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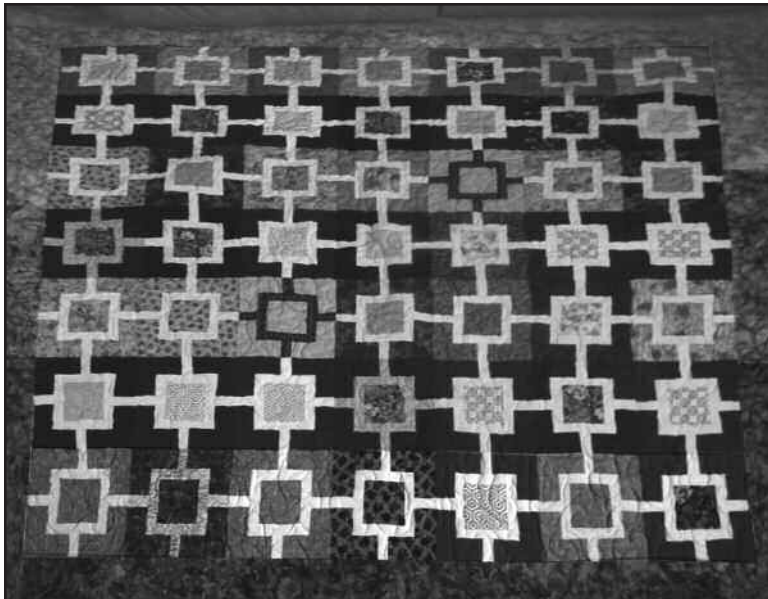
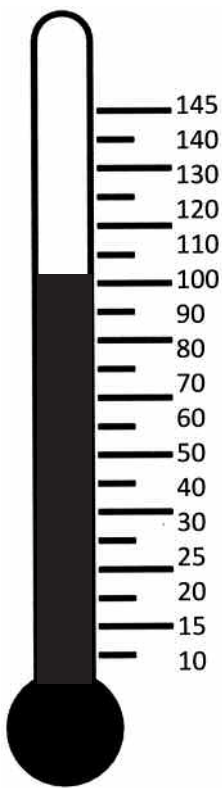
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## Challenge 145

What is Challenge 145?

It's a goal to have 145 New Grange Members in the State of Colorado by our 145th annual Session. Is it possible? Absolutely!!! If twenty (20) Granges each get seven (7) new members we will have almost reached the goal.

Those who have reported for the first quarter show an increase of 31. Let's keep up the good work. Please get your quarterly reports completed and turned into the State office on-time.



First prize in this year's raffle is this beautiful Garden Path quilt.

## Colorado State Grange Raffle

by Cindy Greer, Raffle Manager

Raffle tickets have been sent out to all Granges, either to the Master or to the Secretary. This year we are raffling off a Garden Path quilt which Karen Baxter has once again put together from blocks donated by Grange members. Karen has also quilted this beautiful quilt. The second prize is goat meat. La Plata Pomona Grange purchased a 4-H Goat which has been butchered, processed and frozen. We want to thank both Karen and La Plata Pomona Grange for their generosity.

The tickets are again \$2 each or six for \$10. The proceeds will be used to help individual Grangers participate in Grange events and activities, training and community service projects.

The prizes will be drawn for at the Annual Banquet at the Colorado State Grange Convention September 29, which will be held at the Masonic Lodge at 421 Turner Drive in Durango, at 7:15 p.m.

The sold ticket stubs and money need to be in my hands on or before September 25. I will be at the State Convention beginning on September 26, therefore if you plan to mail the ticket stubs back please make sure you mail them so that they arrive before the 25th. If delivering them please make sure they are in my hands before the drawing on the 29th. Checks should be made out to **Colorado State Grange Raffle**.

I have lots of tickets, so if you'd like to have more please let me know.

## National Chaplain Representative For Colorado State Session 2018

Barbara Borderieux is honored to currently serve as Chaplain of the National Grange. Barbara began her service to the Grange in 1995, along with her husband, when she joined Manatee Grange. There she held various positions and served diligently. In 1997, Barbara joined Tamiami Pomona Grange, also serving various positions. In addition, Barbara served the Florida State Grange as Flora, Lady Assistant, Overseer and currently as State Master.

Barbara was married to her husband Frank for 37 years before he passed away. She has three children and six grandchildren, many of whom are involved in Grange and Jr. Grange.

Since moving to Florida in 1984, Barbara worked as a Teachers Aide at Tillman Elementary School for 28 and a half years before retiring.

Outside of the Grange, Barbara is an active member in the First Presbyterian Church in Bradenton, Florida.



Barbara Borderieux

For the past 60 years, Barbara has been involved in the Girl Scouts where she is presently a troop leader and trainer. In her spare, or not so spare, time Barbara likes to sew and bake for others.

## Save The Dates — State Session • Sept. 27-29, 2018

The State Grange Convention will be at the Masonic Lodge in Durango. All meetings will be at the Masonic Lodge, 421 Turner Dr., Durango, CO; 970-259-5416.

See more information about State Session throughout this *Granger*.

## Motels Near Masonic Lodge In Durango

Since there are at least 195 hotels/motels in Durango, we have chosen again not to make arrangements for a block of rooms at one hotel/motel. This way you can choose the hotel/motel that fits your budget. So here are some of the choices that are close in proximity or more economical.

**Super 8** — 20 Stewart Street, Durango, CO 81301; 800-526-9326. \$\$

**Comfort Inn** — 455 South Camino Del Rio, Durango, CO 81303; 970-259-7900. \$\$\$

**Homewood Suites (Hilton)** — 15 Girard Street, Durango, CO 81303; 970-259-2996. \$\$\$

**La Quinta** — 125 Mercury Village Dr., Durango, CO 81303; 970-259-8400. \$\$\$

**Durango Downtown Inn** — 800 Camino Del Rio, Durango, CO 81301; 970-247-5393. \$\$

**Mid-Town Area:**  
**Motel Durango (Formerly Days End)** — 2202 Main Avenue, Durango,

Colorado 81301; 970-259-3311. \$\$  
**Adobe Inn** — 2178 Main Ave., Durango CO 81301; 970-247-9615. \$\$

**Econo Lodge Inn & Suites (Choice Hotels)** — 2002 Main Avenue, Durango, CO; 623-432-0772.

**Directions To Masonic Lodge From the North** — Take 285 South or I-25 South to 160 West to Sawyer Drive in Durango.

At Sawyer Drive, turn left onto Sawyer Drive from 160W. Sawyer Drive is the stoplight at the Durango Mall (Bed, Bath and Beyond, Ross, Sears, J.C. Penneys)

Continue on Sawyer Dr. to Turner Drive (you'll turn right onto Turner Drive).

Turn left into parking lot at 421 Turner Drive.

**Directions From Durango** — From 160 turn right onto Sawyer Drive, then right at Turner Drive and left into parking lot of 421 Turner Drive.

## — In Memoriam —

### Marion Castro

Marion Castro, 92-years-old, of Thornton, Colorado, passed away April 30, 2018. Marion really enjoyed all her family and friends around her, and enjoyed cooking for them. She volunteered at Telecom Pioneers,

painting maps at grade schools, crocheting lap blankets, sewing bear pillows for heart patients, and helping cook at Maple Grove Grange for banquets and other functions. She is survived by Mary Lopez, Jennie (Henry) Kelly, Irma S. Garcia, Emerlinda (John) Cruz, Virginia (Ernie) Sanchez, Manuel Castro, Patricia St. Clair, 16 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by husbands, Bert L. Myers and Manuel Castro, and son, Bert Myers II.



Marion Castro

## Important Dates

Call individual Granges for more information.

- July 9** Marvel Grange Strength & Balance Class, 11 a.m. (also on July 11, 16, 18, 22, and 25)
- July 9** Marvel Grange Pioneer 4-H meeting
- July 12** Enterprise Grange Potluck Picnic 4-8:30 p.m.
- July 19** Wheat Ridge Grange Annual Barbeque with 4H Achievers, 6:30 p.m.
- July 21** Marvel Grange Ice Cream Social honoring Veterans, 3 p.m.
- July 22** Golden Gate Fiddlesteppers Square Dance, 12-5 p.m.
- July 25** Enterprise Grange Darden Pomona Event 7-9 p.m.
- July 28** Florissant Grange, Florissant Heritage Day 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- July 28** Florissant Grange Western Music Association on stage from 12-4 p.m. (\$10 at the door)
- July 28** Golden Gate Jeffco/GGFPD Slash Days, 9 a.m.
- August 8** Marvel Grange La Plata County Fair
- August 11** Wheat Ridge Grange Annual Pancake Breakfast, 9:30 a.m.
- August 19** Marvel Grange - Pomona Picnic at Animas Valley Grange, 1 p.m.
- August 25** Florissant Grange Mini Outdoor Concert, 3-6 p.m.
- August 25** Marvel Grange Dryside Quilters



"Tip Your Hat to Grangers Gala"

Join us at the Outrageous Cowboy Hat Gala.

Wear your most outrageous Cowboy Hat and win a King Soopers/City Market gift certificate to be awarded at the Gala.

We will have fiddle music and light snacks will be served.



# Master's Message

**Cindy Greer, State Master**  
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### Resolutions, Registration and Reservations!

Before we know it September will be here. I've made my **reservations** at the Econo Lodge Inn & Suites as well as reservations for our National Representative. I have taken advantage of the National Grange benefit with Choice Hotels and earn points when staying at a Choice Hotel and I am happy with the deal I secured. Unfortunately, most of the motels are \$100 or more per night.

**Resolutions** need to be sent into the State office as soon as possible. The sooner we get the resolutions the sooner we can get them out to delegates to study. I know that we already have a few. So what topics are Grangers concerned about that we can try to have an impact on in the legislature?

**Registration.** Secretaries need to send in the delegate forms as soon as possible. Make sure your secretary sends in the delegate credentials card and your committee choices. We need to have at least 15 subordinate Granges represented. Currently our bylaws state that a quorum consists of 15 subordinate Granges being represented. Knowing who is coming helps us to establish the committees for Session and to get information out to the delegates. Anyone attending State Session needs to get in their meal reservations forms and payment too. We'd love to have a really good crowd at the Final Banquet since we're celebrating our 145th year. We hope to honor an Outstanding Granger; the guidelines can be found in your handbook that was sent out with the *Granger* earlier in the year or elsewhere in this issue of *The Colorado Granger*. We will be honoring three Grange members who have served in the military with Quilts of Valor. And there may be a few other surprises!

How do we get the Grange name out into the view of the public? It is every member's job to do that, not just State, not just National, but every single Grange and every single member is responsible for sharing the GRANGE with others. *Colorado Parent Online* is an opportunity to get the Grange name out, especially those in the Denver area. This is an E-newsletter with great ideas for families. Send your information about your family friendly activities to Deborah.mock@coloradoparent.com All we can do is try. Find someone in your Grange who is willing to send out news releases to your local newspapers, radio stations and TV stations, you never know what will pique someone's interest.

**Colorado State Fair** — August 24-September 3 — The Colorado State Grange will be having a table in the Agriculture Pavilion this year. The table will include information about Colorado and National programs. Seed packets will be available for people to take home as well as coloring pages for kids. So if you happen to go to the State Fair be sure to stop by the Agriculture Pavilion and look for our table and get yourself some seeds, and if you're there and the table needs a little straightening up, please help us out. We will have extra supplies in a tub under the table.

**Youth Director** appointed. It is a pleasure to announce that Dan and Jenna Greer have agreed to combine the Junior and Youth Department and serve as Director for both departments. Please be sure to read their article.

# Membership

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Hello Grangers! I hope everyone is having a great year by keeping the focus around growing and making the Grange more visible in the community. Has everyone heard of Challenge 145? It's a goal to have 145 new members by the 145th State Session. Currently we are at 52 with a lot of great things happening at our local Granges. The key to getting new members is making sure you are ready to have something happening that they can get involved in.

What does the term Membership mean?

Membership organization is a term that refers to any organization that allows people to subscribe, and often requires them to pay a fee.

Membership Fee or subscription. Membership organizations typically rely on it.

Membership is one of the most important items that a Grange needs to keep going. Do you have a membership Chair and Committee? Have you hosted a membership drive recently? If you want help or have anything you need, reach out to me. I would like to host a Zoom Meeting so we can all work together and discuss ideas. Remember membership matters! Let's all ask someone to Join TODAY!

Please email me the names and contact information so that we can work together to build our Local Granges!

# Notes From The Secretary

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### A Positive Point Of View

Summer is here and the weather is glorious here in the mountains. Unfortunately it is too dry as is evident by all the fires across the state. Hopefully we are all saying our prayers and doing some rain dances to get them out... especially in the Durango area.

Here at the office, planning for State Session is in full progress as you can see by this edition of the *Granger*. Almost everything you need to know to make your plans is in this edition of the *Granger*, but if you still have some questions, please feel free to call or email the State Grange Office.

I have the packets for the Secretaries just about ready to mail out, and you should have them by the time you are reading this or soon after. Please fill out all the important paperwork and reports and get them sent back to this office or wherever it states you should send them. It is important to return everything so we can be ready for State Session. There are also forms to fill out for Membership and current Officers. These help us keep track of how our membership

numbers are doing and the current Officer report helps us get the Roster current and printed on time. So please get those reports back to us right away.

It is also important to write your resolutions and get them to the State Office prior to State Session. These need to be typed up and printed and it helps us if we are not trying to do it all at State Session.

It is very important to get your Second Quarter Dues paid before State Session. Please send those right away if you haven't already. And it is okay to send those Third Quarter Dues now as well. Please note the State Session assessment that is added to your Quarterly Dues. The Executive Committee voted to increase the fee in order to help with the expenses of State Session. All Granges need to pay this assessment regardless of your attendance at the State Grange Session in September.

Thanks everyone and remember: You are a huge gift to the world, so don't waste time on self-pity, anger or sadness. You are a gift... each day is a gift.

# Colorado Grange Historian

**Jeanne Davies, Historian**  
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I want to remind each Grange to select someone to be working on a story of your Grange to be put in the Colorado State Grange History update for our 145th year anniversary. Our only history book for the Colorado State Grange was published in 1974 for our 100th anniversary so in the new book we will be bringing the story of each Grange and the Colorado State Grange up to date for the last 45 years.

You can go back through your minutes, they are a good source of information. Maybe also talk to some of the Grangers about their memories of your Grange since about 1974. We want to know about special events and activities you have had that were successful. Also let us know if you have had State officers from your Grange. We particularly want to hear about the activities your Grange has done in your community and how your hall (if you have one) is being used. If you have had to sell your hall in this period that should be noted, as

it is history.

It is really a lot of fun to read about your own Grange and others. You might want to take a look at what was written in the previous history book about your Grange and that will give you a good idea where to start to add to your Grange story. Hopefully, you have access to a COLORADO STATE GRANGE HISTORY 1874/ 1976. If not, there are still copies available from the Colorado State Grange.

We would like a story continuation from each of the Granges that were in the last history book. If someone from a Grange that has given up their charter would like to write about that Grange please let us know as it should be part of the history we are writing. Just some memories you have and when the Grange was closed, where the Grange was and when it closed, if possible.

The sooner you can get the history update for your Grange written it will be easier for us to get the book into publication.

# Open House Days At The Grange Museum

**2018 Plains Conservation Center Volunteers Requested**  
by David McCord

On Wednesday, June 13, the City of Aurora and the Botanic Gardens that manages visitor tours at the Plains Center hosted an open house and the Grange Museum was open and available for visitors. Jeanne Davies and I were hosts and we welcomed 68 guests who toured our museum. The Botanic Gardens and the Plains Center will hold future free, open house tours of the Center

through the remainder of this year and Grange member volunteers are sought to open the museum and welcome visitors.

The dates are: Saturday, July 14; Tuesday, August 7; Thursday, November 8; and Friday, December 14. Please contact Jeanne, Pat Quick, or me to coordinate schedules. It is a rewarding experience. We gain exposure, we share our story and history and may gain members.

# Granger Deadline And Guidelines

**August 15, 2018**, is the deadline for articles for the September-October 2018 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 a 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)

**Visit the Colorado State Grange website [www.coloradogranger.org](http://www.coloradogranger.org)**

# Mandy Project

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# Autumn And Brooke Stevens



**Autumn and Brooke Stevens, age 6 months.**

It's been quite some time since we've had any applications for the Mandy Project. We're excited when we do receive applications and can help families who have children with a hearing loss.

Autumn and Brooke Stevens are 6-1/2 month old twins with a hearing loss. They live with their parents in Thornton, Colo. The parents' goals are to aid both children with permanent hearing aids to assist in their development and be successful in their lives and to assist them in receiving vital information during their early childhood years when early language and literacy are most important. The aids recommended for the girls cost \$5,000 per child. Fortunately they qualify for CHIP and that covers \$3,000 per child. Leaving them with a balance of \$2,000 for each child.

Autumn was diagnosed with mild hearing loss in both ears that is essentially sensorineural. Brooke was identified with a severe to profound mixed hearing loss in her right ear and severe to mild mixed hearing loss in her left ear. The hearing loss is considered permanent and not surgically correctable in both girls, therefore hearing aids are medically and communicatively warranted. The hearing loss may have a significant impact on the children's speech-language development, psychosocial development, and educational achievement.

The Colorado State Grange awarded each child \$500 and PICK awarded each child \$250.

We want to thank Garden Home Grange for their donation in March. Donations can be sent to the State Grange office or to PICK, 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO 81326.

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

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## Lecturer's Creative And Performing Arts

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### LECTURERS STAR AWARDS

Lecturers completing the Star Report form and returning the form to the State Lecturer by August 25, 2018, will be eligible for the following Star Awards. Reports should be mailed to Kathy Wardle, Colorado State Lecturer, 1136 Bluebell Way, Brighton, Colorado 80601; or email the completed form to my email at: artklw@gmail.com. **Star certificates will be awarded to each Grange earning any of the following possible stars. Granges completing all of the categories will earn recognition as a Star Achievement Grange.**

**Gold Star — Information:** Programs/activities providing education or information on pertinent issues to your community.

**Blue Star — Entertainment:** Programs/activities involving traveling outside your hall or meeting place for an event, special meal, art exhibit, play, or show, etc.

**Green Star — Membership:** Activities/programs promoting membership and recruiting new members.

**Red Star — Community:** Programs/activities specifically planned for the community.

**Silver Star — Cooperation:** Sponsor programs/activities cooperating with other community groups.

**Orange Star — Family:** Programs/activities oriented around the family or providing opportunities that are focused on the family.

**Purple Star — Media:** Creating publicity using social media or traditional media to promote Grange programs/activities and the Grange. Suggested media include website, e-blasts, Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn plus traditional brochures, posters, news releases, newsletters, and PowerPoint presentations about your Grange, etc. Working with three or more media types qualify for this award.

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

### GRANGE YEARBOOK CONTEST

**Criteria:** Subordinate and Pomona Granges will be in the same category.

**Judging:** Completeness  
Creativity  
Craftsmanship

If you create a Yearbook for your Grange, please place the Lecturer's Star Report Form at the beginning of the yearbook. **Note: Granges do not need to create a yearbook to be eligible for the Lecturer's Star Awards.**

Up to four Granges will be recognized for the best Grange 2017 Yearbooks (scrapbooks). **Yearbooks must be received by August 25, 2018, by the State Lecturer.** Please mail them to Kathy Wardle, Colorado State Grange Lecturer, 1136 Bluebell Way, Brighton, Colorado 80601.

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

### ONE BOOK

**ONE BOOK. The Lecturer Department, the Community Service Department and the Publicity Department have agreed to allow one book, covering all three departments, to be created and submitted for the various awards from these departments. EACH DEPARTMENT MUST HAVE ITS OWN SECTION. For the Lecturer Department be sure to include the Star Report at the front of the Lecturer's section. One Books need to be mailed to the State Lecturer by August 25, 2018. The books will then be forwarded to the other Departments.**

### PERFORMING ARTS

Each Grange is encouraged to bring

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

There will be two age categories in Vocal, Instrumental, Variety and Joke Telling: Junior 5-13; and Adult 14 and over.

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

**Classes:**  
Vocal  
Instrumental  
Variety (skits, readings, monologues, dance, pantomimes, etc.)

Joke Telling  
Public Speaking (See Youth and Junior dept. for specific guidelines)  
Sign a Song (See Deaf and Junior dept. for specific guidelines).

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

### FOOD SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM

Subordinate and Pomona Granges completing any ONE category and reporting on the Community Garden Program Form (to be mailed to Subordinate Granges and due to the State Lecturer on August 25, 2018), will receive a Community Garden Award. **BE SURE TO INCLUDE THIS INFORMATION IN THE LECTURER REPORT.**

**Categories (Do one of the following):**  
**Share the Harvest**

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 Contests.

Sponsor an agricultural oriented contest for your community. Establish your own judging criteria. OR

Sponsor a class on an agricultural topic.

Community Food Preservation Demonstration or Classes

Sponsor a food preservation demonstration for your community. OR

Sponsor a class on food preservation.

### LECTURER CONTESTS

#### General Guidelines For All Lecturers Contests:

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

All entries are due at State Session on Thursday between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m.

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 will receive \$5; Second Place, \$3; and Third Place \$2.

### A Best of Show will be awarded.

1. The Grange with the most entries will receive **The Colorado State Grange Lecturer's Participation Award.**

2. A **Sweepstakes Award will be given to the individual with the most entries in the Lecturer's programs.**

### Fine Art

#### Guidelines:

All entries must be framed or on a firm backing which enables the entry to be properly displayed.

Entrant is responsible if charcoal and pencil entries are not treated to prevent smudging.

Entries of nudes are not allowed.

Entries cannot be covered with glass. (Plexiglas may be used.)

#### Criteria for judging entries:

Use of medium selected/Craftsmanship and skill/Composition/Presentation of subject/Originality.

#### Classes:

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.

#### Classes:

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.

#### Classes:

1. Woodworking  
2. Handmade Toys  
3. Leather Craft  
4. Metal Craft  
5. Duct Tape Craft

### Photography

#### Guidelines:

Photos should be mounted or in a photo mat.

**Framed Photos will not be accepted.**

An image may be entered in only one class.

Participants may enter all classes using separate images.

Participants may have multiple entries in one category.

Photos/images may be made by a commercial processor, but must have

been taken by the entrant.

The photo must not be less than 4" x 6" or larger than 11" x 14".

A caption/title about the photo is optional.

Only prints (color, black/white or digital) will be accepted, no slides.

Professional photographers may not enter the contest (professionals make their living through photography.)

#### Judging criteria:

Composition and arrangement/ Interest/Presentation/Technique.

#### Classes:

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.

#### Judging criteria:

Content — organization  
Spelling, punctuation and grammar  
Audience appeal

#### Classes:

Short story or essay  
Recommend a book. (your choice)  
Poetry  
Pamphlet/Flyer



## Family & Women's Activities

**Idella Lewis and Karen Baxter, State Activities Co-Directors**

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If you catch yourself smiling more and feeling increasingly carefree during the summer months, consider it a side effect. Summertime really does set you up to be more joyful. Sunlight and warm weather actually makes you happier, calmer and more connected. Thanks to summer's stronger sun-

light and the extra hours in the day, you're more likely to float through the day feeling energized and optimistic. With the increased energy perhaps you could try a new needlework craft. Whether you're a stitch beginner or an expert looking for something different, why not try something new!

There are many new ideas out there or you may be able to simply focus on doing a variation of something you already do. Hopefully you will be able to finish your project and enter it in the needlework event this year at the State Grange Session in Durango! Good luck!

## Health Awareness

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### Got Drugs??

#### Drug Disposal:

Many homes end up with unwanted or expired prescription and over-the-counter medications. Old prescriptions left in medicine cabinets or elsewhere in the home can often be an easy source for those who would like to abuse prescription medications.

Unneeded medicine may also cause confusion for people who are already taking a large number of medications. Furthermore, some medications, including **fentanyl patches**, should be properly disposed of by flushing to prevent accidental ingestion by children and pets.

Many states have year-round/permanent drug take-back programs, utilizing on-site drug disposal boxes or mail-back programs, or local medication take-back events that are held at temporary sites at different times through the year. The take-back programs are often facilitated by police departments, municipal buildings, or pharmacies.

To find a Permanent Drug Disposal Site visit: <https://nabp.pharmacy/initiatives/awarxe/drug-disposal-locator/>

### Disposing Of Medication

#### At Home

If a drug disposal site or mail-back program is not available in your area, it is best to follow **Food and Drug Administration (FDA) guidelines** for the safe disposal of unused or unwanted medications at home; including when to flush medication and patches.

#### At a Glance

1. Check the label on your medication and follow any instructions for safe disposal provided.  
2. Do not flush the drugs down the toilet unless the label says to flush



them. The list of drugs that should be flushed is available on the FDA website.

If there are no disposal instructions on the label, check with your local government to find out if specific disposal methods are required by law. If not, take them out of the container and mix them with an undesirable substance, such as used coffee grounds or cat litter. Next, seal the mixture in a sealable bag.

Did you know nearly 3.4 billion prescription drugs dispensed each year are taken improperly, and this can lead to adverse side effects, hospitalization, and even death?

The first step to taking medication safely is to discuss its risks and benefits with your doctor or pharmacist. Make sure you understand why you are taking a certain medicine and how it affects your body.

Before using prescription or over-the-counter (OTC) medications, read all warnings and follow dosing instructions precisely, including using spoons, cups, or syringes that come

with the medicine. When picking up a prescription from the pharmacy, double check that it's the medication you were expecting to pick up. Some medicines may contain warnings against eating or drinking certain foods as well as smoking. Other medications need to be handled with caution; such as fentanyl medication.

Once you get home, it can be helpful to create a list of each medication that you take along with its strength, dose, and the prescribing doctor. The list can also help you check whether two or more of your medications contain acetaminophen, increasing your risk of overdose or liver damage (go to KnowYourDose.org for more information).

Always remember to never share your medications with anyone else.

And remember to tell your doctor or pharmacist if you missed a dose, overdosed, or experience any side effects.

#### Also

- Remember to turn on the lights and put on your glasses. It's easy to mistake one pill bottle for another. Make sure you double check and read the label every time.
- Labeled pillboxes can help you remember to take multiple medications throughout the day. Be sure to keep any pillboxes out of reach of children.
- Use a calendar or medication record to help you remember whether you have taken your medications each day and on time.

## Outstanding Granger Contest

Any initiated Colorado Grange member may be nominated for the Outstanding Granger Award.

This award is presented at the final Banquet of the State Convention to the deserving person or persons.

• Nominations can be made by any Grange member.

• The nominations should be in booklet form about the nominee for the judges to use to make their decision. The booklet should contain:

- Letters of Recommendation
- Information about the person's Grange activities and achievements.
- 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 wished.

• A plaque noting this award is given to the winner, as well as a special name badge that will always denote that the person received this special honor.

# Tune In To Junior Grange

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Summer is here!! The kids are out of school for a few months. Are you as excited as we are? Summer is filled with some awesome opportunities, if yours are like ours they are usually packed with fun crafts, chores, picture taking, chores, and adventures, and yes more CHORES. Oh yeah don't forget about 4-H projects. Did you know that a lot of those 4-H projects can be submitted as a Junior exhibit? Also some of the awesome pictures that the kids took over the summer for Grange can be entered in your local county fair in open class. Then your kids can show off their skills at more places than the Grange.

We have some exciting news. Jenna and I have been honored with the opportunity to take on the youth program as well as the JG for the State of Colorado. We have asked for your help in the past with the JG and we will definitely be asking for your help with this new adventure. We are excited to have the opportunity to help our younger Grangers grow into the leaders that we know they are.

On to some fun. Our trip to the Colorado Springs Cheyenne Mountain Zoo was awesome! We got to meet a beaver that is allergic to wood, yes, I, said a BEAVER allergic to WOOD? We were blessed with the opportunity of having two private tours of the zoo, one in the evening after we got some pizza and one in the morning after breakfast. It was so awesome to have the zoo all to ourselves. Over 30 people attended the event and everyone from the grandparents to the youngest kids had a blast. Some of the other highlights were getting to feed the giraffes, watch the gorillas (while not waking up the orangutans, which for a group our youngsters can be rough), go into the elephant barn, pet an armadillo, just to name a few of the awesome things we got to do as a group. One of the best things was that we had our own personal tour guides that were extremely knowledgeable about all of the animals. One of my favorite quotes of the weekend from a parent



was, "Well of course I wanted to come, it's not every day you get to spend the night in a zoo."

On that note we would like to send out a special thanks to everyone who bought candy bars, or donated to the JG to help make this event so affordable. If it wasn't for your help not as many of our future leaders would have had the opportunity to attend this great event. We would also like to thank La Plata Electric Association Round Up Grant for their generous donation to our worthy cause.

Now let's start planning next year's JG/Youth weekend outing. Currently we are thinking about having it at Purgatory Resort. This would be a great opportunity to take a hike in the mountains and possibly have an herb-ology tour, also have a day pass to the resort's fun activities. We are still working out the details and will be sure to let everyone know. Remember that everyone is invited to attend these events. Let the fundraising begin!

If you are between the ages of 14-30 then you qualify for the youth programs. There are so many youth programs available through the Grange. Grange Ritual Contest, Code Reading Award of Merit, NJHA and Grange: Youth Horticulture Identification and Judging Contest, Grange Youth Focus Areas Contest, Parliamentary Procedure Contest, Folding Display Contest, Grange Jeopardy, Youth Community Service Award, Junior Mentor Award, Grange Grassroots Activism Award, G.R.O.W. Club Travel Scholarship, G.R.O.W. Club Academic Scholarship, G.R.O.W. Club Academic Scholarship Application, Youth Grange Member Recruitment Award, Right

ing only yourself.

- One-page biography telling about yourself, your family, and your Junior Grange Achievements.
- Applicant must have completed and passed the Super JG knowledge test. (Attach a copy of the test or a copy of your Super JG Award.)
- Attach a one-page essay on "Why you would like to represent the National Grange as the NJGA."
- Applicant must have obtained a minimum of 10 Merit badges from each category (The Grange Adventure, Team Up America, and Discovery Network).
- **DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATION: AUGUST 15.**

**Each State Grange may send one male and one female representative.**  
\*\*At this time all Ambassadors must be able to attend National Convention and all Junior Activities

This *Granger* edition we will be focusing on the Youth Officers team. This is a great opportunity to show off your marching drill talents at the National Grange session. The youth open the National Grange once during the session, and it is always impressive to watch. As a youth officer you will be required to attend the youth events throughout the National Session the year that you are an officer. In return you will be making some awesome new friendships from across the nation, some that will last a lifetime. If you are interested in being a youth officer at this year's National Convention, please let us know ASAP so we can start the background paperwork and qualifications.

Enough about the Youth program, let's change back over to the JG program. Did you know that there is an ambassador program for JGers? A maximum of two Junior Grangers per state, one male and one female, may be chosen to represent their State at the National Convention. One candidate will be chosen through a process of interviews and observations made by a council of judges. The candidate that is chosen will be selected as the National Junior Grange Ambassador and will be a representative of the National Junior Grange program for a one-year term.

**All applicants are required to meet the following criteria:**

1. Must be a Junior Grange member for a minimum of three years.
2. Must be between the ages of 10-14 years, having observed their 10th birthday, but not their 15th by December 31 of the year they attend National Session.
3. Ambassadors must be able to attend National Convention to represent their state during Junior Grange activity days (Thursday-Saturday).
4. Junior Ambassadors must have a parent or guardian attend the National Convention with them.

**Applicants must submit the following:**

1. Four letters of recommendations from:
  - State Master
  - State Junior Director (if applicable)
  - Junior Leader
  - Educational Leader (i.e. teacher, Sunday school teacher etc.)
2. Headshot — a photograph contain-

**at their own cost\*\***

If you have any questions about the ambassador program or are interested in being a representative for the state of Colorado let us know ASAP so we can start the process.

Please be safe, the fire danger level throughout the State of Colorado is **very high** this year. I recently flew to Denver and could not believe how dry it is. Please be cautious of anything hot in extremely dry areas. A hot exhaust from an ATV or your car could be an ignition source in a dry grass area. We definitely live in a beautiful part of the United States, let's do our part as parents, grandparents, guardians, and leaders to teach kids about fire safe procedures, and making sure that we set good examples for these very impressionable minds.

As always if you need anything please let us know.

## Publicity

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**Quotation:** "If you can dream it, you can do it!" — Walt Disney

To continue with the Publicity article in a previous *Granger*, I received some input from other Grange members and I thought I would also share them with you. One suggestion was to put the Grange logo on every flier we produce for functions that pertain to the Grange, like a flier on a seminar on Pollinators. By having our logo on fliers or posters, shows we are sponsoring the event. Use of a banner to publicize your events outside of the Grange hall, like working concessions at a fair, a Grange picnic or any other event the public is invited to. See examples — Food Drive flier is dark blue with gold print (Grange Colors).

Another suggestion is to promote the fun the entire family could and does have at a Grange event or by even joining the Grange. The fact that we are a family oriented organization is important. The Grange is one of the very few fraternal organizations that is family and community based. As the saying goes birth to death, that is us.

Recently while attending the visitation at the Animas Valley Grange, I saw an idea I liked so much so that I ran with it for the Florida Grange. One of the Animas Valley members had put together in Word a tri-fold brochure. It promoted their Grange with

what they do for the community, how to become involved, who they are in the community along with an application. It also had pictures of their building and activities held at the hall. The brochure also gave a brief history of their Grange. Should you decide to go with this brochure idea, tailor it to your Grange and use hand in hand with the National Grange brochure. Remember the pictures that show how much fun everyone is having.

Again there are all the social media sites to get us out in front of the public: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. The sky is the limit on how we get the Grange name out in front of the public. It is also a group effort that depends on all of us, not just the person in charge of the publicity. As your State Publicity Director, I am always looking for new ways to get the Grange out in the public eye, but I am also looking for suggestions from Grangers too. Please contact me at the above number, mail or email, or see me at any of the functions, local, state or national levels. I would love to hear your ideas.

Help us make the Grange a strong, resilient and fun organization for the next 150 years. We still need our community, which consists of every lifestyle and the information they have to share as we move forward in the years to come.

## Chaplain's Corner

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Are you basking in the glow of the sun this summer? Not too much sunshine, of course, but aren't we blessed to live in such a sunny state, where we can enjoy being outside summer and winter?

But what else glows in your life and gives you opportunity to bask in it? As I have listened this summer to accounts of missions in other countries, I have realized anew how God has blessed me/us in the United States. Most of us do not have to wonder if we will have nourishing food tomorrow. We usually do not have to wonder if our water will make us deathly ill. We do not live in constant fear of either outlaws or soldiers invading our homes today. We can bask in the glow of life as U.S. citizens.

Is your family perfect, always at peace and just what you dreamed it would be? Mine neither! However, for the most part we love and support one another, and we have capability to be in contact as much as we wish. We are not engaged in civil war, and we are not separated by warring nations. We can bask in the glow of families God has blessed.

What about us personally: what's glowing in our lives? If I'm reading this, my eyes still work. If I received

it through the mail, someone is still thinking of me. If I draw in my breath, my brain is oxygenated and my heart keeps pumping. I may have aches, wrinkles, concerns, but I am breathing. I have another day to give thanks and to try to bless someone else. I will bask in the glow of my (relative) health.

Finally, we can bask in the glow of the Grange. People had a vision; others kept it going. One day someone asked us to be a part of an organization that cares about people, communities and families.

We can enjoy our Grange activities and our families this summer.

Please remember to send memorial gifts for those who have died to the State Grange office. They go into the Grange Scholarship fund and are well-used and appreciated by recipients.

**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.



Grangers of all ages enjoyed the trip to Cheyenne Mountain Zoo.







Marvel Grange Outstanding Community Citizens — the Meador Family.



Marvel Outstanding Granger — Brenda Isgar.

## La Plata

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

### Marvel

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July 9, 11, 16, 18, 22 and 25 — Strength & Balance Class 11 a.m.

July 9 — La Plata Pomona Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Florida Grange.

July 9 — Pioneer 4-H Club meeting at Hall.

July 21 — Ice Cream Social honoring Veterans 3 p.m.

July 28 — Campbell Funeral dinner at Grange Hall.

August 3 — Business Meeting 7:30 p.m. — Program: Planning Meeting.

August 8-12 — La Plata County Fair.

August 19 — Pomona Picnic, Hosted by Animas Valley, 1 p.m. at Animas Valley Grange Hall.

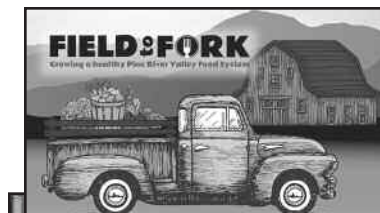
August 25 — Dryside Quilters.

The month of May found Marvel Grange members serving the Basin CO-OP Banquet which is our main fundraiser for the year. This year we made a little over \$2,000 in profit. We have a great group of Grange members who helped at the dinner, made rolls or cobblers. We even had help from one non-member. We also had a small group play Farkle on May 18. Four Marvel Grangers went to Florida Grange's visitation and two went to Mt. Allison's visitation; both were great.

In April we held our Grange month celebration which began with a potluck supper and about 40 in attendance. Brenda Isgar shared information about the Strength and Balance class for Seniors that is being held at the Grange hall on Mondays and Wednesdays at 11 a.m. The class had 12-15 participants. Terry Spriggs shared information about Maker's Lab. Throughout the evening questions were asked about the Grange and those who could answer them received a "Pay Day" candy bar. The main focus of the evening was to honor a Community Citizen and an Outstanding Granger.

### Community Citizen Nominations

Tony Meador, Bryan Meador, Wink Meador and their family are responsible for the clean-up and rebuild of the picnic grounds. They did it as a donation to the Old Fort and the local community. Beth LaShell, Coordinator of the Old Fort at Hesperus, who is an employee of Fort Lewis College, estimated that the Meador family donated \$30,000+ in labor and materials over a 2-3 year period. It started out with removing the fallen trees and underbrush, repairing the well and mowing grass so they could hold their family reunion there. Last spring they installed culverts, built a fence around picnic grounds area, installed gates on both ends, put up the picnic grounds



"Field to Fork" presentation complete with a locally-produced taco bar.

sign, repaired the old fireplace, built a steel picnic shelter (there was nothing left of the old one except for the fireplace), poured a concrete pad, bought pink picnic tables, built a fire ring and provided port-a-potties. Beth LaShell shared that the college has committed to take care of the property and make sure that others using it don't damage it. The picnic grounds were used a few times last year by others. \$50 gift card and certificates.

### Outstanding Granger

Our Outstanding Granger, Brenda Isgar, is a relatively new Grange member. Since joining she has been elected Chaplain and more importantly has started a Strength and Balance class for senior citizens over the age of 60. She has a larger class than the Senior Citizen Center in Town with about 12 seniors participating. The class is held on Monday and Wednesday mornings at 11 a.m. for one hour. The event is co-sponsored by the Marvel United Methodist Church and the Marvel Grange.

Brenda is a registered nurse and she has made herself available at Grange Breakfasts and church potlucks to do health checks for anyone. She takes blood pressures, oxygen levels, etc., and recruited Rick Elbl, also a RN, once to check individuals' ears and offer suggestions for cleaning.

Brenda is always willing to help anyone and she shares produce from her garden during the summer time after she's been to the Farmers Market or even before. Brenda is a wonderful example to her grandchildren, as she often brings some of them to church. \$15 gift card and subscription to *Good Day Magazine* and Certificate.

Cindy Greer

### Mt. Allison

Contact Larry Corman, [Larry\\_Corman@hotmail.com](mailto:Larry_Corman@hotmail.com), or 970-884-4762 for further information.

As I write this through the smoke and haze of southwest Colorado, I'm praying for the firefighters and all of those involved/impacted with or by the 416 fire. In addition, we are praying for an EARLY monsoon season — it is so dry in this neck of the woods.

Mt. Allison has hosted two recent community events. In May, we hosted a tour of the La Plata County Historical society. We served lunch to almost 50 people along with having Vickie Sutton-Gallegos give an informative speech about the history of the Mt. Allison Grange. A good time was had by all.

In June, we hosted "Field to Fork," a local consortium whose mission is to create a healthy, local food system in the Pine River Valley of southwest Colorado. We had about 20 or so in attendance to enjoy a locally-produced taco bar and to share ideas on how this mission can come to fruition. This takes community gardens and goes beyond this concept to a considerable degree.

Hard to believe but we'll see many of you down in our corner of the state in a few months for State Session. Our prayers are that you will be greeted with friendly faces; not smoke.

Larry Corman

## Darden

Jefferson County

Contact Idella Lewis, [idellemlewis@gmail.com](mailto:idellemlewis@gmail.com), 303-233-3393, for further information.

September 8 — Darden Pomona Grange to meet at Maple Grove Grange — 4 p.m. Meeting, 5 p.m. Potluck with Installation of officers to follow.

Darden Pomona Grange met at Wheat Ridge Grange in May.

Delegates to the State Session in Durango will be Marlys Halbeisen and Idella Lewis

Members were reminded to enter the contest events and turn in reports by August 25.

Idella Lewis gave a report on the Agriculture Day At The Capitol in March. Legislators were teamed up with chefs who prepared and served Colorado grown foods. Agriculture brings in a huge amount of revenue to the state each year.

Idella Lewis

### Enterprise

Contact Carol Lackey, [thelackeyteam@gmail.com](mailto:thelackeyteam@gmail.com), 303-521-4477, for further information.

Thursday, July 12 — Potluck Picnic 4-8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 25 — Darden Pomona Event 7-9 p.m.

Wednesday, August 8 — Potluck and business meeting 6:30 p.m.

Enterprise and Maple Grove Summer Picnic is being held at Clear Creek Church park. It is located at 10555 W 45th Avenue. You can park in the church's parking lot. There is an entrance to the parking lot from 44th Avenue or from Moore Street. This is near Marlys Halbeisen's home so a restroom will be available. Please bring a dish to share and lawn chairs. Extra tables if you have them would be useful. There are three round tables in the park and a swing for the kids.

The Darden Pomona Event will be held at the Maple Grove Grange. Suzie Knight will perform. Susie is a true storyteller and master of verse as evidenced in her creative cowboy poetry and western songwriting. Based on her life experience on ranches, she can weave a humorous tale to entertain any audience. From Lasso the Cowgirl to Mrs. Claus, Susie is a talented live performer, adapting to a variety of different characters and personas. Her performances amuse audiences of all ages. SAVE THE DATE.

The August 8 meeting will consist of Delegate voting to the State Grange Convention, planning for our annual Chili Dinner to be held on Sunday, October 7 — SAVE THE DATE — and our Christmas stocking project.

We celebrated Cinco de Mayo at our May Meeting and Potluck. Dinner consisted of dishes that were everything Mexican. At our meeting, we planned for and decided on maintenance projects in and around the Grange. Our first priority is cleaning, so in May and June we started cleaning out all the nooks and crannies of the Grange. By the time we were finished, we had a dumpster load of trash. We finally have some storage space for the things we are working on now.

We are continuing with the community garden this year at Common Earth. We decided to try to plant some vegetable seeds in late fall last year. What lasted through the winter were the peas, so Jeremiah Shields helped to pick our first crop of the season. Then on May 12 we got together to plant the rest of this year's garden. We have planted tomatoes, peppers, radishes, zucchini, onion, lettuce, cucumbers, watermelon and pumpkins. This fall at harvest we plan to have a harvest dinner at our September or October Grange meeting. Any other harvest will be shared with the needy families given to us by the Carin' Clinic and Shannon's Hope.

Best wishes for a wonderful summer to all!

Carol Lackey

### Maple Grove

Contact Idella Lewis, [idellemlewis@gmail.com](mailto:idellemlewis@gmail.com), 303-233-3393, for further information.

Maple Grove Grange members provided 25 fresh flower arrangements for residents of Wheat Ridge Manor Care Center in June. An assortment of flowers from our yards was brought in to arrange and included bachelor buttons, allium, salvia, snow in summer, buttercups, love in a mist, peonies, lupine, and iris. Members helping were Marlys Halbeisen, Idella Lewis, Jane Dianich, and Jane Harvey.

It was good to see LaVerne Jessop and her son Ken at our June meeting. Ken did a great job of mowing the weeds along the south and north fence. What an improvement! Thank you, Ken!

We were sad to lose two of our members, Marion Castro and Terry Mood. Marion was a faithful member who came to almost every meeting, helping to place table décor on the tables and putting things away afterwards. She also helped in the kitchen with Grange banquets/breakfasts/dinners. Maple Grove Grange served the reception at the Grange following her service. Terry Mood was a new member who was looking forward to being active in Maple Grove Grange. Following triple heart bypass surgery in March she developed a serious infection and passed away in June. Keep your prayers with their families.

A picnic was held July 2 for everyone in Darden Pomona. It was in the park behind Marlys Halbeisen's house. We had a very fun time with plenty of good food and fellowship.

A Darden Pomona Community Event will be held at Maple Grove Grange on July 25. Suzie Knight, cowboy poet/singer/entertainer, will perform.

Idella Lewis

### Wheat Ridge

Contact Vivian Vos, [vlvos@yahoo.com](mailto:vlvos@yahoo.com), 720-217-1340, for further information.

July 19 — Annual Barbeque with the 4H Achievers at the Grange FREE, 6:30 p.m.

August 11 — Annual pancake breakfast before the Carnation festival parade (9:30 a.m.) at the Grange donations, 7 a.m.

August 28 — Membership drive/Grange orientation at the Grange, 6:30 p.m.

Every Thursday morning at Stevens Elementary — Feed The Future.

Past events at the Wheat Ridge Grange:

Community night showcasing 4H in Jefferson County. Presentations by the 4H members

Queen of Hearts for Charlene Porter retirement from Wheat Ridge Grange.

Edith Brown passing to the Grange in the sky after many years of service.

Vivian Vos

### Pleasant Park

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

July 14 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Potluck Lunch and Ice Cream Social.

August 11 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Potluck Lunch.

September 8 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Potluck Lunch.

The Bicycle Rest Stop is open! It has been very busy so far with the warm weather. Thanks to the great team for keeping the coolers full and the area in tip top shape. The riders are always expressing their gratitude for the peaceful place to rest and rehydrate before making the trip back down the hill. Many of the riders say they stop for the cookies!

Instead of having the Pomona Picnic we are going to host an Ice Cream Social/Meet Your Neighbor event along with the Pleasant Park Neighborhood Association on July 14 from 1-3 p.m. following the regular meeting.

Kendal Spoor, a local Boy Scout

and our newest member, is working toward his Eagle Scout status and has taken our Grange on as his project. His project has been approved, so he will be building new picnic tables for the yard and repairing the existing tables. His troop will also take on maintaining the grounds as their community service project. The other good news is that his parents, Ken and Laura, have also joined our Grange!

Keep November 10 open! Abe Lincoln and his wife Mary will be our guest speakers after the Thanksgiving Dinner. They will speak at about 1 p.m. if you don't want to come for the meal. Everyone is invited to attend and RSVPs are needed. The Thanksgiving Dinner is now taking the place of the Pomona Picnic.

Everyone is invited to come and join us at any of our meetings! Our Lecturer has more interesting speakers scheduled.

Yvonne Ludwig

### Golden Gate

Contact Master Rich Phillips, 303-277-1933, or Jayne Ruesch, 303-215-9257, for further information.

July 12, 3-4 p.m. — Grange Meeting.

July 22, 12-5 p.m. — Fiddlesteppers Square Dance.

July 28 and 29, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. — Jeffco/GGFPD Slash Days.

July 29, 11 a.m. — Mutton Bustin' at Buffalo Bill Days in Golden.

Mondays at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 5 p.m. — Yoga.

The Peak to Peak Chorale presented a chorale musical play called "Stranded at the Top of the World" on May 12, 3 p.m. followed by refreshments. The story tells the tale of the train that was trapped for days atop Rollins Pass on the Continental Divide.

Our Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast was held on Sunday, May 13. Moms ate for free! Pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice and coffee were served.

Golden Gate Canyon is black bear country. Jeffco Park Ranger Mary Ann Bonnell joined us on Sunday, May 20 from 3 to 5 p.m. for an engaging overview of black bear biology, ecology and behavior. We also discussed safety and how to minimize human-pet-bear conflict in your community and on the trail. Mary Ann has a degree in biology and has been involved in predator research in the Denver Metro Area for 15 years.

Our Grange Rummage and Bake Sale's date changed. It was held this year on June 8 and 9. Gently used items were donated for our biggest fundraiser of the year. For further information call or email Dee Dee Ramstetter 303 279-6113 or [dkmh1@gmail.com](mailto:dkmh1@gmail.com).

We held our 2nd Annual Chili Cook Off on March 24. We had nine chili cooks participating plus one hot and one not chili from Tim Casey. Dee Dee Ramstetter took "Top Chef" honors, with second and third place going to Sandy Stone and Nancy Bachman. Our attendance doubled over last year. We hope this will become a Golden Gate Grange tradition. We honored our new members by inviting them to dine for free!

Eggmania is always a fun event for the whole family. Participants brought their hardboiled eggs for decorating and dyeing. Then the children had a visit from the Easter Bunny and took part in our annual Easter Egg Hunt! A special thanks to our Easter Bunny Brenna Eberhart. Thanks, as well, to Alyn Hansen, Rich and Elle Philips, Sandy Stone and Melissa Primmer for making this event special!

Yoga classes continue to be a popular offering at the Golden Gate Grange. Classes are held on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 5 p.m. Cost for Grange members is \$10 for a single class or \$80 for a 10-class card. Last year we logged more than 400 man/woman hours of yoga at the Grange! Join us to help improve your balance, strength, and flexibility.

Website: [www.goldengatengranger.com](http://www.goldengatengranger.com); Like us on our Facebook page *Golden Gate Canyon Community*.

Rich Phillips

Deadline For The September-October 2018 Issue Of *The Colorado Granger* Is August 15, 2018.

**Pikes Peak**  
El Paso and Teller Counties

**Florissant**

Contact Ed Oppermann, 719-748-5559, florissantgrange@gmail.com, for further information.

**BE SURE TO JOIN US FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:**

July 28, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. — Florissant Heritage Day.

August 25, 3-6 p.m. — Mini Outdoor Concert.

“Souper” Grange Night was held on April 20 in place of our usual chili cook-off. We had 12 different soups made by some of our “souper” members, homemade bread from Iron Tree, along with salad and dessert. It was indeed a resounding success! A silent auction was held during the evening also and it too went very well. We had empty soup pots and zero items left for auction. A very good fundraiser for our Grange. Thanks to all who helped and participated.

April 10 a Pine Needle/Painting Basket Class was held. Attendees learned some painting techniques to use on the base of their basket and then proceeded to make a pine needle basket with the base they painted. We had a great turnout and it was a successful class.

April 21 a class was held in our hall for fire mitigation and bear awareness. I missed this one, but, I have it on good authority that it was well attended and was very informational. This is definitely good info especially for folks new to living here in the hills.

Win some/lose some category: May 12 we had a Pre-Mother’s Day breakfast. We had five members and two non-members helping on this deal. Unfortunately that’s about the number of attendees we had too. I think word got out that it was an all male cooking crew and folks didn’t trust our cooking abilities. Most of the morning we stood around, drank coffee and shot the breeze. (Kinda like a government job I once had!) The few folks



Lots of good stuff for sale at Florissant Grange Flea Market/Craft Fair.



who attended enjoyed themselves and thanked us kindly, so that was nice. As a fundraiser though, not so nice. I do thank the guys who helped put this on. They were great.

May 26 a Gourd and Pine Needle Class was held. Perhaps not the biggest turnout, but the attendees enjoyed themselves using their “gourds” into decorative/useful items. Pretty cool what these folks can make out of plain, everyday objects.

Our Flea Market/Craft Fair was held on June 9 with vendors selling their wares outside and inside our hall. Lots of good stuff new and old. It was a beautiful (hot) day so of course the wind kicked up a few times to dust things over. Not as bad as years past. No one went para-sailing and all canopies were intact at the end of the day. After talking to some of the vendors at the finish up, I believe it was a success over all.

And in between all these events, Renee Caldwell has found time to hold a few meetings for the “Quilts of Valor” quilters. I don’t have a count

on how many squares they’ve put out so far but, I have seen these gals in action a few times at our hall. I’m sure I speak for many when I say their efforts are appreciated.

June 30, 11 a.m.

- 2 p.m. there was a Pine Needle/Wire Wrapping Class at our hall. I have learned that this is a craft where miles of wire are wrapped and formed to make wonderful little objects. (I thought it was a new kind of music but, was informed that that’s “rapping” not “wrapping.”)

After all that, the only thing planned (so far) for July is on the 28th which will be Heritage Day. This year the WMA will be performing on our indoor stage that day. Their show will be from 12-4 p.m. Tickets will be only \$10 at the door. They always put on a great show so hope to see ya there!

Trailer Park Patsy, a local performer, is scheduled to grace our grounds on Aug. 25 with an outdoor concert from 3-6 p.m. A BBQ will take place at the same time to help raise funds for our good ol’ Grange.

Well, that’s all for now from #420. As always, our potluck supper is still every Wednesday evening starting at 6 p.m., music 6:30-8 p.m. Bring a dish and c’mon in!

Ed Oppermann

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**Grandview**

Contact Jeanne Davies, 720-379-5634, jeannedavies@comcast.net, for further information.

June 12. Grandview held an Ice Cream Social at 6:30 p.m. in the evening and had many attending from the community and some from other Granges. Dominick Breton, a member of the State Membership Committee, gave a short presentation on what Grange is about and also asked those Grangers present why they joined the Grange. Dawn Jockman, Master of Grandview told about Grandview’s upcoming activities and how to join the Grange. We ate ice cream, visited, and asked questions and involved those from the community. We feel we will pick up some new members from this activity.

We had a meeting in May where we invited other Granges along the front range in the Denver area to join us in an evening of discussion about how to attract and keep members, keeping the Granges active and how we can help each other. There was great discussion among the Granges present and a good presentation by Dominick and Grandviews’ Secretary Teresa Montejano. Everyone joined in for a good potluck. Similar meetings will continue and some other Granges will be hosting.

On our schedule this summer we

hope to have a picnic at the Grange Museum that had to be canceled earlier and have a singles evening of fun and eating and learning about the Grange. Other activities planned for the summer include a garage sale.

Jeanne Davies

**Castlewood**

Contact Joan Hill, 303-648-3103 or Secretary Gary Tobey, 303-888-0582, garyhtobey@gmail.com, for further information.

We recently scheduled visits to the Plains Conservation Center in Aurora and to the Estes Park Wool Market and Fabric Festival. More educational visits are coming up to better understand our community and our agricultural riches.

As part of our plan for the future, we will host the Progressive Pomona Granges Friday, July 13, at 12 p.m. for games, lunch, and a membership growth presentation by State Grange Membership Co-Chair Dominick Breton. All Grangers are invited. Just tell Event Chair Carol Ann Stepanich that you are coming — 303-868-3455.

**Like Wildfire!!** At our Saturday, August 11, regular meeting at 12 p.m. at Castlewood Grange, 7275 S. Lima St, Centennial 80112, our program will be presented by a Douglas County wildfire specialist.

We actively look for discussions and cooperation with all the community Granges to go forward with a successful future for Castlewood Grange and all Colorado Granges.

Gary Tobey



Castlewood Grange educational visit to Estes Park Wool Market.



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# Tentative State Grange Convention Agenda

## 145th State Session of the COLORADO STATE GRANGE Program

All State Session Meetings and Exhibits will be held at the Masonic Lodge, 421 Turner Drive, Durango, CO 81301.

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: Loeda Westphal  
Photographer: Elizabeth Hiner

### WEDNESDAY, September 26, 2018

- 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 27, 2018

- 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.
- 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.  
Roll Call of Officers/Directors.  
Adopting Convention Agenda.  
Partial Report of Credentials Committee.  
Annual Address by State Master Cindy Greer.  
Report of Treasurer and Secretary.  
Report of Executive Committee Chairman.  
Preliminary Report of Good of the Order Committee.  
Report of Grange Museum.  
Report of Leadership and Scholarship Foundation.  
Committee Reports.  
Report of Lobbyist and Ag Committee.
- 3:00 P.M.**  
Guest Speaker, M. Sherry Bowman, Native Bees, La Plata County, Conservation District.  
  
Family & Women's Activities Bake Sale.
- 6:30 P.M.**  
Memorial Service under the direction of State Chaplain Sheryl Ayers.
- 7:15 P.M.**  
Fifth Degree — Short Form — Gary Wardle, Master.
- 7:30 P.M.**  
Sixth Degree Conferred by State Grange Officers.

### FRIDAY, September 28, 2018

- 6:45 A.M.**  
Colorado State Grange Alumni Breakfast.  
Amy Peterson presiding.  
*Past State Officers and spouses invited.*
- 8:45 A.M.**  
Open the Grange in the Fourth Degree.  
Report of Credentials Committee.  
Election of one Executive Committee member for a three-year term.  
Continuation of Committee Reports.
- 10:00 A.M.**  
National Representative — National Chaplain Barbara Borderieux.  
Continuation of Committee Reports.
- 11:30 A.M.**  
Recess for Lunch.
- 12:00 P.M.**  
Membership Lunch at Masonic Lodge.  
Roger Ayers and Dominick Breton presiding.  
*Everyone invited.*
- 1:30 P.M.**  
Reconvene Session.  
Continuation of Committee Reports.
- 3:00 P.M.**  
Spotlight on Grange — Animas Valley #194.
- 6:30 P.M.**  
Grange Gala — *Outrageous Cowboy Hat Gala.*  
Fiddle music and light snacks.
- 8:30 P.M.**  
(Or ASAP following Gala)  
Annual Meeting of PICK.  
*Everyone invited.*



### SATURDAY, September 29, 2018

- 6:45 A.M.**  
Colorado State Grange Past Masters Breakfast.  
Karen Baxter presiding.  
*Past Masters and Spouses invited.*
- 8:45 A.M.**  
Junior and Youth Officers Open the Grange.  
Continuation of Committee Reports.
- 10:00 A.M.**  
Installation of Officers.  
Gary Wardle Installing Officer.
- 11:00 A.M.**  
Report of Grange Insurance Association.  
Continuation of Committee Reports.
- 12:00 P.M.**  
JG Lunch at Masonic Lodge, Dan and Jenna Greer presiding.  
*Everyone invited.*
- 1:30 P.M.**  
Reconvene Session.  
Completion of Committee Reports.  
2019 Convention Site.  
Close the Grange in full form in the Fourth Degree.
- 3:00 P.M.**  
Leadership Conference for Masters, Secretaries, Lecturers, Family & Women's Activities, Community Service, Membership.
- 6:00 P.M.**  
Annual Banquet of Colorado State Grange.  
Executive Committee Chairman Larry Corman presiding.  
Presentation of Outstanding Granger.  
Talent Showcase.  
*Everyone invited.*
- 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 Is September 1, 2018.

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.

No. of Tickets	Meal Function	Total
_____	<b>Alumni Breakfast</b> — Fri., Sept. 28, 6:45 a.m. • Masonic Lodge Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Fruit, Muffins. <i>For Past State Officers/Directors &amp; Spouses</i>	@ \$7.00 _____
_____	<b>A Membership Lunch</b> — Fri., Sept. 28, 12:00 p.m. • Masonic Lodge	@ \$9.00 _____
_____	<b>C Build your own Sandwich, Salad, Chips.</b> <i>Everyone invited</i>	(10 & under) @ \$6.50 _____
_____	<b>Past Masters Breakfast</b> — Sat., Sept. 29, 6:45 a.m. • Masonic Lodge Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Fruit, Tortillas, Cheese. <i>For Past Masters &amp; Spouses</i>	@ \$7.00 _____
_____	<b>A JG Lunch</b> — Sat., Sept. 29, 12:00 p.m. • Masonic Lodge	@ \$10.00 _____
_____	<b>C Taco Bar with Salad.</b> <i>Everyone invited</i>	(10 & under) @ \$5.00 _____
_____	<b>A Final Banquet</b> — Sat., Sept. 29, 6:00 p.m. • Masonic Lodge	@ \$15.00 _____
_____	<b>C Everyone invited</b> (10 & under) @ \$10.00	_____
Please indicate your preferred menu selection for the Annual Banquet.		
_____	Herb Roasted Beef	
_____	Chicken Parmesan	
With Green Salad, Sweet Italian Green Beans, Baked Potato, Cake, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Water and Coffee.		
		<b>Total Enclosed: \$</b> _____

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

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