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## Colorado State Grange 145th History Update

A committee has been established to begin the process of updating the *History for the Colorado State Grange* (Jeanne Davies, Loeda Westphal, Elizabeth Hiner, Cindy Greer). We'd love to have a few more volunteers for this committee. This update will be for

the last 45 years and we plan to have this completed by September 2019, if not before.

We will have a general overview of the Colorado State Grange's activities for the last 45 years, Biographies of the State Masters, List of

Youth Royalty (Prince, Princess, Ambassadors, Young Couples, etc.), List of Junior Prince and Princesses, List of Outstanding Grangers, Updates from Subordinate and Pomona Granges, Grange Museum History, PICK History and whatever else we think of.

We need Subordinate and Pomona Granges to submit an update on your history. We'd like you to highlight your activities over the last 45 years. You can send your history updates to

Cindy Greer anytime. We'd appreciate having these updates by **January 1, 2019**.

In order to get you started, answer the following questions: 1. Name of Grange and Number. 2. What does your Grange provide your community? 3. What has been your biggest accomplishment over the years? 4. What Community Service projects does your Grange Sponsor? 5. What do you see your Grange doing in the next 10 years?

## Colorado Student Wins GIA Scholarship

Grange Insurance Association is pleased to announce that Joshua Sis-

neros of Alamosa, Colo., was awarded a Grange Insurance Association scholarship.

Each year Grange Insurance Association awards scholarships to qualified applicants. The applicant or their parents must be policyholders of Grange Insurance Association. In all, 27 scholarships were awarded this year among the 54 applications received.

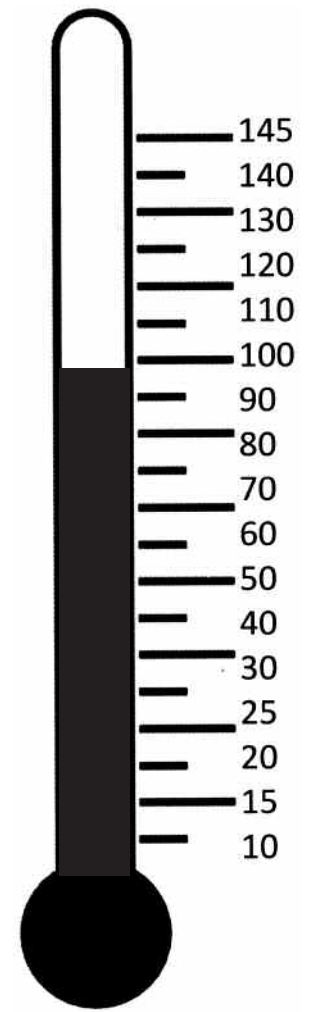
The quality of applicants was exceptionally high again this year and the Company is extremely pleased with the caliber of students who applied for our scholarships. It is always a difficult process to make the selections when all the applicants are so highly qualified. An announcement will be made in the late fall regarding the program for the following year, and we encourage you to watch this paper for information on the application process for next year's program. Grange Insurance Association has made scholarships available since 1965. They may be used at any accredited school or college and are offered throughout GIA's operating territory, which includes the states of California, Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, Wyoming, and Washington. The Home Office of Grange Insurance Association is in Seattle, WA.

## Challenge 145

What is Challenge 145?

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

Those who have reported for the first quarter show an increase of 25. Let's keep up the good work. Please get your quarterly reports completed and turned into the State office on-time.



## 18 Reasons To Join The Grange:

- 1) Community Giving,
- 2) Making a Difference,
- 3) Personal Growth,
- 4) Social Fellowship,
- 5) Leadership,
- 6) Experience,
- 7) Great Food,
- 8) Focus on Goals,
- 9) Education & Information,
- 10) Networking,
- 11) Events & Activities,
- 12) Communication Skills,
- 13) Legislative Input,
- 14) Agricultural Initiatives,
- 15) Historical Preservation,
- 16) Family Oriented,
- 17) Lifelong Friendships,
- 18) It's Fun!

## — In Memoriam —

### Dean Jessop

September 30, 1930-  
January 24, 2018

Dean Jessop was born in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and had one brother Dwight, and one sister Winona, known as "Nonie." They then moved to Wheat Ridge, Colorado. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, LaVerne, daughter Debbie, and sons Ken (Carol), and George (Tina). Also he is survived by four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Dean was raised on the family farm south of Clear Creek in Wheat Ridge. The family business was truck farming, raising Pascal celery and garden vegetables for the family. He attended Fruitdale Elementary School, and graduated from Wheat Ridge High School in 1949. The same year he graduated from high school he worked as a lineman for Mountain Bell. In 1950 he enlisted in the Navy and was stationed in San Diego on the USS Curtis, a communications ship. He sailed to Hawaii where they tested the first hydrogen bomb in the Marshall Islands.

He met his wife LaVerne at a New Year's Eve Dance in San Francisco, and they were married in July 1952. They returned to Wheat Ridge where he again worked for Mountain Bell as an electronic technician, later retiring after 35 years of service. Early in the 1960s the couple purchased the property on 48th Ave. in unincorporated Jefferson County and Dean built



Dean Jessop

the house they would live in the rest of their lives.

In the early '90s the then-Master of Maple Grove Grange, Mourie Day, invited members of the square dance groups who rented the Grange to join the Grange. Dean and LaVerne accepted the invitation and soon became active members of Maple Grove Grange, Darden Pomona Grange, and the Colorado State Grange.

Dean held offices in each and was present at most all of the Grange activities. The Darden Pomona float was stored at his place each summer and he would give his advice on how to build it.

He also served as the caretaker of

### Haroldine Doris Frecka

January 23, 1926 - April 2, 2018

Haroldine was Born January 23, 1926, in Stromsburg, Nebraska, to Pearl Viola Johnson and Harold Johnson. The family started out in the Garden Home area but eventually built a home in the Westwood area. The home that her dad built still stands today.

Haroldine as so many others lived through the depression era. They made use of every living thing and found uses for so many items that we today would throw away.

Haroldine worked at Russell Stover during her teen years and brought her parents home chocolates which were a treat to be had.

She graduated from Garden Home high school at the age of 17. She married shortly after that and left for California with \$10 in her pocket. She worked in the shipyards at Long Beach until her young marriage fell apart. She returned to her home in Colorado.

(See **Garden Home** on Page 7)

Maple Grove Grange, making many improvements to the building over the years. Under his direction, new windows were installed and the maple floor was refinished every year. Dean was the Santa at the annual Darden Pomona Christmas Party. He was the perfect Santa, with a twinkle in his eye and rosy red cheeks. He also played Santa for any group that requested his services. His grandkids would always recognize his hands, and know that it was Grandpa who was Santa!

Dean was active in many groups in the community besides the Grange, including Boy Scouts, Prospectors Square Dance Club, Beep Ball (making bases for the blind). He accompanied Boy Scouts on camping trips, and enjoyed going on fishing trips.

Dean appreciated the hard work ethic and enjoyed working with his hands. Whatever he did, he did right. He tinkered with raising animals, including appaloosa horses, rabbits and homing pigeons. He built campers and did clock repair and woodworking projects in his workshop. There wasn't anything that he couldn't make or fix. He loved popcorn, apricot brandy and ice cream, sharing a bowl with his dachshund dog "Shorty" every night.

Dean will be remembered for always wearing his bib overalls and having a big hug for everyone he met. He thoroughly enjoyed people and making the world a better place.

### Duane Martin

Duane joined Victory Grange along with other Square Peg square dancers after learning about the Grange when they danced there. His Grange membership lasted 20 plus years and his son Lance and wife Trenna remain members.

He retired after 23 years as an Air Force officer and enjoyed his time stationed at Lowry AFB and preferred the Aurora location as his ending assignment over others. He remained here with his wife and family of six children. In addition to helping at the Grange, his volunteer efforts included serving on the City of Aurora Water Advisory Board plus volunteer fireman and EMR for the Gardner Fire District near their ranch.

He helped reconfigure Victory's electric system to add parking lot lighting and replaced the hall's aging furnaces. He was both an urban dweller and cattle rancher here in Colorado, spending time at both locations. In addition to their children he and Trenna have 18 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. They were married 65 years.

## Important Dates

Call individual Granges for more information.

- May 5 Enterprise Grange — Planting the Common Earth Community Garden Plot
- May 9 Wheat Ridge Grange — Homeless Meal Service at Methodist Church
- May 9 Enterprise Grange — Potluck with Cinco De Mayo Theme
- May 12 Florissant Grange — Mother's Day Breakfast 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
- May 12 Golden Gate Grange — Peak to Peak Chorale Performance
- May 13 Golden Gate Grange — Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast
- May TBD Redlands Mesa Grange — Emergency Preparedness Workshop
- May 18 Marvel Grange — Bunco and Dessert
- May 19 Wheat Ridge Grange — Colorado Grange Museum — Presentation of Table
- May 20 Golden Gate Grange — Bear Basics Program
- May 24 Wheat Ridge Grange — Fire Room Museum Showcase/Spaghetti Dinner
- May 26 Florissant Grange — Pine Needle Basket Class — Working with Gourds
- June 8 Golden Gate Grange — Annual Rummage Sale and Bake Sale
- June 9 Florissant Grange — Annual Swap Meet/Craft Show and Homesteaders Swap
- June 12 Redlands Mesa Grange — Kids Pasta Project and Silent Auction
- June 16 Florissant Grange — Pine Needle Basket Class — Working with Wire Wrapping
- June 16 Marvel Grange — Picnic (Location TBD)
- June 28 Wheat Ridge Grange — Grow the Grange Membership Drive
- June 30 Marvel Grange — Community Breakfast

# Master's Message

**Cindy Greer, State Master**

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I am privileged to announce that Norm Union of Rose Hill Grange has been chosen and has agreed to serve on the Colorado State Grange Executive committee to fill the remainder of John Hagen's term. This position will be up for election at State Session in Durango this fall. Norm and Janet are the owners and operators of Norm's Printing and Typesetting Shop; his experience as a businessman should be an asset to the executive committee.

I have the sad duty of informing you that our Youth Director Charlene Porter has resigned. Check out the Youth article for additional information.

### MOVIES

Often we want to show movies in a public setting for our clubs, classes or organizations. If this is you, please be advised that unless the movie is in the **public domain** or you acquire the movie with **public performance** rights, you will be breaking the copyright law. Just as you cannot rent a movie from the local video store and then screen it in a public space (because the rental is licensed only for home viewing), you cannot show movies in a public setting without first determining if you have permission to do so — even if you're not charging admission.

In order to comply with copyright law, you should get the material from a vendor that rents or sells the title with public performance rights. The only exception to this rule is the **face-to-face teaching exemption** in which an instructor shows the material in a classroom as part of a class or teaching activity and not for recreation or entertainment.

### What is a public performance?

A: According to the U.S. copyright law (Title 17, United States Code, Section 110), a public performance is any screening of a videocassette, DVD, video-disc or film which occurs outside of the home, or at any place where people are gathered who are not family members, such as in a school, library, auditorium, classroom or meeting room.

For more information visit <http://www.prattlibrary.org>.

## Claudia's Corner



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

I was planning to introduce everyone to some of the State Grange officers, but the ones I asked for information haven't had the time to send me the information, so I'll cover another subject for now.

### Junior Plus 1 (One) Program

The Junior 1+ Program allows your Grange to build a Junior Grange program one member at a time. These individual members become the core group to build a chartered Junior Grange program. Many children have not had the opportunity to participate in the Junior Grange program because of the number of children required to charter a Junior Grange.

The 1+ Program allows children (age 5 to 14), the opportunity to become an individual Junior Grange member within a Subordinate/Community Grange. The children do not have a vote in the Grange, but are eli-

gible to earn merit badges, participate in all Regional, State, and National programs, contests and activities on an equal status with members of the chartered Junior Granges.

For the 1+ Program, the Subordinate/Community Grange will:

- Appoint a Junior Grange Leader
- Provide a meeting place
- Provide financial assistance as necessary
- Granges may dedicate specific fund raising projects for the Junior Grange program
- Occasionally provide meeting time for the individual Junior Grange member(s) to report on their projects i.e. completing a Merit Badge requirement.
- Organize a chartered Junior Grange when there are sufficient individual members to meet that requirement. The individual members shall automatically become members of the newly organized/reorganized Junior Grange.

How will a subordinate Grange report on 1+ Junior members? Your Grange secretary will report junior Plus 1 members on their quarterly report form and submit their dues which are \$1/year. So you'll only pay on them once a year.

National Grange needs this information because it will help the National Junior Director to seek grants, but numbers are essential when seeking grants.

**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.

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

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

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### A Positive Point Of View

Finally, it is spring. I love the smell of spring. I love to see the birds come back and I love to watch them busily making their nests and getting ready for new families. We haven't had much snow here in my neck of the woods which makes the fire danger very high, so I am doing a rain dance daily in hopes of some good spring moisture.

Thank you all for your speedy return of the Property Exempt Tax forms. It is so important to get those back to me, or if you had a fee to pay, it was due on the 16th and needed to be paid directly to the State so that you do not lose your Exempt Status. Please make a copy and get that to me right away. If you did not have a fee, just return your signed form to me right away so I can get them sent in.



# Agriculture Report

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The Ag Day at the Capitol (March 22) was the best ever and a great success. For the first time, this year chefs were allowed to set up in the south hall near the governor's office allowing more space so crowding and waiting in line in the west foyer was decreased. Fifteen chefs and teams were serving and two of the chefs were from the "Top Chefs" program which speaks well of the interest and quality from Colorado chefs and their restaurants, hotels, and other kitchens (included one from a school). Teams consisted of a chef, one or more legislators, ag industry producers and ag leaders. Commissioner of Agriculture Don Brown helped with one of the teams. It was a rousing success demonstrating Colorado's food growers and gained attention from our legislators and guests. Note that David Collie, event coordinator for the Ag Council and representative of the Egg Producers, was invited to Washington, D.C., for the Easter festivities at the White House.

Grangers Idella Lewis, Norene Hawthorne, Jane Dianich and Bryan Hawthorne attended together with me.

Comments by Commissioner of Agriculture Don Brown:

"Colorado Ag Day is a day to celebrate those who feed us. Each and every day, our farmers and ranchers get up early and work into the late night hours to feed their animals and us. Livestock and plants do not live by the clock. They don't care if we

have the flu, planned a vacation, or have dinner waiting on the table. Rain, drought, hail, cold, heat ... it doesn't matter. The work must be done and that dedication can be found on every farm and ranch. Americans celebrate Ag Day every day. Even if they don't know it."

Comments from Rep. Jeni Arndt, Chair of the House Ag Committee:

"Yesterday was one of my absolute favorite days at the Capitol — Ag Day! Farmers and ranchers bring in their products and team up with local chefs to celebrate Colorado Agriculture. I had the privilege of speaking alongside the Governor to honor our agricultural community. This past year, our ag producers donated over \$23 million worth of food to local food banks. The future of ag is bright!"

At the Ag Council meeting following Ag Day, members commented on the continued purpose of Ag Day given the present size of the event, is it "ag centric," and does it tackle the sometimes limited grasp of the general public about where our food comes from and 24/7 obligation for farmers and ranchers. The potential location of the event at the National Western grounds was mentioned.

Miscellaneous Ag interest items:

Drought conditions and snow pack: reservoir storage statewide is at 116 percent of normal however snowpack is 69 percent of average, and 74 percent of the state is in some level of drought classification. Stream flow



Grangers David McCord, Idella Lewis, Norene Hawthorne and Jane Dianich at Ag Day at the Capitol.



Check out the information about this in this edition of the *Granger*.

The quarterly taxes are all filed and the quarterly reports to National are up-to-date. It is always good to get those out of the way so that I can get back to the daily business. If you have not checked out the National Grange Data Base, as the Grange Secretary, you should contact me to take a look and learn how easy it is to use and how easy quarterly report time can be.

Thanks to all the Granges for doing such a good job getting their quarterly reports filed and dues sent in. You all make this job very enjoyable.

*Let's end on a positive thought:*

*Every day brings new choices. Choose to be joyful.*

forecasts are well below average. A weak La Niña remains active and is projected to transition to neutral conditions in May or June, indicating that warm and dry conditions are likely to persist through the spring.

The proposed national tariff aimed largely at China is having negative impacts on agricultural production given that much of our agricultural commodity production is exported and much of that is to China — soy, pork and others.

I have the continued good fortune of being invited to participate on the CSU Chancellor and President Tony Franks' Agricultural Advisory Council. More later on the recent meeting but for now, President Frank noted the planned CSU facilities at the redeveloping National Western Center would have a ready to build site within a year. He also noted that if an accelerated construction effort can be implemented with the City of Denver, the new National Western Center might be completed earlier, possibly by 2025.



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## Lecturer's Creative And Performing Arts

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There are two State Grange Lecturer Programs and one National Grange Lecturer Program that I want to draw your attention to.

The two state programs will take some pre-planning and I appreciate all of your support and help on these. The first is the Talent Show (listed as Performing Arts in the Handbook). Below are the rules and I encourage your Grange to send a talent act to the State Convention which is in Durango this year.

### PERFORMING ARTS

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

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

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

The second program harkens to our agriculture background and jumps on the new trends of creating our own produce once again. Below are the rules for this program.

### FOOD SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM

Subordinate and Pomona Granges completing any ONE category and reporting on the Community Garden Program Form, part of the Lecturer's report form which will be mailed to Lecturers.

#### Categories:

1. Share the Harvest
  - a. Grange members and friends donate excess crops to the local food bank or pantry or a deserving family.
  - b. Plant or sponsor a community garden.

### Community Produce Classes or Contests

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

Sponsor a class on an agricultural topic.

### Community Food Preservation Demonstration or Classes

Sponsor a food preservation demonstration for your community. OR

Sponsor a class on food preservation.

### NATIONAL GRANGE AND THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE PARTNERSHIP

The National Grange Lecturer Program that I want to promote is a newly announced partnership with the National Weather Service.

"We don't have to remember too long ago, or look too far away to be able to remember natural disasters and major weather events — no corner of this nation is/has been immune. The idea with this collaborative effort is for Granges and Grangers to get involved with building a weather-ready nation. The possibilities are endless for Granges to partner with other organizations, schools, and/or businesses in their communities to get involved to make a real difference in protecting lives and property," Chris Hamp, National Grange Lecturer.

Chris asks, "Do you know what to watch for when severe weather threatens?"

If you are interested, the National

Grange encourages you to help keep your community safe by volunteering to become a trained severe storm spotter for NOAA's National Weather Service. Storm spotters report hazardous weather to the NWS, which aids the warning process. Volunteers are trained by NWS meteorologists to identify and describe severe local storms, including severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, and floods.

Still interested? National Grange asks you to visit the NWS SKY-WARN® website then contact your local NWS office to find out about free local and online training. Many offices require training, which typically is about two hours.

Contact: STORMSPOTTER

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/skywarn>

There are several other ways you can become involved.

One way, as the National Lecturer explains, is The NWS Cooperative Observer Program which is the Nation's weather observing network of, by and for the people. More than 8,700 volunteers take observations where they live, work, and play. The NWS depends on thousands of volunteer observers committed to taking observations at the same location for 10 or more years who report weather and climate information on a daily basis using the phone or Internet. NWS provides the training, equipment, and maintenance, you provide daily data! Data from the program supports warnings, forecasts, and helps build a long-term weather history for an area. This program has existed since 1890 and is one of the few programs that measures snowfall and its water equivalent.

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/coop/>

Another program you can volunteer for that is part of the partnership is the Meteorological Phenomena Identification Near the Ground project. Chris says, "Weird name, cool app! Users can report the type of precipitation they are experiencing. No need to measure! Use the free mobile app to send reports anonymously. Reports are automatically recorded into a database, which improves weather computer models. The information is even used by road maintenance operations and the aviation industry to diagnose areas of icing.

Contact: <http://mping.nssl.noaa.gov/>

Have you quit being interested? If not, here is another way you can participate. The Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, and Snow Network is a volunteer network of observers who measure precipitation from their backyard. Any age can volunteer.

CoCoRaHS sells low cost equipment to help volunteers get started. Observers enter their observations onto a website. Data is used by a wide variety of users ranging from meteorologists and hydrologists to insurance adjusters and engineers.

<http://www.cocorahs.org/>

And finally, you can opt to participate in another program, NOAA Citizen Science.

NOAA Community of Practice works to compile best practices, share resources, and maintain a searchable database of citizen science projects. Find out more at: <http://www.noaa.gov/of-ce-education/citizen-science-crowd-sourcing>

NOAA also supports Citizen Science projects studying marine biology, satellite data verification, water quality, and more! <https://ccsinventory.wilsoncenter.org/>

National Grange is following its new motto and becoming a doer. Let's jump on the bandwagon.



## Family & Women's Activities

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Several years ago a new category was added to the baking contest held at the annual State Grange Session. It was added because gluten intolerance is on the rise, with one in 200 people having it. A gluten free diet excludes the protein gluten which is found in wheat, barley, rye and a cross between wheat and rye called triticale.

A gluten free diet is essential for managing signs and symptoms of celiac disease and other medical conditions associated with gluten. Celiac disease is an autoimmune disease. Gluten triggers the immune system activity that damages the lining of the small intestine, preventing the absorption of nutrients from food.

Even though rice and oats are gluten free, food may be contaminated during production at a plant that processes a gluten food, so it is important to read the labels on foods if you must eat a gluten free diet.

This is a favorite recipe that students in my foods classes enjoyed making.

### GLUTEN-FREE SCOTCHEROOS

- Generously grease a 9x13" pan
- 6 C. Chex cereal (corn or rice)
- 1 C. light corn syrup
- 1 C. sugar
- 2-1/2 C. peanut butter
- 2 C. semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 2 C. butterscotch chips

1/2 C. peanut butter  
1 t. vanilla  
Place 6 C. Chex cereal in a large bowl.

Combine corn syrup and sugar in a saucepan and heat over medium heat until sugar dissolves and begins to boil. Remove immediately. Stir in 1/2 C. peanut butter. Mix and pour over cereal. Pat lightly into 9x13" pan.

In a saucepan melt chocolate chips, butterscotch chips, and 2 C. peanut butter and mix. Pour over Chex mixture in pan, smoothing out to edges. Cool completely. Cut into bars

\*Rice Krispies cereal not gluten free because malt flavoring is added.

## Youth News

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**August 20 — Nominations due for Youth Community Service Award.**

**Sept. 1 — Horizon Leadership Ambassador/Young Patron Program applications due to National.**

**Sept. 1 — 2018 John Trimble Youth Legislative Experience.**

**Sept. 1 — National Grange Youth Officers Team applications due.**

The Family Camp to the Great Sand Dunes in Alamosa has been cancelled due mostly to a lack of registrations by the extended deadline.

It is with regret that we have accepted the resignation of Charlene Spino Porter as Youth Director. We want to take this opportunity to thank Charlene for everything she did during her time as Youth Director. Charlene is currently in the midst of a family crisis that is taking her time and she felt that she needed to focus on that for the time being. If things work out she has volunteered to coordinate the Hospitality Room at State Session. Please be praying for Charlene and her family.

In the meantime, until we find another Youth Director, information will be provided in the *Granger* by the State Master.

### Grange Jeopardy

Grange Jeopardy is an exciting event that brings together youth and young adults interested in Grange trivia and history. Individuals have the opportunity to gain knowledge about the Grange, its history and impact on rural America. This factsheet serves as a guideline to prepare Grangers for a Grange Jeopardy competition.

The Jeopardy program is set up for anyone who has an interest in Grange history, trivia and structure. Grange Jeopardy gives you the opportunity to expand your knowledge of the organization in many different areas, while enhancing your critical thinking, problem solving, communications and listening skills. The competition is for individuals between the ages of 14-35, as of January 1 of the year competing.

In Jeopardy, individuals compete against each other earning points for correctly answering questions about the Grange and rural issues. Questions can be obtained by visiting [www.nationalgrangeyouth.org](http://www.nationalgrangeyouth.org) to review past national trivia challenges or using Grange resources such as the current edition of the Grange blue manual,

## GoodDay! Magazine

Beginning **June 1** there will be a \$2 processing fee added to the Good Day! subscription cost. We pay a fee for credit card or Paypal processing, and it takes a lot of staff time to process paper subscriptions, so we find it necessary to add this charge. Get your subscriptions in before June 1 and save \$2!!

Grange publications, websites, Grange Digest, Grange bylaws, and history books.

Regional contest winners will receive: First Place: \$25 – Second Place: \$20 – Third Place: \$15.

National contest winners will receive: First Place: A tablet PC donated by DCI Group or similar prize or cash equivalent. Second Place: \$100. Third Place: \$50.

### 2018 National Grange Youth Achievement Awards Program

Achievement Awards may be earned by any Grange member any age. If you feel this is something that you would like to participate in and take the time and effort to meet the requirements and wish to receive a certificate, please complete the tasks for each seal and certificate. Visit the National Grange Youth Website for details.

### 2018 John Trimble Youth Legislative Experience

National Convention Youth Legislative Experience will provide opportunities for one or two Grange Youth, age 16-35, with an interest in the legislative aspect of the National Grange to see the inner workings of committees and the grassroots legislative policy development effort at the National Grange Convention. Visit the National Grange Youth Website for details.

### National Grange Ambassador Program

Two youth, preferably one male and one female, who have shown outstanding mentoring abilities as a Horizon Leadership Ambassador, will be selected to serve as the National Grange Youth Ambassadors for a one-year term. Dependent on Youth department funding, the National Ambassadors will also receive membership development training and assist with National Grange-sponsored activities. They will also assist with several National Grange Youth Department leadership and development projects. A selection committee, appointed by National Youth Development Director, will select the ambassadors. The committee will judge the candidates based on ambassadorship, an interview, speaking ability, and a written test of Grange knowledge. Visit the National Grange Youth Website for details.

### National Grange Outstanding Young Patron Program

One or two young adults, between the ages of 22 and 35, who have shown outstanding leadership abilities as a Horizon Leadership Young Adult will be selected to serve as the Outstanding Young Patrons attending the next year's National Grange Convention. Visit the National Grange Youth Website for details.

## Publicity

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### News From National Convention

Granges from across the country attended the 151st National Convention in Spokane, Washington, this last November. I (Elizabeth Hiner) attended as the senior Communications Fellow. Lurae from Pennsylvania, who was there with her daughter Sara who was there for the youth ambassador competition, was a new Fellow. The other new Fellows were Tacy from California, and Josh from Florida, to round out the group. We reported on the events of the session along with many other activities including the legacy families and distinguished Granges.

Congratulations to our State Master Cindy Greer on her election to the position of Ceres. She was one of five new members elected to positions with the National Grange.

The Lecturer's Committee hosted the Great American Quilt and Handicraft fair, the proceeds of which benefited the National Grange Foundation. They are also sponsoring the new quilt block, Tender Heart, for next year's contest. (See page 5 for Contest Rules and Instructions.) For more information, contact Chris Hamp, National Lecturer, at [lecturer@nation](mailto:lecturer@nation)

[algrange.org](http://algrange.org).

Over 80 families were recognized for their deep roots in the Grange on Wednesday during a Distinguished Grange and Grange Legacy Family Recognition event at the 151st Annual National Grange Convention.

More than 40 families were present to accept their recognition certificates. Many of the families traveled to the convention specifically to be part of the first annual ceremony.

One family was our own State Master Cindy Greer along with her husband Harry Greer, who accepted the award along with son Danny and grandson Billy.

They also accepted the certificate for Marvel #479 being a Distinguished Grange.

Danny and Billy also performed at the Night of Excellence. Their skit, *You Know You're Old/Young*, they also did at State.

If you missed it, you can find it on the National Facebook page along with all the other performances of the night.

You can even see the national officers get a pie to the face — proceeds of which went to the Grange youth program.

### 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](mailto:larry_corman@hotmail.com) or 970-884-4762.

## Tune In To Junior Grange

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We are so excited to be heading to the Colorado Springs Zoo on April 21. This is the first ever chance that the Colorado State Grange Juniors have had to spend the night!!! It's going to be exciting. We are stoked to say that we have over 30 people attending this awesome opportunity. Through the generosity of the Granges and their members there is no charge to attend this event for juniors, their families and JG leaders. For that we would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated, bought a candy bar, or helped us make this great event possible. In the next article we will tell you all about our adventure.

The national JG Pen Pal program is in full swing! All of the juniors that signed up for that should have received their first letters! Hopefully you have written back and are starting a new friendship across the nation. This is cool because we live in a world where everyone wants everything right now. This is a great way for kids to get to know the "snail mail" or "old school" version of technology. It's so fun to watch the kids waiting for their letters in the mail. Then they get to hear all about this new and exciting friend that met through a letter.

Did you know Junior Grangers have the opportunity to compete in public speaking at the state and national levels? This is an awesome way to help break those kids out of their shells and get in front of people and talk about something they really like. It could be talking about cows, princesses, or even Pokémon. If you don't know what a Pokémon is, I'm sure you can ask almost any 3rd-5th grad-

er and they will gladly tell you all about them, in detail.

There are three different speech categories to compete in. **Impromptu** (only at Regional Conferences) — The contestant will draw two topics from a mystery bag and select one of those topics to give their speech on. The contestant must meet a minimum of one minute with no more than three minutes for their speech. **Short Story** — The contestant may present a short story or poem of their choosing. The contestant must meet a minimum of one minute with no more than three minutes for their story. **Prepared** — Deliver a prepared speech on one of the following topics: The Junior Grange theme of that year or any topic of their choice. The contestant must meet a minimum of three minutes with a maximum of seven minutes for their prepared speech.

Let's shoot to have at least one or two kids participate in a speech contest at the State Session this year!!

As always we are looking forward to helping you in any way possible with your JGers. Let us know what we can do. Also don't forget to "Like" our Facebook page!

## Legislative Activity

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### Legislative Process Notes:

As Legislative Director, the process that I use to represent the Colorado State Grange (CSG) for this position follows:

Registration with the Colorado State Secretary (CSS) as a Lobbyist is required every year for any individual who receives money 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 an honorarium of \$500 for each of the first six months each year, and reimburses for mileage at \$0.35 per mile and parking at actual expense. A monthly report to the 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. I, Legislative Director for the CSG,

have assumed the role of Lobbyist for the CSG.

Colorado State General Assembly Legislative activity, after initial registration in January, 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, both online and printed copy. Visits to the congressional individuals are limited during "session" (usually from 9-12 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 recognition. Testifying at a committee meeting is possible if there is a CSG position that needs attention.

I conduct a thorough review of the list of proposed bills using the General Assembly website 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 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 has been 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 2018 are in full swing, with 622 (Continued on Page 5)

## Real Estate Management

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### 6 SPRING MAINTENANCE TIPS FOR GRANGES

After a long winter in most of Colorado, spring is much welcomed! It's the time of renewal. What can Granges do to ensure their property and grounds are ready for a new season.

Getting a fresh start with spring cleaning is a smart, proactive move to protect and beautify your Grange. A well-cared-for building also enhances the health and morale of the people in it. Take a look at these areas to help you review your maintenance program for the year.

#### 1) Spring Walkthrough

Catch small problems now before they become a big one. Addressing small details can add up to huge improvements in appearance and functionality. Ask whoever does your services to walkthrough with you, focusing on details you'd normally overlook. Some things to inspect for repair/replacement are doors (door sweeps, door stops, sticking locks, etc.), corner guards, tile and grout, light switches and face plates, ceiling tiles, countertops and shelving, cabinets and hinges, and fire extinguishers. And don't forget how much fresher everything looks with new caulking and a new coat of paint on the walls — the warmer weather can make Spring a great time to give new aesthetic life to your facility.

#### 2) Look Down – Floors and Carpets

Winter is harsh on flooring. It's time for that once-a-year deep cleaning. Stripping and waxing (or other care appropriate to the material) will extend the life of your hard surfaces. Shampooing carpets will keep them new looking and also reduce allergens. Wait until the worst of the spring pollen is gone, and then have your carpets cleaned according to Carpet and Rug institute guidelines. Wood floors require light grit screening followed by cleaning and application of a solvent-based gym finish to protect the floor and keep it shining.

#### 3) Are Restrooms Fresh as a Daisy?

Of course, regular cleaning is necessary, but periodic deep cleaning is also a must. The dirt and germs that inevitably build up over time can be attacked now by sanitizing all restroom surfaces, fixtures and floors. Do mirrors need to be replaced, sinks re-caulked? Are repairs/replacement necessary for toilet paper and hand towel dispensers? Be sure you've been paying attention to occupant comments about restrooms and don't forget to periodically perform your own walk throughs to ensure nothing is missed.

#### 4) Condition Air Conditioning Units

It is time to give that A/C unit a thorough spring check-up so it will cool efficiently when the hot weather comes. Coil cleaning can not only boost operating efficiency but can also improve indoor air quality. Consider the fact that the A/C unit has been sitting unused all winter and thus means dirt and sludge build-up which means odors, allergens, high operating costs, and even degradation or possible failure of the unit. Preventive maintenance this spring will keep everyone happy this summer.

#### 5) Spring & Green Go Hand in Hand

If you haven't incorporated sustainability into your Grange, talk to an expert who can help you begin with simple changes that will make a big difference. At the minimum, your

cleaning program should use Green Seal certified chemicals and/or bio-based cleaning alternatives. To further enhance your results, you can incorporate supplies and equipment, such as recycled paper towels, microfiber cloths and mops, touchless soap and towel dispensers and automatically flushing toilets. Sustainability programs can be cost neutral when considering all of the proven economic and health benefits.

#### 6) Freshen Up First Impressions

Make people happy before they even walk in the door. Now is the time to plant seasonal flowers. Whether you have a formal landscaping plan or just a few pots by the front door, flowers will make the right impression. Greenery inside your building will create a welcoming environment.

The right facility services partner can take care of all of these tasks and more — efficiently and cost effectively. A Grange member is the best solution, however there are professionals who can do this for you. You'll have a new spring in your step, hearing all of the compliments and knowing your "to do" list is done.

## Health Awareness

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Growing your own food is healthy and here are five reasons you should seriously consider growing your own food.

#### 1. Growing food can save you money.

Whether gardening can save you money is often a topic of debate. This is because your return on investment largely depends on what you grow. Not all crops are created equal — at least not in terms of monetary worth. Produce prices will fluctuate based on the season, your location, and even environmental factors like drought. But these crops are usually cheaper to grow than to buy: Bell peppers,

Herbs (e.g., basil, cilantro, parsley), Lettuce (and most other greens, really), Squash (including zucchini), and Tomatoes.

#### 2. Food you grow is guaranteed to be fresh.

Food growing just steps away? That's as fresh as it gets. And since you're able to harvest and consume your produce at peak ripeness, it tastes better and offers greater nutrition than what you typically find in stores. For anything you don't grow yourself, buy from local farmers — it will likely be fresher, more delicious, and more nutritious than food imported from another state or country.

#### 3. Homegrown produce doesn't get recalled.

Of the 20 percent of imported produce from other countries, only about two percent of it is actually inspected. I'll let you draw your own conclusions. Just keep in mind that if you grow your own food, you control the growing environment. And I'm not sure about you, but I haven't heard of any outbreaks of E. coli, salmonella, or listeria caused by homegrown produce lately.

#### 4. Commercially grown produce often lacks nutrients.

Much of the food grown commercially now comes from hybrid plants developed to quickly produce hearty yields — often at the cost of quality. In essence, people are trying to grow more food faster. But their approach is impacting produce quality.

#### 5. You control what goes in (and on) what you grow.

When you grow your own food, you know exactly where it's been and what goes on it.

Why not give it a try ... Happy Gardening! With the drought this year, it may just be the year to try aeroponic gardening. If you would like more information, please let me know.

## Mandy Project

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The Mandy Project is one of the best ways the Grange has to get its name out before the public. It is a human interest project.

Granges who sponsor informational meetings or fund raisers for the Mandy Project can certainly catch the attention of the local media and in the process maybe inform a parent of a child with hearing loss of the opportunity to apply for assistance. If your Grange is in need of pamphlets about the Mandy Project please be sure to contact me and I'd be delighted to send you pamphlets. Just let me know how many you want.

Summer time usually means that we don't receive many applications, but we know that school will be starting up again in a few short months and that usually brings in a few applications for assistance.

## Chaplain's Corner

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At the close of the Grange installing officer's charge to chaplain, he/she says, "Remember the parable of the mustard seed." Let's remember...

In the Bible, Matthew 17, we read of a demon-possessed boy having been brought to Jesus. He cast out the demon, and the boy was completely healed. The boy had apparently been presented to Jesus' disciples, but they were unable to effect a healing. They asked Jesus why He could heal him but they couldn't, and Jesus replied it was because they had so little faith. He went on to say, "Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

Why do you suppose the Grange

## Granger Deadline And Guidelines

June 15, 2018, is the deadline for articles for the July-August 2018 edition of *The Colorado Granger*. You can send them to the State Grange Office, 2009 CR 31, Florissant, CO 80816 or email costategrange@gmail.com.

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

Name of Grange  
Contact person (with a phone number)  
Upcoming dates  
Brief summary of what has been hap-

pening 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)

### Legislative Activity

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bills (and still counting) coming before the Legislature of which approximately 475 are still under consideration as of this writing. This does not include concurrent or joint resolutions, or memorials. There are many (MOST) bills that have not made it through third readings of the House and the Senate. This summary is intended to give you an idea of the mag-

nitude 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.

Bill ID	Subject of Legislation	Client	Position
HB 1003	Opioid Misuse Prevention	CSG	Monitoring
HB 1004	Continue Child Care Contribution Tax Credit	CSG	Monitoring
HB 1037	Concealed Handguns On School Grounds	CSG	Supporting
HB 1092	Marijuana Delivery Pilot Project	CSG	Monitoring
HB 1103	Local Government Off-Highway Vehicle Regulation	CSG	Supporting
HB 1105	Motor & Powersports Vehicle License Requirement	CSG	Supporting
HB 1183	Sunset Repeal Dept Ag Regulation Home Sale Of Meat	CSG	Supporting
SB 001	Transportation Infrastructure Funding	CSG	Supporting
SB 002	Financing Rural Broadband Deployment	CSG	Supporting
SB 005	Rural Economic Advancement Of Colorado Towns	CSG	Supporting
SB 009	Allow Elec util Cust Install Energy Storage Equip	CSG	Supporting
SB 014	DOC Disclose Location Of Out-Of-State Inmate	CSG	Supporting
SB 015	Protecting Homeowners & Deployed Military	CSG	Supporting
SB 019	Expanded Duration for CWRPDA Revolving Loans	CSG	Supporting
SB 033	Animal Feeding Operation Permits Continuation	CSG	Supporting
SB 050	Free-standing Emergency Facility as Safe Haven	CSG	Monitoring
SB 052	Repeal Ammo Magazine Prohibition	CSG	Supporting
SB 067	Auction Alcohol In Sealed Container Special Events	CSG	Supporting
SB 097	Concealed Handgun Carry With No Permit	CSG	Monitoring
SB 104	Federal Funds For Rural Broadband Deployment	CSG	Supporting
SB 134	PUC Deregulate Nonprofit Water Utilities	CSG	Supporting
SB 170	Reservoir Releases For Fish & Wildlife Mitigation	CSG	Supporting
SB 184	Permit Short Term Extraction Of Construction Materials	CSG	Supporting
SB 185	Deadly Force Against Intruder at A Business	CSG	Supporting
SB 188	Ag Marketing Act Notices & Inclusion Of Millet	CSG	Supporting
SB 197	Agriculture Motor Vehicle Port Of Entry	CSG	Supporting
SB 205	Industrial Hemp Designation Agricultural Product	CSG	Supporting

Below left, is an example of a "Bill Summary" for the disclosure report. Positions can be changed at any time.

Unfortunately, the Colorado State Grange did not send me to attend the National Grange Legislative Fly-In this year in Washington, D.C. This would have been a great opportunity for me to represent the CSG at our nation's capital again, and to renew relationships that I ignited last year while visiting the offices of our Colorado Senators and Representatives. A missed opportunity for us to have/create visibility of and for the Colorado State Grange.

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

## P.I.C.K.

**People Improving Communities And Kids**

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Do you shop on Amazon.com? If so have you signed up for Amazon Smile and selected People Improving Communities and Kids as the recipient of a small percentage of what you purchase from Amazon?

I am here to tell you that Amazon does give your selected charity the \$ from your purchases. PICK recently received a deposit from Amazon and my amazon account even informed me how much they had sent to PICK from my purchases. I do have to remember to log in to Smile.amazon instead of Amazon. Every little bit helps.

SILENT AUCTION to be held at State Session again this year to benefit PICK. Teresa Montejano and Dawn Jockman did a fantastic job last year coordinating the Silent Auction and they are willing to coordinate it again this year. We appreciate any donations you want to make to the auction. Just send them to State Session with your delegates or get them to someone else who will be attending.

## 2018 Quilt Block Contest

### RULES

- A. The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to both members and prospective members.
- B. All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by October 31, 2018. 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 152nd National Grange convention in Stowe, Vermont.
- 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 will be sold at a later date to raise funds for the Grange Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity. You will receive a donation letter from the Grange Foundation acknowledging your donation.
- G. A 2018 Quilt Block Contest Entry Form must be completed for the block to be judged.

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### GROUPS

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

### PRIZES

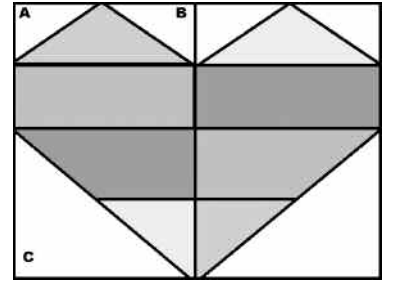
- Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in both Groups.
- Ribbons will be awarded to all entries.

### 2018 Quilt Block Contest Tender Heart

(Credit to:

Missouri Star Quilt Company)

- Sherbet Pinks/Oranges — 4 colors, 2 light and 2 dark — prints or solids
- Cut 4 strips, 2-1/2" x 10" (one of



- each color).
- Sew strips together (ALL seams are 1/4"), along the long side, to make a strip set.
- Strip set should measure 8-1/2" x 10". Press all seams.
- Cut strip set in half, length-wise, to make 2 rectangles. Each rectangle should measure 5" x 8-1/2".
- Flip one rectangle around so colors are reversed.

### White

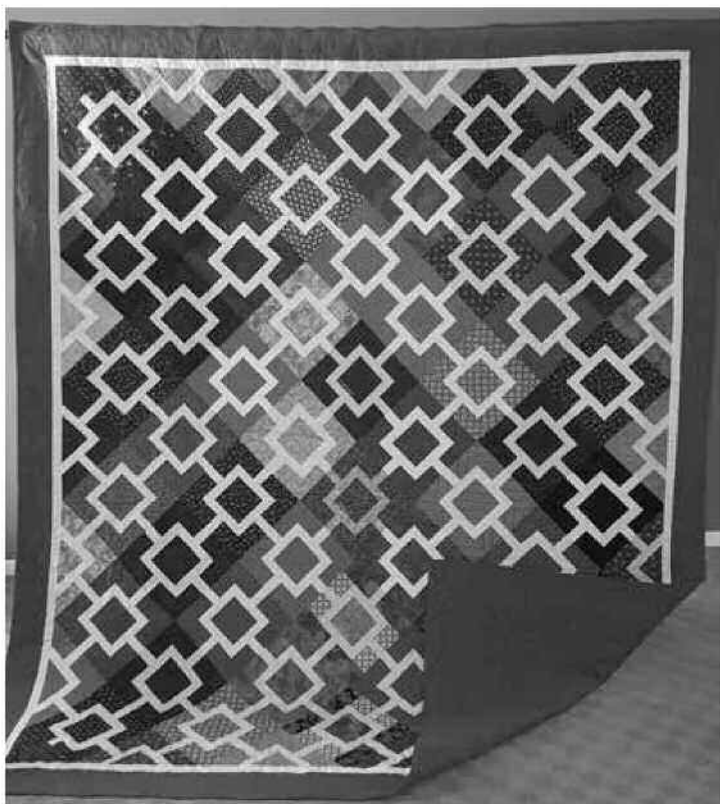
- Use 100% cotton, solid white for the corners.
- Cut 4 squares, 2-1/2" x 2-1/2".
- Cut 2 squares, 5" x 5".

### Constructing the Quilt Block:

- Fold the four 2-1/2" white squares once on the diagonal and press the crease to mark a sewing line.
- Place a creased 2-1/2" white square on one corner of a 5" x 8-1/2" strip-pieced rectangle with right sides facing. Stitch on the sewing line, then trim the excess fabric 1/4" away from the sewn seam (A).
- Repeat for the adjacent side of the rectangle (B). Make 2 and sew them together vertically.
- Fold the two 5" white squares once on the diagonal and press the crease to mark a sewing line (C).
- Place a creased 5" white square on top of one lower corner of the block with right sides facing. Stitch on the marked sewing line, then trim the excess fabric 1/4" away from the sewn seam.
- Repeat for the other side of the rectangle to make the bottom of the heart.
- Unfinished Block is 8-1/2" x 9-1/2".

# American Handicraft Raffle

to benefit Grange Foundation, a charitable 501(c)3 organization



Win one of three hand-made items.

- 1) Queen-size (77"x90" Garden Path quilt made from blocks submitted to the 2017 National Grange Lecturer's Contest)
- 2) Spiderweb Star quilted table runner (16"x63")
- 3) Hand-painted Patriotic Saw (26" blade)

\$5 donation per ticket.



Raffle will be held during the Evening of Excellence at the 152nd Annual National Grange Convention on Friday, Nov. 16, 2018, at the Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center in Stowe, VT. Need not be present or a member of Grange to win.



To purchase tickets, contact Cindy Greer at hcrdgreer@frontier.net, 970-588-3386.



Grange Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations may be tax deductible. Contact your financial adviser.

**Darden**  
Jefferson County

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Darden Pomona Grange members met at Maple Grove Grange in May for the quarterly meeting with election of officers held. Most officers retained their present positions. Plans were made for a community celebration during the summer with community service awards being presented and entertainment provided for the community.

Idella Lewis

**Enterprise**

Contact Carol Lackey, thelackeyteam@gmail.com, 303-521-8773, for further information.

May 5, Saturday, 10 a.m. — Planting the Common Earth Community Garden Plot.

May 9, Wednesday — Potluck at 6:30 p.m. Theme will be Cinco de Mayo. Bring a Mexican Dish to share. Election of Officers and State Representatives for State Session.

June 13, Wednesday — No Meeting scheduled.

July 11, Wednesday — No Meeting scheduled.

August 8, Wednesday — Potluck at 6:30 p.m. Tentatively scheduling a Master Gardener from CU Extension Service to speak. More details to follow.

On January 10 we held a Potluck and performed the Ceremony of the Draping of the Charter for Andrea Broomhall shortly after. Andrea was a beloved 50-year Golden Sheath member. We held our yearly planning meeting afterward.

This year our February meeting fell on February 14, so we had a Valentine Party and Potluck at 6:30 p.m. Everyone brought Valentine cards and candy to share and everyone left with a bag of goodies and good cheer. Our program was Ed Talbot who talked about an Earthwatch Research Expedition he participated in on the leatherback sea turtle in Costa Rica. He traipsed the Costa Rican beaches under starlight as he helped researchers to collect critical data that is being used to shape global conservation policies. He was able to release hatchlings and relocate nests doing his part to protect this iconic species.

On Saturday, February 24 we held our Friendship High Tea at the Enterprise Grange Hall. The High Tea is our fundraiser for Special Causes. It was a soldout crowd but there was plenty of food and tea for everyone with a few leftovers, very few. We had lots of help this year and we worked like a well-oiled machine! Can't even begin to thank everyone enough for all who helped and who attended to make this Tea a huge success!

Our March meeting was a St. Patrick's Day Irish Potluck at 6:30 p.m. The main dish was Corned Beef and Cabbage and Stew which was supplemented by something green or something Irish as side dishes! Irish music was provided. Our meeting was a Business & Planning meeting for maintenance to our building and for



Enterprise Grange Master Mike Lackey and Lecturer Dorothy Dannels presenting Ed Talbot with the Community Service Citizen Award.

the Community Service program held in April.

This year we held an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31. We served assorted donuts and juices. We "hid" just over 1,000 eggs in Oak Park in Arvada. The Easter Bunny (Kaleb Burnet — Tutor) was on hand for photographs that were taken and then handed out to the families. We never thought to take a group photo until half the kids and parents left. It was a chilly morning so Mike Campbell started a fire in the BBQ to warm up the adults because the kids didn't seem to notice the weather. Children that found Golden Eggs were able to choose a separate toy from a donated table of toys. We ended up with two separate hunts and each child had 30 plus eggs in their basket by the end of the morning. Wonderful memories and a wonderful time were had by all!

April 7 was the opening of our community garden, the Common Earth Community Garden. Hot dogs, chips, side dishes and drinks were served and a few of us worked on our garden plot. We plan to start planting again later in April. So far, only peas have peeked out so we have a ways to go.

This year's recipient for our Community Service Citizen Award is Ed Talbot. Ed Talbot has come as a speaker to the Enterprise Grange on quite a few occasions. He has been a well-informed, wonderful speaker and has filled the Grange with his interesting travels as a Field Research volunteer (a Citizen Scientist) for Earthwatch. Earthwatch engages people worldwide in scientific field research and education to promote the understanding and action necessary for a sustainable environment. He participates in these research expeditions working with world renowned scientists making a difference to help protect our planet. Ed is now an ambassador for the Earthwatch Organization and spends many hours working to inspire people, business and communities with experiences, knowledge and tools that enable them to take action in a positive way helping to protect and preserve our environment. This is a well deserved acknowledgment of all his efforts and hard work in protecting our planet and its wealth of species.

We also honored Pam Campbell as our Rookie of the Year. As a new member in 2017 she has provided many devoted hours to helping others, both inside and outside of the Grange, by volunteering her time, talents and support to all our projects and to other Grange members.

Muriel Frink was given a grateful Appreciation Award for her generous contribution toward the betterment of the Enterprise Grange. Her contribution and dedication to all of us has truly made this organization a better place for all members and for our community.

Carol Lackey

**Maple Grove**

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

Maple Grove Grange met in March for a potluck dinner followed by a very short opening meeting and draping of the charter for Dean Jessop. His family was in attendance.

The program was given by Peter Modreski of the United States Geological Survey. He told of an expedition set out to discover the original survey of the 49th parallel of which he was a part of finding.

April 21 the annual youth benefit breakfast was held. The breakfast included pancakes with all the trimmings and breakfast burritos. Funds collected were donated to the State Grange Youth Fund.

Agriculture Day At The Capitol was held March 22 with three members from Maple Grove Grange attending, Jane Dianich, Idella Lewis, and Norene Hawthorne. Over 900 people were in attendance at the culinary competition featuring Colorado grown food products prepared by professional chefs who teamed up with a state legislator.

Colorado's agriculture industry and all it does for our state is certainly worth celebrating, as the \$40 billion ag industry is one of the top contributors to our economy each year, employs 173,000 people, and helps provide nutritious food for our communities.

We need to remember our Grangers who are dealing with life events; Terry Mood (triple heart bypass), Marion Cruz (health issues), Bob Forman (loss of mother) and Marge Gatlin



Pam Campbell receiving her "Rookie of the Year" Award.

(health issues). Keep them and their families in your prayers.

Idella Lewis

**Wheat Ridge**

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

April 18 — Casino bus trip.

April 26 — Community Night — Ice Cream Social.

May 9 — Homeless Meal Service at Methodist Church.

May 19 — Colorado Grange Museum and presentation of table.

May 19 and/or 26 — Network and Marketing vendor event.

May 24 — Wheat Ridge Fire Room Museum Showcase with Spaghetti Dinner.

June 28 — Grow the Grange Membership Drive.

Every Thursday morning at Stevens Elementary — Feed The Future.

Vivian Vos

**Pleasant Park**

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



Denise Patrick with her award from the Chamber of Commerce for her volunteer work.

May 12 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Potluck Lunch.

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

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

Our annual Chili Dinner was held on April 14 after the regular meeting. It is our way of promoting National Grange month.

The Bicycle Rest Stop is open! We hope for another successful year.

Our Grange won't be the same without Jean Kuehster. We will miss her sweet smile and kind words for everyone. She was our Chaplain for many years. Our prayers continue for Bob and his family.

Kendal Spoor, a local Boy Scout, is working toward his Eagle Scout status and has taken our Grange on as his project. If approved, he will be building new picnic tables for the yard and repairing the existing tables. His troop will also take on maintaining the grounds as their community service project. The other good news is that his parents, Ken and Laura, are joining our Grange!

Denise Patrick and Yvonne Ludwig were nominated for the Norman F. Meyer community service award through the Conifer Chamber of Commerce. It was quite an honor to be nominated. Yvonne was given the award at a Chamber Awards Ceremony and Denise was given a certificate for all her volunteer work.

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

It will seem strange not having the Pomona Picnic but attendance was so low that it was a decision that had to be made.

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

Yvonne Ludwig

community. The kids were given plastic eggs filled with candy. The junior Grangers sold candy bars for the Wild Nights zoo trip.

Get well wishes are extended to Tom Campion and Jim Greer, who both recently had back surgery.

Condolences to the Hopkin Family in the passing of Richard who used to be a Grange member. Richard's funeral dinner was held at the Grange Hall on April 8.

The Pioneer 4-H club held an old fashioned box supper and a dance on March 3 as a fund raiser at the Grange Hall.

The Dryside Quilters began meeting at the Grange Hall again on the Fourth Saturday in March and will do so until the weather gets cold again.

Several Ditch companies have begun using the Grange Hall for their meetings due to the new requirements the school district has established to use the school facilities.

The La Plata County commissioners had their on the Road meeting at the Grange Hall on April 16. Grange members provided refreshments.

Cindy Greer



Amelia Shields reading her essay on Marine Life after she had interviewed Ed Talbot. She got an A!



Muriel Frink receiving her "Grateful Appreciation" Award.

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

**Marvel**

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

May 18 — Bunco, 7 p.m. No potluck, just dessert!

June 1 — Business Meeting 7:30 p.m.

June 16 — Picnic — location and time to be determined.

June 30 — Community Breakfast.

On March 16 Ted Creighton from the Conservation District presented a program on Native Bees. Twenty people attended the potluck and program. Mr. Creighton is very passionate about Native Bees and he shared a lot of information with the attendees. We were very happy to see many people for the first time.

Our Community Breakfast on March 31 had 122 in attendance. We had several political candidates in attendance to meet people in the com-



Golden Gate Chili Cook-Off Contestants.



Golden Gate Chili Cook-Off Winners: Sandy Stone, Dee Dee Ramstetter, and Nancy Bachman.

**Golden Gate**

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

May 12 from 3 p.m. — Peak to Peak Chorale Performance.

May 13 from 8 to 10:30 a.m. — Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast.

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

June 7 from 3 to 4 p.m. — Grange Meeting.

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

July 12 from 3 to 4 p.m. —

**Grange Meeting.**

July 22 from 12 to 5 p.m. — Fiddlesteppers Square Dance.

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

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

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

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

Divide. The cost is Adults \$15 and Children 12 and under \$10. Tickets may be purchased at the door or reserved in advance by going to Brown PaperTickets.com or calling Marith Reheis at 303-277-1843.

Our Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, May 13. Moms eat for free! Pancake, eggs, sausage, juice and coffee will be served. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$2 for kids fewer than 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.

Golden Gate Canyon is black bear

**further information.**

We continue our careful evaluation of the successful future of Castlewood Grange and all Colorado Granges. As part of our continued planning for the future, and to be well-prepared, our hosting the Progressive Pomona Granges scheduled for May 12 is postponed to Friday, July 13, 2018, at 1 p.m.

We are building the Castlewood Grange website and an update of our Bylaws.

We actively look for discussions and cooperation with all the community Granges for our mutual benefit. We plan exciting educational presentations at our meetings and added "expeditions" to better understand our community and our agricultural riches. All are invited. The Estes Park Wool Market is coming up on June 9. Gary Tobey

She was active in Garden Home Grange for many years. Crocheting afghans for various contests, assisting in various activities, making cushions for the hall and many other activities. Her love for people kept her involved in many organizations.

Haroldine was preceded in death by her husband Robert and son Richard. She is survived by daughter Sheryl (Benjamin) Lopez, granddaughters Shannon Jones and Monica (Scott) Chambers, grandsons Louis Lopez, Ben Lopez Jr, and Aaron (Bethani) Lopez, 12 great-grandchildren, 13 great-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She will be missed by all.

**Castlewood**

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



**Grandview**

Contact Jeanne Davies, 720-379-5634, for further information.

Since the first of the year Grandview Grange members have been making plans for activities to interest the members and perhaps to help the Grange increase membership. They are planning a picnic for Saturday, May 19 at the Colorado State Grange Museum at the Conservation Center in Aurora, and have invited area Granges to join them for the picnic and museum tour. Later in the summer they plan to have a bingo night and silent auction and invite residents from the community for an evening of fun.

Jeanne Davies

**Garden Home**

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Haroldine Doris Frecka**  
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Haroldine met her future husband Robert at a dance she attended with a girlfriend. Haroldine was hooked up with Robert's best friend which she did not like. Subsequently her and her girlfriend switched dates and history was made. Robert and Haroldine were married at her parents' home three months later.

Haroldine and Robert made their home in the Mar-Lee area of Denver. In 1953 they adopted their first child Richard Lee and in 1956 their second child Sheryl Ann. Haroldine's children were her life. She was active throughout their school years and into their adulthood.

Haroldine's third love came about when her son Richard and his wife had their first grandchild, Shannon. Followed by grandchildren Louis, Monica, Ben Jr., and Aaron. She adored every one of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Haroldine and Robert's vacation time was usually spent fishing or hunting with friends. They traveled throughout the United States and made two large trips, one to the east coast and the other to Alaska.

Haroldine knew no strangers, as things happened once she started talking to you, you had a friend for life.

She crocheted, knitted and did crafts daily. As many family members will tell you they each have an afghan made especially for them by Haroldine. Her sense of humor got her through some tough times in her life. She never lost it.



Garden Home Grange bought school clothes last fall, and here are some of the kids wearing them.



Decorating Easter eggs at Golden Gate's Eggmania.

**Redlands Mesa**

Contact Master Kay Adams at 970-872-2132, or Gini McNair at ginimcnair@gmail.com, for further information.

May 16 — Monthly meeting (3rd Wednesday) at 6:30 p.m.

May (date not determined yet) — Emergency Preparedness Workshop — what to do in case of wild fire or other emergencies — presented by Fire Chief Doug Fritz from Hotchkiss Fire Dept.

June 11 — Kids Pasta Project Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction at 6 pm. Reserve at kidspasta.project.org.

June 20 — Monthly meeting (3rd Wednesday) at 6:30 p.m.

Redlands Mesa Grange members resumed monthly meetings in February and we have been planning our upcoming events for 2018. April is our Grange clean-up month when we come together to spiff everything up, inside and out. The calendar is filling up with bridal shower and wedding reception rentals and we want everything to be clean and ready to go.

We hosted a women's self-defense class (men were welcome too) in April taught by two military veterans who

have experience in Tae Kwon Do and Okinawa Seidokan. The Tai Chi classes taught by Judy Coyle continue to be popular. Classes are held every Monday: beginners from 5-6 p.m. and intermediate students from 6-7:30 p.m. Classes are \$5 per session.

We plan to have a BBQ dinner in September and October is the month for our annual "Bottomless Soup Bowl" dinner, which is always well attended thanks to all the cooks who donate amazingly wonderful soups, breads and desserts.

We continue to brainstorm ways to increase our membership and volunteer base, and how best to serve our friends and neighbors in our community. As part of our community outreach we are excited to offer a free workshop on Emergency Preparedness sometime in May. We are working with our local fire chief to help us coordinate with the local ambulance association and the county Emergency Manager to present useful information we would need in the event of a wild-fire or other emergency situation. When the date becomes available we will put it on our website: redlands.mesagrangeweebly.com.

Gini McNair

**Pikes Peak**  
El Paso and Teller Counties

**Florissant**

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

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

April 20, 4-7 p.m. — Souper Night at the Florissant Grange (plus a silent auction).

April 21, 4 p.m. — Bear Aware/Fire Danger class.

June 9, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. — Flea Market/Craft Fair.

Due to timing, the deadline for this article is before many of our Spring-time events here in Florissant. Therefore I only have one item to report on in this issue.

Our children's Easter Party was held on March 24. It was another amazing turnout of kids, parents, grandparents, etc. Anyone who's ever herded cats will understand why we didn't get an accurate count, but we know there were over 40 children present due to our running out of "goody bags." (more next year!)

Our treasurer, Jerry McLaughlin, persuaded the Easter Bunny to make an appearance once again this year.



Member Sue Zaba took many photos of kids (and a few grownups) sitting with the "big guy." I busied myself with printing the pics whilst my wife Janette was hopping around to get said pics to the rightful owners.

The ever popular Easter egg hunt went off very well. (We planned on using all white eggs if it snowed but,

went with the colored ones as it was nice out.) We had two "hunting" areas this year. One for 4 years old & under and one for 5 & up. We took a lesson from Willy Wonka and had one golden egg for each age group. Finders of the golden eggs each received a large chocolate Easter Bunny!

Crafts were made and cookies, cupcakes etc. were consumed. Lecturer Renee Caldwell and members Don and Regina Sollars all worked their little cottontails off to make the event



another success. All in all a great time was had by young and old alike.

I would like to point out a correction to our "upcoming events." Our chili cook-off date had to be changed to Friday evening, April 20. Also, a very strange thing happened while we were changing the date for that event. The event itself changed! This year we will hold "Souper Grange Night" instead of a cook-off. It will include a choice of different soups, made by our Grangers, along with

fresh baked bread, salad and dessert. A silent auction will also take place during that evening.

We are still holding a potluck supper every Wednesday at 6 p.m. and all are welcome to bring a dish (or donation) and join in! Music starts around 6:30 p.m. so you can "shake a leg" to work off dinner.

Well, that's all for now from #420. I'm sure I'll be back to my long winded self, next edition.

Ed Oppermann



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