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2024 Colorado State Grange Convention To Be Held Sept. 25-28 In Durango

Colorado State Grange Convention
September 25-28, 2024
Durango Masonic Lodge
421 Turner Drive
Durango, CO 81301

Things are progressing slowly. Seems like businesses don't answer their phones and don't return phone calls so we are not able to give you as much information as you might like to have. Gary Wardle is working on getting a reduced rate at the Super 8 located near the Masonic Lodge. Cindy Greer is working on getting prices for the meals. We will have all this information in the next *Granger* and will be sending it out to each Grange as soon as it is finalized.

The schedule is basically the same as in previous years. Officers will meet on Wednesday afternoon at 4 p.m. to unload the trailer and set up the building and then practice for the opening and 6th degree. Thursday morning we will have registration for all attending, and committees will begin to meet to review the resolutions that the Granges have sent in. Thursday afternoon we will open in the sixth degree, then lower the Grange for the 4th degree and start conducting business.

We will only be electing one executive committee member this year. John Cruz currently holds the position. Friday and Saturday's schedule is basically the same as previous years. There is always some fun along with the business, so if you've never joined us before we'd love to see new faces, so make plans to attend and participate in some of the session or all of the activities.



Small Cedar Chest hand made by Roger Ayers.

National Representative To State Session

Tom Gwin was elected Lecturer of the National Grange in 2023, at the 157th Annual National Grange Convention. Gwin is a member of Humptulips Grange #730, where he is Secretary; Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Grange #28, where he serves as Lecturer and Family Living Director; and has been State Grange President since 2015. He is a 48-year Grange member.

Tom is a retired manager of the Washington State Fair. He previously served in the Washington State Fair Association board for eight years. He is a 35-year 4-H leader, Junior Grange Leader & Camp Director. He enjoys gardening flowers and produce.

He enjoys spending time with his brother Jerry and his family – Aaron,



Tom Gwin
National Grange Lecturer

Jake, and Kennedy, and his mother Davona.

Proceeds From The The Colorado State Grange Raffle To Help Members

This year the Colorado State Grange is again holding a raffle and we would appreciate your assistance in selling tickets. The tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$20. We have a 54"x64" Quilt made from donated blocks and put together and quilted by Karen Baxter. We also have a small cedar chest hand made by Roger Ayers. It is 10" x 7" x 11" and 13" high. We also have a Framed Diamond painting that was made for a former member Karen

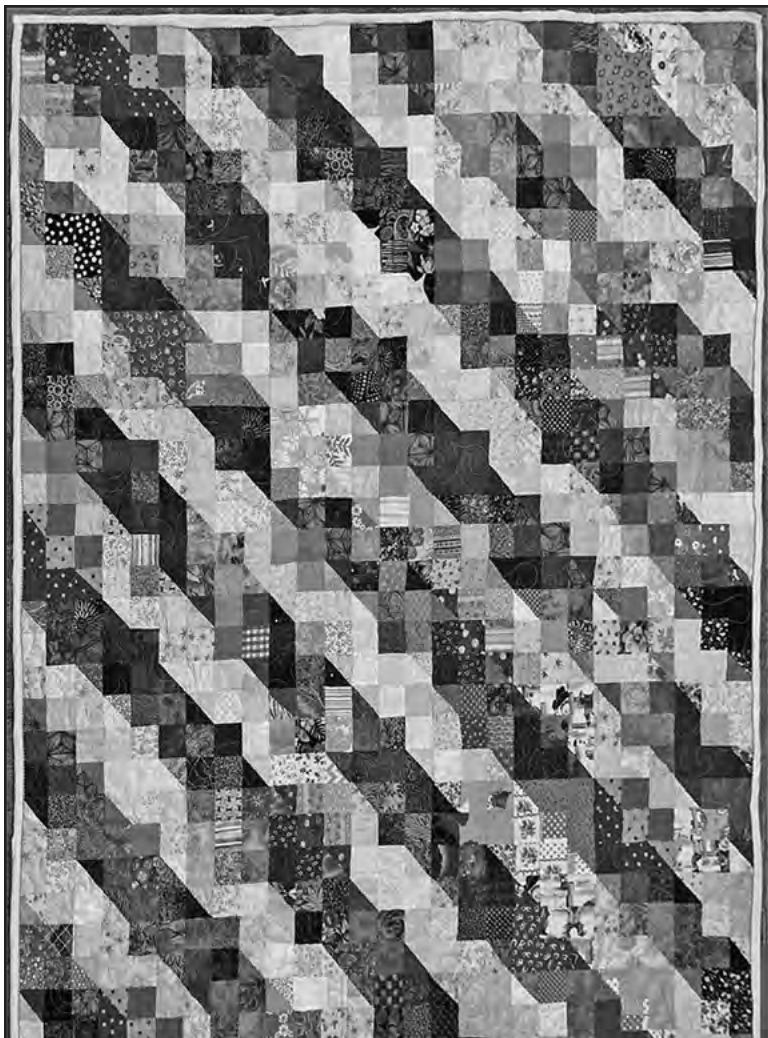
Ray that is 10" x 20".

The proceeds of the raffle will be used to help Colorado Grange members with expenses for leadership conferences and other leadership opportunities, and for hosting the 2025 Great Plains Leadership Conference.

If you would like to purchase tickets, check with your subordinate Grange secretary, one of the state officers or directors or the state Grange office. We appreciate your support.



Framed Diamond Painting made by Karen Ray.



54" x 64" Quilt made from donated blocks, finished by Karen Baxter.

Convention Transportation

by B.J. Bushman

Front Range Grangers!
We have a travel opportunity for you!

How would you like to sit back, relax, and take in the scenery while someone else drives you to the Colorado State Grange Convention in Durango?

We will be taking a 14-passenger shuttle bus from Sedalia to Durango, with an additional pick-up stop for passengers in Colorado Springs.

We will be departing on Wednesday,

September 25, at 8 a.m. from Sedalia. Our return trip will leave Durango Sunday morning, September 29. During that time span, the shuttle will provide transportation to and from Grange activity sites and our hotel.

The cost for the five-day rental will be about \$200 per passenger.

If you would like to participate in this ride-share and can meet us in either of those two locations, then please contact B.J. Bushman for more details, bushman.bj@gmail.com or 303-550-7901.

\$2,500 Leadership Scholarship Foundation Scholarships Awarded

The Leadership Scholarship Foundation awarded four scholarships this year.

Paige Nichololas of Castle Rock, whose grandparents are members of Golden Gate Grange, received a scholarship to continue her education at the Colorado State University in Fort Collins. Her major field of study is Graphic Design.

Katrina Borst of Colorado Springs, a member of Florissant Grange, received a scholarship to continue her education at the University of Colorado Anschutz Phys-

ical Therapy Program. She plans to be a Doctor of Therapy.

Ian Harlan of Littleton, whose great Grandmother, grandparents and father are members of Garden Home Grange, received a scholarship to continue his education at the Metropolitan State University of Denver. He is majoring in History.

Ashley Hoery of Highlands Ranch received a scholarship to continue her education at the Colorado State University.

Scholarship recipients will receive \$2,500 each.

Upcoming Events

Call individual Granges for more information.

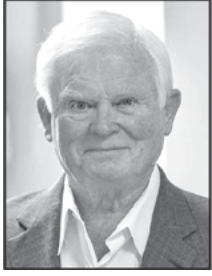
- July 8 La Plata Pomona — Grange Meeting, 7 p.m. at Florida Grange Hall.
 - July 11 Golden Gate Grange — Meeting, 3 p.m.
 - July 12-14 Great Plains Regional Leaders Conference — Claremore, OK.
 - July 13 Sunflower Grange — The Mane Mission Equine Therapy Speaker: Kathy Hulley; Jacon Staadt, Firefighter of the year.
 - July 13 Florida Grange — Beading Class, 1-3 p.m.
 - July 13 Pleasant Park — Regular Meeting, 10 a.m. followed by Pomona Picnic.
 - July 13 Darden Pomona Picnic.
 - July 21 Marvel Grange — Ice Cream Social, 3 p.m.
 - July 24 Enterprise Election Center Tour.
 - July 27 Florida Grange — Pancake Breakfast, 8-10 a.m.
 - July 31 Enterprise Grange — Trip to Denver Museum of Nature and Science
 - August 1-2 Golden Gate Grange — Rummage Sale, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 - August 2 Marvel Grange — Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
 - August 10 Sunflower Grange — Barn Fire Prevention Speaker: Tad Keegan; Elections and Potluck Picnic.
 - August 14 Enterprise Grange — Meeting 6-8 p.m.
 - August 17 Maple Grove Grange — Susie Knight to Perform a Concert, Saturday 2 p.m.
 - August 24 Florida Grange — Pancake Breakfast, 8-10 a.m.
 - Sept. 7 La Plata Pomona Exhibit Day at Florida Grange — Entries, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Planning Meeting, 5 p.m.; Potluck, 6 p.m.
 - Sept. 11 Enterprise Grange — Meeting 6-8 p.m.
 - Sept. 21 Florida Grange — Pancake Breakfast, 8-10 a.m.
 - Sept. 25-28 State Grange Convention — Masonic Lodge, in Durango, CO.
 - Nov. 12-16 National Grange Convention in Iowa. Isle Casino Hotel, Bettendorf, 1777 Isle Parkway, Bettendorf, IA 52722.
- Marvel Grange – Line Dancing on Monday, 9-10 a.m.
Golden Gate AA – Every Tuesday, from 7 p.m.
Golden Gate Yoga – Wednesdays, from 3-4 p.m.
Florissant – Gift Shop is Open Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday weekly.
Florissant – Every Thursday is Community Potluck and Music.
Sunflower – Third Thursdays — Local History Book Club Meets at BMan's BBQ at 1 p.m.

Master's Message

Gary Wardle, State Master

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Brothers and Sisters, as we move into the summer, I hope all the Granges are accomplishing the goals they set for their Granges this year. We are busy planning for the state Grange convention to be held in Durango this fall, September 26 through 28. We will meet at the Masonic Lodge this year.

For those on the eastern slope, B.J. Bushman, our state lecturer is organizing a bus to take people to Durango. There is information on the bus in the paper. This should help those who cannot drive that distance to attend. Thank you, B.J.

The National Grange has been awarded a grant from the Pfizer Corporation in the amount of \$300,000. The grant is called the "Rural Life Initiative." The funding is provided to assist Granges at all levels to promote Grange membership and support rural America. Granges can propose projects to provide programs in their community which promote Grange, rural life and health, and rural growth. These may be programs you have been thinking about but lacked funding to proceed. Submit your project to the State Grange secretary, and we will forward it to National for funding. The Colorado State Grange has been selected as a pilot Grange for the grant.

Kathy and I will be attending the National Grange Regional Conference in Oklahoma, in July. I hope others will attend. Colorado will host the conference in 2025.

Kathy and I have moved into our new home. Our address is 8606 Holman Circle, Arvada, Colorado 80005. Please use my cell phone, 303-349-7390. I hope to see you all at the state convention.

IN ESSENTIALS UNITY, IN NON-ESSENTIALS LIBERTY,
IN ALL THINGS CHARITY

Notes From The Secretary

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June 30 — End of Second Quarter.

July 12-14 — Great Plains Leadership Conference, Oklahoma.

July 30 — Second Quarter Reports due.

September 25-28 — State Session, Durango, Masonic Lodge.

September 30 — End of Third Quarter.

October 31 — Third Quarter Reports due.

November 12-16, 2024 — National Grange Convention — Isle Casino Hotel Bettendorf, 1777 Isle

Parkway, Bettendorf, IA 52722.

The summer months usually bring Granges to the point of election of officers. The State Grange will be sending out the report forms and would appreciate your cooperation in getting those forms back to the office so that the Roster can be updated. Most Granges elect officers so that the new ones can start their year when the Grange year starts, which is September 1.

We are still working on details for the state convention and information will be sent to the secretary of each

Colorado Rural Life Initiative Proposal

This year, the National Grange celebrates 158 years of supporting rural and small-town communities, uplifting our neighbors, and establishing programs and services to sustain rural culture and lifestyle. This year also marks the 175th anni-

versary of one of the oldest health care companies in America — Pfizer. With its roots originally planted in rural America, the company has for many years worked alongside the Grange to support our efforts to improve access to quality health care for rural Americans.

PILOT DETAILS

In 2024, as part of a partnership with Pfizer, the National Grange will launch a pilot program in five or six states called the "Rural Life Initiative." Visit the following website for additional information: <http://www.seniorsurgeryguides.com>.

The Colorado State Grange Executive Committee has agreed to be one of the pilot states. This initiative will work with both the state and the local chapters of these pilot states to develop educational and service programs of value to local residents, community organizations and businesses. While a major focus will be on health and wellness, the "Rural Life Initiative" will also be an opportunity to hear directly from rural Americans what they have to offer, want to accomplish, and need to strengthen and grow. This work will be driven by the state and local Granges and is meant to highlight the unique value of rural life in those local communities as well as to leverage existing programs and events.

Grant funding is available for the Colorado State Grange and local Granges who agree to participate. This funding can also be utilized to help the local Grange chapters to build capacity throughout their county and the state, develop new leadership/service programs within the community, and/or to build additional partnerships with other community-based organizations.

This program offers us an exciting opportunity to really showcase who the Grange is and what we stand for — that our opinion matters and our voice needs to continue to be heard. This is one way to strengthen that voice across the state and nationally.

These funds are not to be used for capital improvement on buildings.

If your Grange has a project that you have wanted to do, but have not because resources needed to make it happen are not available, this may be for you. Take some time to do the following:

- Consider existing events happening in your community that the Grange is or could be involved in that may serve as a good opportunity to weave in rural life materials.
- Brainstorm additional opportunities for getting the word out including webinars for local Grange members and the community and outreach with local media with support from an outside media consultant.
- Discuss materials that can be developed for the local Grange.
- Develop a timeline of activities to support the pilot.

The National Grange has not yet sent out the format to apply for funding. If your Grange has a project it wants to be considered get it written

Grange. With election of officers also comes the selection of your delegates to the state convention. Each Grange is allowed two delegates, as long as they have 13 or more members. Those with less than 13 members can have one delegate. Usually the President/Master and their spouse serve as delegates, but sometimes it is not possible for them to attend, therefore your Grange can select someone else to serve as the delegate. It's important for the Secretary to notify the state office who your official delegates are, so that the other delegates don't have to vote to allow individuals to represent your Grange.

Delegates serve on committees at the convention to set policy for the state Grange and to send policy to the National Grange for consideration. The resolutions sent in by Subordinate and Pomona Granges are how we know what your Grange wants the State and National to focus on.

down on paper and send it to the state office for review and consideration as soon as possible.

Next steps include:

- Introduction of the concept during this meeting.
- Consideration of existing events happening in Colorado that the Grange is involved in and may serve as a good opportunity to weave in rural life materials.
- Brainstorm additional opportunities for getting the word out including webinars for local Grange members and the community and outreach with local media with support from an outside media consultant.
- Discussion of materials that can be developed for the Colorado State Grange and local Granges in the state.
- Develop a timeline of activities to support the pilot.

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 970-749-8438.

— In Memoriam —

Norman Swain Brooks

January 15, 1933 –
May 27, 2024

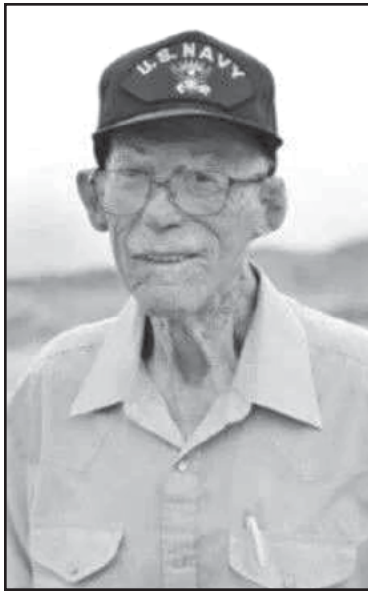
Norman Swain Brooks was born on Jan. 15, 1933, to Swain and Bernice Brooks in Montrose, Colorado. He passed away peacefully on May 27, 2024, at Montrose Regional Health surrounded in love by his wife and children.

Norman worked on the family farm while growing up, graduating from Montrose High School on May 24, 1950. He enlisted in the Navy in 1953 during the Korean War and proudly served for four years as an aircraft engine mechanic. He was in charge of getting the planes up the ship elevator and prepared for takeoff. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

In December of 1953, he gave a good Navy buddy a ride home from Tennessee to Twin Falls, Idaho, for his wedding, where he met the love of his life, Dena Arlene Brooks, a cousin of the bride. Norman and Dena married on Dec. 26, 1954, in Twin Falls, Idaho. They would have celebrated 70 years of marriage this December.

While stationed in San Diego, California, Norman took Jesus as his Savior and was baptized on April 3, 1955.

He attended Del Mar College while in the military, and then University of Colorado until he was called home to manage the family



Norman Brooks

farm in 1958.

Norman and Dena were blessed by the births of Kevin Swain on May 10, 1958; David Lee on April 22, 1959; Michele Jolene on April 13, 1969; and Ginger Leann on April 28, 1971.

Norman farmed most of his life, purchasing his own farm in Shavana Valley in 1968. Even after retirement he had a hay field that he worked. In 1969 he delved into the insurance world part time. He later merged his company with another, which then grew into the largest Montrose firm, The Insurance Center of Montrose. After retiring from there in 1988, he began land development projects. In

2011 he went to work as a salesman for his son Kevin at Big O Tires.

Norman has been a member of the Grange since 1959 and was elected to several state officer positions. He served on the Montrose Planning Commission for 17 years, on the Tri-County Water board since 1988, and on the Project 7 board. He was a precinct committeeman of the Republican party and a past county chairman. He served as president of the Montrose Sports Booster Club, and was a past officer of the Western Colorado Independent Insurance Agents. He was a Rotarian and a member of the Elks for 61 years. He was a 4-H Leader, a driving force of the Best of the West Food Fest Events, member of the Montrose United Methodist Church, Potato Growers Association, Chamber of Commerce, Montrose Red Coats, Consumers CoOp, and Soil Conservation District. He was a volunteer driver for the Disabled American Veterans in his 80s, sometimes making two trips to Gunnison per day to get people to their doctor appointments.

He beat lymphoma cancer in 2013, and a serious lung infection in 2014. He was valiantly fighting skin cancer. In the end it was his heart that was exhausted, most likely from loving everyone he knew so much.

He was preceded in death by both of his parents, an infant brother Kent, his sister Joyce Herbst, and his sister Viola Jutten, his brothers-in-law Bobby Ford, Woody Herbst, and Buster Jutten.

Surviving family members include his loving wife of almost 70 years, Dena; children Kevin (Valerie) Brooks of Grand Junction, David (Carol) Brooks of Missouri, Michele Brooks of Montrose, and Ginger (Troy) Holloway of Arkansas; grandsons Swain, Tommy (Minnie), Michael (Kelsey), Alec (Emily), and granddaughters Whitney (Ryan), Chantel (Martin), Amber (Nick), Kaitlyn, and Lizzy; great-grandchildren Tatyanna, Nayeli, Hadley, Isaac, Ryker, Henry, Piper, Lucy, and Mackenzie.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Welcome Home Alliance of Veterans, 4 Hillcrest Plaza Way, Montrose, CO 81401 to support the Montrose Veterans Memorial project.

Graveside service with military honors was held Saturday, June 8, at Grand View Cemetery. Celebration of Life was held at Montrose United Methodist Church, 19 S. Park, Montrose, followed by a reception. All were invited to wear red, white and/or blue to honor his service in the Navy that he was so proud of.

Visit www.coloradogranger.org

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Here we are in June already! What a pleasure to read about all of your events over the past few months! The last edition of *The Granger* was packed full of accomplishments throughout the state. Congrats on all of your hard work! May you reap the benefits of closer communities, stronger connections, and added memberships!

A huge congratulations to Florissant on their submission to *Grange Today!* What a fantastic article highlighting the success of being designated a "Purple Heart" Community! Encompassing various community members who served our country, government officials, as well as incorporating the Quilts of Valor, was a fantastic way to embrace various groups to honor community and service. Well done! Congratulations for being a designated county on the Purple Heart Trail!

Speaking of quilts — be sure to enter the National Grange Quilt Block Contest with all of your beautiful creations! How fun knowing these lovely blocks will be combined into beautiful quilts or other items for use by the National Grange!

If you're interested in the Weath-

er Watcher contest, then you might also get some great photos of clouds (Photography Contest category) while tracking the weather! Consider submitting your shots to both the national contest as well as our Colorado Lecturer's Contest. This has been a year worth documenting as far as weather trends go — take advantage of that great material and enter those photos!

Since "Fairs" is also a Photography Contest category, then get ready! Fair season is upon us! While you are out there supporting those hard-working 4-H kids, capture those moments along with the general Fair atmosphere! What great content you'll be able to grab!

Let me encourage everyone to continue the amazing work you are doing to enhance Grange presence in your communities! Acts of service, being a support, and providing educational opportunities abound. Even though these are characteristics that will qualify for various Star Awards, please let your influence be the motivator! It is so encouraging to see the true impact our Granges are having statewide. Stay Grange Strong!

Chaplain's Corner

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA! 248 years ago our forefathers created our nation with the Constitution of the United States of America. They created our country to be a free union as they wrote the Constitution with these words, "We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common Defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

This document gave us the freedom in its amendments starting with the first, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting a free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and the petition the Government for a redress of grievances." Because of this Document we have the freedom to worship in our country as we please.

2024 years ago we received the ultimate freedom, the freedom of our sins and death by our Lord Jesus Christ when He went to the cross. Galatians 5:1a "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free." Romans 8:2 "...through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you

free from the law of sin and death."

This is a free gift from our Holy Father who gave us His only Son to die on the cross for the freedom of our sins. This is a freedom no one can take away from us if we just believe in Him and accept this free gift of the living water of Jesus Christ. Revelations 17:22 asks us to "... 'Come!' And let the one who hears say 'Come!' Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes to take the free gift of the water of life." Jesus is the only way to receive this total freedom of our sins. Just believe in Him and accept the free gift God has given us.

COLORADO STATE GRANGE MEMORIALS

Memorial donations to honor members and past members who have passed away should be made payable to **CSG Leadership/Scholarship** and mailed to the State Grange office, 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO 81326. Memorial donations are listed in the Book of Memories and included in the Memorial Service at the state convention.

Memorials received:
Coleen Bryce Animas Valley Grange
Karen Ray La Plata Pomona Grange
General Donation —
Garden Home Grange
Principal Donation —
La Plata Pomona Grange

Granger Deadline And Guidelines

June 15, 2024, is the deadline for articles for the July-August 2024 edition of *The Colorado Granger*. You can send them to the State Grange Office, 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO 81326 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 nonmembers and visiting Grangers)



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A new concept of having a space where people can gather and use equipment to enhance a hobby is called Makerspace. It is where people can use equipment to make things and share and grow using an assortment of equipment and materials. Some of the makerspace buildings might be in a public or private facility. Some of these are popping up in places where there is a need

for people to use 3D printers, laser cutters, welding equipment, wood-working equipment, sewing machines, painting materials, and more.

There is a monthly or yearly charge to use the equipment and volunteers available to show how to use the equipment. It is a perfect way to use equipment before investing in things you may not use, or you may discover you would like to buy

equipment to use on your own.

Makerspace can also be used as a startup business. These are usually found in metro areas because of the cost involved in purchasing the equipment, but sometimes people can use a makerspace and then go back home, if there is not one in your area. If you have a desire to learn a new skill you might check into using a makerspace!

Mandy Project

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The inner ear is home to the cochlea and the main parts of the vestibular system. The vestibular system is one of the sensory systems that provides your brain with information about balance, motion, and the location of your head and body in relation to your surroundings.

There are three loops in your inner ear, called semicircular canals. The first canal senses up-and-down movement. The second canal senses side-to-side movement. The third canal senses tilting movement. Each canal has hair cells and fluid inside, which move when your head or body moves. The hair cells send messages to your brain through the acoustic nerve.

These messages tell your brain about how you are moving. Are you moving straight, like in a car, or up and down, like in an elevator? Or maybe you are not moving at all. This information (along with what you see, hear, and sense with your body) helps you keep your balance. A problem in your inner ear is just one of

many factors that can lead to balance difficulties, dizziness, and vertigo.

Signs And Symptoms

Balance disorders come with different symptoms. Symptoms may happen all the time or just occasionally. They may come about suddenly or may be triggered by something (e.g., position change, head movement, visual or sound stimulation). Symptoms of balance problems include:

- difficulty walking and moving around;
- dizziness;
- falling;
- headaches;
- lightheadedness;
- motion sickness;
- nausea;
- unsteadiness;
- vertigo (e.g., a feeling that the room is spinning); and
- visual problems (e.g., blurry vision).

A balance problem may cause you to feel nervous or afraid. You may change the way you walk and move around. For example, you may walk

more slowly or move your head less.

Causes

It is important to find out the cause of your dizziness and balance problems. A variety of underlying conditions or issues may cause balance problems and dizziness, including:

- cardiovascular or circulation problems;
- head injury (traumatic brain injury, or TBI);
- injury to the ear or vestibular system;
- inner ear disorders;
- medication side effects;
- neurological diseases or disorders;
- sudden hearing loss;
- sudden vision changes;
- surgeries, such as cochlear implant placement;
- tumors on the acoustic nerve; and
- viruses and other infections.

Hearing loss and balance problems can co-occur and share an underlying cause, such as an inner ear disorder like Ménière's disease.

Balance problems and dizziness may be symptoms of a larger health issue. It is important to see a doctor for any concerning symptoms.

Information obtained from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association website.



2024 National Grange Publicity Item Contest



STATEMENT OF INTENT

The ability of our Granges, at every level, to successfully promote specific events or the Grange as a whole is necessary and essential. The goal of the **National Grange Publicity Item Contest** is to recognize the publicity work being done by our Granges across the country and to share this work with other Granges with the intent of fostering even more and improved publicity efforts. The more Grange publicity that occurs within our communities, the better!

RULES

- The National Grange Publicity Item Contest is open to all Granges (State, Pomona, Community, Junior), Grange committees, or Grange groups (i.e., auxiliary, youth, Junior 1+).
- A Publicity Item may be a flyer, poster or advertisement; a short video; a radio commercial or announcement; a social media post; a press kit or media release; a shirt, button, or another wearable item; or anything else you create to promote Grange. "Out of the box" ideas are welcomed!
- All entries must be received electronically as a single (1) file no larger than 1GB via Google Forms at <http://grange.biz/grangepublicity2024> by **September 1, 2024**.
- There are two (2) divisions:
Created by a professional (paid or in-kind).
Created in-house (without professional assistance).
- There is **no limit** on the number of publicity items that can be submitted by any Grange, Grange committee, or Grange group.
- Entries should be created since the previous deadline (September 1, 2023).
- If your publicity item is wearable or otherwise 3-dimensional, please take a photo of the item and submit the photo.
- Any entries received after the **September 1, 2024** deadline will not be judged.
- Any entry submitted may be shared by the National Grange via social media, email, website, or other means.
- Winners will be announced at the 2024 National Grange convention in Bettendorf, Iowa.

PRIZES

Monetary prizes will be awarded: 1st- \$200, 2nd- \$100, 3rd- \$50 and 4th- \$25 in each division.

Make Plans Now To Attend The Colorado State Grange Convention In Durango, Sept. 25-28, 2024



2024 National Grange Lecturer's Weather Watcher Challenge

STATEMENT OF INTENT

Changing climate and the challenge it presents to farmers and gardeners alike is a concern for all of us. This challenge is to help educate and inform us as we closely follow the day-to-day changes in weather and phenology in our local areas. Use of the various Weather Watcher Partnership sites will be of help to complete this challenge.

GUIDELINES

- A. The National Grange Weather Watcher Challenge is open to everyone.
- B. All entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by **September 1, 2024**. Send entries to:

Tom Gwin, National Lecturer	or by UPS:
PO Box 1186	924 Capitol Way S., #300
Olympia, WA 98507-1186	Olympia, WA 98501
- C. Entries may be submitted electronically as a single file at <http://grange.biz/grangeweather2024> or mailed as a packet to:

Tom Gwin, National Lecturer	or by UPS:
PO Box 1186	924 Capitol Way S., #300
Olympia, WA 98507-1186	Olympia, WA 98501
- D. Groups:
 1. Individual Junior Grange (age 5 – 14)
 2. Individual Adult (age 14 +)
- E. Divisions:
 1. One Month
 2. Three (3) Months
 3. December 1, 2023-August 31, 2024
- F. Entries must include:
 1. Entry information
 2. Completed Weather Watcher Forms for your Division
- G. Any entries received after the September 1, 2024 deadline will not be judged.
- H. Winners will be announced at the 158th National Grange Convention in Bettendorf, Iowa.
- I. Monetary Awards will be given to 1st (\$50), 2nd (\$30), and 3rd (\$20) place in all divisions of each group.

Junior, Youth And Young Adult

Kathy Wardle, Director
720-354-1196

1136 Bluebell Way, Brighton, CO 80601-6783
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Grange values are gemstones of our society. In our current social environment where social values and ethics are being tossed aside, it is smart to reflect on our life lessons embedded in our degree work and papers of the order. For nearly two centuries these nuggets of wisdom have guided our membership and have permeated society to enhance the roots of our national humanity.

It is important and wise that our Youth and Juniors are taught these values. National Grange has created an Heirloom Program that can be found on the National Grange website. It promotes the contemplation of these wise tidbits. This program would be great for your entire Grange and especially pertinent for your young members.

I am highlighting a few of the sayings to be found in the program which has suggested content. I believe any use of these sayings would benefit our membership and especially our Youth and Juniors. Here are some:

From the President's charge in the

First Degree: "I will not knowingly wrong or defraud a Brother or Sister of the Order or let it be done by another if within my power to prevent it."

From the Vice President's charge in the Third Degree: "Cultivate the habit of looking for better and brighter days, instead of mourning over the past."

From the Lecturer's charge in the Second Degree: "Wherever you go, whatever your calling, aim to do good. Good deeds are ever fruitful of yet more good."

From the Installing Officer's charge in the Installation Ceremony: "Be Cheerful. Be United. Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

And finally, from Flora's charge in the Fourth Degree: "In kind words and deeds dispense Charity, as freely as flowers do their perfume."

There are approximately 60 quotes highlighted in the Heirloom Program. I do hope you will look up the Heirloom Program and pass on centuries of Grange wisdom to our Youth and Juniors.

Split Back Star Block

Pattern courtesy of Kim DJoseph
This pattern was the 2023 Quilts of Valor official block



Pieces Needed for one
12" finished block

White:

1-4 1/2" square 8-2 1/2" squares

Red:

3-4 1/2" square 1-5" square

Blue:

3-4 1/2" square 1-5" square

Step 1: STAR POINTS

With 2 red and 2 blue 4 1/2" squares, sew a 2 1/2" white square to one corner. Cut 1/4" off the sew line and press towards the white. Sew the 4 remaining 2 1/2" squares to the other side of the color, cut 1/4" off sew line and press towards the white. These 4 units will make your star points.

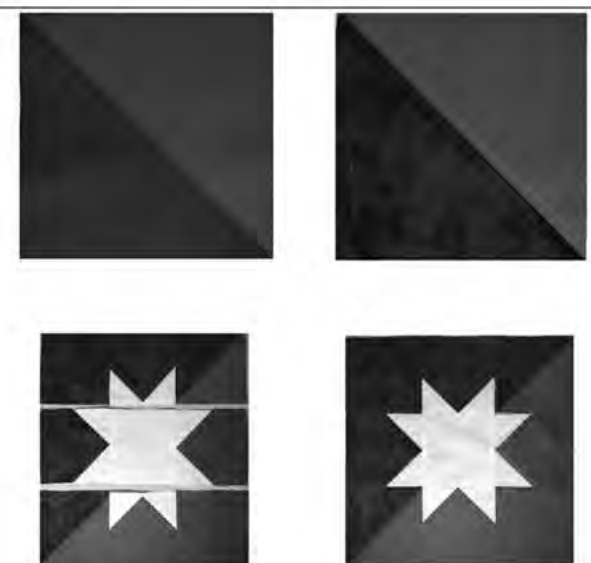


Step 2: HST's

With a 5" red and a 5" blue square. Place right sides together, draw a line diagonally and sew 1/4" on each side of the line. Cut on the draw line and iron. Square both HST units to 4 1/2".

Step 3: ASSEMBLE BLOCK

You will now have 9 squares, each measuring 4 1/2". Assemble in 9 patch style to create your QOV Split Back Star.



2024 National Grange Quilt Block Contest

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Quilt Block Contest provides an opportunity for Grange members and friends to collaborate in creating quilted items that can be donated or auctioned for funds to provide additional services to community members in a nationwide effort

RULES

- A. The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to everyone – Grange members and members-to-be.
- B. All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by **September 1, 2024**. Send entries to:

Tom Gwin, National Lecturer	or by UPS to:
PO Box 1186	924 Capitol Way S., #300
Olympia, WA 98507-1186	Olympia, WA 98501
- C. Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged. However, all entries received will be exhibited at the 158th National Grange convention in Bettendorf, Iowa.
- D. The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you.
- E. There is no limit on the number of quilt blocks a person may submit, but you must choose **one quilt block** per person to be judged.
- F. All entries will be retained by the National Grange to be made into finished quilts and other items to be sold at a later date.
- G. A 2024 Quilt Block Contest Entry Form must be completed for the block to be judged.

GROUPS

- Group I – Adult (Age 14+)
- Group II – Junior (Age 13 and under)

PRIZES

- Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st (\$50), 2nd (\$30), and 3rd (\$20) place in each Group.
- Ribbons will be awarded to all entrants.

Any questions? Contact Tom at lecturer@nationalgrange.org



Community Service

Lisa Mittan, State Director
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 Email: mittan42@msn.com

Hello Grangers! By now, you — or someone in your Grange — should have received an email with the Combined Reporting Forms for this Grange year, to submit for recognition for your work through the year on the Lecturer Star categories, the Community Service report contest, and changes (hopefully, growth) of your Grange's membership.

If you've already started working on your reports, using the forms for Grange year 2022-2023, that's ok.

Nothing about the requirements or how to use the form has changed — EXCEPT that we have a new Colorado State Grange Lecturer, B.J. Bushman. Please send your reports to her and do not send them to Elizabeth Hiner. I believe B.J. has already provided her contact information to you a few different times, but you will find her information in the new forms/instructions for this Grange year. I know that she provided it in the Program Handbook for this year,

that came out in an earlier edition of *The Granger* (before we changed to "opt in" to continue to receive it in paper form, in the U.S. Mail).

If no one in your Grange has received the email from me — mittan42@msn.com — with the combined reporting forms and you would like to receive it, please let me know. You can email me, or call me at 720-413-4106 and I will be happy to send it to you. If you would like me to send you a paper copy of the forms, I will be happy to do that too.

Please note that the process to submit the report by mailing in a paper copy is more complicated. I strongly encourage you to the soft copy, email process. If you are unable to use email yourself, perhaps there is someone else in your Grange's membership who is willing to help out by using their computer to complete the reports and their email to send them in.

If your Grange has not completed the Community Service report (specifically) in the past, I really hope you will consider sending one in this year. All of the people who attend the Colorado State Grange annual conference in the fall enjoy seeing all the amazing things that other

Granges in the state accomplished over the previous year. We all get ideas for new things we can do in our communities, and we are so proud of all the service programs being worked by Grangers in our state! You are all having such wonderfully positive impacts on peoples' lives throughout the year and you deserve recognition for that.

Also remember that whichever Grange's Community Service report is chosen as best of all in the state, that report is also submitted to National Grange for the Community Service report contest at that level!

Each of your Granges can also submit a Firefighter / Law Enforcement Officer / Teacher of the year as well — one of each, if you have different people in one or more of these categories who you would like to recognize. One of each will be chosen at the State level and those winners will also be sent to National Grange for the national level contest.

Thank you for all you do in your communities! Thank you for sharing these successes with the rest of us by telling us these wonderful stories in your annual reports!

Legislative Activity

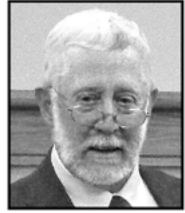
Mike Lackey, State Director
 303-521-8773 • Email: thelackeyteam@gmail.com

Many voters have complained that they don't have enough information to make an educated decision on voting. There is a new tool called Ballotpedia which gives you info on all people running in your area. Go to ballotpedia.com and fill out the request. You will then receive info on all candidates in your area.

Sample Ballot Lookup Tool English

Español
 Enter the address where you are registered to vote
 Email address (optional)
View my ballot

This Sample Ballot Lookup Tool is to help you research the content of your ballot and make informed decisions. **You cannot cast a vote with this tool.** © 2024 Ballotpedia, Inc. All rights reserved.



Agriculture Report

David H. McCord, State Director
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Animal extremists are on the move pushing several ballot items Colorado voters may or will see (in Denver) this fall. One is Initiative #91, CATS "Cats Aren't Trophies" that would be state-wide and the others, Denver voters will see to ban slaughterhouses and to ban sale of animal fur and fur products.

Colorado State Grange Delegates at our annual session last Fall voted to oppose initiative #91 that would outlaw mountain lion, bobcat and lynx hunting and trapping. The proponents are gathering signatures and as of a few weeks ago needed 40,000 additional signers to make the July 5 deadline with 125,000 qualified signatures.

Approval of #91 would remove the long, careful, and successful mountain lion and bobcat management from Colorado Parks and Wildlife professionals. The mountain lion population has increased ever since the management program was initiated many years ago and bobcats are spread widely across our state. Mountain lion hunters and hunting are carefully regulated, female cats with a litter are not taken, kittens are not taken, and a harvested animal must be prepared for human consumption — wasting of wild game is a violation. The CATS proponents make outrageous claims to the contrary. Bobcats are trapped and hunted from their very healthy Colorado

population. Lynx are protected and are not hunted.

The carefully regulated mountain lion annual hunter harvest amounts to about 500 animals. A mature lion will kill a deer, elk, moose, or domestic farm animal every week to 10 days. Doing the math, if the 500 cats remain in the environment this translates to them taking out 14,000 to 20,000 prey animals per year with a heavy toll on deer, elk, moose, and ranch and farm animals.

Denver voters will be asked to consider a measure to ban slaughterhouses and another measure would ban sale of animal fur and fur products (similar to a ban approved in Boulder several years ago). A June 3 headline from the *Denver Gazette* states: "Proposed Denver slaughterhouse ban could cost Colorado economy up to \$861M, study shows."

The employee-owned Superior Farms slaughterhouse that processes lambs is located just north of the National Western grounds has been in existence for 70 years and has a staff of 140 workers and accounts for 15-20% of the lamb harvest in the U.S. There may be small ethnic related slaughterhouses that meet halal, orthodox, and Hispanic diet needs. The fur sales ban would extend to prohibiting sale of cowboy hats made from beaver fur and to a ban on use of fur used in fly tying for fishing.

Colorado Granger OPTIONS form

How would you prefer to receive the Colorado Granger? Paper, Email or not at all?

Please complete to form below and either mail it or email it to the Colorado State Grange **only if you have not responded before or if you would like to make a change.**

_____ I(We) prefer to receive an **emailed** copy.

_____ I(We) prefer to receive a **paper** copy.

_____ I(We) do not want to receive Colorado Granger.

Your personal information (we want to be sure that we have your correct information)

Grange _____ # _____

Name _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Please return this form to Colorado State Grange, 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO. 81326 or email the information to costategrange@gmail.com.

RESERVATIONS FOR MEAL FUNCTIONS FOR STATE SESSION

Deadline For Ticket Orders: September 20, 2024

Fill in the number of tickets you are ordering. Include a check made out to: **Colorado State Grange**. Mail to: Colorado State Grange: 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO 81326. Pre-paid tickets will be at the Registration Table

Name (2): _____

No. of Tickets	Meal Function	Total
_____	Alumni Breakfast — September 27, 6:45 a.m. <i>Past State Officers and Directors & Spouses</i>	\$10.00 _____
_____	Membership Lunch — Fri, September 27, 12:00 noon catered by Serious Texas BBQ <i>Everyone invited, 13 and under</i>	\$12.00 _____
_____	Past Masters Breakfast — Sat., Sept 28, 6:45 a.m. <i>For Past Masters & Spouses</i>	\$10.00 _____
_____	JG Lunch — Sat., Sept 28, Noon Frito Pie..... <i>Everyone invited</i>	@10.00 _____
_____	Annual Banquet — Sat., Sept 28, 6 p.m. Chicken Marsala or Beef (Roast beef or Brisket)	@\$25.00 _____ 13 and under @\$13.00 _____
(Please mark your choice) _____ Chicken _____ Beef		

_____ I Plan to take the 5th and 6th degree at State Session
 5th degree \$1.00 each _____

6th Degree \$5.00 each _____

Food Allergies: Please list: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT OF ALL MEALS & Degrees INCLUDED \$ _____



P.I.C.K.

People Improving Communities And Kids

Cindy Greer, Secretary/Treasurer
 7629 CR 100, Hesperus, CO 81316
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Who is responsible in your Grange for filing your 990N postcard with the IRS? I think it's important that every member in your Grange knows who is responsible for making this filing. We all need to be reminded at times that something is due and unfortunately the IRS is no longer doing that for us. We don't receive reminders to file our income taxes and Granges don't receive reminders to file their 990N postcard.

Granted most Granges don't have to remember this until after August 31, but there are a few that have a different deadline of May. Why? I have no idea.

You have to file this 990N postcard at least once every three years, but it's better to file it every year, that way if the process gets messed up one year you're covered. Filing will take about five minutes and can only be done online. You'll need the EIN number and the name and address of the contact person (usually the secretary), and you'll need to know if your income for the Grange was more or less than \$50,000. Be

sure to keep a copy of the form you file, just in case.

So what happens if you don't file the 990N? You will receive a letter stating that your tax exempt status has been revoked. *Losing tax-exemption means: That a nonprofit is no longer exempt from federal income tax and will have to pay corporate income tax on annual revenue going forward; The organization may also be subject to back taxes and penalties for failure to pay corporate income taxes, as of the effective date of revocation.*

If you believe that your nonprofit's tax-exempt status was automatically revoked in error, the IRS encourages you to contact its Customer Account Services (toll-free): (877) 829-5500.

Otherwise you'll need to file the 1023 form which requires a \$600.00 fee. I don't suggest the 1023EZ form, it's fee is less but one Grange recently filed it and it was rejected. I think there is one question that puts the Grange out of eligibility to file this form. The 1024 form doesn't seem to apply to Grangers.

Darden

Jefferson County

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

July 13 — Saturday, 12 o'clock — Annual Darden Pomona Picnic at Pleasant Park Grange in Conifer.

August 17 — Saturday, Suzie Knight performance at Maple Grove Grange. Doors open at 1 p.m.

September 7 — Saturday, 4 p.m. Darden Pomona meets at Maple Grove Grange.

Darden Pomona met in May for the annual Kentucky Derby Party, hosted by Enterprise Grange. Everyone came dressed in their finest derby attire including some outrageous hats. A delicious potluck dinner was enjoyed, complete with "mocktail" mint juleps, followed by watching the race and placing fake bets on the horses. Unfortunately, no one guessed the winner. Several rounds of bingo were played with Kentucky Derby words on the bingo cards. Prizes were given to the lucky winners.

The annual Darden Pomona picnic is July 13 at Pleasant Park Grange in Conifer. Bring a covered dish to share and enjoy a beautiful day in the mountains with good food and fellowship!

Our next event is a performance by Suzie Knight August 17 at Maple Grove Grange. All are welcome to attend. She will perform music of the Best of Broadway. Tickets are \$15 and will also include a chance to win the grand door prize basket. Refreshments will be served following her performance.

Idella Lewis

Enterprise Grange

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

June and July — No meeting.

June 24, Monday, 10 a.m. — Election Center Tour set up by Ashley Lackey. The election center tour will begin in the lobby of the Laramie Building on the Jefferson County campus, at 3500 Illinois Street, Golden, CO 80401. Our tour begins at 10 a.m. Those carpooling met at the Enterprise Grange at 9:15 a.m. For the security of their staff and election judges, they required us to sign in. They do not allow photography, videos, or recording of any kind; and limit the size of tour groups. Some spaces may not be



Darden Pomona Kentucky Derby Party Attendees

open or may not be in-use during every tour. This will be a live ballot processing day for the 2024 State Primary.

Saturday, July 13, Beginning at Noon — Darden Pomona Picnic at Pleasant Park Grange. Location: 12424 Big Timber Dr, Conifer, CO 80433. Bring a dish to share and your friends and family. It's always a great time and a perfect time of year to enjoy the festivities and wonderful weather in the mountains with our Pomona family and friends.

Wednesday, July 31, Time TBD, Trip to the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. We will be going to the Infinity Theatre inside the museum (previously called IMAX). The time will be determined by the show that is available. We can carpool from the Enterprise Grange or drive individually. More detail to follow.

August 14, Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. — (Please note the meeting time has now changed to 6 p.m. instead of 6:30 p.m.) Potluck will be a TAILGATE Party. The Grange will provide hotdogs and hamburgers. Participants can bring nachos, veggies, dips, bar cookies, pasta or potato salads, or anything that you love to eat at a tailgate party. This is one tailgate where you skip the crowded parking and mobs of people and enjoy each other's company.

During the meeting that follows we will discuss plans for outings and also finish planning our annual Chili Dinner. Please bring your ideas. We will also vote for the delegates to be sent to the Colorado State Grange Convention.

Saturday, August 17, 2 p.m. Doors open at 1 p.m., Darden Po-

mona's Benefit Concert afternoon with Susie Knight at the Maple Grove Grange. Tickets for adults will be a donation of \$15 per person which includes entrance into the concert and six door prize tickets. Children between 2 and 12 will be \$5 which includes entrance to the concert only. Children under 2 are free.

Susie Knight hangs her hat in Conifer, Colorado. She's a wrangler at Bear Creek Stables in Morrison, Colorado, and performs her original cowboy songs and poetry for kids of all ages. Known for her enthusiastic stage presence from campfires to concert halls, she has been nominated and won various awards. She will be performing her Broadway Revue for us.

September 11, Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. — Monthly meeting with potluck. Theme for the potluck will be farm to table, hopefully sharing this meal from the harvests of the Community Garden spot and our own plots. At the meeting we will be planning for the Colorado State Grange session and do follow-up planning for our Annual Chili Dinner.

On May 4, 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, Southern Fried Chicken, with lots of salads and desserts! We enjoyed virgin mint juleps with the potluck and with the race. We brought in a TV to watch the big event.

We played Derby Bingo and then chose horses who each of us thought would win the race. Mystick Dan was the long shot and the winner. Only one person had them on any of the cards so they won a prize. The winners of the games also won prizes. All the women wore their Derby hats and looked beautiful for the occasion. Before the festivities, we did have a productive quarterly meeting and planned for the August Pomona event.

During the May 10 Enterprise Grange meeting, we celebrated Cinco de Mayo with a Mexican themed potluck. We approved the amount that the Grange will support the



Draping of the Charter ceremony for Merry Whyman.



Merry Whyman

Delegates to the State Grange Convention. We elected officers for the upcoming year. Other discussions during the meeting included deciding the fate of the old piano, outings for the summer and baskets for the Pomona concert in August.

On Sunday, June 9 we held the "Draping of the Charter" ceremony for Merry Whyman. Her husband, Dave, her son Chance, her sister and brother-in-law Judy and Ron Kay, and their son and daughter-in-law, along with friends and Grangers were all in attendance. The eulogy was given by Ron Kay. Several other friends told the group memories they had of Merry. We all have fond memories of Merry.

The Grangers first met Merry when Enterprise recognized her as a Community Service Recipient in April 2009. Merry joined us four months later in August 2009 and we immediately voted her in as our Community Service Director. Merry served in her church and in many non-profit organizations. She was known for a giving heart and couldn't pass up people in need without helping in some way.

She was the perfect person to guide us through becoming a real Community Service Organization. She came to our monthly Grange meetings, helped with the chili dinner, worked on the High Teas with us. She introduced us to the Irving House, Theodora House, The Community Table, and the World Food Program.

Merry was a genuinely kind, thoughtful and honest person who loved life and left us all too soon.

Carol Lackey

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

MAPLE GROVE GRANGE NEWS

Maple Grove Grange met in May and June for the monthly meeting. Discussion was held on how to prevent people from dumping yard waste, branches, and trash on our property. A plan has been implemented to put a chain across the lot on the east and south side of the parking lot beside the building which will be taken down when someone is using the parking lot, and put back up when they are finished using the parking lot. Hopefully this will deter them from using the lot as a place to dump their trash! Wood mulch from a chipper has been placed along the north and east side fences and this should be a barrier to the weeds that come up along there.

Members met in April to trim some of the weeds coming up in the yard and did some trimming of bushes.

DISH will bury a cable to their tower behind our building.

We may put some benches in the entryway for a place to sit.

In July we will not meet. August will be election of officers and a picnic will be in September at the home of Marlys Halbeisen. A fundraiser breakfast will be held Oct. 5. More information will be in the next Granger.

Idella Lewis

Golden Gate

Contact Terri Costeldia, terri.costeldia@hotmail.com, 970-640-7185, for further information.

Grange Meeting — Thursday, July 11 at 3 p.m.

Rummage Sale Donation Drop Off — Sunday July 28 to Thursday, July 31 (see times below).

Rummage Sale — Friday, August 1, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m./Saturday, August 2, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Grange Meeting — Thursday, August 8 at 3 p.m.

Grange Meeting — Thursday, September 12 at 3 p.m.

Yoga — Wednesdays, from 3 to 4 p.m.

You are invited to Pleasant Park Grange Picnic

Saturday, July 13, 2024

12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Enjoy food, fun, games & prizes

ENTERTAINMENT BY REX RIDEOUT



Bring your Favorite Picnic Dish

Or Dessert to share

Beverages and table service provided

Pleasant Park Grange #156

22551 Pleasant Park Road

Conifer, CO 80433

RSVP to 303-838-4805 Or e-mail

yiludwig@msn.com



Hydration Event sign at Golden Gate Grange.



Golden Gate Clean up crew and Dee Dee Ramstetter.

AA — Every Tuesday, from 7 p.m.

Thanks to all who donated water and sports drinks during our yearly Hydration Event for our GGFPD firefighters. They are of critical importance when our volunteers are on a call or during training events in the field. We received 34 cases of water and 23 cases of sports drinks. Your donations were generous and greatly appreciated.

Thanks to all who participated in the Canyon Cleanup in May. We clean Golden Gate Canyon roadside from just below Galbraith Open Space to Crawford Gulch. It is an early morning and lots of work, so we applaud our dedicated volunteers!

We started collecting old and damaged flags in June (following Memorial Day and recognizing June 14, Flag Day). A Friend of our Grange, Bill Frueh, has volunteered to take any flags we receive to a VFW site that will respectfully retire these flags with dignity and honor. This will be a year round project, so bring us any flags that you would like to have handled in this proper and honorable manner.

Our annual RUMMAGE SALE will be held on Friday, August 1 and Saturday, August 2, this year. Start cleaning out those closets! We would appreciate donation of your gently used items. Please be sure clothes are clean and not damaged. No tires, mattresses, televisions, computer equipment, sofas, pressed board, or other large items of furniture. If you have any questions about



Golden Gate Hydration Event donations for the Fire Department.

donations or would like to sign up to help, call DeeDee Ramstetter at 303-279-6113 or email DKMHH1@gmail.com.

You can bring your donations starting on Sunday, July 28, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Monday, July 29 through Thursday, July 31, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Join us on Friday, August 1, and Saturday, August 2, for the sale where you may find a BARGAIN or maybe a TREASURE! Clothes, kitchenware, tools, furniture, books, decorations, collectibles, jewelry, linens, sports equipment, garden items, and more will be for sale at great prices.

Our traditional hot dog lunch will

be available for purchase.

Yoga is held on Wednesdays from 3-4 p.m. If you haven't been to a class before, instructors Judy and Susan will provide a class that will offer alternatives for all levels.

Our Health Coordinator, Marge Frueh, has researched the options for a new AED for our Grange Hall.

We will be sending out more information about the choice and how you can help to defray the cost of this life-saving piece of equipment.

Website: www.GoldenGateGrange.com/Facebook: Golden Gate Canyon Community.

Grange phone: 303 273-9516.

Jayne Ruesch



Lila Greer, 65 year member



Barb McCall, lunch speaker.



School bus driver honored.

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

Marvel

Contact Cindy Greer, 970-749-8108 or hrcdgreer@gmail.com for further information.

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

August 2 — Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

August 18 (tentative) — La Plata Pomona Picnic hosted by Marvel, 1 p.m.

September 6 — Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Ladies Lunch was planned for April 6, but due to a sudden illness of program presenter we postponed the lunch to April 20. It was a potluck with 11 in attendance. We set up round tables with table cloths and flowers. Barbara McCall shared pictures of a trip she took to the Mediterranean Islands after the lunch. Several Marvel members traveled to Mt. Allison for their visitation, which



Quilt of Valor recipient Michael Gallaher.

we enjoyed.

150th celebration was held on April 26 with 29 in attendance. We had visitors from Mt. Allison Grange join us as we celebrated Colorado State Grange's 150th year. We started the evening with a potluck supper, followed by "Grange Beginnings" skit. Then we honored school bus drivers; the current bus drivers for our school were presented with certificates and a Debra's café gift certificate and a cookbook. Then a brief history of the Colorado State Grange and Marvel Grange was shared. We honored three bus drivers, unfortunately only one could attend as others were driving activity busses. We invited Grange members to share memories or stories.

Membership awards were presented by Sheryl Ayers, Secretary; and Roger Ayers, Master/President to the following:

60 years Lila Greer; 55 years Harry Greer; 50 years Cindy Greer, Frances Horvath, and Jim Greer; 25 years Jane Westgaard, Russell Greer, Gretchen Greer, Daniel Greer.

Sheryl Ayers shared information about the Quilts of Valor and introduced our recipient Michael N. Gallaher who was in the Navy from 1961-65, serving in Vietnam. He was a 3rd petty officer. He shared a few stories.



"Grange Beginnings" skit during the Grange 150th celebration.

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Florissant

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Upcoming Events:

Every Thursday is Community Potluck and Music.

Every Tuesday the Quilters meet to make Quilts of Valor.

Gift Shop is open Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday weekly.

July 8 - Monthly meeting

JULY 13 —

Pine Needle Basket Class, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Needle Felting Class, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Fabric Landscaping Class, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Paint with me, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

July 27 — Florissant Heritage Day.

AUGUST 10 —

Pine Needle Basket Class, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Needle Felting Class, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Fabric Landscaping Class, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Learn to Sew/Paint with me Class, 1-2 p.m.

August 12 — Monthly Meeting.

August 24 — Summer Flea Market #2, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Monthly Craft classes are still going strong. Advanced Basket making was a big hit as we learned new stitching techniques and new design elements.

The Florissant Grange Quilters awarded four more Quilts of Valor in June and two special Purple Heart Quilts at our Purple Heart Trail sign dedication in May.

The Purple Heart Trail Sign dedication was a great event. Veterans came from all over Teller and Park Counties to help us celebrate being on the Purple Heart Trail and to help us honor two Purple Heart Veterans. We served everyone lunch and deserts.

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Purple Heart Community
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We expected about 50 people and had about 80. It was a great dedication celebration. The fundraiser for the Florissant Grange Quilters went very well and will continue to our next community event.

We will hold the first of two Flea Market and Craft Shows in June. We always have a good turnout for these events. We will have Hot dogs and Ice Cream on hand for those that get hungry.

We welcome the Western Music Association and Miss Susie Knight to our Grange again this year on June 29 for the 2nd Annual Talent Roundup. Susie always has a great show for our community.

Florissant Heritage Day is July 27. This year the Florissant Fire Dept. is having their Annual Pancake Breakfast and some fun activities for the kiddos. The Florissant Grange will have Crafters and Vendors and some great food and Ice Cream. The Florissant Fossil Beds will be open for free and the cookies will be baking on the old wood stove at the Hornbec Homestead. The library also has some great activities planned for the kiddos.

The Potluck and Music nights every Thursday and the Gift Shop are both going strong now that summer is finally here. Crowds have picked up and donations are coming in. We do love that.

Renee Caldwell



Josh Pratt receiving Purple Heart Quilt of Valor.



Kevin Cousins receiving Purple Heart Quilt of Valor.



From left to right: Alan Caldwell; Commissioner Dan Williams; Purple Heart recipient Keith Cousins; John Bartlett, VFW; Commissioner Eric Stone; Renee Caldwell; and Purple Heart recipient Josh Pratt.

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Sunflower

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Upcoming Events:

July 13 — The Mane Mission Equine Therapy, Speaker Kathy Hulley; Jason Staadt, Firefighter of the Year Award.

August — Douglas County Fair. August 10 — Grange elections and potluck picnic.

Spring was a busy time for Sunflower in Sedalia with awards, plants and dancing.

This year's Teacher of the Year Award went to Jennifer Tucker, Sedalia's Art teacher. Sedalia's students have the opportunity to bloom thanks to Jennifer. For our Plant Sale Poster Contest, she increased participation by creating a "How To" poster video for students to watch repeatedly if they wanted. She also created templates with sale information already filled-in so even the youngest students could enter the contest and focus on art.



Sedalia's Art Teacher Jennifer Tucker, Teacher of the Year, was nominated by Jami Lopeman.

Last year, Jennifer and Grange member Jami Lopeman collaborated on the new Welcome sign at Sedalia Elementary, which included tiles with student art. Congratulations to Jennifer! We look forward to many more contests and art projects with Sedalia Elementary.

The 4th Plant Sale Poster Contest winners for 2024 were Crosby Lowry (2nd grade) and Sherilyn Arellano (4th grade). Students chose whether to enter the contest. Winners received \$15 prizes, and entrants all received \$2 bills and certificates to reward participation.

May 16, Sunflower Grange and Douglas County Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers co-sponsored a social/networking event for members and any young adults (ages 18-35) interested in or advocating for agriculture. Don Richards talked about Farm Bureau, Cherry gave a short introduction to the Grange, and attendees enjoyed conversation, door prizes, and refreshments at the Meadows Grange building, which is a great venue for Farm Bureau-Sunflower joint events.

Sunflower's year-round Plant Project — seed saving, plant grow-in, and sale, harvest festival — added agricultural speakers from our area. In January, Krista Gay, Master Gardener Outreach to the Schools, showed programs that introduce students to agriculture in Douglas County schools. February's snows cancelled the in-person meeting, but mushroom grower Granger Gary Heferle live-streamed his mushroom talk to the Grange for the largest audience of the season — 86 attendees! (<https://freshfromthefarmfunfi.com/>) Gary, Addie, and Nolan brought both mushrooms and starter kits for garden mushrooms to the Plant Sale in May.

In March, Farmer Cale Sprister described how he created an incredibly productive microfarm near Sedalia where he grows veggies for Farmers Market. He developed a Garden Coaching program this summer while he's on hiatus from the



Gary Heferle's mushrooms at the Plant Sale.



Participants at the Agriculture Social held at Sunflower Grange.

market. (<https://www.instagram.com/sandyswaymicrofarm/?hl=en>) Cale brought squash and cucumber plants to the May sale.

In April, CSU's Karla Melgar-Velis, Small Acreage Management specialist, talked dirt — soil improvement and testing. Bee Guardian Jaclyn Monteserin brought some honeycomb and honey for a short introduction to bees, with more bee-talk promised in the future. Afterwards, some tomato plants went home with attendees.

In June, we completed the current year's ag talks with Tracy Weil's "Let's Talk Tomatoes." Tracy has been growing and selling heirloom

tomatoes for a dozen years — and still loves heirlooms! He has experimented with marketing and products; you can find "Tomato Tea" on his website, along with other details of his ag businesses — and mouthwatering photos of heirloom tomatoes. Now Tracy is growing tomatoes at higher elevation in Pine, and he'll be back for the Tasting in September. (<https://www.heirloomtomatofarms.com/>)

Growing too many heirloom tomatoes doesn't have to be a problem when the extras can be given away to promote more gardening. In the spirit of Grange generosity, Sunflower launched the 2024 "Grow Something!" challenge with 300+ extra plants. Before the Plant Sale, plants went to: Rob Northway, Peggy Peng (8 plants), and others at Garden Home Grange; Margaret Ellis (15) for Shiloh School; Charl Lee Sauer (45 plants) for 12 heirloom-loving friends and Arvada neighbors; Sandi Hier for Senior Center planting in a community garden; Jami Lopeman (12 plants) for Olivia's Girl Scout troop; BJ Bushman (40 plants) for neighbors, Farm Bureau colleagues, friends; Cherry Ellis (36 plants) for Chet Hier and the Board at Bud's, Sue Wilson Sun Golds, Russian plants for Russian nurses, Nurse Monica's mom, Kim Rankin's Sustainability students; Bonne Pendleton (36) for north Denver neighbors and friends.

At the sale, Toni Romaine gave 30+ plants to McKaylin Burr from Yuma whose garden had been destroyed by hail. Following the sale, growers took their plants to distribute to friends, and Patty Rechignac took some to Wellspring. Tracy Weil brought a flat of Chocolate Stripe (judged best at his Tastings) to the June meeting. Counting is impossible, but there are a whole lot of heirloom tomatoes growing thanks to all the Tomato Ambassadors.

About 30 volunteers made the Plant Sale a participation success!

In April, Jami Lopeman helped Jennifer Tucker with the Student Poster Contest. Sale day: Margaret, Bill, Dennis, Augustus Ellis all worked at the sale, and Tom Ellis donated 150 handouts (<https://www.printpartners.com/>); Diana Bates and daughter Karen cashiered; Ghislaine Griswold set up her Master Gardener table; not-yet-two Nolan Hefler entertained while Mom Addie and Dad Gary talked mushrooms; Farmer Cale Sprister brought squash and cucumber plants; growers Toni Romaine, Dick and Cherry Ellis, and Denise Ziegler sold plants, as did Lindsey and John Rominsky who also posted tomato photos and organized; BJ and Bob Bushman, new member Ben Reutter and kids Henry and Ron, roadies Linda and John Reffel transported/set up. It was a great demonstration of team work!

Profits were down (\$787 instead of \$2,000), so we will work with partners Roxann and Brian Martinez at BMan's to make adjustments for 2025. Congratulations to all who shared plants and pitched in! Group work is very satisfying.

The next phase in the Plant Project, the Tomato Tasting, will be the second Saturday in September. Bring a tomato, a veggie or fungi and a poem and enjoy with us at BMan's!

Music and barbeque under the stars for 2024 began June 15 at BMan's BBQ with Bruce Hier and Sideways Seven. About 175-200 people enjoyed perfect weather, great food, and good music sponsored by BMan's and Sunflower. Judging from all the dancers, the crowd loved the music. Margaret and Bill Ellis got a round of applause for their turns on the dance floor. The BMan's staff had a very busy night and finally got to come out to hear the last songs — including "Roxanne." Music and dancing really bring this community together.

Cherry Ellis



Crosby Lowry, 2nd grade, 1st place



Sherilyn Arellano, 4th grade, 1st place



Plant Sale Poster contestants and winners from Sedalia Elementary School.



McKaylin Burr, Toni Romaine, and Windy Burr with donated plants for hailed out Yuma garden.



Margaret and Bill Ellis dancing at BMan's BBQ.

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