



## Important Dates

Call individual Granges for more information.

March 8	Mt. Lookout — Community Dinner
March 14	Wheat Ridge — 2nd Saturday Sale
March 14	Florissant — Pine Needle Basket/Gourd Art Class
March 14	Mt. Allison — Chili Cook-off and Grange Visitation 4 p.m.
March 18	Mt. Lookout — Montezuma School to Farm Canning
March 20	Marvel Grange — Honey Bee Information 7:15 p.m. Refreshments following
March 26	Wheat Ridge — Chili Cook-off fundraiser
March 27	Mt. Lookout — Master Gardener Incubator Class
March 28	Florissant — Grange Month Souper Supper and Pie Auction 4 to 6 p.m.
April 4	Florissant — Children's Easter Party with the Easter Bunny 1 to 2:30 p.m.
April 8	Mt. Lookout — Cooking Matters Class
April 10	Florissant — Grange Month Celebration continues with Dinner Concert featuring Rich Currier with a Chuck Pyle tribute 6 to 9 p.m.
April 11	Wheat Ridge — 2nd Saturday Sale
April 11	Mt. Allison — Easter Supper 5 to 7 p.m.
April 12	Mt. Lookout — Community Dinner
April 15	Mt. Lookout — Cooking Matters Class
April 17	Marvel Grange — Grange Month Celebration — Honor Citizen and Granger Potluck 6:30 p.m.
April 19	Mt. Lookout — Cooking Matters Class
April 23	Wheat Ridge — Grange Community Night Honoring a Citizen.
April 25	Mt. Allison — 9 Health Fair @ Ignacio High School
April 25	Crescent — Earth Day Festival 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Grange Foundation Seeking Proposals For Grants Up To \$1,000

The Grange Foundation, our affiliated 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, annually provides grants to Granges for projects or programs focused on Deaf awareness, programs, and projects that meet the needs of their communities. This year's deadline is less than three months away, set for May 1, 2020.

Proposals must come through a State Grange, with the exception of those Subordinate Granges who do not have a State Grange in place. In this case, the Subordinate Grange may directly submit their application to the National Grange office to be forwarded to the Foundation for review.

The Grange Foundation board increased the grant amount from \$500 to \$1,000 over the past few years as a way to encourage more Granges to take on substantial and far-reaching

projects in their communities. Up to three awards will be given based on the quality of submissions.

"We are so proud of the work Granges do to help the deaf community and make the world more accessible and to make sure the hearing community is made more aware of Deaf culture and American Sign Language," Foundation Chairwoman Joan C. Smith said. "We've also had wonderful proposals in the past from Granges who completed programs to ensure that people knew how to protect their hearing and were able to do so at things like parades. All of these projects are important and we hope this year we have a competitive field of amazing proposals to choose from."

All information about the grant program may be found at [grangefoundation.org](http://grangefoundation.org) and applications may be sent to [info@grangefoundation.org](mailto:info@grangefoundation.org) or by mail to Grange Foundation, 1616 H St. NW, 11th Floor, Washington, DC 20006.

## Junior Grange Benefit Breakfast

Maple Grove Grange will host the Annual Jr. Grange Benefit Breakfast on March 28, 2020, at Maple Grove Grange, 3130 Youngfield St., Wheat Ridge, CO. Burritos, pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee and juice will be served from 9-11 a.m. Don't miss this special event to help the Jr. Grangers of Colorado with expenses to State and National sessions as well as a summer outing.

If you cannot make it to the event you can send your donations to help boost their account to either Maple Grove Grange, P.O. Box 44, Wheat Ridge, CO 80034; or the State Grange office, 2009 CR 31, Florissant, CO 80816.

Thank you for your continued support.

Marlys Halbeisen, President

## 2020 Great Plains Grange Conference

June 12-14, 2020

Clarion Hotel and Conference Center

200 West 48th Avenue, Denver

(720) 306-0236

Room Rates will be \$103 plus tax (You'll need to make your own reservations.)

### Great Plains Regional Conference

#### Friday

4 to 9 p.m. — Registration

5:30 p.m. — Get Acquainted Pizza Reception

6:30 p.m. Community Service Project — Marlys Halbeisen — 36,000 Christmas Cards for Military

7:30 p.m. Youth and Junior Grange Baseball

Games — Table Games

#### Saturday

Breakfast — Free Hotel Breakfast

8:30 to 9:45 a.m. — Motivational Speaker, Christian based leadership speakers. (Good for Lecturer, Membership, Masters, Youth and Juniors and any Grange member).

9:55 to 10:55 a.m. — Youth Workshop and Junior Workshop (separate rooms)

11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Water World — Includes Meals (Lunch and Dinner) and non-alcoholic beverages all day

7 p.m. — Group Photo

7:15 p.m. — Youth and Junior Contests, Youth and Junior Workshops, etc. (Youth And Junior program overview)

#### Sunday

Breakfast — Free Hotel Breakfast

Registration 30 days prior to conference. Hotel reservations 30 days prior.

## 2020 Great Plains Grange Conference Registration Form

Please complete one registration form per attendee. Please complete registration and submit with payment by May 12 for EARLY BIRD rate of \$70 Subordinate Members; \$60 Junior-Age Attendees, and \$80 for non-members. On-site registration available at \$80 for members and \$100 for non-members.

Those paying via PayPal will be charged \$72.50 for Subordinate members, \$62 for Juniors and \$82.50 for non-members to cover the costs of using PayPal.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Subordinate Member \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Member \_\_\_\_\_ Non-member \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any health conditions/dietary restrictions we should be aware of?

\_\_\_\_\_

### Check the contests/events you plan to participate in.

\_\_\_\_\_ Sign-A-Song \_\_\_\_\_ Individual (indicate level) \_\_\_\_\_ Group (All levels)

Level: \_\_\_\_\_ (Junior OR novice; hobbyist; expert)

Speech (you may compete in more than one category)

\_\_\_\_\_ Prepared \_\_\_\_\_ Impromptu Speech \_\_\_\_\_ Radio Spot

Grange Baseball \_\_\_\_\_ (Youth) \_\_\_\_\_ (Junior)

If you are under 18, please have your parent/guardian complete the following:

I authorize \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in all activities. I DO / DO NOT (circle one) authorize them to be photographed or recorded. Photos and recordings may be used on Grange social media.

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

What time do you expect to arrive Friday, June 12? \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

Will you be staying at the conference hotel? YES NO

\_\_\_\_ I do not want to participate in Water World.

Register online or mail in registration to Cindy Greer, 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO. 81326 by May 12, 2020.



# Master's Message

**Cindy Greer, State Master**

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January was a very exciting month as the members of the reorganized Sunflower Grange were initiated and their officers were installed. Thank you to Gary and Kathy Wardle, Tom Campion, Renee Caldwell and Harry Greer for helping with the initiation and installation.

We welcome the twenty-six charter members and the others who have joined them. They are an amazing group of people as they have already made inquiries into possible locations for a Grange Hall. The State Grange has a custodial account from six years ago when Sunflower Grange gave up its charter and those funds are there for the reorganized Sunflower Grange to utilize. Most new Granges don't have that opportunity. As Sunflower meets milestones over the next two years they will receive \$100 for meeting each milestone from the National Grange. Two of those milestones are to send in their first quarter's dues, the other is when they send in their fourth quarter dues. Another milestone is to have the members, (as many as possible) participate in the first four degrees. I'd like to suggest that the Granges in the Denver/Front Range area consider presenting one or two of the degrees for them and other new members. You can do the degrees at your hall and invite them to come. It would be great to have a large class of candidates to see the degrees. One of the reasons our Pomona has stopped doing the degrees is because we didn't have very many new members to give them to. We're working with a group near Windsor on forming a New Grange in that area too.

There were only a few on the Zoom Leadership conference call, but we decided that **April** would be **Grange Month** in Colorado.



We encourage every Grange to have a special event around the theme "Cultivating Connections." It would be a great time to recognize an Outstanding Community Citizen, Fire Fighter, Police Officer, Teacher, or an Outstanding Granger. A Grange could recognize their Military members. Be sure to share something special about your Grange and have membership applications available to give to potential members. You might select a special community service project to do in April and make the most

of it through publicity. Our local newspaper now requires two-weeks notice for events, which makes it challenging to get things in the paper, but Facebook and email are other great ways to get the word out about your events. Utilizing local community pages is another way to share the information.

I really like the theme Cultivating Connections. To me that's what Granges are all about — making connections, and building on those connections. Whenever we offer a program or workshop in our community we are cultivating connections.

## Granger Deadline And Guidelines

**April 15, 2020**, is the deadline for articles for the May-June 2020 edition of *The Colorado Granger*. You can send them to the State Grange Office, 2009 CR 31, Florissant, CO 80816 or email [costategrange@gmail.com](mailto:costategrange@gmail.com).

We would appreciate your following these guidelines when writing an article.

Name of Grange  
Contact person (with phone number)  
Upcoming dates

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

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

### Please notify the State Grange Office of any address change.

Because it is 2nd class mail, the Grange is charged **59¢ per address change** the post office sends from the *Granger* mailings.

Email: [costategrange@gmail.com](mailto:costategrange@gmail.com)

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

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

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# Notes From The Secretary

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### A Positive Point Of View

We are well into the winter months and it is sooooo cold here in Florissant. The Groundhog says we will have an early spring and I sure hope so. I am personally happy about that. As the days get longer and we enjoy more sunshine we find more time to accomplish all those little things we know we need to get done.

In the last few months we have welcomed Sunflower Grange to our Grange family. This has been exciting and full of twists and turns. They are a great group and will make a

wonderful Grange. Keep your eyes and ears open for their Gardening Tips and Plant Sale. I can't wait to go purchase plants from them for my greenhouse.

Here at the office I have been working on getting our quarterly taxes up-to-date and keeping up with the Quarterly Reports coming in. Thank you all for your prompt attention to these. It makes it much easier here at the office to get them in a timely manner.

As a reminder... please utilize the change of address form in the *Granger* or just call or email, if your address

## Colorado State Grange History



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The Grange is the oldest family farm organization in America. It was organized in Washington, D.C., right after the Civil War in the 1860s to help the farmers recover from the war and reclaim their farms from the destruction of the war. When a Federal Agriculture Agent went to the south to see what might help the farmers he was devastated by what he saw and heard. The productive land was about destroyed and what little could be grown could not be shipped because the railroads were charging too much for farmers to ship their produce. The man from the Ag Department had been a farmer in Minnesota and knew if America was to rebuild and flourish the farmers needed to be productive and successful.

The Grange was formed so that the farmers from the north and the south could and would work together on their problems and could go to the Congress as a farm bloc. So, it was started to work legislatively but also to help in educating the farmers in the betterment of their trade. The organization grew very quickly in New England and some in the south. It began to move west as the frontier moved west. Farmers in Colorado began to organize Granges in the 1870s when Colorado was a Territory. It organized as Territorial (State) Grange in 1874 with 44 local Granges and became part of the National Grange.

To get the farmers from the north and south to work together the Grange organized as a fraternal organization, the only farm organization to be a fraternal. The Grange decided in its organizing years that if it was to last it would need to include the women and become a family organization. The women could also become officers of the Grange.

Colorado became very active at National Grange early and championed important issues of the day in front of Grangers from across the nation. One of those was Suffrage, first brought by resolution by the lady representative of Colorado in 1876. It was defeated at that meeting. The issue was brought up

at National Grange through the years but was not passed until 1893 by a large majority when brought back by another Colorado woman delegate. Another major issue was the Land Grant Colleges. The Congress had set aside the money to start up several Land Grant Colleges for agriculture studies across the nation with the promise of starting more soon. But they proceeded to use that money for other already established academic institutions. Colorado had set aside land for their Land Grant College and the Colorado Grange didn't want Congress using that money for other schools in the east. Colorado Grange kept taking the issue to National Grange and National Grange would take it to Congress. Finally, Congress agreed to start the Land Grant College System and allocated the monies and direction needed. Colorado State University, originally Colorado A and M, has recognized the Grange role in their beginning.

The early Granges in Colorado suffered ups and downs in membership and funds to the State Grange. There were 44 Granges in Colorado when the Territorial (State) Grange was organized in 1874. Ceres #1 was the first community Grange organized. By the second annual session there were 67 local Granges. The first major projects the Territorial Grange took on was that of starting a cooperative where Grangers could purchase farm equipment and household goods at reasonable prices. The first purchasing agent they hired was a bit over zealous and bought much more than the Grange could possibly pay for and from that time on the State Grange was in debt for several years. The cooperative did not last but could have been a great asset in that time if it had been organized and run properly. At the same time the cooperative was started the State Grange also decided to start a Grange Bank to loan money to farmers at a reasonable rate. It was thought to be a great idea but the bank never materialized and did not show up in the records of the first State Grange meetings after it was suggested by the executive committee.

For several years the local Granges began to give up their charters until there were only a few Granges left and State representatives quit going to National Grange. In 1878 and for many years after Levi Booth became

changes. This insures 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.

Another reminder, you can read the *Granger* on the Colorado State Grange website AND a copy of the latest *Handbook* is also available there. So if you lose your handbook you can always go to the website and find a copy. [www.coloradogranger.org](http://www.coloradogranger.org).

AND... did you see the new Grange Logo here in the paper? "Cultivating Connections." I love this logo. It is what our Granges are all about. Getting our communities and community members to join us in what we do. We are all about "Cultivating Connections!!" It is also important to cultivate connections with other Granges as well. We all need to work on that.

"Things turn out best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out."

— John Wooden

very active in the Grange. From the time he was elected Master (President) of the State Grange. Mr. Booth instilled the spirit and the purpose of the Grange and slowly a few Granges began to be organized and reorganized. By 1890 31 new Granges had been organized. Mr. Booth had organized some and he had appointed a special deputy who had organized many of the new Granges.

The story of Mr. Levi Booth is very interesting. He was born on a New York Farm and stayed there until he was 15. At that time, he went to Wisconsin where a brother lived. He continued his education and entered the first class at the University of Wisconsin and was one of two graduates in the first graduating class. He continued studying law from an uncle in Wisconsin and was admitted to the bar at age 27. He married Millie Downing in Wisconsin and started a real estate office and practiced law there for about five years. He and Millie started their family and then Levi decided he would come west in 1860 when the gold and silver had been found in the mountains of Colorado. Some of his friends had already left for the Colorado Territory and gold mining. Levi went back to Wisconsin for his wife and two children after a year. They all came to California Gulch (now Leadville) one year later. Their little 2-year-old girl was not well and did not do well traveling. She passed away before they got to Colorado.

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## Lecturer's Creative And Performing Arts

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The theme for Grange Month is Cultivating Connections. What does that mean to cultivate connections, how and why do we go about it and with whom.

How is the hard part and why is so that we as a Grange Community can flourish and grow; it would be a shame after 150 plus years to just fade away. Agriculture in some form or another will always be a part of where our food comes from, whether from a farm or a ranch. The Grange is still an important part of this picture, as we use our knowledge to help others.

As for whom, we need to cultivate a connection with everyone we meet, as everyone has something to offer in talent, knowledge, just straight up know-how, and willingness to be a part of something. However, we will not know until we talk to those around us. This is especially hard in this digital age. I have found that even within families, they are very distant from each other as everyone is on their phone either playing a game or watching a show of some kind. I know that I am guilty of this; I need to work on cutting back and interacting with others. We need to cultivate connections through our friends, work, school, church, and organizations we are members of or with whom we have dealings.

How do we cultivate these connections to grow and support our Granges? What does your Grange do to let the community know what you are doing and what you need? We can use the tools at our disposal to make connections with others, such as Facebook, Community Calendars and other means of digital communication.

We can cultivate connections through collaboration with other organizations, businesses or groups for the benefit of both, such as fundraising. We could make connections with



the local schools, the scouts, your local food bank, and organizations like the Salvation Army. We can make connections with our political representatives and local first responder groups to name a few. The list is endless and each connection will have something valuable to offer.

Another good source for connection is within the Grange itself. We need to cultivate these connections to better serve our Grange. I know that sometimes it is hard to come up with a new idea for an event; this is where those connections are important. All Granges, whether Subordinate, Pomona, State or National, are set up the same with the same office positions. We need to tap into the information available to us from all sources. The National Grange has a website available to all members, some information is available without signing on, and some not. The State Granges also have websites along with a few Subordinate Granges. These sites show what is going on in their area.

Cultivating Connections is the theme for Grange Month in April, but it is something we need to do on a daily basis. This will benefit our communities, our Granges and ourselves, making each strong and viable for the future generations to come.



## Family Activities

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Grange Month is coming up in April and the National theme this year is "Cultivating Connections." In Family Activities we cultivate and develop programs and activities by participation in community service projects and promote sharing of ideas. We work with others and recognize that we as Grange members are making a difference in our community, state, nation, and world and cultivate connections by working together.

Our declaration of purpose says,

"We propose meeting together, talking together, working together, and in general, acting together for our mutual protection and advancement." During Grange month try to do a project that includes the theme, "Cultivating Connections." Perhaps your Family Activities could partner with another organization in your community to do a worthwhile project. Perhaps you could recognize an outstanding volunteer in your community. Perhaps you could provide a meal for someone. Publicize what you do!

**YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**  
The following is a quotation that may inspire you to do something!

*"I always wondered why somebody didn't do something about that. Then I realized that I was somebody."*

— Lily Tomlin

We are a family organization and we encourage families to stay connected through family activities. How will YOU celebrate Grange month by Cultivating Connections this year? The possibilities are endless!



## Agriculture Report

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"If you eat it, drink it, or wear it... Agriculture produced it" from front cover of the Greeley 2020 Colorado Farm Show guide book.

Random comments from the January Ag Council meeting at the Capital:

Legislative attitude does not show a happy face to rural Colorado and to agriculture.

Sen. Crowder: he senses an attitude from this legislature that rural Colorado is less an issue than ever. A Bill in the House would ban plastics — noting that our agriculture uses a lot of plastic (such as to wrap hay bales, cover over hay inventory, large plastic feed bags).

Ballot item he notes: the introduction of wolves is a real serious problem — we need to send our message on the harm they will have, if you camp, you and your pets are at risk if a pack of wolves show up.

Sen. Sonnenberg: ag is under attack from the Legislature and this governor (he noted several appointed bodies important for agriculture where the new members are not from Colorado's traditional agriculture).

Rep. Holzworth, 5th generation rancher, lot of things going on are not pro agriculture, one of our largest industries. "Don't bite the hand that feeds you."

A bill in the House is asking for repeal of sales tax on fencing materials for ag use (noting loss of fences from fires). The importance of this is not known.

### WOLF INTRODUCTION ISSUE, INITIATIVE 107

State Grange delegates at our annual Session in September last year voted to oppose wolf introduction:

RESOLVED, that Colorado State Grange opposes introduction of wolves to Colorado.

This was in response to a well-funded and well-organized group of animal activists who seek to impose their wolf vision on our State.

Wolves will kill and harass Colorado's livestock causing economic losses, herd management interruption, and emotional stress to our ranch and farm owners. Colorado's elk (largest number in the nation), deer, and moose numbers could be devastated as they have been in Montana, Wyoming, and, following the introduction of wolves in those states 25 years ago.

The proponents, mostly interests from outside of Colorado, hired a Utah company to gather signatures on the initiative (different number on the final ballot number, not 107.) I never saw any of their petitioners — one location was in front of the Cheyenne Zoo, others were in our urban Denver and Boulder areas, not at all in our rural communities. Their funding appears to be related to animal activists possibly with links to Ted Turner. Their State registration shows

a \$1.5 million budget.

Two entities that oppose introduction and aim to defeat the measure are at work to educate voters about the perils, costs, and dangers to big game and livestock if wolves are introduced.

1) Coloradans Protecting Wildlife, agriculture livestock including Colorado Cattlemen, Farm Bureau, Colorado Wool Growers, and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

2) The Stop the Wolf Coalition associated with Big Game Forever began their opposition over a year ago when the pro-wolf group appeared in our state.

### ISSUES:

- Would introduction place our allocation of Pitman Robertson funds at risk (an excise tax on hunting gear used for conservation)? A question for US Fish and Wildlife.
- If wolves are here, the use of a game call may inadvertently attract wolves (may lure bears and cats too) placing the game caller's environment at risk.
- The cost of wolf introduction and payment for loss of livestock would be a responsibility of the State of Colorado taxpayers, not the wolf proponents. Forecasts show initial year costs of several hundred thousand dollars but extend to millions by years three and four.
- Proponents of this measure do not have Colorado's best interests in mind. They are out-of-state activists pushing a radical agenda that is not in line with Colorado values.

Introduction of wolves does not solve any problem identified in Colorado's game management programs.

Colorado has no over-population of big game; an assertion the pro-wolf group uses claiming the wolves would chase big game to fresh locations.

I spoke with Denny Behrens at the International Sportsmen's Expo in Denver at the Stop the Wolf booth and he shared the following.

1. County Commissioners from 20+ counties oppose initiative 107. More are sought.

2. The Stop the Wolf Campaign is a 501 (c) 4 organization under IRS. The proponents, Rocky Mountain Wolf Action Fund under one or more names, use both 501 (c) 4 and 501 (c) 3 structures, donations are tax deductible with the latter.

3. If 107 is approved, the State of Utah, no wolves there now, could sue Colorado to stop wolf introduction noting that the targeted wolf introduction sites of western Colorado are not far from the Utah state line. The suit would go direct to the Supreme Court — per Denny.

Also, of interest, Senator Mike Lee, Utah, introduced legislation to delist gray wolves at the federal level, "American Wild Game and Livestock Protection Act." The states would then have authority to manage wolves. Our Parks and Wildlife Commission has no wolf plan except to allow them to wander in (wolves are doing that now). Animal activists are likely to file suits against the state regardless of direction taken with wolves.



## P.I.C.K.

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### Capital Improvement Grants

People Improving Communities and Kids (PICK) realizes that many Granges need financial assistance to do some of their capital improvement projects. PICK will help your Grange pursue capital improvement grants, but we need your help. We are again eligible to apply to the Coors Family Foundation for a grant. They were very specific as to the fact that only rural Granges not on the front range would be considered this time around. This doesn't mean that we can't apply to others for possible grants.

Any Grange that has capital improvement plans and is willing to meet the requirements of a grant, are eligible to apply. (Grant requirements vary and depend on what the foundation giving the funds requires.) PICK will seek capital improvement grants only for projects submitted. Once the Grange process is started, we expect that it can take anywhere from six months to one year to receive funding. PICK does not have the funding, we are seeking funding for your needs.

Granges applying need to submit the following information by April 1, 2017.

1. Name of Grange
2. Name and address of Grange contact
3. Telephone number of contact (email addresses are also appreciated)
4. Description of community
5. Explanation of planned improvement

6. Why are these capital improvements needed (BE SPECIFIC)?
7. What support will be provided by the local community
  - a. Volunteer time and effort
  - b. In kind donations
  - c. Potential support from other sources
8. Picture of work needing to be done (also if you have drawings or other specifications, please submit those)
9. Cost of potential project
10. Time needed to complete the project (keep in mind most grants require the project to be complete within one year. Therefore, if it is a big project it may need to be broken down into smaller projects and prioritized.)
11. Portion of cost you are willing to raise. Most grants require the recipient to provide some kind of matching funds.
12. Detailed calendar of events at the Grange Hall over the last six months
13. If you are listing more than one project which project is your priority? What makes this project a priority?
14. Other helpful information

Late applications will not be considered in the potential grant search. Any Grange failing to meet the requirements and/or deadlines of the grant, will not be eligible to apply for grants through PICK for five years. Send information to PICK, Cindy Greer, Secretary, 7629 C.R. 100, Hesperus, CO 81326, by May 1.

## Chaplain's Corner

Loeda Westphal,  
State Chaplain  
719-632-5965



My house is built on a diagonal creating some unusual lighting effects which change during the year. For 10 weeks there is no sunshine coming in my master bedroom. A few days ago, the first rays of 2020 sunshine were observed in the room. It is always so good to observe the change. I know that the winter days of light are becoming longer. For me it is the first very early sign of spring. Have you noticed the change? Does the increased length of light make a difference in your life?

We are reminded of the importance of light in our Christian life in many Bible verses. We read in Genesis that God created light out of the chaos of darkness. In the many references about light, we read "God will be our light." In Matthew 5:16 we hear the words "Let your light shine before all people so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in Heaven."

After Christmas the observance of Epiphany gives us time to redirect our goals, purpose and service. We are reminded that the wise men followed

the light in an unexpected path when they returned to their homes. Sometimes we need to pause and listen as we consider our path of light. Do we need to change our path as we follow the light?

Grange members are active in churches and communities. They certainly light the way as they have for over 150 years. We will all be touched one way or another as we continue to serve. We look ahead to much work that needs to be done. Help us to follow God's light so that we may walk in the light and be a light in a hurting world.

**Plan Ahead  
For Colorado  
State Grange  
Session  
September  
23-26, 2020!**



## Claudia's Corner



by Claudia the Skunk from the National Grange Herd

This information is for Granges who want to set up a method for members to pay dues via Pay Pal.

### PAYPAL SET UP

Follow the instructions below;

1. To begin, go to paypal.com and click Sign Up in the upper right-hand corner.
2. Select Business Account and click Next.
3. Enter the email address for your Grange (one that is not a personal email address), and click Continue. Then enter a password for your PayPal account and click Continue.
4. The email and password should be shared with at least one other officer in your Grange and kept in the

records of your Grange for when a transition in officer positions occurs.

4. The next page will ask you to enter the contact information for your business (your Grange).
5. After entering the contact information for your Grange, the next page will be information about your Grange including the type of business you are, your estimated yearly sales and your Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN). The "Business Type" is Nonprofit Organization, the "Product or Service Keywords" should be Civic, Social and Fraternal Associations. Enter your estimated sales, EIN and website for your Grange, then click Continue.
6. Next, you will be prompted to enter information about the person establishing the account. This should be someone designated by the Grange.
7. After completing this step, your account is created! From this point you will receive an email from PayPal asking you to confirm the email address on the account and your business identity.
8. After confirming the email address and the business identity, you will be able to link your bank account to receive payments.

### LINKING A BANK ACCOUNT TO PAYPAL

1. Click Wallet at the top of the page (if you're on a mobile device tap

- Menu, then Wallet).
2. Click + Link a card or bank.
3. Click Link a bank account.
4. If you don't see your bank listed, then click I have a different bank at the bottom right.
5. Depending on the bank you select, you may have an option to link your bank instantly using your online banking log in information.\*\*

If you don't see the option to link instantly:

- Select Checking or Savings.
- Enter the bank's routing number and your account number, then click Agree and Link.
- Verify that your routing and account number are correct and click Continue

\*\*You will need to enter your user ID and password for your online bank account. This information is not stored in PayPal's system and is used to match up with your banking institution to confirm ownership. Once this information is entered correctly, your bank account will be confirmed instantly.

If you don't or can't confirm your bank instantly, you will be prompted to manually confirm your bank account (your bank account needs to be confirmed in order for you to use it as a funding option when making purchases).

In two to three business days, review your bank statement to find two small deposits (each between \$0.01 and \$0.99 USD) that PayPal sent to your bank account. There will be a third entry on your statement combining these two amounts as a withdrawal. For example, you may see two deposits of \$.05 and \$.15 and a with-

drawal of \$.20. Enter the 2 small amounts, in this example this would be \$.05 and \$.15, on the confirm bank screen. With this information, you can complete the confirmation process online or follow the steps below:

Click Wallet at the top of the page. Click the bank you want to confirm.

Enter the exact amounts of the 2 deposits made to your account, then click Submit.

### IMPORTANT NOTE

Some banks combine the 2 small deposit amounts into one lump sum. In this situation, you will need to call PayPal to confirm your bank, or follow the instant confirmation process.

Your routing number is the first set of numbers at the bottom of your check. The routing number usually has 9 digits.

Your bank account number is the second set of numbers at the bottom of your check.

If you receive the message "Check and Try again," you may have typed the wrong number, or PayPal may not accept your bank. If you encounter this issue, contact PayPal customer service.

### MIND THE FEES

PayPal service comes with a 2.9% plus \$0.30 per transaction fee. If you are setting up your account to take your Grange's annual dues QUARTERLY (so in four payments), for example, and your total dues are \$50 per person, you would pay \$1.20 in per transaction fees (4 x \$0.30) and \$1.25 in percent transaction fees (4 x \$0.3125) totally \$50 collected from the payer but only \$47.55 collected into your account. For some Granges

who wish to encourage younger members or those who prefer to pay in this fashion to remain with the Grange, losing \$2.45 annually per member that pays in this manner may be OK but for others, the budget is already down to the penny and they may wish to include in the payment amount the fees (ex. Instead of charging \$12.50 quarterly, charge \$13.12 to recover all fees).

### USING THE ACCOUNT FOR MORE THAN JUST DUES

Donations to the Grange and sales of items at events may also be taken using this account.

### SETTING UP "ITEMS" & TAKING IN YOUR FIRST PAYMENT

You can start receiving payments after you confirm the email address on your PayPal account. To confirm your email address:

1. Click Settings (the gear icon) near the top right corner of the page.
2. Click on the email address you want to confirm under "Email address."
3. Click Confirm this email address and we'll send you an email with a confirmation link.
4. Click the link in the email to complete the confirmation process.

*Note: The first time you receive payments with PayPal, you will be requested to accept the payment manually by logging in your PayPal account and clicking the Accept button.*

The payments you received will be available in your PayPal balance. You need to add a bank account to your PayPal account for future withdrawals.

## Legislative Activity

Alan Caldwell, Colorado State Grange Lobbyist  
719-748-5008  
aecaldwell@wildblue.net

15 Feb, 2020

### Legislative Report & Process Notes

It's that time of year again, and as your Colorado State Grange (CSG) Legislative Director, it is imperative that you have an understanding of what is happening at the Colorado State Legislature this year (2020). It is also important that you have an understanding of the PROCESS that I use to represent the Colorado State Grange (CSG).

The Process: Registration with the Colorado State Secretary (CSS) as a Lobbyist is required every year for any individual who receives \$ from an entity they intend to represent. Registration occurs during January each year. The registration fee is \$40. Registered Lobbyists must display a Blue Identity tag while in the Capital building. The CSG provides the CSG Legislative Director a stipend of \$500 for each of the first six months each year, and reimbursement for mileage at \$0.35 per mile and parking at actual expense. A monthly report to the Colorado State Secretary (CSS) of income, sources of income, expenses, types of expenses, and legislative bills supported, monitored, and opposed is mandatory. This activity occurs Online using the CSS web site, <https://www.sos.state.co.us/lobby>. Any person may access this site and find the activity of ANY lobbyist. I, Legislative Director for the CSG, have assumed the role of Lobbyist for the CSG.

Colorado State General Assembly Legislative Activity: After initial registration during the first week in January, my lobbyist activity begins with a visit to the State Capital to assess what may have changed in the processes at the General Assembly. The Legislative Council, The CSS Lobbyist Director and Legislative Library & Administrative staff are always very helpful in answering questions, providing resources. Next order of business is to acquire the "Regular Session Summaries," available daily agendas for both the Senate and the House, both on-line and printed copy. Visits to the congressional individuals are limited during "session" (usually from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. each morning), but is possible if necessary. Catching a few minutes between session end and the beginning of committee meetings is the best opportunity for CSG recognition. Testifying at a committee meeting is possible if there is a CSG position that needs attention.

I conduct a review of the list of proposed and ongoing bills using the General Assembly web site weekly. I decide what bills are the most important to the CSG by addressing water, transportation, and agricultural as a first priority. I add other opportunities when appropriate. I obtain positions on what bills need to be supported or opposed from discussions with Senators, Representatives, Lobbyists, and interested individuals.

I've been attending the Colorado Legislative Sessions in person two (2) times per week (weather permitting), and using online / internet resources to keep up with the bills making their way through the legislative process. My physical presence at the Capital continues to be valuable to us, the Colorado State Grange (CSG), in that Senators and Representatives are recognizing the face of the CSG in the Capital hallways, Committee rooms, galleries, ante rooms, and break rooms. Conversations with legislators, administrative personnel, and other lobbyists come very easy when I am recognized.

The General Assembly Sessions for 2020 are in full swing, with 362 bills (and still counting) coming before the Legislature. This does not include concurrent or joint resolutions, or memorials. There are many (MOST) bills that have not made it through 3rd readings of the House and the Senate. This summary is intended to give you an idea of the magnitude of the process that our legislators wade through during the approximately 240 hours of sessions for both the Senate and for the House (each) every year just to get through the readings and another 450 hours for each of the approximately 20 committees.

I spend about 40 hours each month in driving time to and from the Capital. I spend about 60 hours each month in review of the bills and interface time at the Capital.

An example of a "Bill Summary" for the monthly lobbyist disclosure report may be accessed by going to the CSS web site, <https://www.sos.state.co.us/lobby> and looking up Colorado State Grange or Alan Caldwell. Realize that this is just a snap shot of some of the bills that I'm watching. And that positions can be changed to support, monitor, or oppose at any time.

As always, let me know directly if you have any questions about the process.

## Junior Grange And Youth

Dan and Jenna Greer, State Directors

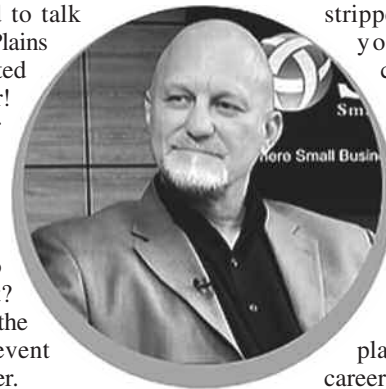
970-749-9449 • 970-588-3844 • Email: [djbngreer@live.com](mailto:djbngreer@live.com)

We are excited to talk more about Great Plains which will be hosted in Denver this year! We have never been ones to not push the boundaries so why should Great Plains in Colorado be any different? We have included the registration and event details in this paper.

We are excited to announce that we have invited Rich Bontrager as our guest speaker. Here's a quick message from Rich:

"I am excited to be invited to Great Plains leadership conference in June for the Grange!"

What do you do when life gets



stripped away, and then you get a second chance on life? That was the question I faced in March of 2017 after I received a Liver Transplant from the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, FL.

Before that transplant I had a life and career completely unravel and come to a dead stop. Over 20 years of broadcasting, more than 15 years of FT ministry all gone. It's a much larger story but you get the idea... life was over and the reality was that without a transplant my physical life would cease as well.

Well, now almost a year later my

### Junior Grange Benefit Breakfast

Maple Grove Grange will host the Annual Jr. Grange Benefit Breakfast on March 28, 2020, at Maple Grove Grange, 3130 Youngfield St., Wheat Ridge, CO. Burritos, pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee and juice will be served from 9-11 a.m. Don't miss this special event to help the Jr. Grangers of Colorado with expenses to State and National sessions as well as a summer outing.

If you cannot make it to the event you can send your donations to help boost their account to either Maple Grove Grange, P.O. Box 44, Wheat Ridge, CO 80034; or the State Grange office, 2009 CR 31, Florissant, CO 80816.

Thank you for your continued support.

Marlys Halbeisen, President

## Mandy Project

Cindy Greer, Coordinator

970-588-3386 • Email: [hrcdgreer@frontier.net](mailto:hrcdgreer@frontier.net)

The Mandy Project connects the Grange with families who have children with hearing loss and the providers of those services, audiologists. We're cultivating connections with children, audiologists and the world of hearing impaired. Focusing on the Mandy project during Grange Month, April, is one way to catch people's attention. Most people like helping others in need.

So what can your Grange do? I would suggest that you request copies of the Mandy project brochure that we have and take them to local audiologists or a school so that they know we're here and ready to help if needed by a family.

You might consider having a fund

raiser for the Mandy Project — a bake sale, a dessert auction, a spaghetti or chili dinner. Passing around a donation jar at an event for the Mandy Project might be more appealing to you. There are a lot of different ways to raise funds and only you know what works best in your Grange and community.

By getting brochures out and/or raising funds you're cultivating connections, you're informing and educating others about the possibilities.

Donations for the Mandy Project can be sent to the Colorado State Grange office or to PICK. Please make the checks out to either Colorado State Grange or PICK, not to the Mandy Project.



health and energy is restored and am rebooting my entire life over at almost 53 years of age. I have an amazing story to share, and passion to get back at serving God and helping others. So I am not giving up, but rather intentionally juggling two PT jobs, re-launching my speaking career and come back swinging. There is one important truth I want to share up-front... "It's easy to have life end, but harder to come back to full life." Intentionality and drive are my two constant companions, with hope the fuel that drives the engine. With these elements it would be easy to settle for less. But someone actually died so that I could live again, I cannot waste that gift of life. I believe God still desires to use me, so I am pressing on and making myself available to new possibilities.

If you are more curious on how to actually reboot a life, contact me I'd be happy to share my story. Oh and one other ingredient is to never lose your sense of humor. You are never really dead until you are dead. Have hope today to fight for another day, perhaps God is not done with you either.

Other leadership topics I have a special passion for are equipping leaders to defy the odds and lead out in faith no matter the obstacles.

Check out my website [www.richbontrager.net](http://www.richbontrager.net)

Or my YOUTUBE channel Rich Bontrager.

I look forward to having the chance to serve you and your group!

We can't wait to see all of your at Great Plains this year. Please invite all of your friends, as this will be a great way to "Showcase" Grange youth, young'ns, and seasoned members! We are going to have so much fun. Remember the schedule is on the registration!



**Ute Mountain**  
Dolores and Montezuma Counties

**Mount Lookout**

Contact Katheryn Fulton, kes tralfarm@gmail.com, for further information.

**MARCH/APRIL EVENTS:**

Every Monday — Mancos Food-Share food distribution.

March 8 — Community Dinner.  
March 18 — Montezuma School to Farm Canning.

March 27 — Master Gardener Incubator Class.

April 8 — Cooking Matters Class.

April 12 — Community Dinner.

April 15 — Cooking Matters Class.

April 19 — Cooking Matters Class.

Other private events as scheduled.

Greetings from the southwest corner of the state. As Spring approaches, we continue to do snow dances, as we still need a healthy snow pack to recover from last summer's lack of monsoonal rains.

Activity at Mt. Lookout Grange has been robust this winter. We continue to have very good attendance at our monthly community dinners. The event unites a multi-generational group of long time and recent residents enjoying a bounty of foods and fellowship.



The free pancake breakfast was very well attended.

In January Mt. Lookout Grange hosted the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. birthday with a free pancake breakfast. The hall was festively decorated with civil rights photos and memorabilia. Montezuma Farm to School volunteers, and other local talented cooks, prepared and served about 120 folks, including a group of teenagers from Cortez. The meal's ingredients included fresh local eggs, sausage, and flour. The event exemplified the inclusiveness our Grange's mission strives for, and a high level of volunteer engagement.

Our board has formed a building committee that has been meeting to prioritize our building's maintenance

needs, and how to accomplish the improvements. We are super excited about the prospect of added insulation and new stucco. Other projects are also in the works, pending the support of some grant funding. We strive to maintain and improve our building so that we can sustain this valuable community resource.

Katheryn Fulton

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

**Castlewood**

Contact Joan Hill, joannahill@gmail.com, for further information.

Castlewood's next meeting is March 14 at 12 p.m. Potluck to follow, please bring a dish.

Joan Hill



Montezuma Farm to School volunteers and other local cooks prepared and served about 120 folks breakfast.



Civil rights photos and memorabilia decorated Mt. Lookout Grange Hall for the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. birthday pancake breakfast.



**THE GRANGE BUILDS**

- People** — by recognizing leadership abilities and encouraging individual talents.
- The Family** — by offering a family oriented environment and emphasizing family values.
- The Community** — by working together in a team spirit, providing service and community outreach.
- The State** — by encouraging "grass-roots action" and leadership in the State Legislature.
- The Nation** — by providing members a voice in the nation's capital.



**2020 National Grange Quilt Block Contest**

**ENTRY FORM**

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**DO NOT JUDGE**

Grange Member:  Non-Member:

Grange Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No.: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

- Group I (Age 14+)

- Group II (Age 13 and under)

- Group III (MEN; Age 14+)

All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by October 31, 2020.

The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you.

Please make and submit as many blocks as you wish, but only one contest entry per person.

Each contest entry must have a completed Entry Form.

Mail entries to: Christine Hamp, National Lecturer  
16418 N. Birdie Road  
Nine Mile Falls WA 99026

**Health Awareness**

**Louetta Phelps, State Director**  
10676 State Hwy. 151, Ignacio, CO 81137  
970-749-1747  
Email: Louettaphelps@aol.com



April is Grange Month and a wonderful time to host a health related activity that will benefit your members and your community. What will you do? What will most benefit your community? Do you have a Grange or community member that works in the health and wellness field that would be willing to help? Plan now. **Here are a few ideas:**

- Assist your Lecturer with a program educating members and non-members about major health issues and /or disease prevention.
- Assist with a benefit for a local individual who is facing a major health issue.
- Sponsor or assist with a local Health Fair.

- Sponsor a health screening event.
- Encourage members and non-members to participate in a Walk-a-thon, 5K, etc.
- Host a Disease Prevention Seminar.
- Present updates and precautions on the coronavirus.
- **Be creative.**  
If your community is anything like most, there is always something going on! You don't always have to create a new event, you can often tag team with another event or community group. The main idea is to bring awareness while having fun, sharing, caring and creating lasting friendships. I look forward to hearing/reading about your Grange Month activities!



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

**Marvel**

Contact Cindy Greer, 970-588-3386 or [hcrdgreer@frontier.net](mailto:hcrdgreer@frontier.net), for further information.

March 20 — Honey Bee Information — Frances Horvath, 7:15 p.m. Refreshments following presentation.

April 3 — Business Meeting 7:30 p.m.

April 17 — Grange Month Celebration — Honor Community Citizen and Granger, potluck 6:30 p.m.

In January we welcomed Mike and Diane Delaney as new members.

Our annual Chili cook-off was held January 18 with six chili entries. Each entrant paid \$10 to enter. The winners were: Red Chili: Rusty Greer, 1st \$20 and Red chili Apron. 2nd Cindy Greer, \$15; 3rd Marlon Greer, \$5 and 4th Kathy Hogan. 2nd, 3rd and 4th received a Grange Spatula. Green Chili: 1st Cindy Greer \$15; 2nd Alena Mroz, \$5. There were 43 in attendance. The Grange provided Cheese, onions, sour cream. Several people brought corn bread and dessert and chips. After everyone had enjoyed the chili we had a dessert auction. There were 36 desserts auctioned off and we raised \$1519.54. to help local families with electric bills. Everyone enjoyed themselves, each other and the chili.

We voted to give the Fort Lewis Mesa Elementary PTO \$75 for the Read-a-thon to purchase prizes.

Our hall has seen an increase in use by community groups and individuals, mostly because the school system has made it increasingly difficult and unaffordable to use the buildings.

We had a demonstration on how to prepare Kalua Pig and Shoyu Chicken for the Luau on Friday, February 21 at 9 a.m. Our Annual luau was held on Feb 22. We'll share more about that next time around. Feb 29 was a fifth Saturday, and unusual



Marvel Junior Grangers Nathen Greer and Gavin Dougharty working with alcohol ink after the Senior Citizen Lunch in January.

event for February and we had a community Breakfast.

Cindy Greer

**Marvel JGs**

Contact: Cindy Greer, [hcrdgreer@frontier.net](mailto:hcrdgreer@frontier.net), for further information.

February 24 — Junior Grange meeting 3:45 p.m.

March 23 — Junior Grange meeting 3:45 p.m.

We had a senior citizen lunch on Monday, January 20 at 12:15 p.m. We served Chicken and Noodles, desserts, crackers and beverages. They served 38 seniors following the Exercise and Balance Class. There were 7 juniors, 2 pre-schoolers, 5 adults (3 of which are Grange members). So we served a total of 52. This was our biggest group of Sr. Citizens so far.

After we had cleaned up we made alcohol ink pictures.

Cindy Greer

**Mt. Allison**

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

Upcoming events:

- March 14 @ 4 p.m. — Chili Cook-off and Grange Visitation.
- April 11 (5 until 7 p.m.) — Easter Supper.
- April 25 — 9 Health Fair @ Ignacio High School.

As I write this, we are preparing to serve lunch for the Beef Symposium at the Archuleta County Extension Office. We're expecting to serve 60 tomorrow (February 10) so that should keep us out of trouble for the day.

In January, we had a potluck and dues paying night and a short business meeting.

We've been renting the hall for some water ditch meetings . . . this helps quite a bit in covering our utility bills (and insurance).



Marvel Grange Chili Cook-off. Friends and Grangers enjoying the choices.

At our January business meeting, we voted to take dinners to "shut ins" in our area, three times a week on a trial basis. Thanks especially to Norma Conley and Sharon Nossaman for spearheading this venture. There is such a need for this service in our community as it probably is in many areas (especially rural).

We're closing out February with two activities. We'll be having another bunco and potluck. Bunco parties are

always fun and we usually attract many that are not Grange members. We're also the local fire department hosts for an informational meeting since they're hoping to increase the mill levy in an election this coming May.

Still praying for snow — we're blessed that the high country is getting a decent snow pack but we're already in the mud season in our neck of the woods.

Larry Corman

**Boulder County**  
Boulder County

**Crescent**

Contact Butter Petty, [butterpoweredbike@gmail.com](mailto:butterpoweredbike@gmail.com), for further information.

March 14 — Luck of the Irish St. Patrick's Day Celebration 6-9 p.m.

March 16 — Members meeting 6:30 p.m.

April 20 — Members meeting 6:30 p.m.

April 25 — Earth Day Festival 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

We are so grateful to an anonymous donor whose generosity kicked off our efforts to raise funds to upgrade Crescent's facilities. We are currently fundraising to continue to support programming, build an ADA-compliant restroom on the main floor, add an ADA-compliant ramp, upgrade the kitchen, and landscape the property.

On a snowy winter day, our members met to clean out the basement kitchen. The group had a lot of fun clearing out the cupboards and having a window into Grangers of the past. All of the extra supplies — from coffee makers, to plates, and many salt and pepper shakers were donated to ARC and another historic site.

Crescent's membership and contract committees have been hard at work. With the building now bustling with rentals, the contract committee convened to update our rental contract. The membership committee sat in order to focus our vision and promote membership going into the future.

We are in the process of planning two big events for the spring. On March 14, Crescent is teaming up with the Broomfield Council on the Arts and Humanities to host Luck of the Irish. Tickets are \$20 at <https://luckoftheirish.brownpapertickets.com>. Guests will be able to enjoy live music by Boys of the Town, a performance by the professional dance troupe Celtic Steps, and participate in Ceilie dance instruction with a live caller. In addition, there will be Irish food and drinks, an art show entitled Shades of Green, and a mini auction that includes a 4-day stay in Kinsdale, Ireland.

To honor the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, Crescent is partnering with citizen group Sustainable Broomfield to host a daylong festival on April 25th. In the morning, there will be classes on native landscaping, weed management, and reconnecting kids with nature. Next, Climate Reality

Leader, Craig Hebrink will present The Climate Crisis and Its Solutions. The festival will conclude with booths and food trucks from across the community. An up-to-date schedule can be found on [www.sustainablebroomfield.com](http://www.sustainablebroomfield.com) or our website [www.crescentgrange.org](http://www.crescentgrange.org).

Butter Petty

**EARTH DAY FESTIVAL!**

Since 2020 is the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day the Crescent Grange and the citizen group, Sustainable Broomfield, have decided to celebrate with a giant community Earth Day Festival!

Our event will kick off with classes and presentations for adults and kids from 9-12:30pm. See the schedule below for details.

In the afternoon we will open the hall to a variety of booths from all over the community. We will have tables from many of community groups, city programs, local small businesses, Master Gardeners, student scientists, scout troops, local artists, and more! There will also be crafts, games, and activities for kids of all ages.

We have been lucky enough to gain support from Xcel energy, who is committed to making communities more energy efficient. They have generously donated 200 home conservation kits that we will be giving out to festival presenters and attendees!

Since our festival runs all day, we will be inviting local food trucks to attend and provide everyone with sustenance! During the afternoon, we hope to have a variety of musical, theatrical, and artistic displays celebrating our wonderful planet earth.

This fun, family friendly event will take place from 9am-4pm on Saturday, April 25, at the Crescent Grange, 7901 W. 120th Avenue in Broomfield. You can find an up to date schedule of events in April at [www.crescentgrange.org](http://www.crescentgrange.org) and [www.Sustainablebroomfield.com](http://www.Sustainablebroomfield.com).

**Schedule of Events**

- 9-10 a.m. — City of Broomfield class on "Native Landscaping"
- 10-11 a.m. — City of Broomfield class on "Weed Management"
- 10-11 a.m. — Wild Within Reach class for kids on "Reconnecting kids with nature"
- 11-12:30 p.m. — Climate Reality Leader Craig Hebrink hosts "The Climate Crisis and It's Solutions"
- 11-12 p.m. — Laurie Dameron hosts a kids presentation "Spaceship Earth: What Can I Do?"
- 1-4 p.m. — Booths from community Brianna Hallinan [sustainablebroomfield@gmail.com](mailto:sustainablebroomfield@gmail.com)

Fundraiser for Crescent Grange & Broomfield Council on the Arts & Humanities

# Luck of the Irish

A ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION

## MARCH 14 | 6-9 P.M.

- 🍀 Live Irish Music by Boys of the Town & Ceili Dancing with a Professional Caller
- 🍀 Celtic Steps Performance
- 🍀 Irish Food and Drinks
- 🍀 Art Show: *Shades of Green* 🍀 Mini-auction

**CRESCENT GRANGE**  
**7901 W. 120TH AVE., BROOMFIELD**

**TICKETS: \$20 PER PERSON**  
**VISIT [BROWNPAPERTICKETS.COM](http://BROWNPAPERTICKETS.COM) OR**  
**CALL 303-460-6800**



**Pikes Peak**  
El Paso and Teller Counties

**Florissant**

Contact Renee Caldwell, 719-748-5004, [caldwellrenee3@gmail.com](mailto:caldwellrenee3@gmail.com), for further information. BE SURE TO JOIN US FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:  
**March 14, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.** — Pine Needle Basket/Gourd Art class.  
**April 4, 1-2:30 p.m.** — Children's Easter Party.  
**April 10, 6-9 p.m.** — Grange

**Darden**  
Jefferson County

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

**May 2 — Darden Pomona meets at Enterprise Grange. Meeting at 3 p.m. Potluck to follow.** We are having a Kentucky Derby Party following. Come dressed in your finest Kentucky Derby attire!

Darden Pomona Grange met at Wheat Ridge Grange on Feb. 1 with members present from Wheat Ridge, Enterprise, Maple Grove, and Pleasant Park Granges.

Marlys Halbeisen called the meeting to order following the potluck dinner. Christmas cards were signed to be delivered next Christmas to those serving in the military overseas. Cards will be available for everyone to sign at The Great Plains Leadership Conference to be held in Denver in June.

Crescent Grange and Westminster Grange will be invited to join Darden Pomona Grange.

For Hobby Night Idella Lewis told about the art of calligraphy writing. This can be done with ink or felt tip calligraphy tip pens. It takes practice to write this way, having good posture and both feet on the floor. The labels for the dictionaries given to third graders in the *Words For Thirds Dictionary Project* are written in calligraphy and the students seem to enjoy seeing their name written in calligraphy.

An outstanding volunteer in the community was selected and will be honored at the May meeting. Everyone is invited to attend and show appreciation for their service.

Idella Lewis

**Maple Grove**

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

**March 28 — Saturday Breakfast, 9-11 a.m. Maple Grove Grange.**

Maple Grove Grange met in January and February with potluck dinners followed by the meeting led by Marlys Halbeisen with committees giving their reports.

Maple Grove Grange will be having the annual fundraiser breakfast March 28 and invite everyone to attend. Pancakes with all the trimmings and breakfast burritos made by Ernie Sanchez will be on the menu. The breakfast will benefit the State Junior Grange. Come and show your support!

A \$50 donation was received from The Rolling Wheels Square Dance group.

Marily Lane, Health Chairperson, reported that a measles outbreak was very serious in Samoa, and the Coronavirus has been spreading throughout the world. Prevention measures include washing hands with soap and water (more effective than sanitation solutions) and keeping hands off face.

Brian Kolstad, Agriculture Chairperson, reported on the Stock Show held in Denver. The snowpack in the mountains has been above average so farmers should be ok in the longterm.

Marlys Halbeisen, Community Service Chairperson, said Mountain Vista Care Center received blankets, socks and gloves collected at Christmas time and pull tabs from cans were

**Month Celebration with Dinner and a Concert featuring Rich Currier with a Chuck Pyle tribute.**

January was a quiet month for the Florissant Grange. We all took a much needed break after the busy Holiday season. We did hold a pine needle basket and gourd art class that, as always, was a success, and our usual monthly events were held, such as the Potluck/Music each Wednesday evening, the 4-H meetings and the Quilt of Valor regular meetings.

We also hosted the Teller County Regional Animal Shelter employees

taken to the Ronald McDonald House. 18,000 Christmas cards for service people were sent off in December. A card signing session is planned at the Great Plains Leadership Conference in June.

Idella Lewis, Family Activities Chairperson, had information on the new National quilt block pattern, Shoo Fly, which is in the January/February *Granger* and encouraged everyone to enter the Family Activities events which are listed in the *Handbook*.

Idella Lewis

**Wheat Ridge**

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

**Thursday, February 27 at 6:30 p.m. — Game night at the Grange/public.**

**Thursday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m. — Grange Business meeting/public.**

**Saturday, March 14 at 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Second Saturday Sale at the Grange vendors/public.**

**Thursday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m. — Chili Cook-off fundraiser/public.**

**Thursday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. — Grange Business Meeting/public.**

**Saturday, April 11 at 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Second Saturday Sale at the Grange vendors/public.**

**Thursday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m. — Grange community night honoring a WR citizen/public.**

The Wheat Ridge Grange has started a newsletter with articles from members and edited by Diane Lyons at [lyonswork@yahoo.com](mailto:lyonswork@yahoo.com).

Vivian Vos

**Pleasant Park**

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

**March 14 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Potluck Lunch.**

**April 11 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Chili Dinner.**

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

We mourn the loss of Harlen (Jim) Helker. He was a longtime and valuable member of our Grange.

Mother Nature has been so generous with the snow that we cancelled our February meeting. We decided it is better to keep all our members safe and warm.

We look forward to assisting Marlys with the Christmas Card project for soldiers overseas.

The next event will be our annual Chili Dinner after the April 11 meeting. It is our opportunity to meet new neighbors and invite them to join the Grange during National Grange month. Everyone is invited to attend.

We will be serving from 12-2 p.m. and provide beef, chicken and veggie chili along with desserts and beverages.

On July 11 we will have a pancake breakfast before our meeting. It will be open to the public and we hope for a great turnout.

For community service, we are partnering with the Pleasant Park Neighborhood Association on some of our events.

The bicycle rest stop is closed for the season but we decided to leave the porta potty open as a community service.

Everyone is invited to come and join us at any of our meetings!

Yvonne Ludwig

for an evening of Gourd Art. Everyone had a great time painting and creating gourd art.

February was pretty much the same as January as our Lecturer was still trying to get the Calendar together. We held all our regular events as well as what is becoming a monthly event, another pine needle basket/gourd art class. Our Quilt of Valor group finished the first two quilts of the year as well.

We are excited to celebrate Grange Month in April with another in a series of Dinner Concerts featuring Rich Currier as he pays tribute to the late singer, songwriter Chuck Pyle. We were honored to have Chuck Pyle at our first ever Dinner Concert and we are excited to have Rich singing and playing all his great hits as we "Cultivate

Connections" with our Community at our upcoming Dinner Concert. We will also be inviting local business members to our Dinner Concert as another way Florissant Grange cultivates connections. Tickets are a donation of \$30/person and will be available at the end of February. Anyone interested should reserve their spot as soon as tickets are available, they will go fast and we can only seat 50 people.

Renee Caldwell



Gourd Art creations made by employees of the Teller County Regional Animal Shelter at event hosted by Florissant Grange.



**Saturday, April 25th 9am-4pm**  
**Crescent Grange**  
 7901 W. 120th Ave, Broomfield



**Join Us For This Fun, Family Friendly Event!**

**Schedule of Events**

- 9:00-10:00am – City of Broomfield class on "Native Landscaping"
- 10:00-11:00am – City of Broomfield class on "Weed Management"
- 10:00-11:00am – Wild Within Reach class for kids on "Reconnecting kids with nature"
- 11:00-12:30pm – Climate Reality Leader Craig Hebrink hosts "The Climate Crisis and It's Solutions"
- 11:00-12:00pm – Laurie Dameron hosts a kids presentation "Spaceship Earth: What Can I Do?"
- 1:00pm-4:00pm – Booths from across the community



**Be one of the first 200 to arrive and receive a home conservation kit from Xcel Energy!**

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**Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day**  
 with the Broomfield Crescent Grange and the citizen group, Sustainable Broomfield!

**Plan Ahead For Colorado State Grange Session September 23-26, 2020!**



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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.

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