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## President's Message:

### Remember Oath, Grange Values When Going Social

by Betsy E. Huber, National Grange President

Today's world is becoming more and more polarized and partisan each day. Family members and Grange members are on opposite sides of current issues and feel compelled to promote their opinions strongly, especially on social media where the speaker is removed from face-to-face confrontation. We would never make these statements to someone's face, but we feel safe posting them on social media where we are protected from conflict. Our Grange ritual and obligations are filled with specific expectations about how we are to act as Grangers — inside and outside our meetings and halls. In every meeting, the president is called to remind us during our opening ceremony that the purpose of the Grange is "for promoting the welfare of our country and of mankind." In the closing ceremony, just before we go our separate ways, we are urged to be "quiet, peaceful citizens... keeping ourselves unspotted from the world." These words were written at a time similar to ours today — when there were deep and personal differences of opinion and experiences. Inflammatory posts and rhetoric do nothing to bring us together or promote peace. When each of us joined the Grange, we pledged to never "wrong or defraud a member of the Order or allow it to be done by another if within my power to prevent it." Within our Order there has always been and will always be people of various diverse groups — of faith, race, ethnicity, and political affiliation. Posting or sharing items that attack an entire party, race, or even generation of people blindly includes the Grangers among them and wrongs them. When your fellow members of that attacked group see their Brothers and Sisters spewing hate for them, how can they not feel a bit betrayed and deceived that the Grange lessons and oaths were not taken to heart. Your personal posts can easily make someone in your Grange feel as if you believe them to be inferior or that you are disrespectful of those they love — an easy way to pull apart an organization whose founding documents have given us tried and true guidelines to avoid such a fate in an unsettled time. For those who have been elected and installed into office, the pledge specifically prohibits using our position to influence the beliefs of our members: "I will not take advantage of my position to unfairly influence other members with my political or religious opinions." Officers at any level have an extra responsibility to behave at all times as if they represent the Grange and are held to a higher standard. To these individuals, a special reminder: there is a very fine line between expressing your personal opinion on your personal Facebook page, and speaking for the Grange you serve, because people know you are a Granger and may think you are voicing the general feelings of the Grange organization. Your generalized scorn for a class of people will make any task insurmountable when you try to work together for the good of the Grange. Finally, and maybe most importantly, I urge you to remember our motto: "In essentials, unity; in nonessentials, liberty; in all things charity." Before you post something, take another look at it. Does it show charity (love) to all? Could someone we love take offense to what we are sharing? Sometimes it's better just to keep on scrolling and not repost an item or respond with a comment if it will not be beneficial. While your personal accounts are just that, your Grange-oriented accounts are under even more scrutiny because the content on them reflects on our entire organization. Please remember who you're representing and act accordingly. This means avoid cursing or unacceptable language, avoid posting inappropriate material, avoid misrepresenting the Grange by stating views that aren't in alignment with Grange policy. Always be welcoming and charitable. These moral standards apply to posts made to a Grange page by you through your personal account as well. Avoid posting anything that contains inappropriate content or language. AGAIN REMEMBER: you are representing the Grange and everything you post to Facebook, or any other site is FOREVER. I hope that we as Grangers will try to do better and do our part to restore civility to our small area of the world.

**Virtual State Session  
Sept. 26 on Zoom!**

## Please Remember The Scholarship Program

Dear Colorado Grangers,

The generosity of Grangers throughout Colorado has made it possible for the Colorado State Grange Leadership and Scholarship Foundation to award 16 young people scholarships of \$1,500 each to help them with college expenses for the coming academic year.

Any Colorado Grange member, their child, or their grandchild is eligible to apply, and I heartily encourage your Grange to promote this program to your members. While most scholarships are for college, junior college or community college academics, high school graduates who are considering trade school are also encouraged to apply. The program can also help cover the cost of obtaining certifications to help those who are in

the workforce to receive job promotions.

The Colorado State Grange Leadership and Scholarship Program is a 501 (c) (3) private foundation which relies wholly upon donations and from the returns on our modest corpus. Prudent investment over the life of this Foundation is our lifeblood, but the IRS is not kind to scholarship foundations who limit or in any way restrict those who may benefit. Since we limit eligibility to only Grangers or their families, we must distribute a certain percentage of the value of our corpus each year to avoid punishing federal taxes.

In other words, if we do not receive in donations an amount equivalent to that percentage which the IRS requires, we must reduce our corpus to

make up the difference.

I urge your Grange to discuss our program with your members and to remember us when you want to memorialize a member who has passed. Private donations are fully tax deductible as well. Please make your checks out to the Colorado State Grange Scholarship Foundation and send them to our Treasurer, Jim Miller, PO Box 521, Akron, Colorado, 80720.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the Foundation, please don't hesitate to call Jeanne at 720-379-5834 or Jim at 303-898-5052.

Fraternally,  
Jeanne Davies, President  
Jim Miller, Treasurer  
Colorado State Grange Leadership and Scholarship Foundation

## National Grange Virtual Photo Contest OPEN TO ALL!

The 2020 National Grange Virtual Photo Contest came about as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic causing massive changes to our annual National and State Grange conventions. This contest allows for a photo contest even without state contests. All photos entered will become the property of the National Grange and may be used in National Grange publications and virtual media.

### RULES

- The National Grange Virtual Photo Contest is open to all Grangers and yet-to-be Grangers.
- Submitted photos can be of any subject. [Any photograph deemed inappropriate will not be judged or exhibited in the National Grange Virtual Photo Contest.]
- All entries must be received electronically as a single (1) file no larger than 1GB via Google Forms at <http://tiny.cc/grange20pubitem>

by October 31, 2020.

- There is one division — come one, come all!
- Each individual is limited to entering three photos.
- Entries should be no more than one year old.
- Any entries received after the October 31, 2020 deadline will not be judged.

### PRIZES

Monetary prizes will be awarded: 1st - \$50, 2nd - \$30 and 3rd - \$20.

## Public Service Announcement From The FCC

Contact tracing is a public health technique used to identify individuals who have had close contact with someone known to have the virus. Because of the urgent need to notify those that may have been exposed and prevent larger outbreaks, tracers will often use a variety of methods to contact the individual, including call and text messages.

Scammers follow the headlines and have started impersonating contact tracers. Patrick Webre, Chief of the FCC's Consumer and Government Affairs Bureau recently addressed this scam in an interview with *ABC New York's 7 On Your Side*: <https://abc7ny.com/7-on-your-side-covid-scams-coronavirus-covid-19/6345390/>.

**Be aware, legitimate contact tracers will not ask for:** Insurance information — Bank Account information — Credit Card numbers — Social Security numbers or for a payment. **If a caller asks for any of the above, hang up.**

Contact tracers will also never reveal the identity of the person who tested positive. They will also be able to

provide current testing locations.

Scammers are also using text messages to impersonate contact tracers. Never click on a link in a text message from an unknown sender. It may install malware onto your device or take you to a phony website designed to collect personal information.

Learn more about contact tracing scams by visiting: <https://www.fcc.gov/fear-fuels-covid-19-contact-tracing-scams>.

Check with your state's health department or COVID-19 task force to learn how they are implementing contact tracing and how they plan to contact individuals who have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Contact tracing methods may vary by state. The FCC's COVID-19 Consumer Guide has information about coronavirus scams and how you can avoid becoming a victim, along with helpful tips on cell phone hygiene and optimizing your home wireless network and more.

## — In Memoriam —

### Jane Alberta Dianich November 16, 1947-July 25, 2020

Jane Alberta Dianich passed away on July 25, 2020 at the age of 72, sadly, through an accident in the water at her summer cottage at Pleasant Lake in Delton, Michigan. Jane was born on November 16, 1947, to John and Helen (Crownover) Dianich, in Albion, Michigan. Her year-round home was in Wheat Ridge, Colorado. Jane graduated from Albion High School in 1965. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Botany and Physical Sciences from Michigan State University in 1969, a Masters Degree in Earth Science Teaching in 1975, and she completed additional post-graduate classes in earth science and hydrology at Colorado State University. Jane taught earth and other sciences at secondary schools in Michigan and Colorado, including at East Junior High School, Jackson, MI; Mason Junior High School; Cranbrook-Kingswood Schools, Bloomfield Hills, MI; and Kent Denver Country Day School, Englewood, CO. Jane was named the Outstanding

Secondary Science Teacher for the State of Michigan by the Michigan Science Teachers Association for 1974-75. Jane currently did substitute teaching at St. Catherine of Siena School in the Archdiocese of Denver, and she also taught professional development earth science classes for teachers through Colorado School of Mines, Golden, CO.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Tessa Dianich Toms. Jane is survived by her son, Trevor Dianich Toms, of Lakewood, CO; her loving husband, Peter John Modreski, of Wheat Ridge, CO; her sisters, Ruth Ann (Dianich) Anderson of Rives Junction, MI; and Mary Dianich Kaiser of Gallatin, TN; and many nieces and nephews. Jane was an active member of Wheat Ridge United Methodist Church, Wheat Ridge, CO, and of the church choir. She also attended Faith United Methodist Church in Delton, MI. She belonged to the Maple Grove Grange in Wheat Ridge, the Denver Gem and Mineral Guild, the Delta Kappa Gamma Society and she was a life member of the



Jane Alberta Dianich

Michigan Earth Science Teachers Association. Jane treasured her continued lifelong friendships with both teaching colleagues and students whom she had taught, from her years in Michigan and more recently from Colorado.

Jane was a caring, generous, loving person who always thought of others before herself. Her joy and excitement about everything in life were constant and infectious. Jane loved to study, and share her knowledge with others, about all areas of science, especially botany, animals, the earth, astronomy, hydrology, meteorology, and everything in nature. Her great loves in life included flowers, butterflies, geology (especially the glacial history of Michigan), children, and her friends and family. She passionately loved gardening, teaching, music (she played the cello), and everything connected with water. Jane passed away while living at the lovely lake cottage that had been her dream to have, surrounded by flower gardens, the earth, water, and sky, and so many good and loving friends, neighbors, and family members. Jane had complete faith that she would be reunited with her daughter and her family in heaven. We will all miss her beyond words.

Services were held in Albion, Michigan. To leave online messages of condolence, please visit [www.kevintiddfuneralhome.com](http://www.kevintiddfuneralhome.com).





# Master's Message

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September is traditionally the beginning of the Grange year. To me that means that newly elected officers take over the position to which they have been elected. It also means that September and October are transition months, where the outgoing officers assist the incoming officers get on board and get going. If you're a new officer and the outgoing officer has not shared any information please contact me and I will send you an officer's guide that we developed a couple of years ago.

At the beginning of any new year, we need to take time to access what we have done in the past that has worked, think about what we would like to do for our Grange or the community, and set some goals.

**MEETINGS:** During this pandemic it's important that we figure out the best way to have a Grange meeting. Life goes on and we have to figure out how to move forward even in the midst of a pandemic. As the winter months approach meeting outdoors is going to be impossible — we might be able to meet outdoors during September and October at least early in the month. After that it may be too cold. So how are you going to meet? Will you meet via a conference call? Will you meet in Person, following current guidelines (whatever they are when you meet). Or a video platform like Zoom or Go To Meetings? There are about eleven different video platforms that can be utilized. Unfortunately, the time you can spend on one of those "Free" platforms is about 40 minutes. You can contact the National Grange to have the IT specialist (Stephanie Wilkins) to schedule a zoom meeting where your time is not limited. swilkins@nationalgrange.org

**ACTIVITIES:** Each Grange needs to have a discussion about what activities and programs they want to do in the coming year. Benjamin Franklin supposedly once said, "If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail." Sir Winston Churchill is credited with another, oft repeated, saying: "Those who fail to learn from the past are doomed to repeat it." And along that same vein there's the phrase we hear often in the workplace, "learn from your mistakes." Does this mean that your plans won't get changed? Certainly not! Plans are made only to be changed and yes, change is hard and we don't like it, but I'd rather plan and have to change my plans than not plan anything.

**PAYING BILLS:** Many of our Granges will have to figure out ways to earn money to pay their monthly bills, especially since the rental of our buildings is limited for the time being. I've seen many Granges adapt, they continued to hold their dinners, taking orders ahead of time, and having the supporters drive in to pick up their order. I know it's not the same, but as a fund raiser they succeeded. Some Granges used their face book pages to have auctions. It's definitely a different way of thinking. So now is the time to "Think outside the box" when it comes to fundraising.

**STATE SESSION:** We hope that many of you will be joining us for the virtual State Grange convention, September 26. If you haven't received information please check the Colorado State Grange website www.coloradogranger.org We are totally aware that this will be challenging and not without problems, but we felt that this was the best option considering the circumstances. It's an opportunity to participate without the added expense of travel, food, and lodging. So why not take the time to participate. We hope to see you or hear you.

**WOMEN OF THE GRANGE:** I recently read a book called "Women of the Grange" *Mutuality and Sisterhood*

in *Rural America, 1866-1920*. When I first saw the title I was thinking it would cover specific women. It turned out to be more about the hardships and monotony of being a farm wife. It seems that many women of that era lost their minds because of the isolation they endured day after day. That's where specific women of the Grange made a difference in the lives of many farm women. The book talks about the struggles that the Grange had in deciding whether to or how to promote Women's suffrage. Of course, many were opposed in the beginning, even though women had an equal vote in the Grange. The book jumps to the 1980s when our own Jeanne Davies was elected to the National Grange Executive committee.

"Agnes Ludwig Riddle, combined Marriage and farming with an extraordinary public life. Born in Silesin in 1865, Riddle came to the United States when she was sixteen, lived briefly in the east, and then moved to St. Louis, where she studied domestic science and nursing. She married Joseph Riddle, a dairy farmer, after she had begun to work in a Colorado hospital. Riddle taught Sunday school, preached in the neighborhood around her husband's farm, and became secretary of the Colorado State Grange (1907-1913), a member of the advisory board of Colorado's agricultural college, and a Republican state Senator representing Adams, Arapahoe, and Elbert counties for one term after the 1911 election. She was the first woman legislator in the country. Particularly interested in rural education she is credited with helping to win appropriations for a woman's building at the agricultural college for her extension programs serving remote areas of the state.

Riddle's legislative career, though it lasted only one term, was extraordinary. When she won her senate seat, women in most of the country could not yet vote. But her personal success had parallels throughout the Order. Grange women achieved various kinds of public leadership and some twentieth-century sisters carved out notably independent careers. Riddle also shared Grange women's universal interest in rural education, especially women's education at the agricultural college and matched some of her sisters' devotion to agriculture, often doing chores early in the morning before going into Denver for Senate meetings. Only her ethnic background and profession made Riddle truly unusual. Immigrants and nurses were rarities in the Grange, old stock Americans and teachers were typical.

When Riddle died in 1930, *The Denver Post* suggested a connection between her Grange service and her election to the senate. Being Secretary of the State Grange had made her "widely known, admired, and trusted by the farmers." Probably her religious activities had already given her some neighborhood celebrity, but the Grange made her a prominent person."

"According to the *Writer's Almanacs*: In the Grange, women have been equal from its inception. At a meeting in Chicago in 1877, Mrs. Washburn of the Colorado State Grange "introduced a resolution declaring that 'justice to woman demands and the exigencies of the times require' that women be admitted to the ballot." The resolution was refused, Mrs. Washburn withdrew it from consideration, then reintroduced it and asked for a roll call vote to put the members on record regarding their support of women's suffrage. Only 8 voted for and 24 against the motion for the Grange to support women's suffrage. Women received the vote in 1920."

Mrs. Washburn served as the Colorado State Grange L.A.S. in 1875, Ceres in 1875-1877, Overseer in 1877-1879.

# Notes From The Secretary



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## A Positive Point Of View

As you all know, this year's State Session will be held by Zoom or phone. We hope more Granges will participate since there is no travel involved. You should have gotten your packets so be sure to send in the necessary paperwork. It is important to return everything so we can be ready for State Session. There are also forms to fill out for Membership and current Officers. These help us keep track of how our membership numbers are doing and the current Officer report helps us get the Roster current and printed on time. So please get those reports back to us right away.

Also, PLEASE... It is important to write your resolutions and get them to

the State Office as soon as possible so we can be ready for our Zoom meeting

I have received most of your 2nd Quarter Dues, Thank you. If you have not gotten those sent in... please send those right away. And it is OK to send those 3rd Quarter Dues now as well.

In Florissant the nights are cooling off just enough that some leaves are starting to turn to yellow. I hate to see summer go, but it brings us to fall, which is usually beautiful, so on the one hand it is hard to say good bye to summer and on the other, fall is a great time of year as well so how can we be sad.

"It is up to you to see the Beauty of everyday things." (unknown)

# Junior Grange And Youth

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Hello everyone.

What a crazy year it has been!

Words can't even begin to describe it. We have made some awesome massive plans, and they have all been canceled. Nonetheless we are still moving forward with our plans for next year. In addition, the rest of this year.

We have decided that we will start planning our Ocean Get-A-Way for next August in San Diego.

Here's what we need from you. If you or your Grange is interested in sponsoring a youth or Granger let us know. The best way to do that is simply text Dan @ 970-749-9449. Or you can shoot us an email djbngreer@live.com.

If you are interested in going let us know too! That way we can start looking for the perfect place for this awesome event. After we find out exactly who is interested then we can finalize the details. We are trying to keep this is low cost and family friendly as possible.

What you can expect if you decide to come is tons of fun. We LOVE relaxed schedules. So don't plan on us filling up every second of the 3-day adventure. You'll have lots of time to go explore with your family and friends. Because of the nature of planning such an awesome event, we will be requiring an upfront payment to secure your spot. Like I said earlier until we have an idea of how many are



coming we won't be able to figure out that cost.

As if I said this will be an awesome adventure and we hope that you make the commitment to come.

On a different note. We missed seeing everyone at State Session this year. We have been diligently trying to figure out a way to "judge" the different crafts that your Juniors took time to complete. Here's what we decided. If you email us pictures of their projects, we'll get them judged. In the email, please include:

- Name of JR
- Age of JR
- Grange
- Project category

We pray that everyone is happy and healthy. Hoping to see you all again soon.

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## Christmas Cards For The Military

About the end of September we will be shipping 30,000 Christmas Cards to Washington, D.C., to SOSA to distribute to troops all over the world. Each card has a hand written message and an insert about Grange and the Red Hat group.

If anyone has Christmas cards that they would like to donate to the cause please let Marlys Halbeisen know — marlyshalbeisen@gmail.com or 303-475-4571.

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

### FOR THE COLORADO GRANGER MAILING LIST ADDRESS CHANGE FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GRANGE # \_\_\_\_\_  
OLD ADDRESS (IF CHANGE OR DROP) \_\_\_\_\_  
ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
PRESENT ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
(GIVE ROUTE AND BOX NUMBER)

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## Granger Deadline And Guidelines

**October 15, 2020**, is the deadline for articles for the November-December 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.

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)

*The Grange is America's great family fraternity active in your community, state and nation promoting activities and legislation for the betterment and enrichment of our society and families.*

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





## Lecturer's Creative And Performing Arts

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### LECTURER:

Hello fellow Grangers. I am looking forward to a new year of being your new State Lecturer. I am bringing new ideas and resources to the table and new information to share with all the subordinate lecturers in the state. One is the publication from the National Lecturer called a *Quarter's Worth*. This is a cooperative newsletter made up of submissions from lecturers from across the nation. We are sharing ideas and tips to help get programs started. I would like to share this information by regular mail or digitally; however, we ran into problems sending out the contest forms for this year's state convention. We either had the wrong person, address, or email address for several of the Granges. I am asking each lecturer to reach out by either emailing, texting, or just sending me a card, with your name, address, email address, and phone number. Please send your current information to me using the information provided above, so I can get you the most updated information.

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions and the cancellation of an in-person convention, the Gala planned for this year will roll over for next year. The theme will be Mardi Gras. Materials for making a mask will be provided, I am thinking maybe a potluck dinner to go with, that will be decided as we get closer to the convention in 2021.



The contests for next year will be a combination of what you would have submitted this year and what you craft for next year. I am looking forward to seeing all of your Grange's hard work. The prize for the Lecturer Star Awards this year and for the future will be a certificate and ribbons to go in the photo book provided the first year your Grange is awarded for the Star program. The book will display the Grange Logo on the front along with your Grange Name. Inside you will be able to place the certificate and any ribbons you receive from public relations, community service and membership. This will give your Grange a mobile display of your achievements to use at Grange functions whether or not you have a Grange Hall. Will also save on that premium wall space. Please see the adjacent pictures for an example of this year's Award. The gold plate will have the Grange name placed on it.



I am also considering a revamp of the Star Awards to cut down on duplication of categories, not sure what that will look like as of yet and would like any feedback on what you would like to see in the future. Please send any suggestions to me by November 1, 2020. I would like to have a working program by the first of the year.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Due to COVID-19 not much in the way of news from around the state. I have submitted a letter from the National President, Betsy Huber, regarding Grange members and social media. Please take a moment to read. Thank you.

I would also like to get from each Grange information regarding your Grange and its activities to use as a way to advertise your Granges on the State Facebook page and other outlets. This is to get our presence out to the public and maybe increase presence in our communities. The PR contest this year was the submission of a tri-fold brochure regarding your Grange. If you need help with this in the future or if you don't have the ability to create one of your own, please let me know and I will help you to create one for your Grange. I would like to see each Grange with a personalized brochure to hand out at events along with the one from national. This is a viable tool as each Grange does programs unique to themselves.

### Colorado State Grange Website

Larry Corman takes care of the web page for the State Grange. He is requesting that Officers and Directors contact him with updates for their departments. He would like to link the web page of each Grange to the State Grange site. Please contact him to have this done so Grange members and others can easily access your page for information. Larry Corman: larry\_corman@hotmail.com or 970-884-4762.



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Since the State Session will be on Zoom this year, due to the COVID-19 coronavirus, entries in the needlework and baking will not be entered until next year, 2021. So now everyone has another year to get entries done! Items in the food preservation division that will keep for another year, such as dried foods and canned items could be entered next year, even though they were made in 2019-2020. The deadline to make items to be entered is Sept. 1, 2020-Sept. 1, 2021.

Quilt blocks for the National Contest should be sent directly to Chris Hamp, National Lecturer, by October 31. There is no limit to the number of quilt blocks you can send in to her.

What to do with all the zucchini this time of year?! This versatile vegetable can be used in many ways and even has some nutritional benefits. It is rich in nutrients, high in antioxidants, may reduce blood sugar, and may improve heart health. These are several recipes you might try.

### LEMON ZUCCHINI BREAD

1-1/2 C. flour  
1 t. baking soda  
1/4 t. salt  
3/4 C. sugar  
1/4 C. brown sugar  
1 large egg  
1 egg yolk  
1/2 C. yogurt  
Juice of 1 lemon  
1 t. vanilla  
1 T. lemon zest  
1 C. shredded zucchini

Whisk flour, baking soda, salt.

In another bowl stir together sugars, egg and egg yolk, until smooth. Add yogurt, lemon juice, vanilla, 1T. lemon zest and stir until smooth. Add zucchini and flour mixture. Mix together. Place in greased and floured 9x5 loaf pan. Bake at 350 degrees, 50 min. While warm, drizzle with glaze.

### GLAZE

1 C. water  
1/2 C. powdered sugar  
1 T. yogurt  
1 T. lemon zest

### BAKED ZUCCHINI CHIPS

Veg. spray  
2 medium zucchini  
1-1/4 t. salt  
1/2 t. garlic powder  
1/4 t. black pepper  
1/4 C. Parmesan cheese  
1/2 C. dry bread crumbs

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place zucchini in bowl. Drizzle veg. oil over zucchini and stir to coat. Add bread crumbs, salt, garlic powder, black pepper, and Parmesan cheese and bread crumbs. Toss to coat. Bake until zucchini are tender and cheese is browned.



## P.I.C.K.

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What is a Grant? Grants are non-repayable funds or products disbursed or given by one party (grant makers), often a government department, corporation, foundation or trust, to a recipient, often (but not always) a nonprofit entity, educational institution, business or an individual. In order to receive a grant, some form of "Grant Writing," often referred to as either a proposal or an application, is required.

Most grants are made to fund a specific project and require some level of compliance and reporting. Most

grants have a time line involved and are not intended to be put into a savings for a project that may or not be completed in the future at an unknown time.

That being clarified, the grants that PICK is currently offering need to be completed within one year. We feel that there are immediate needs that will take priority over long term needs. More of an Emergency Relief grant situation.

PICK will be holding its annual meeting on September 26 following the close of the State Grange meeting.

**Colorado State Grange Convention Sept. 26**  
Visit [www.coloradogrango.org](http://www.coloradogrango.org) for details.



## 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**  
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The Cure for Everything! Researchers have linked Inflammation to nearly every critical disease of aging. Reduce it now and you can clear a path to a happier, healthier, longer life. Low-grade inflammation, hardly sounds serious at all; An inconvenience perhaps, maybe a mild fever or a creaky joint. There are far more worrisome words: cancer, heart dis-

ease, dementia, diabetes. But researchers have suspected for years that all these health issues and more, have at their heart one common trigger; low-grade inflammation! And now, they may finally have proof.

In a recent study, cardiologists in Boston reported on a clinical trial with more than 10,000 patients in 39 countries (mean age: 61) that tested to see

if an anti-inflammatory drug could lower rates of heart disease. They discovered that it could. And they also found that the same drug, canakinumab, reduced lung cancer mortality more than 77 percent, and reports of gout and arthritis (all conditions linked to inflammation) also fell.

"Inflammation plays a role in everyone's health," says Dana DiRenzo, a rheumatologist and instructor of medicine at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore. When inflammation levels increase, so does your risk of disease. But understanding inflammation can be tricky because, when you get a disease, inflammation levels naturally increase as your body fights the condition. Inflammation, in other words, is both good and bad.

Acute inflammation helps your body fight and heal. Chronic inflammation, on the other hand, is a slow, creeping condition caused by a misfiring of the immune system that keeps your body in a constant, long-term state of high alert. "Over time inflammation damages healthy cells," says Roma Pahwa, a researcher for the National Institutes of Health who specializes in the inflammatory response. Chronic inflammation is a cascading effect of reactions in the body, Pahwa says. Here's a very basic breakdown of what's going on.

**Something triggers the immune system.** Whether it's a chronic disease, an autoimmune disorder, weight gain, psychological stress, poor nutrition, exposure to chemicals or allergens — something puts your body in a state of stress and keeps it there.

**The immune system responds.** The body goes into attack mode with its inflammatory response, which also includes blood vessel expansion to increase blood flow to the problem areas. Blood is the primary delivery system for all these substances.

**And responds... and responds... and responds.** An endless cycle of pro-inflammatory foods, rampant stress, bad sleep and more keeps this process in constant motion because

we never give the body a break.

Getting older increases inflammation. The older we are, the more exposure we've had to stuff like environmental toxins, bad foods, stress, alcohol, and chronic diseases. Plus, aging makes it more difficult for our bodies to properly manage our immune systems, to extract nutrients from food

and to shed extra pounds.

What is one to do to decrease inflammation? Do you know? I am guessing you have a clue.... Stay tuned to next issue for ideas. Meanwhile take a hint from the following ..... Decrease stress, toxins, bad food (aka foods high in sugar and fat), and alcohol. Until next time.

## by Claudia the Skunk from the National Grange Herd

The implements of the second degree are:

**Hoe** — to cut up weeds and stir the soil.

It is emblematic of that cultivation of the mind which destroys error and keeps our thought quickened and ready to receive and apply new facts as they appear, thus promoting the growth of knowledge and wisdom

**Pruning Knife** — used to remove useless and injurious growths from our trees, plants and vines.

Should remind you to prune idle thoughts and sinful suggestions, and thus keep your passions within due bounds and prevent your fancy from leading you astray after the vanities and vices of the world. Bear in mind that moral and mental worth rank before worldly wealth or honors.

## Claudia's Corner



Bear in mind that moral and mental worth rank before worldly wealth or honors.



## Drug Deactivation: A Solution to an Epidemic



The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) now recognizes in-home drug deactivation systems as a safe and environmentally responsible way to dispose of unwanted pharmaceuticals.



**480 million** pain-related prescriptions were written in 2014



**70%** of prescriptions remain unused and available for abuse

Every day, **2,500 American kids** abuse a prescription drug for the first time



**3 of 4 people** reported that their first opioid was a prescription drug

**46 people** each day die from an overdose of prescription painkillers in the U.S.

### Benefits of the Deterra® System

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# Agriculture Report

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Below are major discussion items from the Colorado Ag Council meeting of Thursday, August 13, 2020, hosted by Terry Fankhauser, Chair, via ZOOM.

### Congressional And Legislative Redistricting

To redefine our Congressional and Legislative Districts, the legislators in 2018 created the Independent Congressional Redistricting Commission and the Independent Legislative Redistricting Commission. Their mission is to redefine boundaries of Congressional and legislative districts. Census data is used to define approximate equal populations for each district but it is up to each commission to define where the boundaries will be. We need to protect Colorado grassroots and get as many rural people as possible on these commissions. I will be happy to write letters of recommendation — let me know.

Deadline is Nov. 10, 2020, to be on either commission, and applications are online at redistrictingcolorado.gov. It is critically essential that our rural areas are fairly represented and why I encourage Grange members and your rural friends to apply. As we are now, the population of the urban corridor from Colorado Springs to Ft. Collins largely defines what our state is doing. Our rural interests need adequate recognition. Commission members are allowed \$200 per diem and meetings will be at the Capital with 4 or 5 in February and March plus 3 hearings in each Congressional district for the Congressional Commission and similar meetings are at the Capital for the Legislative Commission plus at least 21 more at locations spread across the state. Time commitment is essentially full time for the duration.

### Labor

The new Healthy Families and Workplace Act requires all private employers in Colorado to provide paid sick leave to their Colorado employees: 1) COVID-19 emergency paid sick leave; 2) paid sick and safe time; and 3) public health emergency paid sick leave. Effective January 1, 2021, for employers with 15 or more employees and January 1, 2022, for employers with less than 15 employees. Rules will be drafted beginning August 30.

New rules and regulations on overtime pay are challenging for agriculture: what is overtime, some workers want overtime for the income, employer may limit to 8 hours, unknown application to the H2A foreign workers, are feed lot workers "ag" workers or other. Worker advocates are sophisticated and litigious. The need is for informative videos and tours to inform regulators and urban legislators on what is agriculture labor. Our idea of labor and system of laws do not fit well for agriculture. Also, there is a perception that agriculture employers are not good employers, an unfair notion.

### Seven Statewide Ballot Measures (and possibly five more) — Those with possible interest to agriculture and rural population:

**Initiative #107** — Restoration of Gray Wolves, Colorado State Grange opposes wolf introduction.

**Senate Concurrent Resolution SCR20-001** — Repeal property tax assessment Rates (repeal "Gallagher Amendment").

### Other measures:

**Senate Bill 19-042** — Adopt agreement among the states to elect the

President of the United States by national popular vote.

**Initiative #76** — Only citizens vote.

**Initiative #120** — Prohibition on late term abortions.

### Awkward Appointee By Governor Polis To The State Board Of Veterinary Medicine

The following text is borrowed from a letter by Rachel Gabel, *Fence Post* to Dianne E. Ray with State Services and copied to Gov. Jared Polis, Press Secretary Conor Cahill, Sen. Kerry Donovan, Sen. Jessie Danielson, Sen. Don Coram, Sen. Robert Rodriguez, Sen. Jerry Sonnenberg, Rep. Dylan Roberts, Rep. Donald Valdez, Rep. Jeni James Arndt, Rep. Bri Buentello, Rep. Marc Catlin, Rep. Richard Holtorf, Rep. Rod Pelton, Rep. Brianna Titone, Rep. Perry Will, Rep. Steven Woodrow, Rep. Mary Young.

I urge you to contact your state senator and representative to emphasize this failure to support our agriculture. August 6, 2020

Dear Ms. Ray,

This week, Ellen Kessler, who was recently appointed to the State Board of Veterinary Medicine posted on her personal social media account that, "4-H clubs teach children that animal lives don't matter." Kessler is an outspoken vegan and advocate for others to do the same.

As a member of the Colorado Board of Veterinary Medicine, this appointee will be asked to guide and enforce professional standards for veterinary practitioners. She'll also be tasked with making, amending, and adopting reasonable rules that govern the conduct of veterinarians, including veterinarians who serve the state's many large animal and food animal clients.

The members of the state board are given the responsibility of interpreting the Veterinary practice law onto many specific cases in a fair and equitable manner that is in keeping with the intention of the law. Such interpretation is very much at the mercy of the individual board member's ability or inability to remove their own personal bias or agenda from the equation. The long-established and science-based practices of a medical profession should not be placed on the whim of one individual with a deeply engrained political belief. Veterinarians have dedicated decades of their lives and hundreds of thousands of dollars to establish their professional career and this gives one person with a personal agenda the power to dismantle their career and reputation permanently.

Due to Kessler's previous statements that Coloradoans ought to become vegans, I do not believe she will be able to reasonably carry out the great responsibility of overseeing the veterinarians so vital to the agriculture industry. This conflict of interest could be disastrous, even driving desperately needed rural practitioners out of the state. With the state already experiencing a shortage of such practitioners, this would be a blow to the agriculture industry and the people who depend upon it.

I respectfully request that this grave conflict of interest be given consideration prior to Kessler's confirmation hearing during the upcoming legislative sessions. Supporting Colorado's agriculture industry has never been more important.

Yours in agriculture,  
Rachel Gabel



# Chaplain's Corner

Loeda Westphal,  
State Chaplain  
719-632-5965



For nearly six months, we have been and are still struggling with the virus with no end in sight. The longer the health crisis continues, the more damage is done to our organizations. Because of the inability to be socially and physically together, we wonder about our personal survival as well as organizations like the Grange. Personal involvement is one of the biggest factors in a successful group. For most of our groups that key element has been eliminated.

Some of you have discovered new ways to continue your Grange work. Our history consists of many difficulties and we have survived. We will survive the virus. We have the advantage of many means of communication including Zoom for meetings in modern times. While it leaves some desired factors, it is a way to stay in

touch with one another. We also will survive because our ritual provides us a frame of togetherness. We are united within that ritual and later in our rebuilding.

Because we will not have a normal Memorial Service this year, I encourage you to let me know of all deaths in your Grange as well as past delegates to State Conventions. There will be a special list made at a later date. I feel it is especially important to honor these members during this difficult year.

*Climb Every Mountain* is one of my favorite musical arrangements. *We have had mountains to climb, and we are climbing another one. We will reach the top and look over the steep slopes. Our tasks are many, and the road is rugged. With the spiritual lessons of our Master, let us climb again "until we reach our dreams."*

## SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF GRANGE MEMBERSHIP CELEBRATED

Loeda Westphal, State Chaplain, is celebrating her 65th year of Grange membership. She joined Mountain View Grange in 1955 following a special graduation from the Juvenile Grange where she had served as Secretary of the Mountain View Juvenile Grange for five years at Ellicott, Colorado. Her parents had previously joined in 1941. Loeda is a third generation Grange member and has her grandmother's Grange music book used in Kansas.

After High School graduation and her parents retired and moved to Colorado Springs, the family demitted to El Paso Grange. Later in life and living in Montrose, Loeda demitted to Riverside Grange before moving back to Colorado Springs in 1971, and again became a member of El Paso Grange and Pikes Peak Pomona. During those years, she served in a number of leadership positions.

In the early 1980s, George Westphal and Loeda met at the El Paso Grange and married in 1986. George and Loeda became Grange insurance agents serving Grange members in the Colorado Springs, Security, and Fountain communities. They soon became active at the State level and were appointed Deputies of Pikes Peak Pomona in 1989 for 20 years. During this time, they were instrumental in selling commemorative plates and cups for the 125th anniversary of the Grange. They were named Outstanding Grangers in 2007.

At the 1999 State Convention, Loeda was elected Pomona and later Colorado State Chaplain for three terms. She continued State Convention work as pianist until she was again elected State Chaplain in 2019.

Loeda's two sons, Wenton Davis and Kevin Davis, won Grange scholarships. Four grandchildren compete the family circle.



# Community Service

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Hello Grangers. I hope this edition of the *Granger* finds you all safe and well. By the time you read this, Elizabeth, Dominick, and I will be reading your report of activities you've been able to do for this past Grange year in all of the Star categories, including Community Service and Membership. As of this writing, we've already received a couple of them! It will be a different Colorado State Grange annual conference this year — and we'll all be doing the best we can with that. The point is, we'll still be together — conducting business and celebrating the year's accomplishments as Grangers. No novel coronavirus can keep us down! I strongly encourage all of you to prepare to be online before the day of the conference. You can gather with anyone you feel comfortable with, who has internet access, and you can join with any smartphone if you don't have another tablet or computer. You will enjoy the conference a lot more that way.

We'll be going into Autumn soon, harvesting the products of the growing season, as well as everything we've all learned over the past year. It's a good time to take stock of the good things in our lives, especially now, with this having been a really challenging year. Celebrate those good things. Celebrate each other and celebrate "the love between us." Celebrate being able to share the har-

vests of your lives with others. Maybe it's actual food — maybe it's your time and energy to be able to help someone else with something that's become challenging for them.

With the current challenges of being able to do things the normal ways we've always done them, it also looks like we could be having some challenges with participating in the upcoming United States general election. My community service idea for that subject is to help people to cast their votes, if they need it. If they are feeling as though their ballots may be at risk of not arriving at the election office on time, offer to take them to their county's ballot drop-box or election office. I personally have some neighbors who have trouble getting out and about anyway, and are particularly nervous about it right now. I will be offering to take their ballots for them, or certainly if they prefer, to drive them over to the drop-box to help them deliver it themselves — so they don't have to mail them in. The more of us who can help deliver ballots directly to the boxes or election offices — and the earlier we can do that after receiving them, the less pressure there will be on the currently struggling postal service to handle the rest. I'm looking forward to "seeing" you online at the conference in a few weeks for some Grange voting as well!



### WHAT IS GRANGE REVIVAL?

Grange Revival is a family event open for all Grange members and friends to create and strengthen fraternal bonds. From outdoor activities to ag awareness lessons, craft workshops and lots of time to kick back and relax with other Grangers, there is something for everyone. Take part in planned activities or excursions or strike out on your own to find some fun during the day. Then head back to the campground at night to enjoy a communal meal and maybe even some campfire songs.

Bring your RV, load your car and pack a tent, fly to your destination and stay in a cabin or enjoy the experience with some added creature comforts at a nearby hotel. All the fun of Grange Revival is waiting for you! And don't forget: bring your friends! You need not be a Grange member to attend (but you sure will want to be after it's over!).

# GRANGE Revival

Days End Campground  
Sturgis, South Dakota  
July 20-25, 2021

Mark your calendars and pack your bags! Grange Revival 2021 is scheduled for July 20-25, 2021! at Days End Campground in Sturgis, South Dakota. More than 70 Grangers joined us in 2019 for the inaugural event held in Ozark, Arkansas. Now it's your turn!



### NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

Mount Rushmore is about 45 minutes from Days End Campground and Devil's Tower is about an hour and a half. Deadwood is 18 miles from the campground.



### TAKE THE LEAD OR SPONSOR THE FUN

Want to help plan part of the event or lead a workshop? Help plan an excursion? Take charge of an evening activity? Have a talent you'd like to share? Or would your Grange like to sponsor an activity, meal or excursion? Contact us by email at [grangerevival@gmail.com](mailto:grangerevival@gmail.com) or by calling Chris at 509-953-3533 or Amanda at 301-943-1090.

### EVENT REGISTRATION

The registration fee, made payable to Grange Revival, covers five dinners (Tuesday through Saturday; leftovers may be available for other meals), an event food tray, t-shirt and admission for most workshops (some excursions or workshops may have a small fee for admission, materials or transportation and will be announced in advance). Registration fee is 50% refundable if canceled at least one week in advance of start of event; fee is non-refundable if canceled less than one-week prior to the start of the event.



#### Grange Members

	Rate by May 1, 2021
Subordinate Members (36+) and E-members	\$75
Grange Youth and Young Adults (14-35)	\$60
Golden Sheaf Members (50+ continuous years in Grange)	\$60
Junior Grangers (5-13), including 1+ Juniors	\$40
Pre-Juniors (0-4 years old)	\$20



#### Friend of the Grange

	Rate by May 1, 2021
Adults (36+)	\$90
Youth and Young Adults (14-35)	\$75
Children (5-13)	\$50
Infants & Pre-Schoolers (0-4)	\$35

**For all registrants: \$5 late fee added per person for registrations paid after May 1, 2021**

### BE THE FIRST TO KNOW BY PRE-REGISTERING

To be added to our mailing list and receive updates about the event, first opportunities to sign up for activities, and more, please pre-register today by completing the enclosed registration form or going online to [grangerevival.org](http://grangerevival.org) and select Registration. You can also call Chris at 509-953-3533 or email [grangerevival@gmail.com](mailto:grangerevival@gmail.com).

### GETTING TO GRANGE REVIVAL

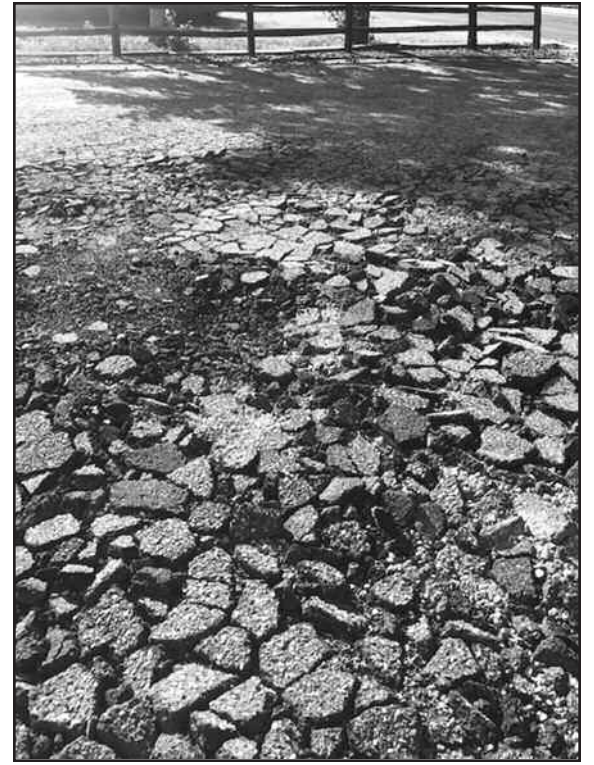
You can drive, fly or take a bus to Grange Revival. The closest airport and bus terminals are both located in Rapid City, about a half hour drive from the campground. We will have a transportation coordinator who can assist with getting you to and from Rapid City with advanced notice. Please contact event organizers to make transportation arrangements.

If you are renting a car for the event, we encourage you to explore savings through your Grange member benefit discount with Hertz and other car rental places. You may also find discounts on flights and other lodging you can use on your way to Grange Revival and on the newest partnership with Harvest Hosts for Grange members who own RVs. Log into your [nationalgrange.org](http://nationalgrange.org) account (or sign up) and learn more.



**More Information and Registration Form on Page 8**





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

**Grandview**

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

The Grandview Grange had been trying for two years to get their parking lot repaired after they discovered it had been damaged during the 2018 summer when work was being done on a water line under the street outside the hall. Contractors had broken down the chain across the entrance into the parking lot and were using the lot to park their heavy equipment while working on the water line.

Other Grange officers had tried but Teresa Montejano, Grange Secretary, finally reached the right person in Denver maintenance who admitted it was their problem and promised to repair the lot when they had the right equipment in the area. It was great news this summer when she was able to take pictures of a repaired lot to show the Grangers. Victor Montejano, Victor Montejano Jr. and Victoria

Montejano striped the parking lot once it was repaved.

We have planned a garage sale we will be able to hold now in the parking lot yet later this summer. This will be a fundraiser to help with expenses for the hall. We plan to have more activities later this year for the community and for the Grange.

Jeanne Davies

The surrounding photos show before, during and after parking lot repairs at Grandview Grange.



**Sunflower Grange**

Contact Cherry Ellis, cherryllis5@yahoo.com for further information.

Sunflower Grange has been meeting outdoors at Indian Creek Clubhouse during the summer months. One goal for the winter months is to learn Zoom well enough to have virtual meetings, if we are unable to use indoor facilities in Sedalia.

As part of on-going Food Sustainability education, at our last two meetings the Lecturer's Committee has had programs on preserving foods, including Quick Pickling techniques, then canning, dehydrating, and freezing summer produce. Coming up will be Seed Saving demonstrations at the Tomato Tasting, and a seed swap/sale following our January meeting.

**Heirloom And Plant Sale**

About 140 people attended the annual Heirloom Tomato and Plant Sale on Memorial Day weekend. We appreciated BMan's BBQ for hosting us and shoppers' patience and courtesy maintaining social distancing. Ten Grange and community growers brought 1,130 plants to the sale. Tiny plants donated to the local 4-H Club earned that group \$200 at the sale. Sunflower's net income was \$2,288.01, after deducting cost (\$1,423.00) of materials. Any leftover plants went to Sedalia Elementary for their community gardens. Our profits will be used for this year's Grange expenses. We appreciated shoppers' patience and courtesy maintaining social distancing.

**Tomato Tasting**

We will find out which varieties of tomatoes grew well here this year when customers return to the Tomato Tasting/Poetry Reading with one or more of their tomatoes from those plants.

*My tomatoes are cracked and cat faced and ugly. But still delicious!*

*Haiku by Ghislaine Griswold*

Come to see if ugly tomatoes can be delicious on September 12 from 12 to 2 p.m. at Sedalia's Sunflower Grange 8th Annual Tomato Tasting! Place: BMan's BBQ, 5500 Plum Street, Sedalia.

Remember Sunflower's Tomato Sale Memorial Day? Fifty varieties of black, yellow, green and red tomatoes went home with hopeful gardeners who envisioned BLTs and summer salads.

June brought hail. Shredded plants, beaten blossoms; the tomato future looked dim. July recovery. Green sticks sprouted leaves and tiny fruit. HEAT WAVE. Ninety-five degrees daily; plants sagged. Gallons of water, afternoon shade and BS and Taxi set fruit. Gold Nuggets and Snow Whites appeared. Flamencos thrived. Hope?

Bring one or two of those survivor tomatoes to this year's Tasting. Be a community scientist; discover which varieties grow best in our area. Help decide which will be grown in 2021 as you enjoy sampling.

At 1 p.m., recite your Haiku, Limerick or other poetic form so we can

share in the heart-wrenching tomato growers' journey. You can write about zucchini or butternut squash, but you must admit that tomatoes are far more emotionally taxing. Musical accompaniment is welcome. Crowning of the First Ever Tomato Queen will follow poetry recitations.

After poetry and pomp, Nena Robbins and Renee Sweet will give a seed-saving demonstration that will be sure to inspire you to save your favorite seeds this year.

Because this is the year of COVID, we are not advertising the event widely, but we hope our community of tomato growers will come back. Be sure to bring and wear a mask (except when sampling) and social distance. Contact us at sunflower162.grange@gmail.com

**Quilt Contests, Local And National**

Judy Smith and Cherry Ellis spent an afternoon with Ari and Bella (new Grange members both 7-years-old) helping/teaching the girls to cut, sew, iron, and stitch together their choice of squares. Rather than tackling the more complicated half square pattern, they chose to work on 9-square using teal fabric per the Grange rules for the contest.

Judy also helped some "older" members refresh their sewing skills and get started on their quilt block. Nena Robbins resurrected her sewing machine and brought by two completed squares for us to view. Cheri Stephens got started on the Shoofly block and finished at home. Cherry and Judy



Judy Smith with Bella and Ari.



Margaret Ellis in her Sunflower Grange T-Shirt and Mask.

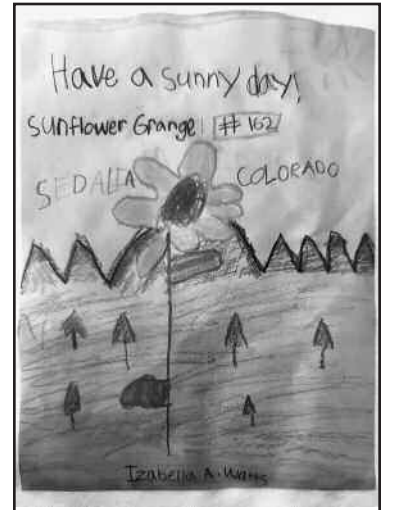
are persuading their husbands to participate in the Men's category.

Judy is collecting blocks by October 1 to send to the National contest by October 31 in one shipment. Winning blocks will be chosen at a local contest in October. Here's hoping for great representation from the Sunflower Grange.

**T-Shirt/Publicity Contest**

Margaret Ellis held T-Shirt design contests for adults and youth; the final products will be entered in the National Publicity Contest. Margaret's design was the only one submitted for adults, but Ari and Bella tied for first, so two prizes will be awarded — \$15 and their design on a t-shirt.

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Izabella's T-Shirt design.



Heirloom Tomato and Plant Sale hosted by BMan's BBQ on Memorial Day weekend.



Arianna's T-Shirt design.



**Darden**  
Jefferson County

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

Darden Pomona Grange members have been staying safe at home. It has been hard not to have the annual picnic this year. Several members have enjoyed attending the concerts at Anderson Park which are sponsored by the City of Wheat Ridge every Wednesday night.

We will be having the Community Service Presentation as soon as we can meet again.

Idella Lewis

**Maple Grove**

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

It is with great sadness that our member, Jane Dianich, passed away suddenly at their cottage in Delton, Michigan, July 25. Jane was a happy person who enjoyed attending Grange activities. Her son, Trevor Toms, received the Grange scholarships while attending college at CSU.

Maple Grove Grange has not met due to the COVID-19 virus restrictions but we have been keeping up with the maintenance of the building and grounds so we will be ready when we reopen. Mary Ann Forman has pulled weeds. Bill Lane took down the tattered and torn American Flag and a new flag is installed in the entryway. Dennis and Peggy Plum have been working on keeping up with cleaning details. Elaine Kolstad has kept the bathrooms clean.

We are looking forward to the day when we can meet again!

Idella Lewis

**Wheat Ridge**

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

September 10, Thursday 6:30 p.m. — Business Meeting.

September 12, Saturday 9 a.m. — Second Saturday Sale Outdoors.

September 24, Thursday 6:30 p.m. — Business Meeting.

October 8, Thursday 6:30 p.m. — Business Meeting.

October 10, Saturday 9 a.m. — Second Saturday Sale Outdoors.

October 22, Thursday 6:30 p.m. — Business Meeting.

The Grange has recovered just a bit with renters back using the hall.

Grange members have been busy with the upkeep of the community garden as well as the bountiful produce coming in: peppers, tomatoes, zucchini and three large pumpkins not ready to harvest.

Grange members have been holding our business meetings via Zoom or in person with social distancing as required.

Slim all around in words and production and meetings. Carry on the best one can during this time.

Vivian Vos

• **Sunflower Grange**

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**Outstanding Granger Contest**

Margaret Ellis (t-shirt designer) was voted Sunflower's Outstanding Granger for 2020 for her many



Outstanding Granger Margaret Ellis

**Pleasant Park**

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

September 12 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Sack Lunch Picnic.

October 10 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Sack Lunch Picnic.

November 14 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Sack Lunch Picnic.

We have started a campaign to raise funds to dig a new well. The original was dug in 1894 and is only 51 feet deep. Mountain water is a precious commodity and we appreciate any and all donations to the fund.

We are very thankful that none of our members have contracted the Virus. Dave and Rosie Gray, Barbara Gray, Peggy Bynum and Larry Bonomo would appreciate prayers for other health issues.

We held a meeting on July 11 and we practiced Social Distancing. It was so good to see everyone again.

Members continue to work on building and yard maintenance before snow flies.

We are still assisting Marlys with the Christmas Card project for soldiers overseas.

All of our scheduled events are canceled for the year to be on the safe side and abide by all the rules in place.

The bicycle rest stop has been very busy. The healthy riders continue to ride up Deer Creek Road to Pleasant Park Road. Many of them stop just for cookies. We are wrapping each one individually to be safe. The donations are very appreciated and are the only income we have to keep our Grange going.

We look forward to when we can get back to the new normal and pray that all Grange members stay safe.

Yvonne Ludwig

**Golden Gate**

Contact President Richard Phillips, 303-277-1933, or Terri Costeldia, 303-277-0351, for further information.

Line Dancing — Every 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month.

This has certainly been a unique year. It started out with hopes and plans for a full schedule of events and activities, but most have been put on hold during the COVID outbreak. We can still celebrate the way that the Golden Gate Grange and its members have contributed to the good of the community during this time.

In the late spring Grange members donated water and sports drinks for the Golden Gate Canyon Firefighters. Later, in early summer a large group of volunteers cleaned the roadside in the lower canyon. This was the largest group of people we have ever had and they made quick work of this arduous task.

In the beginning of August, the Golden Gate Grange provided the staging ground for the ever-important slash collection project in coordi-



nation with the Golden Gate Fire Protection District, Golden Gate Auxiliary and Jefferson County. This project is critical to maintaining our canyon's Firewise status. 140 loads of slash were collected, which according to the county equals over 800 cubic yards of wildland fuel reduction. This will help the Golden Gate Fire Protection District in its efforts to reduce our wildland fire risk, safeguard lives and property and maintain its NFPA and Forest Service Firewise certification. In addition to showing the canyon's commitment to fire safety. The Firewise certification can help some residents with homeowner's insurance costs.

Rich Phillips and Teri Costeldia have been continuing their efforts to improve the appearance and maintain the upkeep of the Grange building. An answering machine has been installed at the Grange enabling callers to leave a message and for Grange officers to access and respond remotely.

Tom and Sally Wingfield have spent hours maintaining our landscape.

We have a beautiful new sign for our can recycle bin that was designed and donated by Amy and Dan Long.

We heartily thank all those who supported these endeavors with donations plus their time and hard work.

Golden Gate Grange Member Barbara Bankovich, her daughter Cassandra Rumbaugh and family have a newly established urban garden, Fruitdale Farms at 4500 Robb Street in Wheat Ridge. Their farm stand is open Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. They have a variety of vegetables, herbs, eggs and flowers. We wish them well in this new venture.

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

Jayne Ruesch

**Boulder County**  
Boulder County

**Crescent**

Contact Butter Petty, butterpowereadbike@gmail.com, for further information.

**Yoga in the Garden. Saturday, September 5, 9 a.m.** Join instructor Mia Pierce in the community garden of the Broomfield Crescent Grange, 7901 W. 120th Ave. Take in the sights and sounds of the late summer garden as you enjoy a gentle Vinyasa flow yoga class, great for beginners. Learn yoga poses, breathing for relaxation, and develop ease in movement on the mat to take with you off the mat and into life. Bring your own sturdy blanket and or mat, water, and personal protective equipment, including a mask. The class is free, but we ask that participants either make a small donation to the Grange or stay after class to help out in the garden. Class size will be limited to 10 people. Please visit our Facebook page for more event information.

**Meditation in the Garden. Saturday, September 19, noon.** Free. Delight in the sights of Crescent's com-

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

**Mt. Allison**

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

We usually have at the top of each Granger article a listing of upcoming events. Sadly, we still cannot move ahead with many plans. People are still scared about getting out around too many people, not knowing who might be a carrier or not. Unfortunately, our Grange population is in that age range or have health issues where many of us would be at risk.

We did finally have a business meeting in July — it was nice to have us back together.

We thanked Norma Conley and all of her helpers in spearheading the dinners for the shut-ins this past spring and early summer. They averaged 13-15 dinners each week. It was very much appreciated by those on the receiving end. Karen Baxter was also recognized for her mask-making and delivery to local nursing homes/assisted living residence.

This year's county fair was much different but it was held for the benefit of the 4-H'ers. Thanks to Amy Peterson and Sheryl Ayers for their role in making the fair happen. The livestock auction ended up breaking all sorts of records despite the tough economy this year. With the reduced county fair, there was no need to have extra help from the subordinate Granges in "manning" the kitchen. Again, thanks to Cindy Greer for her work in pulling this off.

We discussed having a blood draw only 9Health Fair this year. Trish and Larry Corman will look into the feasibility of this happening.

I normally close with "I hope to see you at the year's state session" but I will modify that by saying . . . I hope to see you on Zoom on Sept. 26 if you are a state delegate.

Larry Corman

**Marvel**

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

Mondays — Line Dancing 9-10 a.m.

Wednesdays — Clogging 12:30-2:30 p.m.

September 18 — Program to be decided.

October 2 — Business Meeting.

October 16 — TBD.

Marvel Grange did host an ice cream social honoring a Veteran and members in July. We had around 50 in attendance. The social was held in the yard of Pat and Lila Greer. We only had one veteran in attendance. We gave out membership awards to the following: Sheryl Ayers, Tom

munal garden in autumn. Participants are invited to join in group breath work, or engage in their own walking meditation.

Crescent Grange is excited to have partnered with the grassroots organization, Sustainable Broomfield, in their compost club. For participants in the compost club who want to compost their kitchen scraps, volunteers with Sustainable Broomfield will pick up full buckets of compost and deliver them to the Grange to be made into compost that will benefit the community garden. Here is the registration process.

1. Fill out the Compost Club Interest Form. (Please put the word Grange after your name)
  2. Read through the Acceptable Compost Ingredients List.
  3. Watch the Compost Club Rules Video.
  4. Take the Compost Club Rules Evaluation. Please take over and over until you get 4/4 or 100%. (Please put the word Grange after your name)
  5. Choose which Compost Club Option works best for you (listed below on form). (Please put the word Grange after your name.
- Butter Petty

Campion, Gene & Alice Kennedy, Russell Kennedy, Elmer Langford, Lila & Pat Greer, Harry Greer, Gretchen Greer, Stevie Stevenson and Elmer Langford.

We acquired 34 chairs (free) for the Grange hall from the Summit church in Durango. They are nice padded chairs that stack.

Marvel Grange hosted the Pomona Picnic on August 16 in Harry and Cindy Greer's Yard. Several games were available for people to play as they social distanced.

We were saddened by the passing of Gene Kennedy early in August. Chairs from the Grange hall were used for the service at the cemetery.

Several Marvel members helped out at the county fair concession for the Pomona Grange. Thank you to all who helped.

Election of officers was held at the August 14 meeting with a few minor changes.

The quilters have been using the hall the second and fourth Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Line dancing began in July and has been taking place on Mondays from 9-10 a.m. The Durango Country Cloggers are meeting at the hall on Wednesday's from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

**Delwin "Gene" Kennedy**, 84 years, of Marvel, CO, passed away Sunday, August 2, 2020, in Mancos, CO. He was born in 1936 to Edward and Frances (Miller) Kennedy. He grew up in Marvel, CO, and graduated from Durango High School in 1953. He married Alice Mae Kimsey on September 6, 1954, in Farmington, NM.

Gene was well known throughout the community for his ranching and farming. He worked in the Oilfield industry for many years. Gene was a member of the Marvel Grange and the Marvel Methodist Church. His passion was his family. He loved living in Colorado. His favorite quotes were Colorado is "God's Country" and "Water is very important."

Gene is survived by his wife of 66 years of marriage, Alice; children: Emily (Pat) Hanon of Farmington, NM; Randy Kennedy of Marvel; Brother: Russell Kennedy; Grandchildren: Justin (Kelly Hannon), Eric (Rebecca) Hannon, Candice (Virgil) Todacheeny, Amanda (Jose) Rivero, Ryan Kennedy, Kelly (Jan) McSparin, Jordan (Andre) Bandelier, and Andrew Kennedy; great-grandchildren: Nicholas, Aubriana, Brooklyn, Mercedes, Gabrielle, Jayda, Chelsea, Jaxon, Olive, Huston, and Lucas; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Gene is preceded in death by his parents, brother Johnny Kennedy, and his son Curtis Kennedy.

Graveside services were held on Saturday, August 8 at Marvel Cemetery.

**Marvel JG**

Contact Cindy Greer, 970-588-3386, for further information.

The Juniors met in July and worked on decorating plant pots, learned about apples and played games. In August they met and worked on recycled craft projects. They are preparing for the Pomona Exhibit Day to be held in September.

Cindy Greer



Deadline for the November-December 2020 issue of The Colorado Granger is October 15, 2020.



**Pikes Peak**  
El Paso and Teller Counties

**Florissant**

Contact Renee Caldwell, 719-748-5004, caldwelrene3@gmail.com, for further information.

September 12 — Felting and Basket Making Class.

September 8 & 15 — Quilt of Valor Guild quilting time.

October 10 — Basket/Gourd Making Class.

October 13 & 27 — Quilt of Valor Guild quilting time.



Photo by BasketsbyRenee  
Felted Gnomes and Gnome House.



Photo by BasketsbyRenee

Felted Fox and Pine Needle Basket Arrangement.

**Ute Mountain**  
Dolores and Montezuma Counties

**Mount Lookout**

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

Fourth Mondays — Commodity Food Distribution.

Other Mondays — Mancos FoodShare Food Distribution.

4th Wednesdays — Board Meeting Via Zoom.

Greetings from Southwest Colorado. The board of Mt. Lookout Grange is using this hiatus from activities to complete some long overdue building improvements. We were given a generous gift from a long-time resident. The board has discussed the prioritization of building improvements, well,

COVID-19 still has most Grange activities on hold. At the Florissant Grange we have opened up a little with social distancing rules posted and seating arranged to follow the mandates. We have been keeping in touch with neighbors and friends via email and phone calls and we are still anxious to get back to normal.

We are planning a takeout dinner night and have had good responses to the event. We will report on how that was received in the next issue of the Granger. Our plan is to take reservations and have a drive through area in our parking lot where we will have dinners ready for a donation to our Grange. Dinner will be pulled pork or chicken, cowboy beans, cole slaw, roll and dessert.

We continue to have some of the classes by limiting the number of people who can come and making sure we practice social distancing while we are inside the building, and of course disinfecting before people come and after they leave. Lots of extra work, but worth it. In September we are adding a new class to the existing classes. Needle Felting. This is a fun craft.

During the month of August, we held a few breakfast gatherings with fellow Grangers. We had fun and good stories were told during our time together.

Renee Caldwell

forever, and we finally have a large enough pot to improve the energy efficiency of our old building. The old stucco had been literally slumping off, and the walls were not insulated. The project underway includes tearing off old stucco, adding foam insulation and house wrap, new stucco, and replacing two old windows. We are very excited about the progress. We intend to keep the rest of the pot in the bank to use for matching grant funding for future interior improvements. The gift also allows us to relax just a bit about a declining bank balance due to loss of rental income and fundraising events because of the pandemic.

We look forward to a time when we can safely enjoy community fellowship. Until then, we hope you stay safe and take care of each other.

Katheryn Fulton



**GRANGE Revival**

Days End Campground  
Sturgis, South Dakota  
July 20-25, 2021

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

Make your reservation today directly with Days End Campground to ensure your preferred accommodations. Call KK at (918) 327-9529 and tell her you're coming to Grange Revival.

All rates are based on 2 people per cabin/site. Additional people staying in each site are \$2/night for anyone 5 or older (pre-Juniors are free) for RV and tent sites. Pre-Juniors are free in cabins, Junior Grangers are \$4/night and Grange Youth or older are \$8/night.



There is a 9% hospitality tax, as noted for each night.

If you wish to extend your stay, rates will apply for up to four days before (July 16) and two days after (July 27) our event. Check-in and check-out time is noon.



The campgrounds has a ramp to offload ATVs and motorcycles if you wish to bring them.

Pets, friendly and on a leash with well-behaved owners who will clean up after them, are welcome.



**CABINS**

Set to sleep 2 adults; AC, mini-fridge, microwave and coffeepot

With Bathroom  
\$70/night + 9% tax (9 available)

Without Bathroom (bathhouse nearby)  
\$55/night + 9% tax (30 available)



**RV/HOOK UP SITES**

180 available  
Full hook-ups (FHU) include water, electric, sewer and cable.

FHU - Pull-through  
\$30/night + 9% tax

FHU - Back-in (up to 80')  
\$25/night + 9% tax



**GLAMPING TENTS**  
2 twin beds; mini-fridge, microwave and coffeepot; no bathroom or AC

\$40/night + 9% tax (7 available)

Only cabins and glamping tents require a deposit of one night. Deposit is 92% refundable if canceled at least 48 hours in advance of your stay.



**DRY CAMPSITES**  
Bring your own tent/RV

\$10/night + 9% tax (many available)

Water & Electric hook-up only (available for tent campers and RVs)  
\$20/night + 9% tax

**GRANGE REVIVAL 2021 REGISTRATION FORM**

(This is separate from accommodation reservations. Make reservations directly with Days End Campground by calling KK at 918-327-9529)

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

Registration type (check one)

Grange Member: \_\_\_ Pre-Junior \_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_ Subordinate \_\_\_ Golden Sheaf

Friend of the Grange: \_\_\_ Infant/Pre-K (0-4) \_\_\_ Child (5-13) \_\_\_ Youth/Young Adult (14-35) \_\_\_ Adult (36+)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

What days do you plan to attend Grange Revival? (dates) \_\_\_\_\_

If there are other parties who will attend with you, please indicate their names here so we can keep family/group registrations together.

**PAYMENT** (choose one)

\_\_\_ A payment of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed, made payable to Grange Revival.

\_\_\_ I am pre-registering. Bill me: \_\_\_ via PayPal to email above OR \_\_\_ by mail to address above.

**CONDUCT POLICY (must be signed by each person attending 14-years-of-age or older)**

By signing below, I understand and agree to the following: I will not damage event property and will report any defects with venue property to the owners/employees of Days End Campground as soon as possible. I will attain necessary licenses and use recommended safety equipment while on property. I will assist in keeping the grounds clean and listen to all instructions related to campfires, cooking, swimming, recreational water use, etc. Campfires may only be created in approved facility fire rings. If I bring any weapon, including a firearm, large knife or other object, it will be secured by lock in my vehicle or other place where access by attendees is restricted. I will not smoke indoors in any part of the facility and I will not bring or consume any illegal drugs. I will not engage in or enable any minor to engage in underage drinking. I will not be inebriated when tending to a fire, participating in water activities or any other activity that may put myself or others at harm. If I am the responsible party for a minor child, I will ensure the child has appropriate chaperones if outside of my immediate care. I may be asked to leave the event with no refund if I violate any of these policies or act inappropriately for a Grange event. If I provide a form of payment that is declined or returned, I will be charged an additional \$40 insufficient funds fee that must be satisfied before the end of the close of the event or within 5 days after the event ends. I understand I may be required to sign a full conduct and rules policy prior to or at the event and that this is an introductory piece to that full agreement.

Signature (of attendee, or if attendee is under 18 parent/guardian should also initial)

Date

COMPLETE AND RETURN ASAP TO: Christine Hamp, 16418 N Birdie Road, Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026.  
Call or text (509) 953-3533 to reserve cabins or full hook-up campsites in advance.