full swing, and September is coming up. It will be time for state session before we know it. A few months back, I emailed out the Combined Reporting Form for Lecturer Star awards, Community Service projects, and Membership. The new form for 2020/2021 can also be downloaded from the Colorado State Grange website. If someone from your Grange did not receive one and needs one, please let me know. If you need any help working with it, please let me know. If you need a paper copy mailed to you, please let me know. In the next paragraph are some suggestions from the National Grange Community Service Director, on how to document your projects.

Some of the larger books have made the Community Service Report difficult to identify because of the way the books were organized. More pages (fluff) or larger books are not always better. Good organization is important. Remember the National judges are only looking at Community Service activities, so be sure the projects you want to be considered for this category are clearly identified. Since we began working with the "One Book" idea — where we have everything reported together, instead of separate reports for everything, the judges have had trouble sorting through everything to find what you want to be considered for a Community Service award. It is important that the name of your Grange is on the front of the book, or in the file name if you are sending it electronically. If you have to special order a bigger book it might be too "fluffy." Include 2 or 3 photos that demonstrate members' (and non-

members if applicable) participation and items collected. If it is a cleanup type project, include before and after photos. Include a short (1 page or less) writeup about your Grange and Community. If your Grange raised money, include the group or organization that

received the donation. Finally, there is an overall summary sheet included in our Combined Form, for listing Community Service projects. This is not where the details of each project should be — it is a summary, so the Community Service judges know what they're looking for in the rest of the report.

Again, please contact me if you have any questions about reporting on Community Service programs, or if you did not receive an email with the Combined Form and other information. Elizabeth Hiner or I can help you with how to use the form. Have a wonderful summer!

## Help Needed At National Convention 2021

Wichita, KS

November 9-13, 2021

As a host for the National Convention our state is responsible for helping with many responsibilities in Wichita, KS, in November. From Denver it's a little over seven hours travel time by car. From Durango area it's a little over 13 hours driving time. From Montrose it's about 11-1/2 hours driving time. So How Can You Help?

- Serve as an officer in the Sixth Degree, which is presented on Saturday, November 13.
- Coordinate or help with the Hospitality room on Colorado's day (Wed.) or Saturday. Sign up at: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLBFES4egD\\_bhCvuDJ7fIDJzkIrTsJ8\\_gFAadf2MwyJmcfmUA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLBFES4egD_bhCvuDJ7fIDJzkIrTsJ8_gFAadf2MwyJmcfmUA/viewform)
- Volunteer to take the password at the session door (Tues., Wed., Thur., or Friday).
- Volunteer to watch the Display room (Wed, Thurs, or Friday).
- Help with Registration (Tuesday, wed, Thurs, Friday or Sat)

The State Grange has set aside some finances to help individuals with



travel and hotel expenses and we are raising funds through the raffle of the quilt and smart watch for these purposes.

The sooner you sign up the more likely you'll get the time you want to choose.

You can volunteer by contacting Cindy Greer or Elizabeth Hiner or by signing up on the internet at:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1varJGoWzb6tIW2WbA3sTqKejwLaO9L3i9yqx7N2j3rg/viewform?ts=60b0efce&edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1varJGoWzb6tIW2WbA3sTqKejwLaO9L3i9yqx7N2j3rg/viewform?ts=60b0efce&edit_requested=true)



## Agriculture Report

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### Food Security And Digital Data Attacks, Ransomware

JBS is a Brazilian based meat company with headquarters in Greeley, that processes about 20 percent of our country's meat. In spite of the recent headline news about the JBS computers being hacked, their data was not compromised but as an early precaution, JBS met the ransomware hacker's threat and paid their demanded fee. The company's officials became aware of the demand Sunday, May 30 (Memorial Day weekend), and by the following Tuesday evening agreed to the demand and paid 301 bitcoins (equivalent to \$11 million) to the hacker. The \$11 million being a relatively small sum given JBS's annual worldwide sales of \$53 billion but the disruption was wide and affected many others beyond JBS. As of Wednesday morning, June 2, JBS was back in operation. However, the disruption extended up and down the food chain covering suppliers of livestock for JBS slaughter and consumers of JBS meat products. Wholesale meat prices to consumers went up as supplies were cut by the disruption, hog and cattle producers had to place a hold on deliveries that would have gone to JBS facilities, or find found alternative buyers, sometimes at a distance.

There is a dark side to the cryptocurrency world occupied by ransomware criminals that are prepared to disrupt conventional society to steal money from their victims. The JBS attack was one that impacted our food supply system; another was the attack on the Colonial Pipeline along our eastern seaboard by a hacker known as DarkSide, that tied up delivery of gasoline, jet fuel, diesel, and other petroleum products that move via pipe-

line. Fortunately, the FBI was able to track the movement of Colonial's bitcoins from destination digital accounts known as "wallets" where owners of bitcoins deposit and transfer those bitcoin funds. The hackers in their effort to conceal the theft moved the stolen bitcoins from wallet-to-wallet until the coins landed in a location wallet known to the FBI where they could be seized under court order. Not all of the bitcoins were recovered leaving some in the hands of the DarkSide hackers. Ledgers are where bitcoins are logged in and out and are called blockchains. Owners of the coins need their own digital "key" to log in to their accounts. Certain owners of bitcoins have lost their keys to their dismay given the sometime high value to bitcoins that ranged from about 8 U.S. cents in 2010 to \$50,000 in early May this year and to about \$40,000 in mid-June, a highly variable value. The bitcoin, a cryptocurrency, was invented to avoid conventional banking for moving money, no regulations (and no safety net).

Fortunately, the U.S. Department of Agriculture is prepared to invest more than \$4 billion to provide security to our food supply protecting markets and consumers from ransomware thieves according to the Secretary of Agriculture, Tom Vilsack. I trust our other public and private institutions will likewise be making themselves secure — meaning any entity that uses computer systems to operate, just about all of us. Sources for this discussion include the *Wall Street Journal* and others online.

### Status, Initiative 16, the PAUSE Act

The act would largely destroy Colorado's animal agriculture should it be approved as discussed in the last issue

of *The Granger*. Among those agriculture interests opposing Initiative 16 are the Board of Governors of Colorado State University, Colorado Veterinary Medical Association, Colorado Farm Bureau, Colorado Cattlemen's Association, Colorado Dairy Farmers, Colorado Wool Growers, Colorado Livestock Association, Colorado Pork Producers, Colorado Bison Producers, and the Colorado State Grange Executive Committee.

As of June 14, I am unable to determine if this initiative has yet cleared its title review with the Colorado Supreme Court via an appeal filed by Coloradans for Animal Care (made up of ag organizations opposed to 16) alleging that the initiative's ballot language is misleading and incomplete and that the initiative violates the state's single-subject rule. Carlyle Currier, president of the Colorado Farm Bureau, had this to say: "We're

confident that the court will agree that this amalgamation of ideas called Initiative 16 deals with multiple subjects and find that the title contains inflammatory language designed by the proponents to tip the scales and sway votes. Both are a failure of the title board to uphold the legal standards set forth in the Constitution and state statute." Petitions can't be circulated until the language is approved. Source: *Fence Post*, April 17, 2021.

## Junior Grange And Youth

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Summer is HERE! Are you as excited as we are about summer? Things are opening back up and life is getting back to normal.

With that being said, we have decided to have a "Lake Day" in Durango, Colo., at Lake Nighthorse just outside of town. They have an amazing "course" that the kids and adults can play on. Make sure to bring a life-jacket for the course, because they require everyone to have one on.

They also have some pretty awesome fishing as well as just some fun to play in the water!

You might be asking when are we going to do this? Well, I say we plan for a Saturday afternoon. Let's shoot for July 10. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for more updates and times that we will be going to the lake.

Now on to the fun stuff. Who is ready to register for 2021 National Grange Convention as a Youth delegate, or youth officer, or JG prince or princess? If you are interested don't wait to reach out to us so we can get the process started. We promise that we will make it as painless as possible.

Next is our Colorado Rockies day. We decided to go watch a baseball game Labor Day weekend in Denver. There are still a few seats left, so please reach out to us to make sure you have a seat if you want to come.

Finally, if you have more ideas of

fun things to get the Youth and Juniors more involved, please don't hesitate to reach out to us so we can make it happen. Or do our best to make it happen.

Now that it's summer and world is kind of going back to normal, we really want to encourage every Grange and Granger to go out to the local community to try and bring in some "New" blood into our organization. Think of fun ways that your Grange could invite new people in. Maybe it's a movie night, weenie roast, BBQ,



Halloween BASH, community garden, bowling tournament, dance, the list goes on and on.

What can you do to help keep this great organization alive and thriving! Until next time.

## Membership

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I hope everybody had a nice May! Spring has sprung — it's just taking its time arriving! As we near the summer months, I would like all of the Granges to think about ways to increase membership. Our communities are hungry for opportunities to get out and mingle with people! What can you do to raise awareness within your community to help bring back some normalcy? Some ideas could be: barbecues, corn-hole events, gardening tips/tour, recognizing community heroes, and of course reaching out to families and children in need.

Please don't forget to send me names of who's the membership chair in your Grange. Also happy to help any way I can.

## Health Awareness

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**Tips to keep yourself and your house cool this summer and save you money.**

**1. Close your blinds:** Keep your blinds closed, especially on north and west-facing windows, to significantly cool your home. Better yet, invest in some block-out curtains to shield your home from that harsh summer sun.

**2. Block the heat:** Stopping heat getting into your house in the first place means spending less on cooling. Shade windows and walls using external coverings, like blinds, awnings or large potted plants. Plant trees that cast shade over your home in summer, but still let the sun shine through in winter. If you can, invest in window tinting and extra ceiling insulation — it'll help keep the warmth in in winter, too.

**3. Just 1 degree F:** If you must use your air-conditioner, set the thermostat to 1 degree above where you feel comfortable. Increasing your thermostat by just 1 degree in warm weather can reduce the running cost of your appliance by about 10%. If you're looking to upgrade your air-conditioner, pick one with a high energy-star rating and do your research to ensure you choose the right type of air-conditioner for your home.

**4. Adjust ceiling fans:** Sometimes you might feel like ceiling fans just push the hot air around your home rather than cool it down. Well you're not wrong — fans that aren't rotating counter-clockwise may be doing just that! Set your ceiling fans to rotate counter-clockwise in summer to push air straight down helping to create a cooling effect and clockwise in winter to pull cool air up. In warmer weather, set the fan speed high and in cooler weather it works best on low. Ceiling fans can also be used to complement other cooling types, so checking they rotate in the correct direction can make a world of difference to the temperature of your home.

**5. Close doors and seal gaps:** Close doors to rooms you aren't using to keep cool air where you need it most. Seal gaps around doors and windows, and use draught excluders to ensure the cool air can't escape. *Note:* evaporative air-conditioners will be more effective if you open some doors and windows to increase air flow through the home.

**6. Hang out in the evening:** Closing your windows and staying inside may be a great idea during the day, but when it gets cooler in the evening it is smart to open your house up to cool your home naturally — just make sure you close them BEFORE it starts to heat up the next morning! Cooking dinner in the backyard or at the park may be a cooler alternative to being in a steamy kitchen too, so make the most of a cool breeze when you can.

**7. Chill out:** Sip icy-cold drinks, apply a damp cloth to your neck and other pressure points on your body, or have a cold shower to cool your body without needing to switch the air-conditioner on.

**8. Hack a fan:** No air-conditioner? No worries! A cleverly-positioned bowl of ice is all you need to turn a fan into a cold mist machine. Place a shallow bowl or pan of ice in front of a fan for an icy-cool breeze that won't break the bank.

**9. Choose cotton:** Cotton fabrics are super breathable and help cool your body. Wear light, loose clothing made of breathable fabrics like cotton, and fit your bed with cotton sheets.

**10. Change your lightbulbs:** If you're having trouble cooling your home and can't work out why, incandescent lightbulbs might be to blame. These lightbulbs were phased out in Australia years ago, but many homes still use them. They produce a lot of heat, so switching to energy-saving bulbs can help cool your home and save heaps on energy costs — that's a win-win!

You are invited to

## Pleasant Park Grange Darden Pomona Picnic

Saturday, August 14, 2021

12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Enjoy food, fun, games & prizes

Bring your Favorite Picnic Dish

Or Dessert to share

Beverages and table service provided

Pleasant Park Grange  
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Presented by the  
Pleasant Park Grange #156

## Chaplain's Corner

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James Allen, an English writer not known to many during his time, believed that much of what could be achieved in happiness and success was accomplished by the power of the mind. In his second book, "As a Man Thinketh" Allen describes his philosophy of becoming spiritually rich. How do we reach that goal?

He compares the mind to a garden which is cultivated to control the weeds so the desired plants might produce. The mind is cultivated to control thoughts of anger, resentment, selfishness and other impure thoughts.

These thoughts crystallize into a variety of habits creating negative and positive reactions.

As we move forward after the virus storms, it is time to create positive thoughts and actions. It is time to move forward in the best positive manner.

In a few short months we will be meeting together to share State Grange activities and to work for the positive tone of the Grange. It is time to review the past as we gather our reports and once again share with each other our dreams and goals.



## P.I.C.K.

People Improving Communities And Kids

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How does anyone improve a skill or interest that they have? In my experience the only way to improve is to practice, practice, practice. As a cake decorating student, the class was taught how to make a forget-me-not type flower with five petals. The teacher instructed each of us to go home and make 100 of those flowers before the next class. We all thought 100!!!! – how on earth am I going to have time to make 100, I have other things to do. But those who did go home and make 100 of those flowers really learned how to make those flowers — I did.

The Grange offers individuals opportunities to improve our skills through various contests and opportunities. Which contests or opportunities are you going to take advantage of? We should see an uptake in the number of entries in crafts and needlework type contests and even the Talent contest due to all of us having more time at home to practice crafts and talents due to COVID. But the challenge

comes in choosing one for competition to see if we have improved. Will you? Pick is ready to help with awards if the various departments need it.

Many Granges have had to think about fund raising in different ways this past year too. Instead of sit-down dinners at our halls — I've seen many takeout dinners that far exceeded expectations. Some people who've had a hard day have said that they would not have come if they had to stay, so take out really worked for them.

Altona Grange has been working on their building and wanted to give the community the opportunity to help out. PICK has partnered with them on a fundraising project via the internet (either Facebook fund raiser of GO FUND ME) to help reach their financial goal.

PICK will be having a fund raiser at state session; we probably won't have the traditional silent auction. We just haven't really settled on what we will do.

## GIA Calls For Director Nominations

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gible for nomination as a Director unless they are a serving Director at the time these Bylaws are adopted. Temporary vacancies resulting from death, disability or resignation of a Director shall not be deemed to reduce such total regular membership.

To be considered by the Nominating Committee, applications must be received by the Corporate Secretary no later than August 1, 2021. If you'd like to receive an application, please email your request to the Corporate Secretary at brian.allen@grange.com. If no application is received, candidacy may also be achieved through the

petition process.

Mail petitions for candidacy for Director to the Association's Home Office, attention of the Corporate Secretary, at P.O. Box 21089, Seattle, WA 98111-3089. All nominations must be received by the Corporate Secretary by December 1, 2021 for placement on the ballot.

District 3 consists of two seats representing Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, and Wyoming. The directors must be from different states. As the other director is from Oregon, candidates must be fit the eligibility qualifications above and reside in Colorado, Idaho, or Wyoming.

We hope to resume our in-person Open Stage format in October. Our April 11 "Music from the Grange" event went well. We had seven performing acts, and a maximum of 25 people participating in the Zoom call, including performers. We received a lot of good feedback and "thank you" compliments for hosting this event during the pandemic. Two people from other Grange halls attended in April, who were interested in what we were doing: Cherry Ellis from the Sunflower Grange in Sedalia, Colo., and Patricia Miller with the Bellevue Grange, northwest of Fort Collins, both saw the Left Hand article in the March-April Colorado Granger, along with the photo collage of performers that our Executive Committee member Kathy Koehler created. They were interested in how they might get music back into their Granges. The Zoom music was a new experience for us, and overall a positive outreach to the wider community. These events

## Pikes Peak

El Paso and Teller Counties

### Florissant

Contact Renee Caldwell, 719-748-5004, florissantgrange@gmail.com, for further information.

Be Sure To Join Us For These Upcoming Events:

July 10 — Pine Needle Basket Making Class, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

July 31 — Florissant Heritage Day, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

August 14 — Felting/Gourd Art Class, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

August 22 — (Pending) — Mini Outdoor Concert/ Picnic 3-5 p.m.

On April 3, we held an Easter Egg Hunt and the Easter Bunny (Granger Harlee Miller) was there to assist us and hand out Easter fun bags to all the kids who attended. It was a fun event and very successful with over 50 kids and their parents. The Grange property was FULL of people. It was good to see so many people again.

April 10, a Pine Needle Basket Class was held. Attendees were mostly new to the craft and learned to make a coiled basket instead of using a base to start with, which is a little bit harder, but always good to know how the Native peoples made their baskets from beginning to end. Some of the seasoned basket makers learned how to do the fishnet stitch and handles.

We have opened up to 50 percent capacity for our Grange and we are having our weekly Thursday Potluck and Music with everyone invited again. The crowds are slow to build, but each week more people and new people are attending.

May 8, we held another Pine Needle Basket making Class with all the attendees being new to the craft. We started the basket with a base and talked about an upcoming gourd art class.

During the COVID fiasco we started having Friday morning Breakfasts which began as just a bunch of friends having breakfast, then we realized we were all Grangers and decided this was a good way to meet and get things accomplished during all the shut-downs. This has now become a great event and we look forward to it each Friday.

Our first of the season Flea Market/Craft Fair was held on May 22 with all vendors/crafters and flea mar-



Painting Basket Bases and Pine Needle Basket Class.

were hosted by Bruce and Marcia Johnson.

**Boy Scouts** — On June 7, 2021, Boy Scout Troop 161 that Left Hand # 9 sponsors, held their first Court of Honor since the pandemic started and awarded seven Eagle Scout ranks. Since the first Eagle in 1973 the Troop has honored over 90 young men with this achievement.

Bruce Johnson

## Ute Mountain

Dolores and Montezuma Counties

### Mount Lookout

Contact Kathryn Fulton, ktrafarm@gmail.com, for further information.

4th Wednesdays — MLG Board meets 5:30 p.m. @ MLG.

Every Monday — Mancos FoodShare distribution.

July 11 — Community Dinner 5:30 p.m.



Harvest Host Camp sites at Florissant Grange.



Pine Needle Basket Class items for sale in the Gift Shop.

ket sellers outside. This was also the Grand Opening of the Florissant Grange Gift Shop. The Shop is completely "by donation" with funds going to the Florissant Grange. Many crafters have donated items for the shop. The day was a great hit and we decided to do it each month throughout the summer. Lots of good stuff new and old was available. It was a beautiful day for the first outdoor event.

We held our second Flea Market/Craft show June 19 on a very hot day, but again had great success. Our next show will be held on Heritage Day, July 31. This show will be crafters and vendors only.

And in between all these events, Renee is still meeting with the "Quilts of Valor" quilters. They are putting together about two quilts a month and awarding them when possible. Two quilts will be going to the National Grange Convention this year, one to the Colorado State Convention this year and one to a 4th of July Celebration in Washington State. Good work quilters.

The Florissant Grange joined the Harvest Host group (HarvestHost.com) as a Host and has had some wonderful experiences because of it. We have had over 40 campers so far with as many reservations for upcoming months. All of them visit our Gift Shop and get a tour of the Historic School House that is our Grange. We have had



Needle Felting Class

some great reviews:

"One of the top hosts, in our opinion. Very welcoming and fun. Their gift shop is stellar, I did all my shopping for those hard to shop for folks. The sites are spacious, level, well groomed and easy to pull through. Much quieter and more spacious than other hosts. Plan to shop, they have amazing hand made baskets and basket sculptures, hand made soaps, offer classes and it is just fun." Laurette H

July 31 is Heritage Day. This year the WMA will be performing on our indoor stage all day. Their show will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door for the WMA show. Outside will be crafters and vendors, ice cream, chips, and drinks and there is talk of some Western performers.

Summer is off to a great start. Let's all enjoy it.

Renee Caldwell

## Boulder County

Boulder County

### Left Hand

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Business Meetings (Virtual) at 5:30 p.m. — no meeting in July, Aug. 11, Sept. 8.

**Left Hand Grange Building** — Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our building has essentially been closed to meetings and events for the past year. On May 16, the State of Colorado changed the COVID-19 rules, and we decided to re-open the Grange for rentals on June 1. At this point we are mostly booking for Fall (September on.) We will adhere to Boulder County COVID-19 Guidelines.

**Music from the Grange (Virtual)** — Our virtual monthly "Music from the Grange" (October 2020-April 2021) was a success using ZOOM.

Greetings Grangers! Enjoying these long days of summer, and a slow return to normalcy, the MLG Board has been meeting to maintain our building and grounds, and to plan for a re-opening.

Mancos FoodShare played an important role in offering food security to our community during this pandemic year. Because we were not open for rentals or events, and FoodShare had to ramp up their operations, expanding from the pantry space into the hall, we had a temporary use agreement in place with them. The agreement ends at the end of June, when they will contract into their original pantry space, and the MLG board will ramp up for summer and fall events.

We are super excited to host a July community dinner, and every second Sunday after that. It is time to reconnect with lapsed members, and to recruit families who have moved here during the pandemic. We look forward to meeting new folks!

The board is also planning our annual fall pig roast for Saturday September 18. We have secured two pigs, a favorite local band, The Lawn Chair Kings, and as usual, will feature local fresh food and beverages. Check out our website or Facebook for evolving details. I get the feeling that our community is very ready to celebrate together!

Joyfully, Mancos seems to have had a quarantine baby explosion. Our board welcomes two new Grangers, baby Ben, son of Craig and Renee, and baby Carson, son of Evan and Heather. We sure look forward to nurturing these little dudes into the future.

We're hoping that summer is treating you well. Keep doing rain dances! Kathryn Fulton

**Deadline For The September-October 2021 Issue Is August 15, 2021.**



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Darden Pomona Grange met at Enterprise Grange with everyone dressed in their finest for the Kentucky Derby event. The Outstanding Community Service Award was presented to Betty Jo Page. We had a wonderful potluck dinner with Kentucky Derby sandwiches.

Idella Lewis

## Enterprise

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June and July — No meeting.

August 14, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. — Monthly meeting with potluck. We will be holding elections for the coming year and have a state planning session. We will talk about whether to start planning outings again and also begin planning our annual Chili Dinner. There will be a discussion about going to Miller Farms for cleaning of the fields in September. Please bring your ideas.

On May 1, Enterprise hosted the Pomona Grange Meeting. We had the Kentucky Derby as our theme. For our potluck we had Kentucky food; our own idea of Kentucky Hot Browns, fried chicken, biscuits and baked ham with glaze. We brought in a TV to watch the big event. We played Derby Trivia and found out not many of us had an in-depth knowledge of Derby Days. We also played some other games associated with the horses that were running. The winners of the games won prizes. All the women wore their Derby hats and looked beautiful for the occasion. Carol Lackey made two photo frames so anyone that wanted to could take photos with the frames for their memories. We also used this opportunity to honor our Community Service person for this year, Betty Jo Page. Before the festivities, we did have a productive quarterly meeting.

During the May 12 Enterprise Grange meeting, we celebrated Cinco de Mayo with a Mexican themed potluck. Dorothy Dannels found plates and napkins that went perfectly with our theme. We celebrated Lisa Mittan's birthday with singing and a birthday cake. Discussions during the meeting included widening of 72nd and continuation of the American Income Life accidental death insurance policies. We also had some news that was wonderful for Peggy Brett but sad for the rest of us. Peggy, a long-time member and our extraordinary scrapbooker, sold her house and has moved to Florida. We will sorely miss all of her help making Christmas stockings and filling them, her expert scrapbooking skills, and her warm and friendly personality at our potlucks and outings. She lived in Florida in her past, her son lives there now and one of her daughters comes and goes often and plans to retire there eventually. As a going away gift, we framed a picture of all of us so she can't forget about us and will remember to visit when she vacations back in Colorado. We will miss her but we wish her the best in her new adventures!

Carol Lackey



Group at the May 12 Enterprise Grange meeting wishing Peggy Brett all the best in her move to Florida, left to right, back row: Gary Wardle, Kathy Wardle, Mike Lackey, Joe Koontz, Pam Campbell, Eileen Figliolino, Leonard Dannels, Carol Lackey, and Camden Dannels; front row: Lisa Mittan, Amy McClure, Peggy Brett, Dorothy Dannels, and Debbie Koontz.



Plates and Napkins for Cinco de Mayo party at Enterprise Grange.

## Maple Grove

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

August 5 — 6:30 p.m. Maple Grove picnic at the home of Marlys Halbeisen, 10650 W. 45th Ave. Bring a covered dish to share.

Maple Grove Grange met in April and May in the afternoon at the hall. Since we had not met since last year all officers will remain for another year. We were sad to lose our member, LaVerne Jessop, who passed away. She was a loyal member who was always there to be helpful whenever she could. She also served as Co-chairperson for State Grange Family Activities for many years.

A new flag is up and waves proudly in the breeze.

Donations have been received from the dancers who rent our hall. It is very much appreciated to receive the donations they have collected.

It was decided to honor Ernie Sandoval for his outstanding community service.

Several options to refinish the wooden floor in our hall will be pursued.

There has been 200+ Christmas cards received from the National Grange for the Christmas card project.

The new tax assessment is out and we are reinstated as a non-profit organization.

The rain has been very welcome this spring! However, along with the

rain came the weeds. We have been working to keep them under control!

Thank you to everyone who has pitched in to help clean, pull weeds, and help with the maintenance of the Grange hall. We will be scheduling a cleanup day in the near future.

## Maple Grove Outstanding Community Service Award Betty Jo Page

Betty Jo enjoys volunteering, helping people, projects, and organizations. She moved to Wheat Ridge in 1983 and quickly got involved with blood drives, haunted houses, and more.

Betty Jo's first long-term volunteer commitment was to the Museum of Nature and Science where she's been working the information desk for over 30 years. She's also been a volunteer at Denver Botanic Gardens for over 30 years.

Betty Jo's been on the Sierra Club Water Quality committee for over 30 years, working on weed projects in Boulder and in Wheat Ridge. Recently she connected with the Honors program at Red Rocks Community College, getting the honors students involved in noxious weed removal projects. She is now on that Honors Program advisory board.

Betty Jo first got involved in civic volunteering as a member of the now defunct Wheat Ridge Arborist board. She then joined the Wheat Ridge Board of Adjustment of which she is still a member. She is also on the Wheat Ridge Active Adult Center advisory board and the Live Local committee in Wheat Ridge LocalWorks.

Betty Jo volunteers in the quilting group and cooks in the summer kitchen at Four Mile Historic House. She also worked to get the Wheat Ridge Quilt Circle started at the Wheat Ridge Historical Museum. In smaller organizations she has organized programs for Front Range Organic Gardeners, the local unit of the Herb Society of America, and The Jefferson County unit of Ladies Home-Steid Gathering.

Besides volunteering, Betty Jo likes gardening, cooking, hiking and concerts.

Idella Lewis



Idella Lewis presenting Betty Jo Page with the Maple Grove Outstanding Citizen Community Service Award.



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



The day at the race at Maple Grove Grange and the ladies with their hats.



Wheat Ridge Grange Community Night honors Jeff Hurlburt, 2020.



High Tea at Wheat Ridge Grange complete with fancy hats for all!



## Wheat Ridge

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

July 8, Thursday, 6:30 p.m. — Business Meeting.

July 10, Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. — Second Saturday Sale at the Grange — Vendors.

July 22, Thursday, 6:30 p.m. — (TBD). Cornhole Tournament/BBQ Benefiting the Local 4H.

August 12, Thursday, 6:30 p.m. — Business Meeting.

August 14, Saturday, 7-9:30 a.m. — Pancake Breakfast.

August 13, Friday; 14, Saturday; and 15, Sunday — Carnation Festival.

August 26, Thursday — TBD. September 9, Thursday, 6:30 p.m. , Business Meeting.

September 11, Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. — Second Saturday Sale at the Grange — Vendors.

September 23, Thursday, 6:30 p.m. (TBD) — Grange Chili Cook-Off — Benefiting Feed the Future.

May 27, Thursday, was Community Night when the Grange honored Jeff Hurlburt, owner of Clancy's Irish Pub, with the award for 2020. There were five community members who spoke well about Jeff's commitment

to Wheat Ridge community of restaurants and their owners. With the pandemic playing havoc with restaurants livelihood, Jeff stepped up in any way he could for those who needed aid. We had ice cream and were entertained by Grange members who teach hula/ukulele.

June 10, Thursday, at our Grange business meeting the members heard from a member's son, Evan Clark, who has been lifelong in 4H and shows lots of different animals and has won belt buckles as well as jackets. The WR Grange voted to support Evan's effort with money.

At this same meeting we were presented with a full high tea by a person who wants to hold monthly high teas in the Grange hall. This was quite the set up and food and we even got a couple of the men to wear the wide brimmed dressy hats that the ladies are known to wear during a high tea.

June 12, Saturday, the Second Saturday Sale at the Grange had five vendors. The SSS can always use more vendors and more buyers. Call Vivian.

June 12, Saturday, an event not held at the Grange, but several of us attended a memorial service for one of our recent members, Renee and Kirk. We know Renee from SSS as a Mary Kay vendor.

June 24, Thursday, A Summer BBQ and games played was a good community and Grange members night out.

We keep selling more tickets for the quilt drawing to be held during the State Convention in Durango in September.

The Grange hall is very busy with all the renters we have using the hall: Zumba, jazzercise, German dancers, hula and ukulele lessons, church on Sundays, art league, Girl Scouts and 4H meetings, art class, square dancers and Second Saturday Sale.

Several ladies are tending to the Stevens elementary garden we share with others from the community. We are planting pumpkins as last years' pumpkins at 50lbs each were given to the Stevens 1st graders and they had a blast cutting them up for Halloween.

Everyone is back to rentals and participation as the pandemic is less of a threat each day. Wheat Ridge Grange #155 wishes you all good health, tolerable weather these summer months, and a be well greeting.

Vivian Vos



4H competitor Evan Clark with Kim Clark.



The new Water Station was dedicated at Pleasant Park Grange.

**Pleasant Park**

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

July 10 — Christmas in July breakfast, 9 a.m.

August 14 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. POMONA PICNIC.

September 11 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed with potluck.

Mark your calendars for August 14 for the Pomona Picnic. We look forward to hosting our friends from downtown.

We held a dedication ceremony for the new water station at our last meeting. It will eliminate hundreds of plastic water bottles going to recycle. The bicyclists can now enjoy cold well water and are very impressed.

Since we couldn't meet in December, we decided to have a Christmas in July party at the July meeting. We will exchange white elephant gifts and share a breakfast brunch. The event will start at 9 a.m. instead of 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join in on the fun. Bring a gift to exchange. We will also be celebrating Bob Kuehster's 95th birthday that day.

Members continually work on the Christmas Cards for Soldiers project. We have 15 boxes ready to go.

Everyone is welcome to attend our meeting. It is so good to be meeting face to face again!

Yvonne Ludwig

**Golden Gate**

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

Grange Meeting — Thursday, July 1, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Line Dancing Class — Friday, July 9 and 23, 7-9 p.m.

Slash Event — Saturday, July 31 and Sunday, August 1, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Line Dancing — August dates to be determined.

Rummage Sale — Friday, August 13, and Saturday, August 14, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Yoga at the Grange — Dates and time to be determined.

We are now holding our Grange Meetings in person on the first Thursday of the month at 3:30 p.m. If we have to go back to a virtual meeting, we will send an email to all Grange members with details on how to connect online.

Rich Phillips, DeeDee Ramstetter, and Terri Costeldia have been continuing their efforts to make improvements to the Grange building and property. We have had a great response to our request for help in buying a storage unit. Thanks to all those who have donated funds to accomplish this goal.

Many thanks to Mat Martonovich, Allison Hatch, Cheri Priest, Rick Bonczynski, Marith Reheis, Nick Meyer, Thriza and Don Kennedy, Terri Costeldia, Rich and Elle Phillips, Alyn Hansen, Caren and Don Ewing, who spent their Sunday morning helping to clean up the roadside in Golden Gate Canyon from the turnout below Galbraith Park to Crawford Gulch.

Yoga returns to the Grange in July. An email will be sent out regarding day and time. We are anxious to reconnect with those who have not been able to join us for the past year by Zoom. Thanks to Judy Madison for keeping our Yoga practice alive during the pandemic and to Susan Vincent, who conducts the class when Judy is unavailable.

Lori Niquette holds Line Dancing Classes on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. Lori makes the classes fun and keeps

everyone up on the latest steps. The cost of class is \$5 for Grange members and \$7 for non-Grangers.

Don't forget to start fire mitigation on your property. The Grange will be the drop off site for slash chipping and removal thanks to the efforts of Jeffco, the Golden Gate Fire Protection District, and the Golden Gate Auxiliary. The Slash Event will take place on July 31 and August 1 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Accepted materials are limbs, branches, tree debris up to 8 feet long and maximum diameter up to 6 inches; pine needles, tree bark, and pine cones. Dump fees are based on six cubic yards (162 cubic feet) of material which equals one load. The cost to drop off a single load is \$20 paid by credit card only.

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

**Animas Valley**

Contact Deborah Paulson, deborah.paulson@gmail.com for further information.

Things are starting to feel a bit more normal at the Animas Valley Grange. We have resumed in-person monthly meetings while providing zoom access for those who prefer to attend from home. In May we had our first in-person program with a presentation on options for solar energy and a visit to a state-of-the-art solar cooled and heated greenhouse. Starting in June we will be participating in a Farm to Family food distribution project that brings fresh produce purchased from local farmers to families in our area that can use some produce. That will be coupled with our Garden Share project, where each week we gather surplus produce from anyone who wants to donate and get it to families in need of more produce.

Also in June, San Juan Basin Health had a COVID vaccine clinic at our Grange Hall.

Our June program was a "get-your-feet-wet" visit to our local Hermosa Creek to look for aquatic critters led by experts from the Mountain Studies Institute.

In July, we plan to have a Mega Yard Sale at the Grange.

Deborah Paulson

**Marvel**

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

Mondays at 9 a.m. — Line Dancing, July 10 — Ice Cream Social honoring Veterans.

July 31 — Community Breakfast 8-10 a.m.

August 6 — Business Meeting.

August 10-15 La Plata County Fair.

During the month of May we shared the documentary "Sacred Cow" with the community after a potluck supper at the hall.

The beginning of May we had a take-out ground beef enchilada dinner which turned out very successful with 148 dinners sold and many wanting additional meals. You know it's successful with you make funds and when people ask for recipes.

In May Tom and Elaine Hartnett had an open house for community members to meet the new home owners, as Tom and Elaine prepared to move to California. We were able to present Tom with a Quilt of Valor at that open House. We will miss them as they have become a vital part of the community.

Our May 29 Breakfast was well at-

Our Annual Rummage Sale will take place on Friday, August 13 and 14 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donated articles can be delivered to the Grange starting on Sunday, August 8. Please do not drop anything off before Sunday. This is the main fundraiser for the Golden Gate Grange each year. Be sure to check out our offerings — you may find a bargain or maybe a treasure! Check out the kitchen and dinner ware, small appliances, toys, jewelry, tools, and much, much more. Please do not bring any mattresses, large appliances, or pressed board furniture. If you have any questions contact the event coordinator, DeeDee Ramstetter dkmhh1@gmail.com.

The Holiday Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, November 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Our canyon and Grange has many wonderful artisans, crafters, and bakers. If you are interested in renting a table for your crafts, email jayruesch@aol.com.

Welcome to our new members: Niffy and Susan (Morris) Ovuworie and Thirza Kennedy.

Website: www.GoldenGateGrange.com/Facebook: Golden Gate Canyon Community/Grange phone: 303 273-9516. For Grange Rentals contact DeeDee Ramstetter 303 273-9516 (leave a message) or email at dkmhh1@gmail.com.

Jayne Ruesch



Tom Hartnett receiving Quilt of Valor, with Elaine behind him.

tended with 85 participants. San Juan Basin Health set up a COVID vaccination clinic in which 15 additional people were vaccinated with either Pfizer or Johnson and Johnson.

The Sr. Strength and Balance Classes started up again on June 7 and classes were held at the Grange Hall on Monday and Wednesday. The hall has been used by local water district and ditch companies for meetings. A wedding shower was held at the hall on June 13.

June 12 a group of Grangers and friends went to the Bar-D Chuckwagon dinner and show which all enjoyed. Roger and Sheryl Ayers celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

We cancelled our July 2 meeting. July 10, we had a homemade ice cream social at which Quilts of Valor were presented to a few veterans.

Come and join us at our Community Breakfast on July 31. We plan to have pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, juice, and coffee.

Cindy Greer

**Marvel JG**

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

We've been meeting on the Third Monday at 3 p.m. We worked on Alcohol ink tiles in May and Watercolors in April. We've done some exploring of the National Grange Passport program on South Dakota and Hawaii. We play games at the meeting and work on the pledge. We will continue to work on crafts, passports, and ritual. Our summer meeting schedule will be flexible.

Cindy Greer



Barbara Belfield Machann received Sedalia's Historian Award for 2021.



Sedalia's Community Hero for 2021 — Billy Moore.

**Progressive**  
Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas & Elbert Counties

**Sunflower Grange**

Contact Cherry Ellis, sunflowergrange162@yahoo.com for further information.

In preparation for the Heirloom Tomato and Plant Sale, we held a Poster Contest at Sedalia Elementary. Thanks to Art Teacher Jen Tucker, who wrote the rules in two languages, all six grades were eligible to participate. Two first prizes were awarded. The K-3 and 4-6 grade winners received \$15 each; all the other students received \$2.00 bills.

This year's sale is brought to you by the 2021 Growers — those optimistic people who saved last year's seeds, planted them in February and March, not knowing how COVID might change our lives this spring, and tended them so you could have special plants today:

Diana Bates, Ryc and Sandra Brownrigg, Roxanne Burns, Windy Burr, Kyler Cheatham, Marianne Edward, Cherry Ellis, Margaret Ellis, Christine Hooks, Lorraine Keeth, Bobbi Matthews, Gretchen Newman, Nena Robbins, Judy Smith, Cherie Stephens, Linda Straw, Renee Sweet, Eugenia Thomas, Meghan Watts, and the 4-H, Sue Wilson, Denise Ziegler, Windy Burr.

AND by those who donate their skill, time and energy to make the sale a reality:

Adam Cheatham, Gisele Denton, Lewis Denton, Dick Ellis, Ghislaine Griswold, Jordan Hagen, Kathy and



Bobbi Matthews with husband and plants she donated.



Denise Ziegler plant grower.



Poster Contest at Sedalia Elementary School for Plant Sale.

Marvel Enchilada Dinner preparations underway: Kathy Hogan, Lila Greer (at sink), and June Spriggs.

Mike Hulley, Linda and John Reffel, Toni Romaine, Cherie Stephens, Christine Suess, Dana Straw, Ryan Thomas, Teresa Wright.

All told, there were about 50 people, Grange and non-Grange members, who helped with the sale. We are proud of the community involvement and support.

Over the nine years, the sale has evolved into a year 'round plant project for Sunflower Grange and our community. At January's Seed Swap, seeds saved from 2020's successful plants found their way into many growers' hands. In February, Nena Robbins distributed growing materials (trays, soil, planters) to anyone who would like to try growing plants to donate to the Grange Plant Sale, and the Growers got busy planting in February and March. In April and early May the seedlings got repotted, taken outside for sun, and pampered, in preparation for — Sale Day!

Then the customers enter the cycle. They buy the plants, grow and enjoy the fruit (yes, tomatoes are fruits according to the Supreme Court). Successful gardeners bring their beautiful tomatoes to the Tomato Tasting in September to sample 30+ varieties grown here, read an original poem in praise of tomatoes, and meet the To-

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Heirloom Tomato and Plant Sale.



Christine Hooks plant grower.



Meghan and Zach at 4H Table.



Sedalia Elementary School Principal Jeff Johnson and Art Teacher Jen Tucker.

# Tentative State Grange Convention Agenda

## 148th State Session of the COLORADO STATE GRANGE Program

All State Session Meetings and Exhibits will be held at the Durango Masonic Temple, 421 Turner Drive, Durango, CO.

All meetings of the State Session of the Colorado State Grange will be held in the **Fourth** Degree and members of any Grange in any state may attend.

Delegates must present their credential cards if the Secretary of their Grange has not already mailed them to the Secretary of the Colorado State Grange prior to the opening of the State Session.

Pianist: Ruth Wilson Francisco  
Photographer: Christopher Cleary

### WEDNESDAY, September 22, 2021

- 4:00 P.M.**  
Set up for meeting.
- 6:00 P.M.**  
Officers and Directors Dinner.
- 7:00 P.M.**  
Sixth Degree Practice, State Officers.  
Practice for Memorial Service to follow.

### THURSDAY, September 23, 2021

- 9:30 A.M.**  
Registration.  
Check-in time for Lecturer, Family & Women's Activities, Junior Grange Contest Entries for judging.
- 9:45-10:00 A.M.**  
State Session Committee Chairmen meet with the State Master.

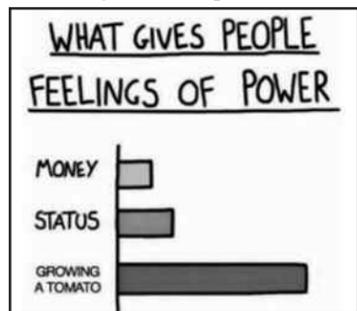


Heirloom Tomato and Plant Sale at Sunflower Grange.

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mato Queen, Renee Sweet. They will save seeds for 2022, and start the cycle with us again next January. The resurgence of gardening in 2020 helped us remedy our feelings of isolation and sadness. Growing plants, digging in the soil, enjoying food we've grown for ourselves actually makes our immune systems stronger. Moving at Nature's pace gives us time to appreciate the wonderful tastes and smells of the foods we have grown.

And if you're into power.....



This year the Plant Sale cost about \$500 and earned \$2,600 to be used for Grange programs in the community. \*\*\*The Sunflower Grange wishes to thank Cherry Ellis for the outstanding job she is doing and has done keeping Sunflower Grangers working during the pandemic. Cherry Ellis is an outstanding Grange

Master and she rarely gets recognition, so from all of us at Sunflower Grange... Thank You Cherry for all the hard work and long hours you put in to this time-consuming job that you do so well. We all appreciate you.\*\*\*

Cherry Ellis



Kay in personnel carrier.



Smokey with Margaret Ellis, Barb Robbins, and Douggie Young.

- 10:00 A.M.**  
New Delegates meet with State Master.
- 10:30 A.M.**  
All State Session Delegates work on Resolutions.
- 11:45 A.M.** — Recess for Lunch.
- 12:00 P.M.** — Lunch
- 1:15 P.M.**  
Opening of the Colorado State Grange in full form in the Sixth Degree. Lowering to the Fourth Degree. Receiving Honored Guests. Roll Call of Officers/Directors. Communications. Adopting Convention Agenda. Annual Address by State Master Cindy Greer. Report of Treasurer and Secretary. Report of Executive Committee Chairman. Preliminary Report of Good of the Order. Report of Grange Museum. Report of Leadership and Scholarship Foundation. Committee Reports. Report of Lobbyist and Ag Committee.

- 3:00 P.M.**  
Guest Speaker, National Representative — National L.A.S. Karen Overstreet. National Convention 2021 discussion. Family and Women's Activities Bake Sale.

- 7:00 P.M.**  
Memorial Service under the direction of State Chaplain Loeda Westphal.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL**  
Following Memorial Service along with Table games.

### FRIDAY, September 24, 2021

- 6:45 A.M.**  
Colorado State Grange Alumni Breakfast Marlys Halbeisen presiding.
- 8:45 A.M.**  
Open the Grange in the Fourth Degree. Report of Credentials Committee. Election of Officers. Continuation of Committee Reports.

- 11:00 A.M.**  
Guest Speaker.

- 11:45 A.M.**  
Recess for Lunch.

- 12:00 P.M.**  
Membership Lunch — Catered by Easter Star. Dominick Breton presiding.

- 1:45 P.M.**  
Reconvene Session. Report of Grange Insurance Association, Tom McKern. Continuation of Committee Reports.

- 6:30 P.M.**  
Mardi Gras Theme Grange Gala (Pizza and Salad)

- 8:30 P.M.** (Or ASAP following Gala)  
Annual Meeting of PICK. *Everyone invited.*

### SATURDAY, September 25, 2021

- 6:45 A.M.**  
Colorado State Grange Past Masters Breakfast Tom Campion presiding.

- 8:45 A.M.**  
Junior and Youth Officers Open the Grange. Continuation of Committee Reports. Spotlight on Grange —

- 10:00 A.M.**  
Installation of Officers.

- 12:00 P.M.**  
JG Lunch Dan and Jenna Greer presiding.

- 1:45 P.M.**  
Short Form 5th Degree by La Plata Pomona. Grange #10.

- 2:00 P.M.**  
Sixth Degree conferred by State Grange Officers.

Close the Grange in full form in the Fourth Degree.

- 6:00 P.M.**  
Annual Banquet of Colorado State Grange. Executive Committee Chairman Tom Campion presiding. Presentation of Outstanding Granger. Presentation of Quilts of Valor. Talent Showcase.

- 7:15 P.M.**  
Raffle Drawing

Fifth Degree Fee	.....	\$1.00
Sixth Degree Fee	.....	\$5.00

(Purchase tickets from State Secretary)

Lecturers, Family & Women's Activities, and Junior Grange Exhibits will be on display throughout the Convention.

### RESERVATIONS FOR MEAL FUNCTIONS FOR STATE SESSION Deadline For Ticket Orders: Monday, September 19, 2021.

Fill in the number of tickets you are ordering. Include a check made out to: **Colorado State Grange**. Mail to: Colorado State Grange, 2009 CR 31, Florissant, CO 80816. Pre-paid tickets will be at the Registration Table. Include reservations for the breakfasts.

No. of Tickets	Meal Function	Total
_____	<b>Alumni Breakfast</b> — Fri., Sept. 24, 6:45 a.m. <i>For Past State Officers and Directors &amp; Spouses</i>	@ \$10.00 _____
_____	<b>A Lunch</b> — Fri., Sept. 24, 11:45 a.m. • Served by Eastern Star	@ \$12.00 _____
_____	<b>C Everyone invited</b> (10 & under)	@ \$6.00 _____
_____	<b>Past Masters Breakfast</b> — Sat., Sept. 25, 6:45 a.m. <i>For Past Masters &amp; Spouses</i>	@ \$10.00 _____
_____	<b>A JG Lunch</b> — Sat., Sept. 25, Noon	@ \$10.00 _____
_____	<b>C Everyone invited</b> (13 & under)	@ \$5.00 _____
_____	<b>A Annual Banquet</b> — Sat., Sept. 25, 6 p.m.	@ \$20.00 _____
_____	<b>C Everyone invited</b> (13 & under)	@ \$10.00 _____
<b>Total Enclosed: \$</b>		_____

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The meal prices are being supplemented by a donation from GIA.

Both Alumni Breakfast and Past Master's Breakfast will be as follows:

Scrambled Eggs, Tortillas, Cheese, Salsa, Sausage, Fruit, Orange Juice And Tea Or Coffee  
Scrambled Eggs, Muffins, Sausage, Fruit, Orange Juice, Tea Or Coffee

JG Lunch menu is as follows:

Potato Bar

Membership Lunch menu is as follows:

Cold Cuts For Sandwiches, Salad, Beverages And Dessert

Annual Banquet Menu is as follows:

Chicken Marsales Or Roast Beef, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Dinner Rolls, Dessert  
Coffee, Tea, Water