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## Important Dates

Call individual Granges for more information.

- March 5** Florissant Grange Quilt of Valor Guild meeting
- March 9** Pine Needle Basket Class – Learning new stitches and working with wood centers at the Florissant Grange.
- March 9** Second Saturday Sale at the Wheat Ridge Grange.
- March 9** Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Potluck Lunch at Pleasant Park Grange.
- March 11** Pancake Breakfast from 8-10:30 a.m. at Golden Gate Grange
- March 13** Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m. St. Patrick's Day Irish Potluck at 6:30 p.m. at Enterprise Grange. Animal Rescue of the Rockies will be sharing information on dog and cat rescue and fostering.
- March 15** Activity to be decided, Visitation Night at Marvel Grange.
- March 16** 4 p.m. — Chili Cook-off at Mt. Allison Grange.
- March 23** Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Pop-up shop at the Enterprise Grange
- March 23** Spring Craft Fair from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Florissant Grange.
- March 24** Canyon Chili Cook-off from 5-7 p.m. at Golden Gate Grange.
- March 28** Grange Family Game Night at Wheat Ridge Grange.
- March 30** Dinner Concert with Backroads Bluegrass Boys 6-9 p.m. at the Florissant Grange.
- March 31** Eggmania from 1-3 p.m. at Golden Gate Grange.
- April 1** Sr. Citizen Lunch — tentative at Marvel Grange.
- April 6** Easter Party — 1-3 p.m. with the Easter Bunny and an Easter Egg Hunt at the Florissant Grange.
- April 9** Florissant Grange Quilt of Valor Guild meeting.
- April 8** Pancake Breakfast from 8-10:30 a.m. at Golden Gate Grange.
- April 10** 6:30-8:30 p.m. Community Service Night Enterprise Grange.
- April 13** 9Health Fair in Ignacio 7-11 a.m. at Mt. Allison Grange.
- April 13** Second Saturday Sale at the Wheat Ridge Grange.
- April 13** Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Chili Dinner at Pleasant Park Grange.
- April 19** Honor Community Heroes & Grange Heroes at Marvel Grange.
- April 20** 10 am-12 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt at Enterprise Grange.
- April 20** Easter Supper 5-7 p.m. at Mt. Allison Grange.
- April 20** Pine Needle Basket Class — Working with gourds and pine needles at the Florissant Grange.
- April 25** Grange Annual Community Night at Wheat Ridge Grange.

## — In Memoriam —

### Carolyn May Schwab

June 18, 1935 - October 29, 2018

Carolyn May Schwab was born in Fort Collins, Colorado, on June 18, 1935, to Jesse Howard Ault and Pearl May Ault. She graduated from Ft. Collins High School in 1953 and attended and graduated from Central Business College in Denver, Colorado. In 1954 she married Arnold George Schwab (deceased). In 1955 they had the first of three sons, Ernest



Jerome (Jerry). In 1957, second son James Allen (Jim), and in 1959, Joseph Wayne (Joe) was born.

In her spare time, Carolyn loved watching Elvis movies and listening to Elvis songs . . . she was definitely one of his #1 fans. Carolyn was a member of Westminster Grange and Trinity United Methodist Church for 38 years and sang in the Chancel Choir for many years.

Carolyn is survived by her older brother Robert (Helene) Ault of Estes Park, Colorado; three sons, Jerry (Marsha) of Tampa, Florida; Jim of Ft. Collins, Colorado; Joe of Aurora, Colorado, and his friend Bert Blackman of Aurora, Colorado; and grandkids Kelly and Junior.

Carolyn loved going to Grange events with her son Joseph. She was involved in the play contest and when Westminster put on a play she had to  
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**AMENDED NATIONAL QUILT BLOCK has been received from The National Grange. If you are planning to enter one, please refer to this amended version below.**



### 2019 Quilt Block Contest

#### RULES

- A. The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to everyone.
- B. All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by **October 31, 2019**.  
Send entries to:  
Christine Hamp, National Lecturer  
16418 N. Birdie Road  
Nine Mile Falls WA 99026
- C. Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged. However, all entries received will be exhibited at the 153<sup>rd</sup> National Grange convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- 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 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 to raise funds for the Grange Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity.
- G. A 2019 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in both Groups.
- Ribbons will be awarded to all entrants.

### 2019 Quilt Block Contest

#### Pride of Quillisascut

(based on the Disappearing Nine Patch, also called Split Nine Patch)

#### Fabric:

Three fabrics. The key to this block is that there is good contrast between all three fabrics.

Fabric A should be a medium to dark print.

Fabric B should be significantly lighter than fabric A.

Fabric C should be BRIGHT! Not a pastel bright, but a strong BRIGHT!

All fabric used should be cotton.

#### Constructing the Quilt Block:

Cut all pieces to 4-½ inch x 4-½ inch square.

Fabric A: Cut four.

Fabric B: Cut four.

Fabric C: Cut one.

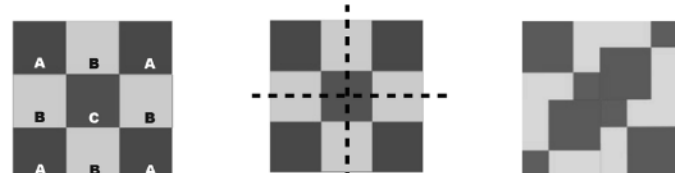
Use a ¼ inch seam allowance. Sew into three rows: ABA, BCB, ABA. Sew the rows together into a single block. At this point the block should measure 12-½ inches x 12-½ inches.

Cut the block into four equal pieces through the middle. Rotate two blocks.

Sew the block back together using a ¼ inch seam allowance.

Now the block should measure 12 inches x 12 inches.

Press all seams. Clip and remove all threads.



*Note: Special recognition and thanks to the Quillisascut Quilters of Quillisascut Grange #372 in rural, northeast Washington state for taking on the challenge of selecting the block for the 2019 National Grange Quilt Block Contest by virtue of one of their members, Joan Roberson, winning the 2017 contest. Fantastic work!*

# Master's Message

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Recently we requested birth years for Grange members. I'm sure that many of you are wondering why and what will be done with the information. If you receive the *Good Day* magazine from National Grange you probably have already read the answer. But for those of you who haven't yet subscribed to the *Good Day* magazine I'll fill you in. Last year American Senior Benefits came to the National Grange sales and benefits department head with a proposal for a member benefit for Grange members, but when the National Grange could not provide birth year information the proposal was withdrawn. Names, addresses were not needed. *And this is not the first time that lack of data held about members at the National level has hurt when seeking new member benefits.* So the information will be used to help secure member benefits (something we all like). In order to secure member benefits we need to have a better idea of what age groups of members we are serving.

Speaking of Member Benefits, I'm sure that all of you have received the letter concerning the accidental death benefit from American Income Life (AIL). Even if you do not send back the card listing your beneficiary you still have the insurance. This is a benefit of being a member of the Colorado State Grange. You have the **option** to talk to one of their representatives for additional insurance, if you feel you need additional insurance. You will probably receive a second letter at some point in time from AIL to ask you to secure additional insurance for \$2 — again this is **OPTIONAL**. The Grange does not receive any kick-back from the insurance that they sell any of our members. But I am aware of at least two Grange families that have benefitted from the insurance.

"Grange, a fraternity training Heroes for our home towns" is the theme for Grange Month, which is April.

- How will you be training Heroes?
- How will you be recognizing hometown Heroes within the Grange and outside the Grange?
- How will you be enhancing the lives of your neighbors this year?
- How will you be feeding the hungry?
- How will you be helping those who have suffered loss?
- How will you be encouraging active, informed, engaged and peaceful citizenship?
- How will you be nurturing hope?
- How will you be dispensing charity?

By answering these questions you'll be showing the community that you're a Grange Hero. Please be sure that you write down what you've done and send the information in as a Community Service report.

# Notes From The Secretary

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## A Positive Point of View

Well, the famous Ground Hog predicted an early Spring. I certainly look forward to that. I love winter, but I love the changing seasons just as much, so come on spring.

In January I worked on the annual taxes and mailing out the *Journal of Proceedings*.

On February 20 the Executive Committee members had our meeting by Zoom.

Here at the office I am always working on keeping our membership lists updated and recorded into the National Grange Database. Thank you to all the Granges who get their quarterly reports to the office on time. It really helps me keep our records updated. On the last mailing of quarterly report forms and membership lists, I asked for two extra pieces of data for our records, member's year of birth and if the member has

served in the military. You can read the Master's column for an explanation of why we are collecting this information. Thank you to those Granges who have already sent in the information.

As a reminder... please utilize the change of address form in the *Granger* or just call or email if your address changes. More and more of you are getting these to me, but we still have a large number of address change postage charges every time the *Granger* publication comes out. Turning in the change of addresses ensures that you receive your copy of the *Granger* and helps the office so we don't have a plethora of postage due items that need to be paid.

"Either you run the day, or the day runs you."

— Jim Rohn

# Claudia's Corner



**by Claudia the Skunk from the National Grange Herd**

*We're continuing to introduce you to your state officers and directors by giving you a little bit of information about them.*

**Larry Corman**, CSG Executive Committee member is a member of Mt. Allison Grange #308. He is a retired college professor of business from Fort Lewis College (retired more than once). He is involved in Southwest Colorado Federal Credit Union and a board member. He is a board member of Pine Springs Ranch HOA. And church. He and Trish, his wife, have three children and four grandchildren, who are the loves of their lives.

He and Trish represented Colorado

at the National Convention in Redding, California, as the Colorado State Grange Young Couple which brings back many favorite Grange experiences. Also the Youth retreats, rafting, Ouray and Granby. He hopes to be able to spend more quality time with family in the coming years. He has been a Grange member since 1984 (34 years).

His personal motto is: *Nurture your relationships, take time for people.*

**Karen Baxter**, CO Director of Family and Women's Activities is a member of Mount Allison Grange #308. Karen has been a Grange member for 48 years. She is retired from Long Arm Quilting and is currently involved in Church prayer quilts, Church Crafty Ladies, Lions Club helping her husband Dennis, Days for Girls, and Bible Study Fellowship. She and Dennis have three children, who were all Junior Grange members; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Karen shared that her favorite Grange experience as a youth was that Grace and Elwyn Kiplinger were gracious and let the youth stay in their home during State Session and helped get them back and forth to the session.

Karen was the first Matron of the Mt. Allison Junior Grange at the age of 17.

Karen would like to do everything and do it to the best of her ability.

**Louetta Phelps** is a member of

Mt. Allison Grange #308 and is our Health Awareness Director. She is currently employed as a wellness advocate and a bookkeeper for La Plata County. She is a member of Toastmasters, Chambers, and Leadership La Plata. She and her husband Roger have three children and five grandchildren.

One of her favorite Grange experiences was: The first year she and her husband were Colorado State Grange Youth Directors, they were trying to save money, so they made homemade pizzas and tried cooking them straight on the oven rack. It wasn't such a good idea — as the pizza dough warmed up it fell through the racks and, of course, we had a big mess and no pizza. It was not funny at the time but as we look back, there was nothing to do but laugh.

Louetta has been a Grange member since 1972 starting out as a Junior Grange member.

Her goal for this year is to provide value and educate more people about the power of whole food nutrition. Health equals Freedom.

Louetta's personal motto is: *Always look for the positive.*

**Alan Caldwell**, Legislative Director is a member of Florissant Grange. He is retired from Motorola. He is a member of FNRA, POA, and the Elks Foundation. He and Renee have three daughters and four granddaughters ages 21, 19, 18, 11, and two grandsons, 24 and 13. Alan's favorite Grange experience was going to Washington, D.C., for the National Grange Legislative Fly-in. He has been a Grange member for 12 years. He hopes to be able to relax more in the coming year.

His personal motto is: *Integrity above all else.*

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Did you know your Grange can qualify for a Colorado State Grange Food Sustainability Award by teaching others about our food?

For example, did you know there are 10 ways to preserve food? Ten ways: freezing, dehydrating, canning, lacto-fermentation, freeze drying, salt and vinegar, pickling, immersion in alcohol, immersion in olive oil, and the old root cellar or cool storage. Could you present a class?

Do you want to know about bees? Do you know beekeeping is a fast growing, delicious, and possibly profitable hobby? Would a sweet idea be a bee class for your community?

Do you know the technical differences between jam, jelly, and preserves? Do you want to know how to create these? I would.

Do you know that with the onslaught of foam pumpkins, a child may never have carved a jack-o-lantern? They might not, in fact proba-

bly don't, know that a pumpkin is a source of food. A pumpkin patch party could earn a Food Sustainability award. Carve a pumpkin, cook some pumpkin flesh, make pumpkin cookies, or roast pumpkin seeds. Enjoy the fall.

While we're talking veggies, how about sponsoring a community contest? How about prizes for Weird Vegetables, Funny Fruits, Crazy Gourds? How about a zucchini baking contest? All award winners.

What could your Grange do?

Finally your Grange could join an already established community garden like Enterprise Grange does. Or create your community culture with a communal garden and a myriad activities centered around food and gardening like Crescent Grange does.

In this society so removed from agriculture and real food, sharing knowledge and opportunity is giving back to the community.

Perhaps you've been there... You have a plan, and you're working it. You are accomplishing just what you intended for the day, THEN, something you didn't expect happens: someone calls, an individual stops by your home or your office, an unknown person gets in your way. What a distraction! But wait, perhaps instead of a distraction, it is an opportunity.

Jeremiah wrote that God knows the plans He has for us (29:11). In Proverbs 19:21 we read, "Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." If we believe those words, then the distractions in our days become, instead, opportunities. Perhaps we've been given an opportunity to take a break from our hard work, perhaps the gift of encouraging or helping someone else. Is that distraction actually an opportunity to share our blessings with others?

The author of Psalm 33 wrote, "But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations." Though this Psalm is not attributed to King David, he could have written it with conviction. He was part of God's plan for the Israelites and for the world. However, David had distractions: being hunted

# Chaplain's Corner

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by the king, numerous battles, his own moral failures, treachery by some of his family. Being a man after God's own heart, though, he kept going, recognizing those as opportunities to serve and draw closer to God. We, too, can benefit from distractions if we can begin to view them as opportunities for self-improvement or for a benefit to those around us.

Here is an opportunity: I would enjoy having someone write a guest column for *The Granger*. If you are interested, please email me (sherylayers970@gmail.com). The next articles will be due April 15, so now is a good time to begin working and communicating about it!

As you remember loved ones or Grange members who pass into eternity, please remember to send me survivor information so I can send a card. If you send obituary and memorial service information now (for those who have been State Grange delegates, officers or committee chairs), it won't need to be done next August. In addition, please consider making a donation to Colorado State Grange for the scholarship and leadership fund in their memory. Acknowledgment of your donation is sent to the family if you include their contact information.

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## Community Service

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Here in Colorado, at least along the Front Range, spring is nearly here. It looks like it's going to be early, but it's nearly here. That means vegetable gardens, and planning summer activities, and frisky animals. By March, "kitten season" is well underway. That means you — or someone you know — could find there are cats in the neighborhood that don't seem to belong to anyone. Just because they are out and about, especially at night, does not mean they are wild though. Some people still believe the very incorrect legend that when night falls, it's time to put the cat out. This is only true if they want to lose their cat earlier than they should — to disease, to predators, to being hit by cars, and even to freezing to death.

At any rate, there are a LOT of cats out there who are wild. And if they haven't been "fixed," they'll be having litters of kittens. As Patrons of Animal Husbandry, it's important that we know there are options if you find yourself with a feral cat colony in your backyard (or somewhere nearby). There is a lot of misinformation out there about TNR — Trap, Neuter, Release — and how these programs don't work. Nothing could be further from the truth. The adults are probably not adoptable, true — but they are still spayed and neutered, their ears are tipped so humans know they've already been trapped and "fixed," and they are released — preferably back into the same area where they were living before. The kittens can be socialized in a foster home, and then they are definitely adoptable. The other factor that makes TNR programs the most successful is when a human (or a few) will take on the role of "managing" the feral colony. They provide outdoor shelters,

which are easily and inexpensively made, and they feed the cats daily. This protects the wild bird population and helps the cats to stay healthy and disease-free.

People have dogs that have not been "fixed" also, and the resulting puppies are often left at already overburdened shelters and sometimes even abandoned somewhere. Domesticated animals, and their babies CANNOT survive on their own. Please check your local area for animal "rescues" before resorting to "shelters," and please check for TNR options before poisoning, shooting, or otherwise using deadly means to deal with feral cats in your neighborhood. As you will have seen in the column in this Granger for Enterprise, the March program will be presented by volunteers of ARR — Animal Rescue of the Rockies. Please join us if you can, or visit them online at <http://animalrescueoftherockies.org> for more information.

For the humans in our communities, please consider planning your personal vegetable gardens or grow more than enough just for your families — and that means other produce besides the annual abundance of zucchini! Many food banks won't take the produce and distribute it, but they will put it out for people coming in for help to choose their own. Please consider participating in a community garden, especially if you're not growing one of your own. Extra produce there can also be made available to those out there who have difficulty getting enough food — and enough healthy produce. NOW is the time to plan for these activities. And it's really so easy to incorporate them into what you may already be doing!



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**AMENDED NATIONAL QUILT BLOCK** has been received from The National Grange. If you are planning to enter one, please refer to this amended version — see Page 1 of this issue of *The Colorado Granger*.

According to The Chinese Zodiac this is the Year of the Pig. We have much in common with pigs! They are diligent, compassionate and generous, just like we are! They have great concentration once they set a goal

and they will devote all their energy to achieve it.

The energy of the Pig Year is about knowing your goals and focusing on making progress. Pigs handle things properly and carefully. They have a great sense of responsibility to finish what they are engaged in. Don't let the opportunities of this year pass you by! Get up and pursue your goals with energy and you can find success. Get started on those projects now!

## Junior Grange And Youth

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Hello everyone!

We hope that you're having an awesome late winter, and enjoying a bunch of fresh snow. Did you know that the passport program is in full swing for the JRs and there are a lot of events across the nation coming up for the youth and young at heart.

When was the last time you visited the National JG website? If you haven't checked it out in a while you should just go to <https://www.nationaljuniorgrange.org/> and look at all of the fun and exciting new things that are happening.

Billy is getting ready to go to Mid-Atlantic Grange Conference here in a few short weeks. And then not too long after that he'll be making the trip to DC for the Legislative Fly-In. That's about as far out as we have planned.

This year's Youth/JG activity we are still trying to get all ironed out. We were looking at a spring activity, now we are thinking that a fall activity might be a little more feasible. So if you have any suggestions as to where you would like to go, or where your kids would like to go, and what they would like to do. Please don't hesitate to send those directly to us at [djbngrer@live.com](mailto:djbngrer@live.com).

We just got done talking about the JG now on to youth. When was the last time you visited the youth website? <https://nationalgrangeyouth.org/> if you haven't been to see the site in awhile you should check it out. They have officially named the new youth director and it is Mandy Bostwick. We are looking forward to seeing what changes are coming for the Youth department on the national level. Here are some notes from Mandy.

First — The Grange Superstar Program will be put on hold. After looking at it and doing the math, it is a bit of a stretch to reach these goals.

There are 40 achievement seals total, some of them are easy to earn multiple times (Public speaking, Sign a song, etc.) It would take 3.5 years if you earned all 40 in one year, 7.5 years to reach the Gold level. I'm putting this program on hold until this can be looked at and made more achievable.

Second — I am looking at re-vamping the Achievement Awards and be putting them into a different format. I will be reaching out to all of you either at Regional Conferences or



on one of the monthly zoom meetings for your input on what you like about the achievement awards, what you would like to see changed about them, or event added. Please be honest about what you think.

Third — Grange Jeopardy will be replaced with Grange Baseball. This will still have the trivia and Grange history aspect, but will utilize team and individual participation. Questions will be similar to questions that you would be asked in Grange Jeopardy, but as singles, doubles, triples, and home-runs. Participants from each state will be divided into two teams and work as a team to win. Then individual "batting averages" will be looked at to determine who will represent the region at National Grange. I will get full details and rules out before the Mid-Atlantic Leadership Conference. This idea came after talking with a Northeast President, so it may look familiar to several of you.

Fourth — There are two programs with approaching deadlines of March 1st: Grange Grassroots Activism Award and Grange Leadership Exchange Program. Applications are available online for the Grange Grassroots Activism Award.

<https://nationalgrangeyouth.org/youth-awards/grassroots-activism-award/>  
We would like to leave you with a couple of quotes to remember.

1. "I may not be exactly what I want to be, but thank God I'm not what I used to be." With this in mind we can help every JR or youth to improve in every part of their life. When they have a bad time we can help them look at what they have in their life.

2. "Don't be overwhelmed by what/where God's calling you do/be, because God's plan is always going to be slightly out of reach on our own." We should depend on God to help us with the tasks He puts in front of us.

## Membership

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I hope everybody has had a great start to the year! The Colorado State Grange Membership is currently at 1,209! Remember that as everyone is gearing up for your upcoming events to promote membership in your Granges.

Here are three questions that I want to pose to you:

1. Do you have a membership chair?
2. Do you have a membership committee?
3. What have you done to show that your Grange is a part of the community — and a welcoming environment?

I know that we have many experienced Grange members, with an abundance of experience and knowledge. How are we encouraging new members to step into leadership roles? We need to remember to let them "run" with their **new** ideas, and be present to support them throughout the process. If we implement this practice, the payoff will be more members, new ideas and a stronger future!

I would like to have you share any new ideas that you have found to be effective. Remember to ask someone new to join — our goal is 155 new members by September!

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### Carbon Monoxide (CO) Poisoning Prevention

Staying healthy is important, but after a couple of cases of Carbon Monoxide poisoning and an extreme burn case here in La Plata County, I wanted to warn fellow members of the extreme danger especially during the winter months.

CO poisoning is entirely preventable. Protect yourself and your family by learning the symptoms of CO poisoning and how to prevent it.

When winter temperatures plummet and home heating systems run for hours the risk of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning increases.

Every year, at least 430 people die in the U.S. from accidental CO poisoning. Approximately 50,000 people in the U.S. visit the emergency department each year due to accidental CO poisoning. There are steps you can take to help protect yourself and your household from CO poisoning.

CO is found in fumes produced by furnaces, kerosene heaters, vehicles "warmed up" in garages, stoves, lanterns, and gas ranges, portable generators, or by burning charcoal and wood. CO from these sources can build up in enclosed or partially enclosed spaces. People and animals in these spaces can be poisoned and can die from breathing CO.

### How To Recognize CO Poisoning

The most common symptoms of CO poisoning are headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion. People who are sleeping or who have been drinking alcohol can die from CO poison-

ing before ever having symptoms.

### CO Poisoning Prevention Tips

- Change the batteries in your CO detector every six months. If you don't have a battery-powered or battery back-up CO detector, buy one soon.
- Have your heating system, water heater and any other gas, oil, or coal burning appliances serviced by a qualified technician every year.
- Keep vents and flues free of debris. Debris can block ventilation lines.
- Never leave the motor running in a vehicle parked in an enclosed or partially enclosed space, such as a garage.
- Never run a motor vehicle, generator, pressure washer, or any gasoline-powered engine less than 20 feet from an open window, door, or vent where exhaust can vent into an enclosed area.
- Never use a charcoal grill, hibachi, lantern, or portable camping stove inside a home, tent, or camper.
- Never run a generator, pressure washer, or any gasoline-powered engine inside a basement, garage, or other enclosed structure, even if the doors or windows are open.
- If you suspect CO poisoning, call 911 or a health care professional right away.
- If you have not changed your batteries in your CO monitor in the last six months, please do so immediately. If you do not have a Carbon Monoxide monitor, please invest in one to protect you and your family!

## P.I.C.K.

People Improving Communities And Kids

Secretary/Treasurer  
**Cindy Greer**

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Specific areas of interest to PICK are as follows:

**Mandy Project** — We supplement applications received by CSG as needed.

**Youth and Juniors** — we support educational camps, seminars, workshops and retreats focusing on leadership, strengthening community involvement, developing and enhancing awareness of cultural and social unity specifically for Youth. Granges desiring to start a program needing some financial assistance can apply to PICK.

**Community Improvement** — We encourage Granges to continue to bring community Improvement Projects to their community. This includes keeping their building up to date and useable, thus a need for capital improvement projects is in order and we will assist Granges in seeking grants for Capital improvement projects. An Emergency project fund has been established. Contact PICK secretary for details.

**Women's Resources** — Educating the community about safe and proper methods of food preservation is quickly making a comeback. The Grange can be a leader in making sure men and women who are interested in food preservation are educated and well informed. We encourage each Grange to sponsor a food preservation program using a reliable source to conduct the workshop. If funds are needed to obtain a reliable source and your Grange does not have funding you can apply for partial assistance. Proof of completion of the workshop is required. If funds are requested the following information must be included: Grange Name and Number, Contact person, Address, Date of workshop, Name of workshop expert, qualifications of workshop expert. Thirty days following the workshops completion the Grange seeking funding must report the outcome of the workshop and provide one photo. This report can be sent via email. We would like to know how many attended the workshop. Funding must be returned if the Grange fails to report within the 30 days.

Women's Health issues are unique and we encourage you to consider hosting an educational program on a health issue that is important to your community.

**Creative and Performing Arts** — PICK will supplement prizes for contests open to non-members. We will help Talent participants with travel expenses to the National showcase.

We would like to recognize the Cherry Creek Grange for their recent donation to PICK and the Mandy Project. We appreciate your support.

**Deadline For The May-June 2019 Issue Of The Colorado Granger Is April 15, 2019.**



## Agriculture Report

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This year's first meeting of the Ag Council was an interactive session at the Capitol with presentations from former Colorado Ag Commissioners Don Brown, John Stulp and Don Ament on the theme "What is Colorado's Agriculture?" Well over a dozen Representatives and Senators from the House and Senate "ag committees" attended as well as members of the Ag Council, about 60 ag leaders, other elected, and state officials and friends.

I was impressed by the background, history and accomplishments of each of the former Ag Commissioners. Of note, all have deep family roots in Colorado agriculture and farm and ranch ownerships. Below are from their comments.

**Don Brown.** A few days before and back home he unloaded steers (at midnight) for the first time in years — i.e., he is back on his farm handling livestock and fixing a tractor after his just ended time as Ag Commissioner. He noted there are 3,000 counties in the U.S. with major ag sales; Colorado has two, Weld and Yuma. The economic impact of Colorado agriculture is about \$50 billion. Irrigation covers 60 percent of our state's cropland while for the rest of the country, eight percent is irrigated. The feds "own" 37 percent of Colorado, and the federal managers do not understand what we (in ag) are. Importance of technology: ag has had autonomous vehicles for 20 years (farm equipment with GPS to guide field work), and with his cell phone he can turn on or off his Yuma farm's sprinklers. Americans commonly think of the two figures from the painting American Gothic as farmers. Don points out the "pitchfork" the gentlemen is holding is not a pitchfork; it is fork for tossing wheat bundles into a thresher. Colorado's new "call 811 before you dig" regulations from the 2018 legislation means you can dig four inches but to go beyond, you must dig by hand (to prevent risk of damage to buried electric, gas, or cable lines).

**John Stulp.** "If you eat, you are involved with agriculture." We have an abundance of food. Involvement of the state's Department of Agriculture:

- Trial and error in food technology;
- Development of hemp pesticides;
- Cattle branding — CDA's brand inspection;
- Water wells and inspections, a pre-emptive for agriculture (may next move into surface water monitoring);
- Recreation assumes a greater role in water here;
- Duties includes checking and assuring accuracy of scales for weighing ag products.

Colorado is a headwaters state and we have nine interstate compacts covering how we divide up water with adjacent states. Justice Hobbs points out we have to let two of every three gallons of water go downstream. The better we are with water use, the more productive we are. Under our water law's prior appropriations we use the water or we lose it, meaning beneficial use, we can't waste it. This prevents investors in eastern U.S. and Europe from buying up our water rights then controlling its use.

The Colorado Water Plan looks at scenarios including growth and stagnation. It is a dynamic document with the nine water basins buying in and each has a water plan. All place a high value on how we work with agriculture. Colorado's present population is 5.6 million and a forecast 10 million population is in the not far off future.

**Don Ament.** In addition to Ag Commissioner he has held many elected and appointed public service titles: chaired the State Board of Education, two terms in the House and two in the Senate. He is a farmer-rancher from the Sterling area with a family history dating to 1914.

"Ag is one of our most important industries." The use of (ag) technology is how we feed the rest of the world and that is done with less than seven percent of disposable income. Regulations cover water, seeds, air quality, recreation — and he asks "how many of the people who make the regulations understand agriculture?" He salutes the elected who make the decisions and it is critical they have information to make good decisions, "we need to make the partnership work."

**Kate Greenberg.** Governor Polis' just appointed Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture was introduced. She is an advocate for family agriculture, young farmers, and their essential role in what we value most about Colorado. (To my knowledge, she is unique from the other Ag Commissioners in not coming from a major landholder family and she is the first woman in the position.)

From her posted biography she was the Western Program Director for National Young Farmers Coalition that included working closely with Colorado's Basin Roundtables and involvement with the state Water Plan and Colorado River Basin water policy. She worked to reshape policies and programs at the state and federal level to favor family producers to help them make a living for themselves and their families. Issues are farmland affordability, agriculture education, access to capital and credit, and Food Safety Modernization Act compliance. She also worked on farms in Eastern Washington, Northern California, and the Southwest, to bridge the gap between consumers, conservation, and the agricultural community. "As Commissioner, I look forward to meeting with Colorado's farmers, ranchers, and agricultural organizations to further advance an industry that is so vital to our way of life."

Colorado drought status: We have received significant snowfall in the recent months but roughly 2/3rds of the state remains under moderate to exceptional drought conditions. Year-to-date precipitation statewide is 107 percent of average ranging from 87 percent in the upper Rio Grande to 130 percent of average in the Arkansas River Basin. A weak El Niño is expected to persist through spring which usually means above average snow on the prairie, more for the SW, and less for the northern mountains (though the northern mountains have received abundant snow).

### NEW BENEFITS/PROGRAMS

**TicketsatWork:** TicketsatWork is a benefits program: our new providers for discounts to theme parks, attractions, shows nationwide, etc.

**UPS Savings Program:** Let National Grange help improve your bottom line with competitive rates on UPS® shipping services. Save up to 34%\* on a broad portfolio of shipping services including air, international, ground and freight services. Plus, get 50% off UPS Next Day Air®, UPS Next Day Air Saver®, UPS Worldwide Express® export, UPS Worldwide Saver® export, and UPS Worldwide Expedited® export shipments for up to four weeks after your enroll. \* You can receive these discounts even if you already have a UPS account. Remember, the more you ship,

the more you can save with UPS. To enroll and start saving, visit savewithups.com/grange or call 1-800-MEMBERS (1-800-636-2377), M-F, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. EST.

**Lenovo:** National Grange has teamed up with Lenovo, a global leader in the PC marketplace, to offer discounts on its entire line of reliable, high-quality, secure and easy-to-use technology products and services. Members save up to 30% off the everyday public web price of Lenovo laptops, tablets, desktops, all-in-ones, workstations, servers, and accessories. This includes saving on a variety of products for the home and office, such as the award-winning ThinkPad laptops and innovative multimode YOGA tablets. National Grange members also receive: Free ground shipping on all web orders; Monthly limited-time special offers; Access

## Real Estate Management

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Many Granges wonder "what is the current possible sale price of our building?" The purchase, sale, borrowing or even leasing options for a Grange building often hinge upon the appraised value of the building. Assessing that value, however, is no simple matter. Commercial appraisals are generally more subjective than residential reviews. Why? Commercial values are often dependent upon uncontrollable elements like the current market price for which spaces rent, fewer available comparables and overall maintenance costs (which can vary dramatically from industry to industry). And then, of course, there's the tricky question of how much a buyer is willing to pay. With so many variables to consider, how does a Grange determine the value of their

building? There are three valuation methods often used to determine intrinsic value:

### Cost Approach

This valuation method considers the cost to rebuild the structure from scratch, taking into account the current cost of associated land, construction materials, and other costs that would be associated with the replacement of the existing structure. Cost approach is generally applied when appropriate comparables are difficult to locate, such as when the property contains relatively unique or specialized improvements, or when upgraded structures have added substantial value to the underlying land.

### Sales Comparison Approach

Also known as the "market approach," this method relies heavily

## Publicity

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I was having a hard time with this article until I received the package I was expecting from the National Grange containing the dues envelopes and the book I ordered.

I ordered the "Exploring Traditions — Celebrating The Grange Way of Life" by Walter Boomsma. The book is a collection of the monthly essays Mr. Boomsma has been doing for their website and printed bulletin/newsletter over the last three years since he became the communications director for the Maine State Grange.

I have just started reading this book but so far have really been enjoying it. I am also finding answers to questions I didn't even know I had. The first few essays cover the degrees and their meanings beyond just the ritual and the symbolism. Since I have been a member of the Grange for such a short period, about five years now, I still find that I do not have a full understanding of the organization and its ritual. Just went through the degrees with just a minimal amount of knowledge. I am finding that I would like to redo the degrees now that I see the

meaning much more clearly. It was nice to find symbolism and understanding within the degrees. I feel this will help me be a better Granger and better explain what the Grange is to others that have just joined the Grange or are just asking about it (that dreaded elevator speech). I feel this book can offer many insights to readers whether you are a longtime Granger or just a newbie like me.

I am looking forward to reading the rest of this book as it covers many aspects of the Grange from its Motto "In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty and in all things charity" and its history. Some of the other essays cover music, symbolism, traditions, and relevance. I think this will be a very useful book for me when talking about the Grange and moving forward to make the Grange more viable in today's world but keeping with the traditions that have been with the Grange for the last 150 plus years. It is a definite addition to our little library at the Grange hall. If interested in this book, you can order it at the Grange store on the National website.

## Mandy Project

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The purpose of the Mandy Project is to help children with hearing loss to become productive citizens and to provide assistance to a family experiencing hardship due to a child's hearing loss.

As many children will be helped as possible and as funds are available. Families with a child who has a hearing loss will be chosen through the application process to receive funding assistance to help cover costs of hearing aids, speech therapy, surgery or other related expenses.

Brochures can be obtained by contacting the State Director.

Granges who sponsor a special fundraiser or make a donation to the Mandy Project will receive a special certificate at State Convention.

Every Grange should have a "Do You Know the Signs" poster up in their hall or in the building where they meet if at all possible. Brochures with the same information are available and should also be available for distribution at your meeting place.

Granges are encouraged to give these posters and brochures to their local schools, pre-schools, and Kindergarten classes. Early intervention is important to a child's learning when hearing loss is involved. Posters and Brochures can be obtained through the Mandy Project Director.

Granges might also sponsor sign language classes in their halls.

Thank you to the Cherry Creek Grange for their recent donation to the Mandy Project.

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**Patriot Program:** The program is designed to recognize the Veterans of past wars, conflicts and present day veterans for their service to the country. The certificates used to recognize your vet can be ordered from Loretta Washington and are ready now. To request the certificate, please make sure to include the following information: name of the veteran, name of Grange and number they belong to or who

is giving it out, the name of the local master and lecturer, the state the Grange/Veteran is located in and a shipping address. There is no cost to you or your Grange for program material or the certificates. This program is sponsored by Potomac Grange #1.

**Grange In Action Program:** The Grange In Action program is designed to encourage all Granges to be active in their communities and complete events or projects, no matter how small. Any Grange that does not complete the application for Distinguished Grange can participate in this program. Granges will be recognized at the 2019 National Convention as a "Grange in Action" and to be named a "State Grange in Action," a State Grange must have a least 6 Granges recognized as "Grange in Action."

upon recent sales data for comparable properties. By seeking recently sold buildings with similar properties from the same market area, a buyer hopes to ascertain a fair market value for the property in question. For example, a building might be compared to another that sold in the same neighborhood just a few months earlier. While this valuation method is typically used to value residential real estate, it does have one significant drawback. Depending on general and localized market conditions, it can be difficult to find recent comps that have similar properties.

### Income Capitalization Approach

This valuation method is based primarily on the amount of income an investor can expect to derive from a particular property. That projected income could be derived in part from a comparison of other similar local properties, as well as from an expected decrease in maintenance costs. Let us say a building is purchased for \$1 million, and the expected yield is 5 percent, based on local market research. That \$50,000 per year in expected income could be enhanced by tightening inefficiencies, or by passing along other associated costs to the tenant, like electric or water usage. All expected future income is discounted to reflect present value.

In addition to the three most commonly used valuation methods discussed above, there are several additional methods that can offer valuable insight for a potential investor.

### Value Per Gross Rent Multiplier

The Gross Rent Multiplier (GRM) is a back-of-the-envelope calculation used to measure and compare a property's potential valuation by taking the price of the property and dividing it by its gross income. This method is generally used to identify properties with a low price relative to their market-based potential income.

In the end, every buyer values property differently. The valuation of commercial property does have a subjective and unscientific component. The best commercial real estate investors have honed their gut instincts around finding the most attractive deals, and the most effective valuation methods for each particular type of transaction. At the end of the day, no matter how much analysis has been conducted, the value of commercial real estate is always in the eye of the beholder.

## Progressive

Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas & Elbert Counties

### Castlewood

Contact Gary Tobey, 303-888-0582, garyhtobey@gmail.com, for further information.

**Hammond's Candies** — Elaine Kerley arranged a sweet and most interesting visit to the largest handmade candy factory in the country. It's located in north Denver just off I-25. Ten Castlewood Grangers went there on February 2 to find out where part of their sugar craving could be met. It was just part of learning where our food and fiber comes from — in time for Valentine's Day.

In early April 2019, Castlewood Grangers will be going to the Colorado Capitol to speak personally with their own Representatives and Senators about issues of interest and importance.

Gary Tobey

## Working

Adams, Morgan and Weld Counties

### Westminster

Carolyn May Schwab

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gray her hair for the part and did not wash her hair the next day and went to church and everyone at church thought she forgot to dye her hair. She did not have a lot of gray in her hair for her age.

She loved the Grange and the people in the Grange. For many years she and Joseph were familiar faces at State Session and other State Grange activities.

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

**Animas Valley**

Contact Marie Roessler, 970-382-1217 or mroessler@frontier.net for further information.

The 416 Fire and its effects on water and forest will be the next topic in a free series of talks on February 28, Tuesday evening at 6:30, at the Animas Valley Grange Hall, 7271 County Road 203 just north of Durango. This topic will be presented by Scott Roberts of the Mountain Studies Institute and Lindsey Hansen from the San Juan National Forest. Scott is the MSI's water program and aquatic ecologist, and Lindsey is the San Juan NF Range Program Manager. During the 416 Fire, Lindsey also took the lead role with the Burn Area Emergency Response team. This talk will provide us with new insights about the 416 Fire and its aftermath in our area.

The Grange is sponsoring a series of informative talks by various local experts, and the talks will occur once each month. Refreshments will be provided.

The 416 Fire had many adverse effects, and our gardens suffered. Please attend a presentation about how to prepare our backyard gardens after the Fire. It's the next topic in a free series of talks on March 26, Tuesday evening at 6:30, at the Animas Valley Grange Hall, 7271 County Road 203 just north of Durango. This topic will be presented by Butch Knowlton, Director of Emergency Preparedness for La Plata County, and Brian deVine, Water Quality Program Manager of the San Juan Basin Public Health. They will address safety of our irrigation water and whether it's safe to use on our gardens.

The Grange is sponsoring a series of informative talks by various local experts, and the talks will occur once each month. Refreshments will be provided.

The Animas Valley Grange will host a demonstration about how to make tamales on March 9, 2019, on Saturday morning from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Learn from the experts! Join us for hands on assembly of tamales. Each person attending will be able to take home what they made.

For further information, please call 385-5298. See Facebook — www.facebook.com/animasvalleygrange/ Marie Roessler



Bunco and Dominos fun at Mt. Allison Grange in February.

**Mt. Allison**

Contact Larry Corman, Larry\_Corman@hotmail.com, or 970-884-4762 for further information.

**Upcoming events:**

- March 16 @ 4 p.m. — Chili Cook-off.
- April 13 — 9Health Fair in Ignacio, 7-11 a.m.
- April 20 — Easter Supper, 5-7 p.m.
- May 4 — Visitation Day with Lunch, 11:30 a.m.

We had a fun Bunco and Dominos party Sunday, Feb. 10. Lots of new faces and a fun time for all. We had ages ranging from 6 all the way up to senior citizens (I won't mention ages). I guess this is why we call the Grange a family organization.

We're having a great winter down in this corner of the state — an average winter but we haven't had an average winter in several years.

Looking ahead, we're going to have a busy spring. We'll be having a chili cook-off in March, the annual Easter supper and 9Health Fair in April, and then we'll finish off the spring with our visitation day including lunch in May.

Stay warm!

Larry Corman

**Marvel**

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**Mondays at 11 a.m. — Strength and Balance Class.**

**Wednesdays at 11 a.m. — Strength and Balance Class.**

**Second Monday — Pioneer 4-H. March 1 — Marvel Grange Business Meeting 7:30 p.m.**

**March 4 — Junior Grange 3:45 p.m.**

**March 15 — Activity to be decided.**



Mount Lookout Grange was honored by Mancos Valley Resources at their "project of the year."



10th Annual MLK Pancake Breakfast in January.



150 pancake breakfasts served at Mount Lookout Grange!



Community Members Mr. and Mrs. Daven Montoya dying some leather pieces.



Twenty five individuals participated in the leather dying workshop at the Marvel Grange on Feb 9. A Tandy Leather representative from Santa Fe, NM, presented the workshop.



Tom Hartnett was serious about tasting the chili at Marvel.

from California (Katie Squire and son Leroy). Leroy is currently working in Aztec, NM. Katie is the State Lecturer for California.

January 19 we had our annual Chili Cook-off and dessert auction. We had nine chili entries. Rusty Greer placed first with the Red Chili, second went to Cille Hodgins, and third to Shantell Greer. Marlon Greer placed first with the Green Chili and Leroy Squire placed second. We had 41 in attendance. Sheryl and Harry took care of the dessert auction which raised \$521 (\$70 of which was donations) which will be used to help four or five families with electric bills.

We provided \$75 to the Fort Lewis Mesa Elementary school PTO for their Read-a-Thon.

Our Grange Hall is used weekly for Strength and Balance classes. Monthly by Pioneer 4-H Club for their meetings and a special leather dying class. We have Ditch meetings being held at the hall this spring and other groups will be using the hall for various activities. The Zumba classes are on hold because the instructor broke her leg.

Thanks to Tom Campion for providing the Lecturers program at our February meeting. He really tested our Presidential Trivia knowledge with a quiz. Special thanks to community members Ken and Elaine Spence who paid for two new toilets for our Grange hall. New Year's Eve we had a few issues with the old toilets, so they generously offered to pay for two new ones.

Cindy Greer

**Marvel JGs**

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**March 4 — Junior Grange meeting 3:45 p.m.**

January 21 we had a Senior Citizen Lunch at the Marvel Grange Hall. We served meatballs (beef and elk), mashed potatoes, gravy, mac 'n' cheese, green beans, cupcakes, creampuffs, cake and pears along with coffee, tea and raspberry punch. There were a total of 38 people at the lunch, 13 were Junior Grangers, parents and siblings. We served the lunch at 12:15 p.m. After the lunch we cleaned up and then worked on a craft using beans.

We used 7 lbs. of meat, two gallons of mashed potatoes, one gallon of gravy, one gallon and one quart of green beans. We received several donations.

We didn't meet in February because of our leader being out of town and no school on the third Monday. So we met early in March so that we wouldn't conflict with spring break.

Cindy Greer & Jenna Greer



New Year's Eve Party at Marvel. Food, Fellowship, Fun!

Below: New Year's Eve Party at Marvel Grange — Katie and Leroy Squire (from California) and Dave Mathias.



**Ute Mountain**

Dolores and Montezuma Counties

**Mount Lookout**

Contact Katheryn Fulton, kestralfarm@gmail.com, for further information.

The Mancos community has enjoyed a "normal" winter this year, boding well for a good growing and recreation season ahead. Mt. Lookout Grange continues to be a lively venue, having hosted several exciting events.

Our once monthly community dinners have been well attended by a broad spectrum of folks. In January we

hosted the 10th annual Martin Luther King Junior pancake breakfast, featuring local food, and interpretive decor and photography. One of the local 5th grade classes who had been studying civil rights attended and shared their dreams for the future. We served 150 breakfasts! Currently, MLG is hosting a third section of Cooking Matters, organized by Mancos Food Share, to teach families how to prepare delicious and nutritious foods.

In February, MLG was chosen by our umbrella organization, Mancos Valley Resources, as their "project of the year." We were honored with a plaque at their annual meeting for our work in connecting community.

Next week we have two building improvement projects under way. We were the recipient of a \$3,000 grant from the Onward Foundation. With that money we are replacing 35 year old electric baseboard units with more efficient hydronic units that will allow us the keep the ambient temperature more comfortable. Concurrently, we will improve the appearance of the interior with some fresh texture and paint. Our building is suffering from some deferred maintenance, and is in serious need of insulation and stucco, among a list of other interior and exterior improvements. We are exploring grant opportunities, and will embark on a capital campaign locally.

Carol van der Harten

**Darden**  
Jefferson County

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

Darden Pomona Grange met February 2 with the meeting followed by a potluck dinner.

The Community Service report was given by Marlys Halbeisen. After Christmas, three boxes of items including toys, books, hats, children's gloves and socks were delivered to The Carin' Clinic and Catholic Charities. Enterprise Grange had over 400 pounds of candy leftover from Halloween donated which was used to fill the Christmas stockings at the Darden Pomona Christmas Party and also 60 pounds of candy was donated to Wheat Ridge Grange to be handed out at the Wheat Ridge Lighting Ceremony. Thank you to all for the donations, collections, and deliveries of these items.

The Agriculture report was given by Idella Lewis on the educational displays at the National Western Stock Show held in January. CSU featured a variety of animals showing how they are raised.

Kathy Wardle reported that they are trying to get more kids involved in Junior Grange at Wheat Ridge Grange.

Membership report was given by Gary Wardle, encouraging everyone to bring in new members.

Women's Activities report by Idella Lewis encouraged everyone to work on entries for next year. The National Grange Quilt Block Contest had a corrected version sent out. (See Page 1 of this Granger.) Check the National Grange website for an update.

Yvonne Ludwig of Pleasant Park Grange reported that the Conifer Historical Society has a display Sunday 11-3 p.m. through March at the Little White Schoolhouse in Conifer.

Enterprise Grange is having a Valentine's Day Tea Feb. 16.

Wheat Ridge Grange Chili Cookoff is February 28.

An Indoor Garage Sale is being held the Second Saturday 9-1 p.m. Table rent is \$10.

Peter Modreski of the USGS office will be giving a program, "Mining in Jefferson County" March 7 at Maple Grove Grange. Potluck at 6:30 p.m. and program at 7:30 p.m.

Christmas stockings from the Darden Pomona Christmas Party were delivered to LaVerne Jessop and Doris Bruntz.

Amy gave the Treasurer's report. All dues have been paid.

Everyone helped on the Christmas card project, "A Million Thanks" for the troops serving overseas. So far 10,000 cards have been collected for next year and we will be signing them at the May meeting.

Valentine cards were brought to the meeting and signed by everyone. They will be delivered to Mountain Vista Care Center.

Idella Lewis

**Enterprise**

Contact Carol Lackey, carol.lackey@att.net, 303-521-4477, for further information.

**March 13, Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m. — St. Patrick's Day Irish Potluck at 6:30 p.m.** Bring something green or something Irish! Irish music will be provided. Our guest speaker will be from ARR, Animal Rescue of the Rockies. They pull homeless dogs and cats from overcrowded shelters and place them in loving foster homes until their forever homes are found. They will talk to us about how they find these animals, how their process works and about some of the people who work there and some of the animals they have saved.

We will be having a group outing to the Quilt Museum in April. Hours: Monday thru Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. We will choose a date and time for the event at this meeting. We will need to know how many are going to attend so that we can make this a free event.

**March 20, Wednesday, 10 a.m.-**



Candle making with Kim Lackey at Enterprise Grange in January — Kathy and Gary Wardle.

**3 p.m.-ish — A field trip to the Museum of Outdoor Arts** (but in an inside gallery). The show is called *Natura Obscura — It is a self-guided exploration through a surrealist forest that combines art, sculpture, and the latest in virtual, augmented, and digital technologies. Experience the wonder of a new form of art as you wander among the trees and fantastical woodland creatures. We will be meeting at the Enterprise Grange at 10 a.m. to carpool. The address is 1000 Englewood Parkway in Englewood. It will be up to the group in the car you came with whether your group decides to go to lunch in the area. We will be purchasing tickets on March 1. The pre-purchased ticket price is \$12 each.*

Admission is timed at hourly intervals. We have chosen the time slot between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. so your ticket will be good for entry anytime during that time slot. Tickets are selling quickly but we probably have a good chance of getting the time and date that we want because it is a weekday. If you do not want to commit, you can purchase tickets at the door, if they are available, at \$15 plus fees. Payment for pre-paid tickets can be made to the Enterprise Grange #25 through Carol Lackey. Call or text Carol at 303-521-4477 or email carol.lackey@att.net for your reservations. Come one, come all to this outside-the-box (but inside) experience! It should be an interesting and intriguing day.

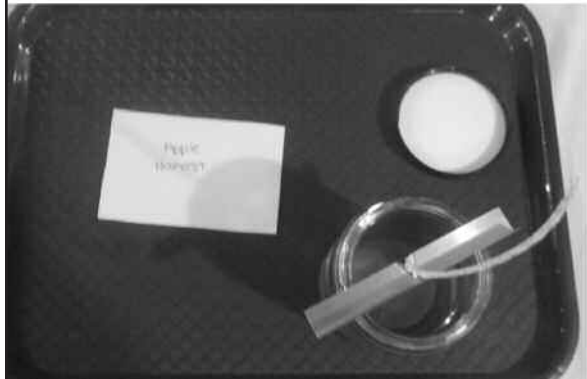
**March 23, Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. — Pop-up shop at Enterprise.** A "pop-up shop" is a short-term, temporary retail event that is for one day only. All the vendors will be friends and family of the Grange. We will have a professional hot dog stand with hot dogs, brats, and the trimmings just like you see at the entrance to Home Depot. We are featuring local artists, crafters and collectors. There will be vintage jewelry, laser print custom gifts, infused glass, quilts and much more. Come shop with us for a day!

**A Saturday in April — Opening Day at our Common Earth Community Garden** located in the empty lot south of the church across from the Enterprise Grange Building. There will be hot dogs and other opening day fun. This is also the first work day to spread Crusher Fines around the garden, and compost into the new beds. A load of compost will be brought in for this day. Date and times will be distributed once confirmed.

**April 10, Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m. — Community Service Night.** Potluck at 6:30 p.m. with the ceremony and entertainment to follow. We will be honoring Evelyn Geiser known as "The Queen of Foster Elementary." She has been at the school for 51 years and has become the jack of all trades. The principal refers to her as "the magical little elf" that even knows how to keep the laminator machine running. Please join us in honoring the "Queen of Foster."

**We will be having a group outing to Cherokee Ranch Castle in Sedalia in May.** We will choose a date and time for this event at this meeting. Dates at 9:30 a.m., May 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 18, 23, 24, 25, 30 & 31. \$15 per person. Reservations required. Please bring \$15 to this April meeting so we can make reservations.

**April 20, Saturday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. — Easter Egg Hunt in coop-**



Marlys Halbeisen, Kim Lackey and Ashley Lackey; Dorothy Dannels and Pam Campbell; and Lisa Mittan.

**eration with House2Home Real Estate.** This Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Oak Park Pavilion in Arvada. Oak Park is located on W. 64th Place between Oak Street and Miller Street. Plenty of parking is available. All age groups are welcome. Timing for the hunts will be as follows: Infants to 4-year-olds will be from 10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.; 5 to 8-year-olds will be from 10:45 a.m. to 11 a.m.; 9-year-olds and above will be at 11 a.m. Over 1,000 eggs will be hunted! But don't be late, eggs are found quickly! Please bring an Easter Basket for your children.

Activities will be ongoing, so come early and stay late. There will be free bagels, donuts, juices and coffee! Free Pictures with the Easter Bunny! Come find the Golden Easter Eggs and receive a special surprise! Kickball will be available for the kids and kids at heart. Please bring a non-perishable food item for our community food bank and come for a wonderful time with friends and family! Everyone is welcome.

**May 8, Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m. — Cinco de Mayo potluck.** Bring a Mexican-themed potluck item. Our presentation will be on gardening with a Master Gardener from CU Extension Center. We are requesting a presentation on getting water-wise here in Colorado using the best vegetable plants and florals for our dry climate. How to use less water but get a bumper crop!

**We will be having a group outing to Hiwan Homestead Museum with a picnic lunch in June.** It is closed Mondays. Open the rest of the week from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. It is a free event. We will choose a date and time at the May 8 meeting.

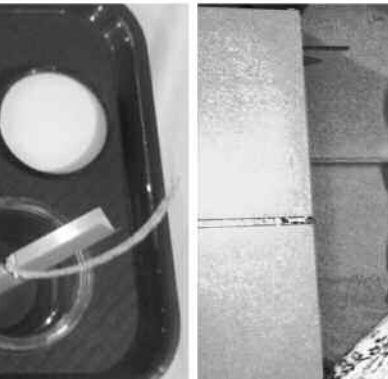
**We will be having a group outing to Cussler Car Museum in July.** Open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Adults \$10, seniors \$8, Children \$5. No reservations required. Payment at the door. We will choose a date and time at this meeting.

If you are interested in attending any of the above events, please contact Carol Lackey at 303-521-4477 or Dorothy Dannels at 303-921-7849 so we can make sure we have reservations in place.

During our January meeting we started with a potluck at 6:30 p.m.



Candle making — Peggy Brett, Merry Whyman, Dorothy Symmes, and Timmy Symmes.



After potluck, Kim Lackey taught us how to make candles. She brought all the supplies; wicks, scents, wax and jars. By rotating in groups of five everyone was able to make their own candle. It was fascinating to see just how much goes into making just one candle. Everyone had a great time and spent time bragging about their own special creative candle.

Our Valentine Party and Potluck was held on February 13. We exchanged Valentine cards and candy. After potluck Ed Talbot gave us a presentation about an Earthwatch Adventure on the killer whales known as the Orcas. Ed's adventure took place in Iceland. It is the first long-term study to look at the diet of killer whales. Assessing the diet of killer whale populations is an effort to understand potential threats to the species. They collected data on the types of prey the whales were feeding on. They also collected small samples of skin and blubber to quantify the level of pollutants in their bodies, understand their diets and record their genetic material. By understanding threats to populations of killer whales, scientists can help to establish policies to better protect these animals.



Ed Talbot's Earthwatch Presentation on Killer Whales (Orcas).

We worked on many community service projects for the holidays. We filled 125 stockings this year for our Jefferson County senior stocking project and another 110 for residents of the Olin Hotel Apartments located in Capitol Hill in Downtown Denver. It is housing for very low income and disabled seniors. It is a HUD housing community and is run by Senior Housing Options.

We also helped two families of four that were having an especially hard time this year. We were able to give each person a few gifts and a huge food basket for the families with additional gift cards. We filled another food basket for a family of three. We receive the families from the Carin' Clinic. The Carin' Clinic is a not-for-profit pediatric clinic that provides affordable health care to children from birth to 18 years of age. They find us families that have fallen through the social welfare cracks; those that are not poor enough to get services but don't have enough to provide a holiday for their families.

The Irving Street Women's Residence is a residential and support program designed to serve chronically homeless who are disabled or experience mental health issues. The facility houses 25 women in 15 sleeping rooms and there is no maximum length of stay. We put together boxes of personal items for each of them. The boxes included \$25 gift cards, gloves, socks, hats, scarves, and small gift boxes of lotions, shampoos and conditioner.

A large group of Grangers and the Scarlet O'Hatters wrote messages, signed and distributed to VA facilities over 3,500 Christmas cards for veterans and for the troops stationed overseas. Next year Marlys has an even more ambitious goal so will be working throughout the year to fulfill her needs. We could have never accomplished so much without the support of so many of you. Thank you so much for all the time, effort and donated items you so generously shared with us.

Carol Lackey



Renee and Alan Caldwell presenting Bob Kuehster with his Quilt of Valor.

## Maple Grove

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

Maple Grove Grange had to cancel the February meeting due to the frigid cold weather. BRRRR!

The January meeting was held January 3 following a potluck dinner.

The new photos of members holding their years of membership certificates are on the bulletin board and a new display of agricultural products from the National Western Stock Show is on display.

1,700 Christmas cards were delivered to be sent to people serving in the military overseas at Christmastime in the "Million Smiles" card project. 10,000 Christmas cards have already been collected for next year. A card signing will be held at the Darden Pomona meeting held in May at Wheat Ridge Grange.

Members were encouraged to work on their projects to be entered in the events at the State Convention in September.

Items collected at Christmastime were delivered to Mountain Vista Care Center in Wheat Ridge, and pull tabs from cans were delivered to The Ronald McDonald House. Food collected for the "Fill An Empty Plate" project was delivered to the food bank. The holidays were a lot brighter for those in need, thanks to Maple Grove Grange members who were so generous in their donations!

Idella Lewis

## Wheat Ridge

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

February 21, Thursday: Grange business meeting 6:30 p.m.

February 28, Thursday: Chili Cookoff at the Grange to benefit Feed the Future backpack program — a school student meal program.

March 9, Saturday: Second Saturday Sale at the Grange.

March 14, Thursday: Grange

business meeting 6:30 p.m.

March 28, Thursday: Grange family game night.

April 11, Thursday: Grange business meeting 6:30 p.m.

April 13, Saturday: Second Saturday Sale at the Grange.

April 25, Thursday: Grange Annual Community Night.

January 24 was the first social meeting of 2019. Members and guests were presented with the Mission Statement and what that mission means.

February 9 was the Second Saturday Sale at the Grange. A monthly, indoor vendor event. Fundraiser for the Grange.

Vivian Vos

## Pleasant Park

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

March 9 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Potluck Lunch.

April 13 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Chili Dinner.

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

April 13 will be our annual Chili Dinner. That is our way of inviting the community in and telling them about the Grange. Hope to get some new members! Everyone is invited.

Kendall Spoor, our youngest member, received his Eagle Scout status at a ceremony on January 19. We are so happy for Kendall and his family. They are such an asset to our Grange. Kendall took on our Grange as his project. With his team, they sanded, stained and repaired all the picnic tables in the yard, split and stacked firewood and raked and mowed the yard. By himself, Kendall raised enough money to purchase a bear-proof trash can for the Bicycle Rest Stop area. It has had many bear tracks on it already!

Bob Kuehster was honored when Renee and Alan Caldwell presented him with a Quilt of Valor. Bob's children surprised him and attended the meeting to witness the honor.

Eileen Robinson, Beverly Mozzet-

ti, Dawn Kessler, Nicole and Tyler Stone are our newest members. We are thrilled that our Grange is growing!

Our past Lecturer Denise Patrick moved to Pagosa Springs, along with her husband Eric Fisk and her mother Joan Usher. They have been invaluable members of our Grange and will be missed immensely. A lucky Grange in the southern part of the state may be fortunate to have them as new members. Mike and Joan Laden are also moving away from Conifer. We are sad to see all of them leave.

Yvonne Ludwig was selected as the Grand Marshal for the 36th annual Conifer Christmas Parade on December 1. Betty Long and Jim Helker have also shared that honor in past years.

The January meeting was cancelled because of the snow. February was our planning meeting and an interesting speaker from the Library.

Everyone is invited to come and

## Pikes Peak

El Paso and Teller Counties

### Florissant

Contact Renee Caldwell, caldwellrenee3@gmail.com, for further information.

March 5 — Florissant Grange Quilt of Valor Guild meeting.

March 9 — Pine Needle Basket Class — learning new stitches and working with wood centers.

March 23 — Spring Craft Fair.  
March 30 — Dinner Concert with Backroads Bluegrass Boys 6-9 p.m.

April 6 — Easter Party — 1-3 p.m. with The Easter Bunny and an Easter Egg Hunt.

April 9 — Florissant Grange Quilt of Valor Guild meeting.

April 20 — Pine Needle Basket Class —working with gourds and pine needles.

In January we had the largest Pine Needle Basket Class ever. We incorporated Gourds and learned a few new stitches. We had a great time.

The Florissant Grange Quilt of Valor Guild met and worked on three more quilts. We are hoping to hold an event honoring our Florissant Grange Veterans in the near future.

At the request of the Teller County Sheriff's Office, the Florissant Grange was the venue for a Press Conference during a missing person's investigation in Teller County. It was exciting to have all the reporters at our Grange and to be the staging ground for the Sheriff's office. The Florissant Grange is always available to our Community.

Coming up we will continue our Pine Needle Basket Classes since they seem to be so popular.

We will hold our Spring Craft Fair March 23. All Crafters and Vendors are welcome to join us.

March 30 we will hold another in our Series of Dinner Concerts featuring The Backyard Bluegrass Boys.

March-April 2019, The Colorado Granger, Page 7 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.

Grange Meeting — March 1 from 3 to 4 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast — March 11 from 8 to 10:30 a.m.

Canyon Chili Cook Off — March 24 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Eggmania — March 31 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Grange Meeting — April 5 from 3 to 4 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast — April 8 from 8 to 10:30 a.m.

Grange Meeting — May 3 from 3 to 4 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast — May 13 from 8 to 10:30 a.m.

Bear Basics Program — May 20 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Annual Rummage and Bake Sale — June 8 and 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Pancake Breakfasts are held on the second Sunday of each month. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice and coffee will be served. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$2 for kids under 12 and free for kids under 3. We always can use extra hands to help out. Call Janet or Dave Primmer at 303-239-6789 if you would like to help cook or clean up.

Canyon History Night was a great success with 72 people in attendance. Thanks to our speakers Mary Ramstetter and Dave Thomas for an informative and entertaining program. We hope to have another Canyon History Night later in the year.

Rich and Elle Phillips hosted a Valentine Dance featuring live music from Magic Moments. See attached pictures.

We will hold our 2nd Annual Chili

Cook Off on March 24. All participants in the Cook-Off must register in advance. There is no entry fee but you must contact Dee Dee Ramstetter (303 279-6113 or dkmhh1@gmail.com) with your name and a name for your chili to register for the Cook-Off. The public is invited to dine on the chilis and vote for their favorite. Cost will be \$5 per person — a great deal for a delicious dinner!

Easter comes early this year! We will hold Eggmania on March 31. This is a fun event for kids and parents. We will have egg dye in myriad colors and other decorating materials. Bring your hard-boiled eggs from home for the kids (and older folks) to color. Stay to meet the Easter Bunny and take part in our annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Golden Gate Canyon is black bear country. Join Jeffco Park Ranger, Mary Ann Bonnell, on Sunday, May 20 from 3 to 5 p.m. or an engaging overview of black bear biology, ecology and behavior. We'll also discuss 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 date has changed. It will be held this year on June 8 and 9. Please bring us your gently used items for our biggest fundraiser of the year. Remember no tires, computers, large appliances, mattresses, torn or soiled clothing. We will start accepting donations the week prior to the sale. For further information call or email Dee Dee Ramstetter 303-279-6113 or dkmhh1@gmail.com.

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.

Website: www.goldengategrange.com; Like us on our Facebook page Golden Gate Canyon Community.

Rich Phillips



January Pine Needle Basket Class at Florissant Grange—working with gourds and pine needles.

We will have a scrumptious sit down dinner and dessert with Grangers serving our guests. The Bluegrass boys will entertain us while we eat. It will be another fabulous evening. Tickets are a suggested donation of \$30 per person. For more information call 719-748-5004.



April 6 is our Annual Easter Party with the Easter Bunny and a fun Easter egg hunt. We will have crafts and treats for all the kiddos.

Our annual Grange Night in April will be held in May due to over booking in April.

Renee Caldwell



Kendall Spoor receiving his Eagle Scout award.



Press Conference at Florissant Grange during Teller County Sheriff's Office missing person investigation.



**Left Hand**

Contact Bruce Johnson, 720-301-6367 or johnson.blj71@gmail.com for further information.

Business Meetings at 6 p.m. — March 13, April 10, and May 8.

**Music Open Stage** — Our monthly Sunday Music Open Stage which began in October 2018 will run through April 2019. This is our seventh season hosting this fun community event. Our last event on Feb. 10 had 10 performers and a total of 28 people in attendance. These free events are hosted by Bruce and Marcia Johnson and the Left Hand Grange #9, and run from 1:30-3:30 pm. Please contact Bruce for more information at 720-301-6367. Remaining event dates are March 10 and April 14.

**Memorials** — Left Hand Grange #9 mourns the recent passing of three beloved longtime members:

**Rosemary Allen Bruce** (Sept. 28, 1931 – Aug. 15, 2018) was President of Left Hand Grange #9 at the time of her passing. In addition to the Grange, she was very active and involved in the Niwot community. For years she held a Annual Perennial Plant Sale at the Grange, and also operated the Niwot Loan Closet from her home and from the Grange, to provide free med-

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**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.

ical equipment to the community. A memorial service was held at the Grange on August 25, 2018.

**Donald Richard Hicks** (May 3, 1933 – Nov. 2, 2018) was a member of the Grange Executive Committee at the time of his passing, and played an integral role in the maintenance of our building. Dick was the former manager of the Left Hand Water Company in Niwot, and was also heavily involved in the Niwot community for years. He was a member of the Left Hand Men's Club that helped bring the elementary school, the Niwot Volunteer Fire Department, and the youth recreation program to Niwot. A memorial service was held at the Grange on December 10.

**Mike Holubec Jr.** (May 8, 1929 – Jan. 15, 2019) was honorably discharged from the Coast Guard and then went to work for IBM as Man-

ufacturing Engineer, working there for 36 years before he retired. Mike was a member of the Lions Club, Shriners, First Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Left Hand Grange No. 9. He was a founding member of the Niwot Volunteer Fire Department and the first volunteer Fire Chief. He was a board member of the Mountain View Fire District and Niwot Sanitation District. Mike enjoyed coaching Little League baseball, gardening and was a huge animal lover.

**New Officers** — At our October 2018 meeting, the following officers were elected for 2019: Kellie Beran, President; Robert Roane, Vice-President; Bruce Johnson, Secretary; and Sue Wilson, Treasurer. Executive Committee members elected were: Kellie Beran, Sue Wilson and Kathy Koehler.

Bruce Johnson



Bruce and Marcia Johnson, and Louie Jordan performing on Dec. 2, as well as a photo collage of performers from Feb. 10.

**Music at the Left Hand Grange No.9 in Niwot**  
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