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## Darden Pomona Members Send 18,000 Christmas Cards Overseas

by Marlys Halbeisen

After attending an Air Force Band Concert and learning that there are over 160,000 U.S. Troops in 22 Countries, we became concerned about their welfare. This year Darden Pomona members from Enterprise, Maple Grove, Pleasant Park, and Wheat Ridge Grangers and the ladies of Scarlette O'Hatters (red hat group) prepared 18,000 Christmas cards with personal messages and a flyer about Grange, and the Scarlette O'Hatters sent them to our U.S. Troops overseas. The Facebook Fund Me account paid for the shipping of the cards to Washington, D.C. and then on to three Navy ships and troops in Afghanistan.



We have received one thank you from a soldier in the Air Force overseas.

We promised to send 20,000 next November. If anyone has any extra Christmas cards please donate them to her for this great project. Contact Marlys Halbeisen for more information at 303-475-4571.

## Welcome Sunflower Grange



Sunflower Grange members at November meeting.

**State Grange Handbook Enclosed**  
*Pull Out And Save!*

## — In Memoriam —

### Howard "Buck" Bainbridge

February 14, 1931-  
September 11, 2019

Howard Charles "Buck" Bainbridge passed away on September 11, 2019. Howard Charles "Buck" Bainbridge was born on February 14, 1931, and married Doris I. Frost on January 7, 1951.

Buck and Doris' children were Bruce, Boyd, Anita and Connie.

They have eight grandchildren, and they have 11 great-grandchildren.

Buck belonged to Cherry Creek Grange and then Pikes Peak Grange. He served as Master and Chairman of the Executive Committee for many years. Buck enjoyed the Grange activities, dances, potluck dinners, fashion shows and the annual Oyster Supper.

He was a hard worker and was the only one to finish high school in his family.

Buck was a member of the Colorado Army National Guard from 1949 to 1962. He leaves behind many friends and relatives.

Howard Charles "Buck" Bainbridge belonged to the Parker Volunteer Fire Department in 1958.

### Isaac Thomas Kerley

A 1928 Farmer,  
Grange Member And Friend  
April 21, 1928-October 10, 2019

Isaac was known by family and friends as Kerley or Ike.

Together with his wife of 60 years, Bonnie, Kerley raised three sons, Thomas, Michael, and James. Bonnie passed in December 2, 2017. Tom was taken from his family three years ago in a tragic accident. Mickey and Jimmie passed with medical issues in earlier years. On October 10, 2019, Kerley left his family including daughter-in-law and caregiver Elaine, Tom's wife; Granddaughters Deanna, Debbie and Stephanie; seven Great-Grandchildren; two Great-Great-Grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces, and many friends and neighbors.

Kerley joined Castlewood Grange #469 in February 1951. He celebrated 68 years as a member and contributor to Castlewood and its activities.

Through the Grange he helped many friends and neighbors over the years.

- As part of a group he helped a veteran build his barn in the late 1940s.
- Organized the Castlewood Volunteer Fire Department.
- Served as a volunteer fireman in the

1950s and as Fire Chief.

- Maintained their private road, for himself and neighbors.
- Moved many people under the name of Goff Moving and Storage.

He was an avid tractor person and active in the Rocky Mountain Tractor Pullers Association for over 20 years. He loved the tractor pulls which he and son Tom and Elaine enjoyed. He also enjoyed restoring antique tractors. He joined the Douglas County Farm Bureau Association and was in the Douglas County Parade the last two years.

Kerley was a cheerful, kind, gentle man, with a great sense of humor and he was a sharing person. He enjoyed slipping a special silver dollar or other treat into your hand and to see your surprise. At a Grange meeting when we were asked to make up an emergency bucket, guess what was in Kerley's — a bottle of Jim Beam Apple Whiskey! Only he thought of this item. The group decided it was okay as it could be considered medicinal. He always liked to make us smile. He enjoyed his trips to Blackhawk for a day at the slots and the day before he passed, he completed a major item on his bucket list. He put a door on the Buick that he had been repairing.

He will be sorely missed and remembered by many!

## COLORADO STATE GRANGE LEADERSHIP ZOOM MEETING

TOPIC: LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE — Colorado

WHEN: January 23, 2020, 7 p.m. Mountain Time (U.S. and Canada)

JOIN ZOOM MEETING: <https://zoom.us/j/917105403>

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Quilts of Valor were presented to Mike Lackey, Skip Hill and John Cruz at State Session. From left to right: Cindy Greer, Mike Lackey, Skip Hill, John Cruz, Karen Baxter, and Renee Caldwell.

## Important Dates

Call individual Granges for more information.

January 5	Left Hand — Music Open State — 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
January 8	Enterprise Grange — Wednesday Potluck — 6:30 p.m.
January 8	Florissant Grange — Quilt of Valor Guild — 9 a.m.- 12 p.m.
January 18	Marvel Grange — Chili Cook-Off/Soup Challenge and Dessert Auction
January 10	Golden Gate Grange — Line Dancing — 7 to 9 p.m.
January 11	Florissant Grange — Pine Needle Basket Class — 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
January 12	Mt. Lookout Grange — Community Dinner
January 12	Golden Gate Grange — Pancake Breakfast — 8 to 10:30 a.m.
January 20	Mt. Allison Grange — Potluck and Games
January 20	Mt. Lookout Grange — MLK Breakfast
January 22	Enterprise Grange — Wednesday Potluck — 6:30 p.m. — Pizza
January 24	Golden Gate Grange — Line Dancing — 7 to 9 p.m.
February 1	Marvel United Methodist Ground Hog Supper
February 1	Darden Pomona Meeting and Potluck — 5 p.m.
February 8	Mt. Allison Grange — Bunko
February 8	Florissant Grange — Quilt of Valor Guild — 9 to 12 p.m.
February 9	Golden Gate Grange — Pancake Breakfast — 8 to 10:30 a.m.
February 9	Mt. Lookout Grange — Community Dinner
February 9	Left Hand — Music Open State — 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
February 12	Enterprise Grange — Wednesday Potluck — 6:30 p.m. — Valentines
February 14	Golden Gate Grange — Line Dancing — 7 to 9 p.m.
February 15	Enterprise Grange — Friendship High Tea — 2 to 4 p.m.
February 15	Florissant Grange — Community Valentine Brunch — 10:30 a.m.to 1 p.m.
February 22	Marvel Grange — Luau — 6:30 p.m.
February 28	Golden Gate Grange — Line Dancing — 7 to 9 p.m.
February 29	Marvel Grange — Community Breakfast
Mondays	Mt. Lookout Grange — Mancos Food Share Food Distribution/ Cooking Matters Class
Wednesdays	Florissant Grange — Community Potluck — Music and Games.

# Master's Message

Cindy Greer, State Master

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**It's time to celebrate!!!** I am extremely pleased and excited to announce that Sunflower Grange #162 has been reorganized. Six years ago Sunflower Grange gave up its charter and earlier in 2019 a group of growers in Sedalia inquired as to how to form a Grange. In October, Harry and I went to Sedalia and met with 19 individuals and shared information about the Grange. We took applications with us and in November the group turned in the paper work to reorganize the Grange with 26 new members. The members will be initiated and officers installed in January providing that the weather cooperates. **WELCOME TO THE GRANGE SUNFLOWER MEMBERS!!**

At the close of the National Grange Convention the National Membership Director gave us an envelope with letters to be distributed to the Granges that achieved a net gain from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. Congratulations to the following Granges and Keep up the good work.

Altona Grange #127 had a net gain of 13

Pikes Peak Grange #163 had a net gain of 12 members

Golden Gate Grange #451 had a net gain of 12 members

Castlewood Grange #469 had a net gain of 8 members

Oxford Grange #482 had a net gain of 7 members

Pleasant Park Grange #156 had a net gain of 6 members

Poncho Springs Grange #417 had a net gain of 5 members

Green Valley Grange #441 had a net gain of 3 members

Crescent Grange #136 had a net gain of 2 members

Animas Valley Grange #194 had a net gain of 2 members

Redlands Mesa Grange #487 had a net gain of 2 members

Empire Grange #148 had a net gain of 1 member

Wheat Ridge Grange #155 had a net gain of 1 member

Colona Grange #259 had a net gain of 1 member

The theme for the coming year for National Grange is **"Cultivating Connections!"** So how is your Grange going to cultivate connections in your community this coming year? Will you be holding community dances, breakfasts, dinners, or projects? Will you be inviting speakers into your Grange/community to share information and educate those who will take the time to come?

In trying to explain the theme to Junior Granges I went to the Dictionary and came up with these definitions.

To **cultivate** is to nurture and help **grow**. Farmers **cultivate** crops, fundraising professionals **cultivate** donors, and celebrities **cultivate** their images. When you **cultivate something**, you work to make it better. Originally, the word referred only to crops that required tilling, but the **meaning** has widened.

**Connections** — Something that joins or connects two or more things. A situation in which two or more things have the same cause, origin, goal, etc. put together — to join, link, or fasten together; unite or bind: to establish communication between; put in communication: to have as an accompanying or associated feature. Think about all the things that don't work with a connection of some kind.

**Leadership Zoom Conference.** January 23 at 7 p.m. You can join the conference from the comfort of your own home via the telephone or computer. We're planning on covering "WHAT'S NEW" for all departments. Here is how you Join the Zoom Meeting:

https://zoom.us/j/917105403 — Meeting ID: 917 105 403

One tap mobile: +1 669 900 6833, 917105403# US

Dial by your location: +1 669 900 6833 US — Meeting ID: 917 105 403

## Granger Deadline And Guidelines

**December 15, 2019**, is the deadline for articles for the January-February 2020 edition of *The Colorado Granger*. You can send them to the State Grange Office, 2009 CR 31, Florissant, CO 80816 or email [costatgrange@gmail.com](mailto:costatgrange@gmail.com).

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

Name of Grange

Contact person (with phone number)

Upcoming dates

Brief summary of what has been happening at your Grange — **DO NOT SEND MINUTES**

Community Service Projects

In Memoriam (Grangers who have passed away)

Thinking of You

(Grangers who are sick and shut in — include address if they would enjoy cards)

Hats Off (Grangers to be recognized)

You're Invited (activities open to non-members and visiting Grangers)

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

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

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

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

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

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(GIVE ROUTE AND BOX NUMBER)

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# Notes From The Secretary

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### A Positive Point Of View

Greetings from a very cold Florissant. We don't have much snow... but it is icy cold.

Things are going well here in the Colorado State Grange Office and it is the beginning of a brand new year. Let's all make 2020 a fantastic year. I know if we set our minds on a great year, we will have one.

We have done very well with reducing the "change of address" notices I receive from the Post Office

after the *Granger* is sent out. Keep up the good work. It saves the office a lot of "postage due" charges. If your address has changed, please notify the office right away so that you don't miss out on your copy of the *Granger*.

Your *Roster* has been sent out and you should have it by now. If the information is not correct, such as addresses, times for meetings, the list of Officers, etc... please let this office know so we can get it changed for



# Community Service

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR GRANGERS!** As the New Year starts and we are just coming from a holiday season full of all of the things we do as Grangers: with our churches and other programs in our community groups and even at our workplaces to help others who have less in their material lives than we do. We have done

food boxes, donated to Coats for Colorado (and other winter gear donations for people who cannot get warm hats, gloves, and socks on their own). We have volunteered our time and effort at shelters and worked to get larger donations from businesses so a child might get something brand new for Christmas, when otherwise he or

# Chaplain's Corner

Loeda Westphal, State Chaplain

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For many of us, I'm sure we are wondering and thinking about what happened to 2019. The rapid pace of time is a concern for most of us. The holidays are finished, and we have greeted another year.

Following Christmas and the New Year, I am reminded of a favorite poem in my files titled "The Work of Christmas" by Howard Thurman. He reminds us that after the "angel's song is stilled", the star of the east no longer shines and we have returned to our normal life, we begin the "Work of Christmas." It is now that we help the poor and broken. Now is the time to continue the work of our mission. He directs us to "rebuild the Nations and to bring peace among brothers."

With the New Year goals, we have

viewed the past and look forward to opportunities for development of new activities or improve and continue other interests. Now is the time to think about our service for the Grange. We soon will have a special celebration observing many years of establishment. It will give us future promotional opportunities for the Grange and review everything that has been accomplished during the last 150 years. Now is the time to dream about the future and what we can do for the improvement of our world. Thurman writes "When the shepherds are back with their flock, the "Work of Christmas begins." We are back to our way of life, and our "work of Christmas" is beginning again. Let us consider what our "Work of Christmas" will be.

# Publicity

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I was asked by the National Communications Director, Amanda Brozana Rios to come to the National Convention to teach a workshop on interviewing for the Fellows Program. I was able to attend the National Convention in Bloomington, Minnesota, this year thanks to the PICK Foundation, and La Plata Pomona #10. I also received some additional funds from the Colorado State Grange Raffle and my own Grange, Florida Grange #307. I would like to thank everyone who helped me go to the Convention.

While I was at the convention, I was honored to pick up the awards for Granges in Action for our State. I was given the three certificates awarded and each Grange received a small green tote bag. The recipients are Marvel Grange #479, Mt. Allison Grange #308, and Florissant Grange #420.

After my workshop, I stayed on to help with the Fellows Program and

worked on improving my skills at writing. I also learned of a new free online program called Canva.com. We used this to make brochures while at the convention and I won second place with the brochure I made for the Florida Grange.

You can use Canva.com free or you can subscribe to Canva Pro for \$119 per year. I found that I could use the program free and get most everything I need. I can make Facebook posts more colorful, do brochures and flyers too. Canva.com had templates you can work from, most free, but some can cost you anywhere from a dollar to about 10 dollars depending on image. I think this is a good tool to help us promote our Granges. To that end, I have a contest for each Grange to create a brochure and submit it to me by September 1, 2020. The top three will be awarded prizes. I hope to get a brochure from each Grange. Be creative and have fun.

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

next year. If your officers are not correct, please get me a list by the end of September so the Roster for next year can be updated. Addresses and phone numbers can be updated during the year, although they will not be corrected in the current *Roster* that you have. I believe most Granges sent in their report of officers, but there were a few I didn't hear from.

A new *Handbook* is included in this *Granger*. It is full of some great changes, so be sure to read it thoroughly and keep it on hand so you can join the fun at State Session entering all the contests. If you should happen to lose it or misplace it, we also have an email version we can send you, or you can find it on our State Grange website at: [www.coloradogranger.org](http://www.coloradogranger.org).

Start where you are, use what you have, do what you can.

— Arthur Ashe

she might have not gotten anything at all. We've done simple and small things like shovel snow from our neighbor's sidewalk. One of my neighbors did that for me — and I don't even know who it was (yet)!

So — NICE WORK EVERYONE!!

- Be sure and record the details of your winter service activities now, while they're fresh. Make a note of how many volunteer hours you spent, how many people attended an event your Grange sponsored, and how many people your donation collection helped, for your Star Report.

- You'll notice changes in the *Handbook* about the way to report in for the various contests awarded at State Session. Please do not hesitate to call or email me with any questions you may have.

Even though we just had a very busy "giving" season, the needs of those less fortunate are not seasonal. It's still winter here in Colorado, and people are still homeless. Kids still need something for breakfast if they're going to actually learn while they're in school. There are still people who are having trouble making ends meet, and there are still animals who are trying to find someplace warm and safe, or whose owners could really use some help getting them to the veterinarian or with pet food. We must stay on our toes, looking for opportunities where we can help fill a need. Check on elderly or other at-risk neighbors — and their pets. Keep up the good work! Use the momentum of all the good things we all did so far this winter to keep delivering the help and the hope!

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I would like to introduce myself as your new Lecturer. I accepted the position at the State Convention in September replacing Kathy Wardle. I would like to thank Kathy for her eight years of service to the Lecturer's department.

I attended the 153rd National Convention in Minnesota, where I picked up the new quilt block for next year's National Lecturer Contest. Quilters, you can use this quilt square pattern for the State Convention contests. Please see the *Handbook* for directions. We can also do quilt squares for the Quilts of Valor and submit them or do the squares and make the quilt as long as we do the reporting to the Quilt of Valor Organization. Documentation is available upon request.

The Showcase at the National Grange Convention received 410 quilt squares, another increase. Several were from the men as this year is the first time there was a category for the men. They sent in some awesome quilt squares. Quilters, you can use this quilt square pattern for the State Convention contests. Several Community Service books were on display.

While I was enjoying the showcase, I noticed Animas Valley Grange #194 along with Marvel Junior Grange.

In other news, Lisa Mittan, Dominick Breton, and I have been working on making the Star Awards and Department reports into one report and making it easier to use. This is an effort to cut down on the duplication for each department. We are also changing up the one book submission process to make it more cost efficient. As much as we love the books, we decided to base the awards solely on the reports. We encourage you to do the book, as it is a historical record of your Grange. To submit the Books, which are still very much welcome, send them with your delegates or send them in to Lisa Mittan, Community Service Director, or myself at the addresses in the *Roster* or *Handbook*.

Grange Month is now all year and the theme is Cultivating Connections. Future updates on the programming will follow in the *Granger* or via email sometime after the first of the year.

Thank you for your faith in me.



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At this time of year we need to be reminded of the power of giving and how to give thanks. Many people give gifts of food to others or maybe some special gift they have made. Realize that giving is a very powerful force of nature and gratitude helps us to focus on what is going well in our lives rather than what we haven't done.

Something that everyone can give is a smile. When a smile is received, it can leave no better feeling in the world for the one receiving it. It has

the power of giving great joy to others.

*A smile costs nothing but gives much.*

*It enriches those who receive it without making poorer those who receive it.*

*It takes but a moment but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever.*

*None is so rich or mighty that he/she cannot get along without it and none is so poor that he/she cannot be made rich by it.*

*Yet a smile cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away.*

*Some people are too tired to give you a smile.*

*Give them one of yours, as no one needs a smile so much as one who has nothing to give.*

— Anonymous

I hope you can focus on sharing your smile with others so they can enjoy receiving this precious gift!



## Agriculture Report

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Below are ag-related bills, identified sponsor, and proponent group, anticipated for the 2020 legislative session (as presented at the December meeting of the Colorado Ag Council).

### Pesticides

- Ban over the counter sale of neonicotinoids (proponents: Environment Colorado) (These have long been a Grange issue both here and nationally given their risk to pollinators, honey bees in particular.)
- Eliminate state preemption for pesticide regulation — Sen. Fenberg (proponents: PPAN)

### Environment

- Encourage use of compost — Rep. Cutter/Rep. Froelich/Sen. Priola (Bill B, Zero Waste Committee)
- State penalties match federal penalties for criminal water quality violations — Attorney General
- Environmental Justice & Projects Increase Environmental Fines — Rep. Jackson/Sen. Winter (CDPHE involved)

### Energy

- Use of methane digesters for renewable natural gas — Rep. Hansen
- Statewide Biodiesel Blend Requirement Diesel Fuel Sales — Sen. Fenberg/Rep. Jaquez-Lewis (Bill B, Energy Legislation Committee)
- Sales Tax Exemption for Industrial & Manufacturing Energy Use — Rep. Benavidez/Snyder, Sen. Court/Tate (Tax Expenditure Review Bill E)
- Specifies that the sales tax exemption can only be applied when the energy is used by a metered machine (Irrigation is

a current use that gets the benefit of this sales tax exemption)

- Transmissions across conservation easements - Sen. Winter/Tate, Rep. Hansen (Energy Legislation Committee Bill C)

### Animal Welfare

- Ban Display of Exotic Animals — Sen. Ginal (proponents: Colorado Voters for Animals)
- Cage free housing for poultry production — (proponents: HSUS)

### Water

- ISF Expansion — Rep. Roberts/Sen. Donovan (proponents: Nature Conservancy is lead)
- Pre-existing Uses (livestock watering) in context to seniority of in-stream flows at time of adjudication — Sponsor TBD (River District and Colorado Cattlemen's)

### Other

- Conservation Easements
- FAMLI
- Healthcare — Public Option
- Sunset bills
  - Farm Products and Commodity Haulers Acts
  - Seed Act Sunset
  - Commercial Vehicle Annual Fleet Overweight Permits
- WRRC bills
- Oil & Gas moratorium on new permits up to 2000 feet – health study
- Alignment/Adjustment of funding Buckets within CWCB, etc (Supporting groups working on water plan funding)
- Funding for Emergency Response Position at Dept of Ag (Colorado Cattlemen's)
- Prairie Dog Relocation — Prairie Dog Coalition



## 2020 National Grange Quilt Block Contest

### RULES

- The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to everyone.
- All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by **October 31, 2020**.  
Send entries to:  
Christine Hamp, National Lecturer  
16418 N. Birdie Road  
Nine Mile Falls WA 99026
- Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged. However, all entries received will be exhibited at the 154<sup>th</sup> National Grange convention in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.
- The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you.
- There is no limit on the number of quilt blocks a person may submit, but choose one quilt block per person to be judged.
- All entries will be retained by the National Grange to be made into finished quilts and other items to be sold at a later date to raise funds for the Grange Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity.
- A 2020 Quilt Block Contest Entry Form must be completed for the block to be judged.

### GROUPS

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

### PRIZES

- Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each Group.
- Ribbons will be awarded to all entrants.

### Shoo Fly or Choice\*

(\*Any block of your choosing.)

### Color:

Each block should incorporate teal or turquoise.

Fabric A: use a light color.

Fabric B: use a dark color.

### Fabric:

All fabric used should be cotton.

### Constructing the Quilt Block:

Fabric A: Cut four (4) 4½" squares and two (2) 5½" squares.

Fabric B: Cut one (1) 4½" square and two (2) 5½" squares.

Place a 5½" square A and a 5½" square B with right sides together. Make a pencil line diagonally on back of fabric. Sew a ¼" seam on both sides of the line. See Diagram 1 below (dotted lines are sewing lines). Repeat with other set of 5½" squares. Cut on pencil line and press toward the dark fabric. Now trim the four (4) A/B blocks to measure 4½" square. See Diagram 2 below.

Assemble in horizontal rows as shown below in Diagram 3. Sew the block together using ¼" seam allowances. Each finished quilt block should measure 12½" x 12½".

Press all seams. Clip and remove all threads.

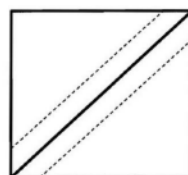


Diagram 1.

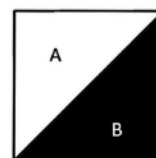


Diagram 2.

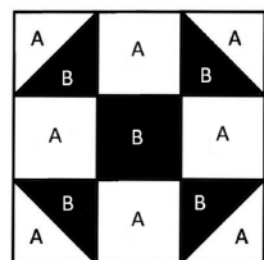


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2020 National Grange Quilt Block Contest Entry Form is on Page 5

## THE GRANGE BUILDS

**People** — by recognizing leadership abilities and encouraging individual talents.

**The Family** — by offering a family oriented environment and emphasizing family values.

**The Community** — by working together in a team spirit, providing service and community outreach.

**The State** — by encouraging "grass-roots action" and leadership in the State Legislature.

**The Nation** — by providing members a voice in the nation's capital.

# Real Estate Management

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As a Realtor, I see lots of fresh marketing ideas within a wide spectrum of rental business models. I also see a lot of missed opportunities in connecting to renters online. As with the rest of your organizational marketing, sharing great visuals, clear, catchy language, and user-friendly web content is key. Marketing your rentals is also a great exercise in adopting your consumer's perspective. In this article, I'd like to share a few practical ways to more effectively market to NEW renters. This begins with seeing things from their eyes.

1. Think like a NEW renter. If you are looking to increase your current rentals revenue you can't rely on referrals. They are shopping around many different venues and haven't yet experienced the vibe or community that makes your venue unique. Craft a succinct summary to communicate these "intangibles" to renters (don't just repurpose your "About" statement). It matters to new renters just as much (if not

more) than the amenities, size, and tech specs of the space. What type of person are you primarily looking to attract? What can you communicate about your venue to make a good match?

2. Rentals webpages are first impressions. It makes sense your website focuses primarily on your programming, rentals are a side thing. However, new renters are likely to click thru to your website from search results. Chances are high your rentals page will be their first entry point. Take a look at your current rentals web page what information is missing for a first introduction?

3. Think of photos as a site visit. What do you show a new renter when giving a tour in person? What amenities and other spaces do you highlight? What makes the biggest impression? Photos of the building, entrance, and signage help a new renter feel more familiar with where they (and their guests) will be arriving. Photos of the bathroom

(seriously this type of thing really helps). It is pretty standard for rentals to be marketed with just a photo of the space empty or photos of past events. However, in attracting new renters, casting your net for visuals much wider is the way to go. Rental photos are the remote site visit that leads to increased interest in booking your space.

4. Name drop. Renters definitely are interested to know what, if any, high profile companies have rented your space (even if it was just that once, many years ago). When appropriate, sharing those names as an indirect testimonial can make your venue stand out in a renter's mind.

5. Publish range of rates. Venues often make the mistake of not publishing any rates. This is a missed opportunity. Rates matter A LOT to renters. It is how they narrow down their many options in a competitive marketplace. Remember that rate isn't the same thing as price. Rates are how you further target rental referrals with your marketing. Does that mean you still can't offer a special deal, or come way down on rates for the right opportunity? Heck no, there will be times that makes absolute sense. But those exceptions are special and not what you are actively marketing to bring in the

dough. Don't take the easy way out and just publish "Call for rates." Strategically communicate your desired rate. A sliding scale of rates is to be expected, and it is helpful (on both sides) to know the starting point up front.

6. Consider sharing availability. Think about how much time renters spend calling around for availability at multiple venues. Because this is such a "pain point" for renters, it is a genuine marketing opportunity for your venue to stand out. Understandably communicating up to date availability is a choice that may not be right for every venue, but, if you are looking to drastically increase your rentals a calendar is a powerful way to visually represent what is available as options. You don't have to share details of your bookings in order to share available rental times. Google calendar, for example, is a free online calendar which can be embedded and has a setting to hide details of events and only show time as blocked out. Sharing availability is definitely an inexpensive marketing tactic that can be leveraged to increase targeted referrals and bookings.

7. Virtual tours. For those of you considering producing virtual tours and videos targeted at renters, here are

three very different examples to inspire and get your marketing brain juiced. When viewing these videos, I encourage you to not compare whether or not the type of venue is similar to yours but rather take in the approach of communicating with new renters. These approaches can be applied to any type of discipline, venue, and location.

## Claudia's Corner



by Claudia the Skunk from the National Grange Herd  
**Alfred (Dean) Hiner** was elected as Assistant Steward for the Colorado State Grange in September. He is a member of Florida Grange #306. His wife Elizabeth was elected as Lecturer.

Dean is semi-retired and part-time wrecker driver. He retired as a professional driver. He is a lifetime member of the NRA. He has one son and by marriage has one son and two daughters.

His aunt Lillian Davis, being one of his last living Hiner family members, roped he and Elizabeth into joining the Grange five years ago.

Dean would like to be kind to others. He hopes that he and Amy Peterson (L.A.S.) can work together to perfect their duties as Assistant Stewards for the Colorado State Grange.

Dean also served in the military and was a recipient of a Quilt of Valor from the Colorado State Grange when State Session was held in Durango the last time.

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This year PICK is eligible to apply to the Coors Family Foundation for grants for Granges. The last letter we received from Coors was very specific as to what areas they would fund. So if you're a RURAL Grange not on the front range you will be eligible to receive a grant provided you have need and know exactly what you want to do and how much it will cost and how much you can provide \$ wise for the project.

As soon as we get ready to set up the criteria we will let you know. In the meantime you can be planning and securing costs for your projects.

Were you aware that PICK has an Emergency relief program? Let's say your heater or a water heater or some other piece of equipment goes out in the Grange Hall and you need to replace it immediately and don't have the funds to do all of the replacement. You can approach PICK for assistance. We're willing to help with part of the funding for these types of emergencies. All you have to do is know what it's going to cost and how much you have to put towards the project. That doesn't mean that PICK will be able to fund the rest of the project, but I'm sure that we could help out with part of it. So don't forget to call, write or e-mail.

**Deadline for the March-April 2020 Issue of The Colorado Granger is February 15, 2020.**

## 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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## Youth Program

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The Colorado State Grange Youth Department is open to all ages with only a couple of contests restricted to age. Thus, anyone from very youthful to young at heart can enter contests at a state level but may not be selected to proceed on to regional or national competitions.

**Youth/Junior Officers** — will be opening the Colorado State Grange Session on Saturday morning. We need Youth age and Junior age Grangers to serve as officers. Following the opening and the Junior Luncheon, a special Fun Activity will be planned.

**Fun Family Event** — Watch *The Colorado Granger* for details. There are many contests and activities available for the youth. Please submit your ideas and suggestions to the State Youth Department. Send your email and/or mail address to the State Director to receive upcoming information.

Check the State Grange website ([www.coloradogranger.org/](http://www.coloradogranger.org/) youth) or the national youth website (<https://nationalgrangeyouth.org/>) for youth programs and updated information. Remember you are a Grange member!! Participate in all Grange activities and programs. Help make the Grange GROW!

**National Grange Youth Program** includes the following:

## Leadership Scholarship Foundation

The Colorado State Grange Leadership and Scholarship Foundation is a private, non-profit foundation that provides college and vocational school scholarships as well as financial support for individuals enrolled in qualified leadership development programs. The Foundation is eligible to receive tax-deductible donations from individuals and other entities. Applicants of all ages are welcome provided they are or will be enrolled in an accredited Colorado institution of higher education, a Colorado-licensed vocational school, or a recognized program to develop leadership skills.

Scholarships are awarded once each year to individuals who are regular members of a Grange in Colorado or who are children or grandchildren of Colorado Grange members. Applications must be submitted to the Foundation Treasurer, by April 15. Applications should be submitted by email to [grangescholarshipfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:grangescholarshipfoundation@gmail.com). To obtain an application visit [www.coloradogranger.org/scholarship](http://www.coloradogranger.org/scholarship). For more information call the State Grange Office or phone the Foundation treasurer, Jim Miller, at 303-898-5052.

The Foundation welcomes donations of funds or property. Donations made in memory of a deceased Grange member will be noted in the Grange Book of Memories held by the Colorado State Grange Office. Donations should be directed to the Secretary of the Colorado State Grange, 2009 County Road 31, Florissant CO 80816.

Please submit the donation along with the name of the deceased Granger and the name of the Grange to which he or she belonged, along with an address where a memorial appreciation note can be mailed.

Grange Youth Handbook & Contest Guide; Grange Fair Program; Parliamentary Procedure; National Youth Ambassadors; Regional Sign-a-Song; Regional Public Speaking Competition; Distinguished Youth Program; National Grange Youth Officers Team (N.G.Y.O.T.); GROW Club; Horizon Leadership Ambassador Program; John Trimble Legislative Experience; National Junior Horticultural Association (NJHA); Folding Display Contest; Photo Scavenger Hunt; Grange Jeopardy; National Grange Youth Membership Representative Program; Apathy Not Allowed.

**National Youth Achievement Awards** include:

Oliver Hudson Kelley Public Speaking Award; William Saunders Award; John Trimble Legislative Award; John Thompson Award; Caroline A. Hall Award; Aaron B. Grosh Mentoring Award; Francis McDowell Trivia Challenge Award; William Ireland Deaf Awareness Award; Drill Award; Right On Target Award; Outstanding Youth Award; Member Recruitment Award; Grassroots Activism Award; Junior Mentor Award; Youth Community Service Award.

If you have any questions about the National contests please see the 2019-2020 Program and Contest Handbook at <https://nationalgrangeyouth.org>.

**Great Plains Regional Leadership Conference** — June 12-14, 2020, in Denver, Colorado. Watch *The Colorado Granger* for additional details and registration information.

**154th Annual National Grange Convention** — November 17-21, 2020, Valley Forge Casino Resort, 1160 First Avenue, King of Prussia, PA 19406.

Please reach out to the State Youth Directors with any questions or suggestions. We are always working to make this a better program across the state.

## Publicity Dept.

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Publicity is connected with the Community Service, Lecturer and Membership in the Star Awards Program. Each Grange will need to submit a Publicity Report by September 1, 2020 to me by either email or mailing address listed above.

Please fill out the Report (to be sent out in early August 2020). You can attach example of your work.

- Quantity of Information Releases
- Quality of Information Releases (visual, contact info, when, where, what...)
- Variety of public promotions (flyers, radio, newspaper, etc.)
- Social/web Media presence (Web, Facebook, Twitter...)
- Professional submission of this report

I also encourage each of the Granges to become more visible in your publicity efforts. If interested please contact Larry

Corman, who is the State Grange's webmaster – please contact him at [Larry\\_Corman@hotmail.com](mailto:Larry_Corman@hotmail.com) if you want your Grange to have a presence on the State's website. He is also available for any of your technology needs.

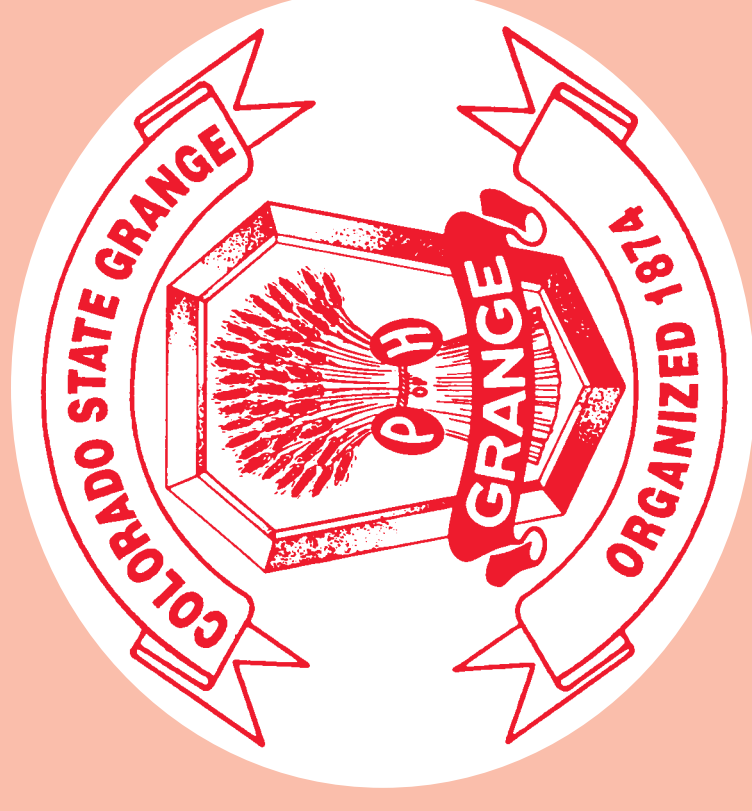
**Publicity Contest:**

Submit a tri-fold brochure advertising your Grange. Due by September 1, 2020.

The brochure should include an application form and information on your Grange and your activities. Be creative.

# Colorado State Grange Program Handbook

September 1, 2019 - August 31, 2020



## Guide To Contests And Programs

Contact State Directors Or Subordinate Chairmen  
For Information On All Contests And Programs.

Please Save This Section, Pull Out And Fold.  
Or see it online at [coloradogranger.org](http://coloradogranger.org).

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# P.I.C.K.

*People Improving Communities And Kids — The Heart Of The Grange*

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P.I.C.K. helps expand the vision and explores new avenues of funding which will enable the members to create interest in the Grange. P.I.C.K. is a 501c3 organization. All Donations to: P.I.C.K. are Tax-exempt.

Our annual fund raiser will be held at State Session — we will be doing something different in 2020 instead of the silent auction. P.I.C.K. can partner with your Grange when you need a 501c3 status to accomplish a project. Contact the secretary for details.

**Specific areas of interest to P.I.C.K. are as follows:**

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

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

- **Community Improvement** — We encourage Granges to continue to bring Community Improvement Projects to their community. This includes keeping their building up-to-date and usable, thus a need for Capital Improvement Projects in order and we will assist Granges in seeking grants for Capital Improvement Projects. An Emergency Project Fund has been established. Contact P.I.C.K. secretary for details.

- **Women's Resources** — Educating the community about safe and proper methods of food preservation is quickly making a comeback. The Grange can be a leader in making sure men and women who are interested in food preservation are educated and well informed. We encourage each Grange to sponsor a food preservation program using a reliable source to conduct the workshop. If funds are needed to obtain a reliable source and your Grange does not have funding you can apply for partial assistance. Proof of

## Outstanding Granger Award

Any initiated Colorado Grange member may be nominated for the Outstanding Granger Award. This award is presented at the Final Banquet of the State Convention to the deserving person or persons.

- Nominations can be made by any Grange member.
- The nominations should be in booklet form about the nominee for the judges to use to make their decision. The booklet should contain:

1. Letters of Recommendation
2. Information about the person's Grange activities and achievements.
3. Articles
4. Pictures
5. Other supportive material (involvement with organizations other than Grange)

- Entries are due in the **State Grange office** by **September 1**. The State Master will appoint a committee to judge the entries. The winner is not announced until the banquet, and may be kept a surprise if the sponsor so wishes.
- An award is given to the winner, as well as a special name badge that will denote that the person received this special honor.

completion of the workshop is required. If funds are requested the following information must be included:

*Grange Name and Number, Contact Person, Address, Date of workshop, Name of workshop expert, Qualifications of workshop expert. Thirty days following the workshop's completion the Grange seeking funding must report the outcome of the workshop and provide one photo. This report can be sent via email. We would like to know how many attended the workshop. Funding must be returned if the Grange fails to report within the 30 days.*

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

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

## Health Awareness Department

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The Purpose of the Health Awareness department is to educate Grange and Community members about major health issues and prevention.

What Health Issues are prominent in your Grange and Community? Do you have Grange or Community members that are affected by Cancer, Heart Disease, Hearing Loss, Alzheimer's, etc? Subordinate and Pomona Health Awareness chairmen are encouraged to explore what issues are affecting their community and see if there are any needs your Grange can meet. Does someone need a sitter, ride to an appointment, a hot meal, a listening ear, groceries picked up...? Chairmen are encouraged to work with the Community Service Chairmen in deciding how you can best serve your members and community.

**Activity Ideas include:**

- Sponsor a family in need. Schedule members to take turns.
- Assist with a benefit for a local individual who is facing a major health issue.
- Sponsor or assist with a local Health Fair.
- Sponsor a health screening event.
- Sponsor a Team and/or participate in Relay For Life or other Health Awareness Events.
- Encourage members and non-members to participate in a Walk-A-Thon, 5K, etc.

- Support legislation that promotes prevention of health issues and hearing impairment.
- Assist your Lecturer with a program educating members and non-members about major health issues and how they can be prevented.

- Create a container to collect Campbell's product UPC labels and donate labels to a local school or the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind.
- Create a container to collect Aluminum Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.
- Post and encourage healthy habits or other health related issues.
- Host a Disease Prevention Seminar.
- Be creative.

# Junior Grange Contests

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- Open to anyone ages 1 to 14, Junior Grange members and non-members.
- Age category is determined by the age of the child as of Dec. 31 of the current Grange year.
- All entries must be labeled with name, age, sponsoring Grange or Junior Grange, member or non-member, and class.
- Items will be judged on neatness, creativity, appropriateness and ability for age.
- All entries are due by noon on Thursday of State Session.
- There will be three age categories: under 5, 5-9 and 10-14.
- Children may enter more than one item in each class but are limited to no more than three items per class.
- First, Second and Third Place will be awarded in each class and age group.
- Entries will be judged at State Session. All entries must be submitted on Thursday morning.

**Art Contest** —

Any medium may be used. There is no minimum or maximum size.

1. Water Color
2. Other Mediums

**Photography** —

Prints only, do not have to be matted or framed. Any size is acceptable.

3. Scenes
4. Animals
5. People
6. Sunsets, Sunrises

**Cookies** —

Cookies exhibited on a disposable base in a zip-lock type bag. The recipe must be included. Cookies will not be returned.

**Crafts** —

7. Holiday Decorations
8. Recycled Craft — Any item made using something one generally throws away.
9. Nature Craft — Any item made from nature (rocks, pine cones, seeds, etc.).
10. Textiles — May use any type of fabric, yarn, thread, etc.
11. Miscellaneous
12. Special Gifts
13. Patriotic — Anything that represents our Country!
14. Agriculture Craft — Must use something from Agriculture, ex: grain/seed, old tools, etc.
15. **\*NEW\* Woodworking** — **craft or project using wood, including painting, burning, shaping. If it uses wood it can be included in woodworking.**
16. **\*NEW\* Super Hero** — **you can be as creative as you like. Create your ultimate super hero. It can be a picture, sculpture, you name it. Make sure to include their special abilities (ex. flying, see through walls, turn back time, etc.)**

**Growth** —

Any type of plant that the Junior has grown from a seed or is taken as an offshoot. These will be judged on health of plant as well as creativity of planter.

**Creative Writing Project** —

Open to members and non-members. May be a poem, story or an essay. Entry may be typed or hand written, double

spaced and placed in a protective cover and labeled.

*There will be three age groups in the Creative Writing Project: 5-7, 8-10, 11-14. Member only:* What would you like to grow and who would help you.

**Mini-Scrapbook Contest** —

To capture the activities of the Junior Grange member throughout the year. What did you do? Where did you go? What did you make? This is your journey, how did it help you grow?

**Digital Scrapbook** —

See Mini-Scrapbook above.

**Creative Art Contest** —

Must be a picture showing what the Theme means to you. May use crayons, colored pencils, markers or paints. Maximum size is 8-1/2 x 11 inches.

**Public Speaking** —

Topics: (1) How the Junior Grange Can Grow Across the Nation OR (2) Any Topic of your choice. Speech must be a minimum of 4 minutes and a maximum of 7 minutes. Contest held at State Grange in conjunction with the Lecturer's program.

**Talent** —

This can be any type of talent, Musical, Variety Act, Joke Telling, anything you can imagine.

**Sign A Song: Categories** —

- Individual Sign A Song Contest: Ages 11-14
- Group Sign A Song Contest: Two or more Junior Grangers. All members must be 9-14 years of age.

Contest held in conjunction with the Lecturer's program at State.

**Junior Grange Camp** —

In 2020 there will be up to three different Jr. Grange camps. One will be held in the southwestern part of Colorado and the other will be held in the northeast region. Two of these camps will be a "Grange Camp Out" and will include fun activities and an age appropriate community service project. Each camp will present all attendees the opportunity to earn multiple merit badges. DATES TBD. **The third camp will be a night in the aquarium "sleeping with the fishes" dates TBD.**

**Talent Contest** —

Junior Talent Contest will be held during State Session in conjunction with the Lecturer's Department Talent Contest.

Three classes:

1. Vocal;
2. Instrumental;
3. Comedy.

Prizes will be awarded. Please notify Director of intent to enter.

**National Opportunities:**

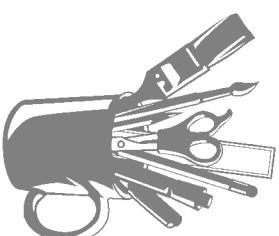
**Theme: Please see the National Junior Grange**

**Handbook or <http://www.nationaljuniorgrange.org/>**

Contest held at State Grange in conjunction with the Lecturer's program at State.

## COLORADO GRANGER

The 15th of the preceding month is the deadline for articles for the *Colorado Granger*. You can send them to the State Grange Office, 2009 CR 31, Florissant, CO 80816, or email [colorado-grange.org](mailto:colorado-grange.org).



# Mandy Project

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The purpose of the Mandy Project is to help children with hearing loss to become productive citizens and to provide assistance to a family experiencing hardship due to a child's hearing loss. As many children will be helped as possible and as funds are available. Families with a child who has a hearing loss will be chosen through the application process to receive funding assistance to help cover costs of hearing aids, speech therapy, surgery or other related expenses.

Brochures can be obtained by contacting the State Director. Granges who sponsor a special fundraiser or make a donation to the Mandy Project will receive a special certificate at State Convention.

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

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

Granges are encouraged to collect Campbell's product UPC Symbols for the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind. Bring the symbols to the State Grange Convention and we will pass them on to the school.

Granges might also sponsor sign language classes in their halls.

## Subordinate And Pomona Grange Activities And Suggestions

- Sponsor, host, or promote Sign Language classes or a Sign A Song contest for the community.
- Support legislation and encourage assistance for the hearing impaired.
- Sponsor a special fundraiser for the Mandy Project flyers and brochures.
- Promote Hearing Testing
- Assist Lecturer with a program educating members and non-members about deafness or hearing loss.
- Write articles about Grange Deaf Activities Projects and send to local news media during May, which is a special month for deaf awareness.
- Each Grange should have posters up on Signs of Deafness or Hearing Loss for
  - Adults
  - Children
- Promote Finger Spelling Bees, Sign Language Challenges,

- and Sign A Song Competitions.  
Create a container to hold Campbell's product UPC symbols so members can bring them to a central location for the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind.

## Community Service

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Watch for Community Service suggestions in *The Colorado Granger* throughout the year. The first suggestion here is to keep a notebook at your Grange for any member to record their volunteer activities and hours since they were last there. At each meeting, as you go through reports from each of your areas (Legislative, Agriculture, Community Service, etc.) have the members talk about their own volunteer activities since the last meeting, in addition to any reports your Community Service person has to share.

Participation in the State programs: Deaf Education, Mandy Project, P.I.C.K. Emergency Relief Program, Family Activities, Junior Grange and Youth Grange projects will certainly count toward Helping Hands.

All three of the forms for the below Community Service areas must be submitted for the Community Service 1st place winner to be eligible for the National Community Service Contest.

### August 31, 2020 — DEADLINE FOR CONTEST REPORTS.

#### Community Service Contest

A combined contest report form will be sent to each Grange. It is also available by email and on the Colorado State Grange Website, so it can be filled out on a computer. Please refer to the instructions in the Lecturers' Star Awards section of this Handbook for more details on how to complete and submit the combined report form. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or would like any clarification at all.

#### Helping Hands

The Helping Hands form is for you to keep track of your Grange members' projects and hours spent volunteering on them. Everyone helps someone at some time. Everything you and your Grange do to help your community or individuals qualifies. Examples are: helping at Church, the Library, the Museum; helping your neighbor cut wood, fix a door, feed their pets; visiting a nursing home, a hospital, a sick friend; and time you spend at the Grange Hall for community service events. Although the hours you spend doing a project are not nearly as important as the project itself, sometimes it is enlightening to see how much time you actually spend helping others. This report is the place to put those hours you've tracked throughout the year.

#### Empty Plate

Feeding the hungry and helping others through food can be an ongoing project for each Subordinate Grange. Did you start a community cupboard; do you have an ongoing community cupboard; did you adopt families during the holidays; did you designate your Grange as a distribution point for Angel Food or another program; do you go to a food kitchen and feed the hungry/homeless; do you sponsor Free meals at your Grange? When reporting on projects under the Red Star or any of the other Community Service related Stars, make a note if you're calling out the project as applying to either Empty Plate or Helping Hands (or both).

# Family Activities

- Name, address, Grange  
All items should be picked up before the end of State Session.

## Needlework

- Class A** — Crocheted or Knit Afghans (any size)
- Class B** — Crochet or Knit Sweater (any size)
- Class C** — Crochet (miscellaneous)
- Class D** — Embroidery; Cross Stitch, Counted Cross Stitch (any item — back must be uncovered)
- Class E** — Decorator Pillows
- Class P** — Recycled Items

## Quilting

- Class F** — Machine Quilted Quilt (any size)
- Class G** — Hand Quilted Quilt (any size)
- Class H** — Quilted Table Runner
- Class I** — Wall Hangings (not to exceed 36" x 54")

## Sewing

- Class J** — Adult Garment
  - Class K** — Child's Garment
  - Class L** — Aprons
  - Class M** — Stuffed Toys
  - Class N** — Quilt Block Contest
- Quilt block pattern and instructions will be printed in the *Granger* or posted on the FWA page on the State or National website.

**Class O** — Miscellaneous includes anything with fabric, thread or yarn.

## "From The Heart" Projects

Baby quilts, items collected for Blue Star Mothers, eyeglasses (eyeglasses only, no cases), and boxtops for education will not be collected at the Colorado State Grange Session. Please continue to collect these items at your Grange and donate them to a worthy cause in your own community.

# Membership Program

**Dominick Breton, Director**  
3645 Marshall St., Wheat Ridge, CO 80033  
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Email: dom.e.breton@gmail.com

The Colorado State Grange membership program will offer recognition and rewards to Granges for new members joining September 1, 2019-August 31, 2020. The Subordinate/Community Grange with the most net members will be recognized, as well as the top recruiters. The form on which to report, is included in the Combined Report Form for this year. Please fill it out completely and return it according to the directions on the form.

If you are only submitting for Membership, you can mail that page to me directly or you can also give it to us on the first day of State Session. If you mail it, be sure to send as early as you can in September so that it will arrive at my home before the week of State Session.

To summarize, you may be recognized in three ways:

- Granges that get at least seven (7) new members.
- The Subordinate/Community Grange with the most new members.
- The Top Recruiters in the State will be honored. Remember, ask someone to join your Grange. YOU can make a difference. New members make your Grange stronger.

**Idella Lewis and Karen Baxter, Co-Directors**  
Lewis • 11615 W. 32nd Ave., Wheat Ridge, CO 80033  
303-223-3393 • idellamlewis@gmail.com  
Baxter • 14857 C.R. 240, Bayfield, CO 81122  
970-259-1595

In all categories you may enter only one entry per class.

Baking, Food Preservation and Needlework, Quilting and Sewing entries must be a Grange member.

Entries will be judged at State Session.

## Baking

Label baking entries with the following:

- Recipe printed on recipe card
- Contestant's name, address, Grange
- Class

All baking entries are to be exhibited on a sturdy disposable base and placed in a Ziploc bag. All items will become the property of the State Directors and will be sold following judging at the State Session.

- Class A** — Cakes (Butter Cake, frosted)
  - Class B** — Altered Cake Mix
  - Class C** — Yeast Bread
- (One loaf or seven rolls per plate)

**Class D** — Sweet Rolls (Seven rolls made with yeast)

**Class E** — Bar Cookies (Seven per plate)

**Class F** — Drop, Rolled, Shaped Cookies (Seven per plate)

**Class G** — Quick Breads

(Fruit or nut containing no yeast)

**Class H** — Fudge (Seven pieces per plate)

**Class I** — Other Candy (Seven pieces per plate)

**Class J** — Gluten Free Cookies (Seven per plate)

**Class K** — Gluten Free Cakes

**Class L** — Gluten Free Breads

## Food Preservation

Canned items should be entered in standard glass canning jars and sealed with new lids. Headspace for jams/jellies is 1/4" and canned foods is 1/2". Canned items will not be opened for judging. Canned foods must be picked up before the end of State Session.

Entries should be labeled with the following:

- Name of item and Class
- Method of processing
- Month and year processed
- Contestant's name, address, Grange
- Class 1** — Canned Foods
- Class 2** — Jams, Jellies
- Class 3** — Juices
- Class 4** — Salsas, Tomatoes, Relishes
- Class 5** — Pickles, any kind
- Class 6** — Dried Foods including leathers and jerky

(1/2 Cup in a plastic bag)

## Needlework, Quilting And Sewing

All entries must be made by a Grange member and finished within the current Grange year.

Entries should be labeled with the following:

- Class

# Lecturer's Awards

**Elizabeth Hiner, Colorado State Lecturer**  
3333 County Road 510, Ignacio, CO 81137  
970-403-4592  
floridagrangerange306@yahoo.com

## Lecturer's Star Awards

Granges completing the combined Star Report need to submit the Report ONLY to the State Lecturer by September 1, 2020 to be eligible for the Star Awards. Please mail or e-mail reports to Elizabeth Hiner – Colorado State Lecturer.

Email is strongly preferred. Your reports will be forwarded to the Directors of Community Service and Membership. If email is absolutely impossible, please also mail a paper copy of your report to the Colorado State Community Service Director: Lisa Mitran, 4951 W. 66th Avenue, Arvada, CO 80003. Each director will need a copy of your reports by September 1, so there is time to thoroughly evaluate them all and prepare the prizes for each area.

Star certificates will be awarded to each Grange earning any of the following possible stars. Granges completing all of the categories will earn recognition as a Star Achievement Grange.

- **Gold Star — Lecturer & Community Service — Information:** Programs/activities providing education or information on issues pertinent to your community.
  - **Blue Star — Lecturer — Entertainment:** Programs/activities involving traveling outside your hall or meeting place for an event, special meal, art exhibit, play, or show, etc.
  - **Green Star — Lecturer & Membership — Membership:** Activities/programs promoting membership and recruiting new members.
  - **Red Star — Community Service — Community:** Programs/activities specifically planned for the community. A Community Dinner hosted by your Grange, planned around a theme, and open to your community will be reported under this star.
  - **Silver Star — Community Service — Cooperation:** Sponsor programs/activities cooperating with other community groups.
  - **Orange Star — Lecturer & Community Service — Family:** Programs/activities oriented around children and family, or providing opportunities for members and guests to enjoy Grange events together as a family.
  - **Purple Star — Publicity — Publicity:** Creating publicity using social media or traditional media to promote Grange programs/activities and the Grange. Suggested media include website, e-blasts, Facebook, Twitter, and NextDoor, plus traditional brochures (that may also be entered in the Pen in Hand category of the Lecturer's Awards and/or the Publicity Contest), posters, news releases, newsletters, and PowerPoint presentations about your Grange, etc. Working with three or more media types qualifies for this award.
- Special Publicity Contest: Submit a tri-fold brochure advertising your Grange. Due by September 1, 2020.**  
The brochure should include an application form and information on your Grange and your activities. Be creative.
- Outstanding Program of the Year will be chosen from the combined report areas: Community Service, Lecturer, Membership, Publicity, and Food Sustainability.
- The Star reports must be filled out completely to qualify for awards. You may send samples of your work along with the report, such as a picture, flyer, etc. Please include only up to four samples per Star.

*In an effort to streamline the process and to cut down on duplication, information for the Community Service and Membership Awards will be taken from the combined Lecturer's Star Report. Please see the possibilities with each Star's description, in bold red.*

The first-place winning Grange in the Community Service area will have its Combined Report sent for entry in the contest at the National Grange convention. If that Grange has also submitted a One Book AND included a copy of its report in it, that One Book will be sent to National.

**Although we are asking that you NOT send your One Book for Star Report judging, we are also not doing away with it, and still encourage each Grange to do a book. This book is a historical record for your Grange and an informational tool for other Granges. We do encourage submission of these One Books for judging as that record of the past year; on qualities such as organization, creativity, and how well it provides samples and other visual records of the activities and events described in your Star Reports. If your Grange does submit a book for judging, please put a copy of the combined Star report in the front of the book.**

**You can send your One Book with your Grange's delegates to State Session. If no one from your Grange will be attending State Session in September, you can send your One Book to either Director by September 15. The One Books will be judged at State Session and will be on view for the membership. Note: Granges do not need to create a One Book to be eligible for the Lecturer's Star Awards (or the Community Service Contest). Star Award judging will be done on the content, organization, and completeness of your Star Reports. Up to four Granges can be recognized for the best Grange 2020.**

## Contest Criteria

- All Granges in the state will be judged on the same basis, whether Subordinate or Pomona
- Judged on: Completeness of reports, efforts of activities and events to meet the intent of each Star category
- One Books to be judged at State Convention

## Lecturer's Awards

### Fine Art, Hobby Corner, Photography, With Pen in Hand and Talent

#### General Guidelines for all Lecturers' Contests:

- All entries in Fine Art, Hobby Corner, Photography, Individual Scrapbooks (not the Grange One Book) or With Pen in Hand must be labeled as follows: Name, address, Grange or sponsoring Grange, class, member or non-member, and value.
  - All entries are due at State Session on Thursday between 8 a.m. to noon.
  - Individuals may have more than one entry in a class.
  - All categories are open to Grange members in good standing as well as non-members sponsored by a local Grange.
  - Entries must be completed since the beginning of the previous State Convention.
  - We reserve the right to combine or divide classes as number of entries warrants.
  - Participants must select the class for his/her entry.
- Awards:** First place receives \$5, second place \$3 and third place \$2.
- A Best of Show will be awarded.
1. The Grange with the most entries will receive The Colorado State Grange Lecturer's Participation Award.
  2. A Sweepstakes Award will be given to the individual with the most entries in the Lecturer's programs.

#### Fine Art Guidelines

- All entries should be framed or on a firm backing which enables the entry to be properly displayed.
- Entrant is responsible if charcoal and pencil entries are not treated to prevent smudging.
- Entries of nudes are not allowed.
- Entries cannot be covered with glass. (Plexiglas may be used.)

#### Criteria for judging entries:

- Use of medium selected — Craftsmanship and skill — Composition/presentation of subject — Originality
- Painting
- Drawing
- Computer art/collage

#### Hobby Corner Guidelines

- All work must be original from start to finish, with the exception of a purchased frame, kit, or mold.

#### Judging Criteria:

- Originality/Neatness/Creativity/Workmanship
- Holiday items
- Jewelry
- Miscellaneous
- Individual Scrapbooks
- Special Gifts

#### Work Bench Guidelines

- All work must be original from start to finish, with the exception of a purchased frame, kit, or mold.

#### Judging Criteria:

- Originality/Neatness/Creativity/Workmanship
- Woodworking
- Handmade Toys
- Leather Craft
- Metal Craft
- Duct Tape Craft

#### Photography Guidelines

- Photos should be mounted or in a photo mat.
- Framed photos will not be accepted.
- An image may be entered in only one class.
- Participants may enter all classes using separate images.
- Participants may have multiple entries in one category.
- Photos/images may be made by a commercial processor, but must have been taken by the entrant.
- The photo must not be less than 4 x 6 or larger than 11 x 14.
- A caption/title about the photo is optional.
- Only prints (color, black/white or digital) will be accepted, no slides.

- Professional photographers may not enter the contest (professionals make their living through photography).
- Judging Criteria:**
- Composition and arrangement — Interest — Presentation — Technique
  - Landscapes and Seascapes
  - People
  - Animals and Other Creatures
  - Photo Collage or Story

#### With Pen in Hand Guidelines

- All entries must be typed and double spaced.
- Entries may be fictional or non-fictional.
- Flyers and Pamphlets may be computer generated [custom flyers for Grange may also be used in the Publicity (Purple Star) category and/or in the Publicity Contest].

#### Judging Criteria:

- Content — organization — Spelling, punctuation and grammar — Audience appeal
- Short story or essay
- Recommend a book (your choice)
- Poetry
- Pamphlet/Flyer

#### Performing Arts Guidelines

The statewide Showcase will be held at the State Convention on Saturday evening.

- Those wishing to participate in the Talent Showcase 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.
- 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:
  - Vocal, Instrumental, Variety (skits, readings, monologues, dance, pantomimes, etc.)
  - Joke Telling, Public Speaking (See Youth and Junior Dept. for specific guidelines)
  - Sign A Song (See Deaf and Junior Dept. for specific guidelines)

## Lecturer's Report

Lecturer's Report to include information on the following:

- **Community Dinner**  
Granges that sponsor a Community Dinner planned around a theme such as a Chili Cook-off or Luau or other creative event (to be reported in the Red Star category).
- **Food Sustainability**  
Program for Subordinate and Pomona Granges completing any ONE category will receive a Food Sustainability Award. Do one or more of the following Categories (A or B, within one of the three groups):
  - **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 Contest**
    - A. Sponsor an agricultural oriented contest for your community. Establish your own judging criteria.
    - B. Sponsor a class on an agricultural topic.
  - **Community Food Preservation Demonstration or Classes**
    - A. Sponsor a food preservation demonstration for your community.
    - B. Sponsor a class on food preservation.

# THE GRANGE BUILDS

**People** — by recognizing leadership abilities and encouraging individual talents.

**The Family** — by offering a family oriented environment and emphasizing family values.

**The Community** — by working together in a team spirit, providing service and community outreach.

**The State** — by encouraging "grass-roots action" and leadership in the State Legislature.

**The Nation** — by providing members a voice in the nation's capital.



**Ute Mountain**  
Dolores and Montezuma Counties

**Mount Lookout**

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

**JANUARY EVENTS:**

Every Monday — Mancos Food-  
Share food distribution.

Every Monday — Cooking Mat-  
ters Class.

Jan. 11 — MLG Board Member  
Retreat.

Jan. 12 — Community Dinner.

Jan. 19 — decorate and prepare  
for MLK breakfast.

Jan. 20 — MLK pancake break-  
fast.

Other private events as sched-  
uled.

**FEBRUARY EVENTS:**

Every Monday — Mancos Food-  
Share food distribution.

Every Monday — Cooking Mat-  
ters Class.

Feb. 9 — Community Dinner.

Feb. 26 — Board meeting.

Other private events as sched-  
uled.

We hope that you are having as

much fun as we are this holiday sea-  
son! I am still glowing from last  
night's holiday community dinner,  
which was attended by about 70 peo-  
ple! We served tamales made by Rosa  
Sabido, who has been in sanctuary in  
the Mancos Methodist church for al-  
most three years now. There was an  
abundance of desserts, punch, and  
live acoustic music. It was a festive  
community celebration to usher in  
the holiday season.

One of our new Board members  
organized a coat drive, and has col-  
lected almost 200 nice coats to be dis-  
tributed from the Grange during com-  
modity food distribution on December  
23rd. The drive was started last year,  
with only coat one left at the end! We  
feel very fortunate to live in a commu-  
nity where residents take care of each  
other in times of need.

In January, the dedicated Board of  
MLG will spend a Saturday together  
for an organizational retreat. We hope  
to define our roles, utilize our strengths,  
strategize about our relevancy with-  
in the community, and plan for a sus-  
tainable future.

From the Mancos community, we  
hope all of you readers enjoy a healthy  
and joyful holiday season.

Katheryn Fulton

**Junior Grange And Youth**

**Dan and Jenna Greer, State Directors**

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Hello everyone. We hope that so far  
you have had an enjoyable holiday  
season and that you had a great Christ-  
mas. We are excited for this coming  
year and all that we have planned for  
the youth and JG of our great state.

November brought us to the Na-  
tional Grange session in Minneapolis,  
Minnesota, where Billy Greer hand-  
ed down his JG Ambassador title to  
two different JGers, Bryce Danko  
from Pennsylvania, and Brianna Ger-  
vais, of Connecticut. Nathen won the  
public speaking contest and Brianna  
wowed the judges with her sign-a-  
song to win best of show over all.  
Our Colorado Juniors cleaned house  
you could say.

We visited the Kelley Farm. Our  
kids have been saying that we need to  
go back when it's not quite so cold so  
we could really enjoy the experience  
of working on a farm that is operat-  
ed like they did back in the 1800s. If  
you have the chance to visit the Kelley  
Farm we would highly recommend it.  
In fact we would like to get a trip  
planned out there for our youth in the  
upcoming years.

There are lots of things to talk about  
this time though so let's move on to  
the Great Plains Conference. Colo-  
rado is the host of Great Plains Re-  
gional Conference this year and we  
are going to shake things up (we are  
good at that. Lol).

This year we are going to hold the  
conference in the Denver area from  
June 12-14, 2020. Friday evening, we  
will be having a nice visiting time. On  
Saturday we will have 1-2 speakers  
coming in to encourage and strength-  
en everyone who attends, then about  
10 a.m. we will be heading off to  
Water World until they close!! How  
much fun will that be? So be sure to  
bring your swimming suit if you want  
to get wet.

When we return back to the hotel



that's when we'll have the Youth Di-  
rector and Junior Directors do their  
thing for a couple of hours. We en-  
courage you to invite every youth,  
junior, and young at heart to join us  
this year for this awesome event.

The juniors are working on raising  
funds to spend the night in the Denver  
Downtown Aquarium this year too.  
Another fun event. If you or your  
Grange is wanting to help a junior  
attend this awesome weekend that  
will be in August, please reach out to  
us. We are offering to sponsor a jun-  
ior program this year. More details to  
come in the near future.

If you are interested in helping with  
either event please let us know, we  
would love all the help we can get.  
Lastly we are working on planning  
events for the future as well. So if  
you have ideas of where we could go  
or what we could do that youth and  
JGers would like, please don't hesi-  
tate to share those ideas. If you know  
of any young person who would be  
interested in the events that we cur-  
rently have planned, please let us  
know and encourage them to attend.  
It is never too soon to start on those  
crafts for JG!

Until next time.

**Mandy Project**

**Cindy Greer, Coordinator**

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Over the years we have cultivat-  
ed a connection with Audiologists  
in the state and at Children's Hospital  
to help children who have hearing  
loss obtain the needed services.  
Many times a family just can't afford  
hearing aids that cost \$3,000 to  
\$5,000 for their child regardless of  
their income.

You may be wondering who makes  
the decision as to how much we the  
Colorado State Grange and PICK give  
to the families who request help? We  
have established a committee to re-  
view the applications and agree on  
how much we give each family. That  
committee consists of: Audrey May-  
dew, Cyndi Charbonneau, Amy Pet-  
erson, Cindy Greer, and we're look-  
ing for one more interested person. If  
you would be interested in serving  
on this committee please contact me.  
It doesn't take much time as we've

only been receiving three or four  
applications per year. This number  
has reduced since the legislature  
passed legislation requiring insurance  
companies to cover expenses related  
to Hearing Loss for children.

When an application is received, I  
then forward it to the committee.  
Sometimes I'll give a short synopsis  
of the situation and other times I'll  
send the whole application, kind of  
depends on how it comes in. Then  
someone on the committee suggests  
an amount, discussion takes place and  
we come to a consensus as to the  
amount.

Fortunately, we have received  
enough funds to cover the costs and  
we're not out there applying for grants  
or raising funds. Thank you to all the  
Granges who do support the Mandy  
Project each year. You are part of what  
keeps us going. Thank You again.

**Mt. Lookout Holiday Celebration**



**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

**Darden**  
Jefferson County

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

**Feb. 1, 2020 — Darden Pomona meeting at Wheat Ridge Grange, 4 p.m. Meeting, 5 p.m. Potluck. Bring a hobby to show/share.**

Darden Pomona Grange met Dec. 14 at Enterprise Grange for a meeting followed by the annual Christmas party. A complete Christmas dinner was held with roast turkey and all the trimmings. Grangers know how to enjoy great food and fellowship! Guests for the evening were from the Carin' Clinic which provides medical care for underserved families and Shannon's Hope, a safe place for single women and children to live. Many Grange members and their children and grandchildren were also present.

Following the wonderful dinner, Mike Lackey read 'Twas The Night Before Christmas to the children who were gathered around the sparkling Christmas tree. Santa arrived and everyone had a chance to tell him their wishes for Christmas and were given a stocking filled with treats. Carols were sung and a piñata was broken with candy spilling out. It was a true spirit of Christmas when everyone shared their love with those who are less fortunate in our community.

Idella Lewis

**Enterprise**

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

**January 8, 2020, Wednesday Potluck at 6:30 p.m.** Following potluck, Darlene Bowman will join us. She is with Professional Move Management. She will be talking to us about planning and managing stress-free moves for older adults, seniors, and their families. Basically "What we can all do to cope with the next chapter of life."

**January 22, 2020, Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.** Pizza will be served that night so just bring your ideas and be hungry. We will be planning our 2020 Grange Year activities and community service projects. We will choose the beneficiary of the High Tea during that meeting. Come with suggestions of people you know of that could benefit from the funds we raise and of places you would like for us to go as a group.

**February 12, 2020, Wednesday Valentine Party and Potluck at 6:30 p.m.** Bring a Valentine for your Granger friends and family. We will have our final planning of the High Tea.

**February 15, 2020, Saturday, 2-4 p.m. Friendship High Tea at the Enterprise Grange Hall.** Tickets will be \$18 per person. (Please purchase

tickets no later than Wednesday, February 12, 2020, for our planning purposes.) Tickets will be sold at the door for \$20 per person.

Purchase tickets from any current Enterprise Grange member or for further information call or e-mail:

Carol Lackey at 303-521-4477 carollackeyhomes@gmail.com;

Dorothy Dannels at 303-921-7849 dorothydannels@gmail.com.

The High Tea is our fundraiser for Special Causes. We will be reviewing the list and choosing a beneficiary at our January 2 meeting.

**March 14, 2019, Wednesday, St. Patrick's Day Irish Potluck at 6:30 p.m.** Bring something green or something Irish! We will be entertained by a Celtic Bagpipe Music Band. Planning for the Community Service Award program, Easter Egg Hunt and our Community Garden will follow.

For our October 9 meeting, Carol Lackey outlined the outcome of the State Convention. We went through the resolutions that both passed and failed. We also were proud to find out that Dorothy Dannels was elected as Flora for the State.

On Monday, October 18, Marlys Halbeisen (Darden Pomona Master) asked Renee Caldwell (State Grange Secretary) to come to Denver to give us a Pine Needle Basket Making class. It was so much fun and Renee is an extremely good instructor. We all came away with small baskets, lots of laughs and good fellowship. In the end, we all knew that none of us will ever be as accomplished as Renee but we sure had a fun time trying.

We held our annual Chili Dinner on October 20. So many different yet delicious chilis, it was hard to decide which one to choose. Most of us tried as many as we had room for. Our attendance dwindled but the participation by the Grangers held steadfast. Next year we will review our marketing for the dinner and hopefully find a better way to involve the community.

This year we were very disappointed that we could not find scarves and hats that we could buy at a reasonable price for our senior stocking project. One of our new members, Tammy Skomosa, offered to show us how to make flannel, no-tie hats and scarves. At first, we were skeptical but once she showed them to us, we were all in. We ended up collecting yards and yards of flannel at practically no charge and set out to make 210 scarves and hats. Tammy started by cutting out ALL the scarves and hats. We definitely could not have done it without her. Once that was done, we all got together and Tammy taught us how to tie them into the darling finished product they became. Several of us took some home to tie but most we accomplished tying the 210 hats and scarves in just three get-togethers. I'm sure the seniors are going to love them.



Attendees at Enterprise Thanksgiving Dinner.



Tammy Skomosa, Lisa Mittan and Mike Lackey enjoying the annual Chili Dinner at Enterprise Grange.



Making scarves and hats, back row: Pam Campbell, Amy McClure, and Tammy Skomosa; front row: Marlys Halbeisen, Carol Lackey, Peggy Brett, and Lisa Mittan.

We held our Thanksgiving potluck at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 13. Carin' Clinic and Shannon's Hope clients joined us along with any Granger friends and family who wished to attend. Our Thanksgiving feast was a traditional potluck with turkey and all the trimmings. As with any Grange Dinner, when it was time to leave everyone was full of food and laughter!

On November 30 we had our get-together for our annual Christmas Stocking Stuffing Party. We received a significant amount of donations from the Arvada community this year and from those that rent the Grange throughout the year. We also requested items through an Internet application called "Nextdoor" and the "Arvada Neighbors" facebook page.

We filled 100 stockings for the Jefferson County Stocking Project and 110 for the Olin Residences. Both are for seniors' residence centers that are low income and have disabilities or are disadvantaged in other ways.

We have also adopted two families given to us by the Carin' Clinic that don't have the means to give their children a gift for the holidays. Both families also do not have the basics, such as towels, frying pans, bowls, etc. We are happy to help with their holiday meals also.

Another group is the Irving Street Woman's Residence that is a residential and support program designed to serve chronically homeless women (homeless for one continuous year or



Marlys Halbeisen and Pat Hosselkus working on hats and scarves.

four times in three years) who are disabled or experience mental health issues. The facility houses 25 women in 15 sleeping rooms and there is no maximum length of stay. We put together 25 bags of what are considered essentials for everyone in the house in cooperation with ReMax Alliance spearheaded by our community service director, Merry Whyman.

The last community service project for this year was a joint venture with the Scarlet O'Hatters lead by Marlys Halbeisen and some members of Maple Grove and Enterprise Grange. We have put together another 35 bags to go to the Park Hill Residence that is an assisted living facility. It is a low-income residence that offers 24-hour care and activities for their residents to maintain healthy lifestyles by encouraging movement and socializing with their peers. Last year we were the only group that gave them gifts. They were so excited that they asked us if they could wait until Christmas Eve to distribute the gifts so that everyone would have something from "Santa." This year they called to find out if we were still interested in them. How could we not be!

We are so thankful to everyone who helped in every way. We could never do this without all the generous people that surround us!

Enterprise Grange hosted the Darden Pomona Old Fashioned Christmas Dinner this year on Saturday, De-

cember 14. We started the evening with a potluck of ham, turkey, sweet and mashed potatoes, side dishes and salads galore. And who could forget the desserts! The Grangers of Darden Pomona with their friends and family and disadvantaged children from the Carin' Clinic and Shannon's Hope were all in attendance.

The Program after dinner included Christmas Carol sing-a-longs, children's performances and reading of the "Night Before Christmas" by Mike Lackey, Master of the Enterprise Grange.

Santa Claus arrived when he heard "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" being sung by the children. They all sat on Santa's lap telling him their Christmas wishes. All the children received a small gift from our new toy box donated by Kaleb, Kim, and Rick Tutor. It was fun to watch how the children almost fell into the box going after that one special toy.

Carol and Ashley Lackey made a Christmas clown fish piñata (Nemo) for the children filled with small toys and candy. As everyone left for the evening, each received a small Christmas bag full of candy and fruit. Thank you to all the members of the Darden Pomona for making this such a memorable evening for all!

Hope everyone had a Happy Holiday and are looking forward to a wonderful 2020!

Carol Lackey



Stocking Stuffing Day, back row: Pam Campbell, Gary Wardle, Kathy Wardle, Mike Lackey, Amy McClure, Carol Lackey, and Merry Whyman; front row: Dorothy Dannels, Eileen Figliolino, Muriel Fink, and Lisa Mittan.

### Maple Grove

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

Maple Grove Grange members met on December 5 for a delicious potluck dinner. Items were collected for Mountain Vista Home to make their Christmas bright. Following the dinner the traditional gift exchange was held. Everyone went home feeling the happiness of the season.

A project undertaken the past year was gathering Christmas cards and signing them to be delivered to those serving in the military overseas. There are 16,000 U.S. troops in 22 countries worldwide. This was under the direction of Marlys Halbeisen who recruited her Red Hat Club and other Granges to participate in the project. Each card had a personalized message, "Dear Hero, God bless you, thank you for your service, or thank you for our freedom." Each card also included an insert telling about the Grange organization.

Unfortunately, the original organization was not able to accept them because they were not "homemade." Another organization, Soldiers and Sailors of America, (SOA) was excited to process the cards and they were sent on their way to three naval ships to be delivered and the remainder to Afghanistan. This year 18,000 cards were sent off and the goal for next year is to send 20,000 cards to those serving overseas. A big THANK YOU to all Grange members and Red Hat Club members who helped in this project. It will make Christmas a bit brighter and show that we care for those who are serving our country, wishing everyone a good year in 2020!

Idella Lewis

### Pleasant Park

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

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

Feb. 8 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Potluck Lunch.

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

Our annual Christmas Party followed the meeting on December 14. We all took home "treasures" from the White Elephant gift exchange. It was a lot of fun.

We mourn the loss of several members in 2019 due to death and some moving out of the area.

It was a pleasure assisting Marlys with the Christmas Card project for soldiers overseas.

We provided \$350 worth of new toys to the Mountain Resource Center for their annual Kids Christmas Party for the less fortunate children in the mountain area.

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

Thanks to everyone who attended the Thanksgiving Dinner on November 9. There was lots of good food, fun and fellowship and the weather was perfect.

The bicycle rest stop is closed for the season and the members are happy to be taking a break.

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

Yvonne Ludwig

### Golden Gate

Contact Master Rich Phillips, 303-277-1933, or Terri Costeldia, 303-277-0351, for further information.

January 2 — Grange Meeting, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

January 10 — Line Dancing, 7-9 p.m.

January 12 — Pancake Breakfast, 8-10:30 a.m.

January 24 — Line Dancing, 7-9 p.m.,

February 6 — Grange Meeting, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

February 9 — Pancake Breakfast, 8-10:30 a.m.

February 14 — Line Dancing, 7-9 p.m.

February 28 — Line Dancing, 7-9 p.m.

Grange meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

All Grange members are invited to attend. If you cannot attend but have an idea for an event or community project, call or email Terri Costeldia (terricosteldia@hotmail.com) or 303-277-0351. We love to have input from the community.



Present wrapping for Jeffco Foster Kids at Golden Gate Grange.



Wreath making at Golden Gate Grange!

Pancake Breakfasts are on the second Sunday of the Month from 8-10:30 a.m. Join us for juice, eggs, sausage, pancakes, fruit, and coffee. Cost is \$5 per adult and \$3 for kids 3 to 10 years old. Kids 2 and under eat for free. At the December Pancake Breakfast we collected presents and wrapped a huge pile of gifts for the Jefferson County Foster Children. Thanks to all who brought gifts and helped wrap. A special thanks to Dave and Janet Primmer for organizing this massive undertaking.

Line Dancing Classes will be held second and fourth Friday of most months from 7-9 p.m. Check our website or Facebook page for the schedule for the rest of the year and beyond.

Beginners are welcome. Cost is \$5 per person for Grange members.

Thanks to all the crafters and bakers who participated in our Annual

Holiday Craft Fair! We had more variety than ever before! A special thanks to Abbie and Sheri Vittum who made their incredible chili and handled all the food sales.

Wreath making and kids crafts were a fun way to start the Holiday Season.

Yoga classes continue to be a popular offering at the Golden Gate



Kids with their crafts — sock snowmen and tabletop gardens.

Grange. Classes are held on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. Cost for Grange members is \$10 for a single class or \$80 for a 10-class card. Join us to help improve your balance, strength, and flexibility.

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

cans with paint pens. We also learned sign language to *It's a Small World* and learned about Ceres, Pomona, and Flora and their symbols. In December we worked on Holiday crafts and had a Christmas Party. In January we plan to have a Sr. Citizen Lunch.

Cindy Greer

### Mt. Allison

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

Upcoming events:

- January 20 — Potluck and games.
- February 8 — Bunco.
- February 17 — Business Meeting @ 7 p.m.
- March 14 @ 4 p.m. — Chili Cook-Off and Grange Visitation.
- April 11 (5 until 7 p.m.) — Easter Supper.
- April 25 — 9 Health Fair @ Ignacio High School.

We've had a semi-busy fall and early winter.

We finally got the designated highway stretch cleaned thanks to Sharon Nossaman, Yvonne Chapman, Sheri and Dan Figgs, and Carol Thompson.

We had a great Harvest Supper as we have for several years running. Lots of food and lots of visiting.

Early November, a few of the members got together for a progressive dinner. We haven't had one of these in many years and it was fun going back and forth and eating and visiting. We needed to be walking rather than driving that night to work off all those calories.

December 7 we had our annual free Christmas breakfast. Numbers were down so we're thinking about moving it next year to an evening event with the hopes more people might come. We were able to collect quite a bit of food so we'll be doing Christmas food baskets for a few families before Christmas.

We had some septic tank issues this fall. Seems like no Grange hall is immune to upkeep challenges — buildings this old just need more TLC than time and money allows.

Pray for snow — we've already been blessed with more snow than last year at this time but we're always greedy knowing that snow brings irrigation water in the summertime.

Larry Corman

**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.

January 18 — Chili Cook-off/Soup challenge. Dessert Auction.

February 1 — Marvel United Methodist Ground Hog Supper.

February 7 — Business Meeting 7:30 p.m. Program: Tom Campion.

February 22 — Luau 6:30 p.m.

February 29 — Community Breakfast.

March 6 — Business Meeting 7:30 p.m. Program: Lyn Sanchez.

We are looking forward to welcoming Mike and Diane Delaney into membership at our January meeting.

In November we had a soup bowl potluck dinner with 16 present. We had a nice time visiting as our program speaker forgot and couldn't make it.

Our Community Breakfast had 98 in attendance on November 30. Our local newspaper requires two-weeks' notice for announcements like this and unfortunately that is almost impossible at times to meet.

In December we had our waffle night and this year instead of exchanging white elephant gifts we brought school supplies for the Fort Lewis Mesa Elementary school. The school has acquired 300 backpacks and plans to put supplies in them and give them to children in need.

We also had a New Year's Eve party with the theme "It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood." We encouraged people to wear cardigans and tennis shoes and to brush up on their Mr. Rogers Trivia. We served a dinner of smothered burritos, tacos, nachos and a veggie tray. Individuals brought snacks for the evening. We played table games and gave out door prizes and welcomed in 2020.

Cindy Greer

### Marvel JGs

Contact: Cindy Greer, hcrdgreer@frontier.net, for further information.

We meet on the third Mondays at 3:45 p.m. In November we worked on recycled craft by decorating some tin



Pleasant Park Grange annual holiday party and white elephant gift exchange.

## 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.

# Boulder County

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## Left Hand

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

Business Meetings at 6 p.m. — Jan. 8, Feb. 12, Mar. 11.

**Music Open Stage** — Our next monthly Sunday Music Open Stage events will be January 5 and February 9. This is our eighth season hosting this fun community event that will run through April, before starting up again in October. On December 8 we had 10 performers and about 30 people total attending. (See photos at right.) These events are free and hosted by Bruce and Marcia Johnson, and the Left Hand Grange #9, and run from 1:30-3:30 pm. Please contact Bruce for more information at 720-301-6367.

**New Website/Grant** — The Left Hand Grange is in the process of developing a new website, thanks to a recent grant. In June the Niwot Business Association (NBA) was notified that Boulder County had awarded it a grant of \$2,325 to be used to benefit the Grange. This Economic Vitality Grant will help the Grange improve public communications, raise its profile in the community, increase membership, and generally help revitalize this historic community organization and building. Grange member Dayna Roane, former NBA Treasurer, and Catherine McHale, Niwot's Economic Development Director, submitted the application.

Bruce Johnson

## Altona

Contact Laura Poirot, 720-837-0352 or lauraspoirot@gmail.com, for further information.

December 10 the Altona Grange held our annual Holiday Dinner which is one of the quarterly meetings of the general membership. We combined the dinner with elections of new officers.

The theme of the dinner was A Colorado Natural Holiday. The tables were decorated with fresh blue spruce branches, Coulter pine tree cones, white lights and candles. The fragrance of the spruce branches were rivaled only by the delicious food.

Twenty-nine members gathered to enjoy salmon, brisket, mashed potatoes, roasted veggies and salad. And member Teri Rasmussen played Christmas music on the antique upright piano donated to us by the Boulder Masonic Lodge.

Master Erika Moats yielded her office to the new Master, Henry Poirot, who agreed to take the helm for the second time. Erika became the Treasurer, taking over from Alden Fidaio who held the position for 15 years.



2019 Altona Grange Holiday Dinner.

## GIA Scholarship Applications Due March 1

Grange Insurance Association (GIA) will again fund 25 scholarships for the 2020-2021 school year. Applicants may apply for either an academic or a vocational scholarship.

Eligibility requirements (applicants must meet **one** of the following): 1. Current GIA policyholder (or children of GIA policyholder); 2. Children of current GIA company employees; 3. A previous recipient of a GIA scholarship. Please note that children or legal wards of officers, directors or agents of GIA are ineligible.

The committee will base its awards on the following:

- Complete and legible application
- Scholastic ability (official grade transcript required)
- Handwritten or typed **Essay** by Applicant (see requirements at [www.grange.com](http://www.grange.com)).

Application deadline is **March 1, 2020 (Postmarked)**. Funds awarded are for the 2020-2021 school year. Application Forms can be downloaded at: [www.grange.com](http://www.grange.com).



## Left Hand Grange No.9

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Our new Overseer is Chris Doyle who has been busy repairing and improving the building. The Secretary position will continue to be Irene Stoller aided by the Membership Chair, yours truly, Dr. Jim Hogan will be our Chaplain for the third year.

Henry was proud to share with the attendees a letter of congratulations from the National Grange office which declared that our gain of 13 members between July 2018 and June 2019 was an indication that our membership is actively encouraging new members to join and that members find value in our activities and programs. This has placed us on the 2018-2019 Grange Honor Roll.

Donlyn Arbutnot Whissen, our Lecturer and historian, having memories of coming to the hall since she was a child, and whose pioneer family helped establish the Altona Grange, presented our outgoing Master with a beautiful plate, hand-painted by a Golden Sheaf member who has passed on. It was a gesture of appreciation that nearly brought Erika to tears.

Altona Grange continues to be a community gathering place for celebrations of all kinds at an affordable rental price, and for non-profits often free of charge. We especially make ourselves available for agricultural meetings that are part of the vitality of farming and ranching in Boulder County.

With the funds we raise we maintain the structural integrity of our 110 year old building so that our community can continue to enjoy the Historic Altona Grange.

Laura Poirot



## Pikes Peak

El Paso and Teller Counties

## Florissant

Contact Renee Caldwell, 719-748-5004, [caldwellrenee3@gmail.com](mailto:caldwellrenee3@gmail.com), for further information.

January 8 — Quilt of Valor Guild, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

January 11 — Pine Needle Basket Class, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

February 8 — Pine Needle Basket Class, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

February 11 — Quilt of Valor Guild, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

February 15 — Valentine Community Brunch, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Annual free Community Thanksgiving Dinner was a huge success with over 150 people attending. The "Page 34" Band played some classic rock and classic country tunes and everyone had a great meal and loads of fun.

The annual free Christmas party for the community kiddos was also quite the event. We had over 40 young folks come to see Santa and Mrs. Claus. The Grange was full of kids and parents. Santa handed out a Christmas gift bag or a stuffed animal. We had cookies, fruit and candy for everyone to enjoy. Sue Zaba took pictures of the kiddos with Santa and the kids made crafts to take home.

At the annual "Last minute Christmas shopping Craft Fair we had 22 crafters and vendors and many shoppers doing their last minute shopping. We had fun selling and trading with other vendors. Breakfast and Lunch was available and included Breakfast Burritos with extra cheese and homemade Salsa, and Turkey Soup with bread bites.

The Florissant Quilt of Valor Guild is proud to announce it has made and awarded 10 Quilts of Valor since it be-



Santa and Mrs. Claus were a highlight during the Christmas Party.

gan less than two years ago. In September we sent one to our Colorado State Grange Session and two to the

National Grange Session. Good job quilters.

Renee Caldwell



The Annual Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner at Florissant Grange was well attended with entertainment by the "Page 34" Band.