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Great Plains Regional Conference 2022 attendees.

## Great Plains Regional Conference

The Conference was held in Manhattan, Kansas, June 10-12. If one arrived early enough, they visited the KSU Call Hall Dairy Bar. Friday evening there was a community service project that everyone participated in called C.A.R.D.S. in which we put together cards for the Fourth of July for military personnel.

The Youth team had us all trying to make the perfect square. Saturday, we learned from the Juniors about Legislative process and played a

group game on our phones. We had refreshers on Grange Ritual and basics. The Junior ambassadors shared information about "How weather affects Agriculture," and learned a whole lot about communication from Phil Vonada, the National Grange Communications Director. We discussed connecting programs, membership, and fundraising, and several made quilt blocks for the National contest or finished cards. The Youth and Juniors played Grange baseball — we could

tell that they were listening in the Grange 101 workshop.

The Public speaking and Sign-a-song contests were canceled due to a tornado warning — yes, we all had to shelter for about one and one-half hours.

Sunday morning, we discussed future conferences. Next year's conference will either be hosted by Nebraska or Texas, June 9-11, 2023. So, mark your calendars and try to encourage Colorado Grangers to attend.

## Grange Insurance Association Scholarship Winners Named

Since its inception, Grange Insurance Association's (GIA) scholarship program has awarded students across six western states, assisting them in achieving their higher educational goals. This year, GIA broadened the program to be more inclusive and partnered with Rainier Scholars to offer scholarships to local, underrepresented students.

The scholarships are awarded to 12 students that best display their leadership through forward-thinking, a GIA core value. These students demonstrated dedication, passion, and creativity through videos and essays. Our team was impressed with the ambition of these students and the stories they shared. We are honored to be able to support their journey and wish them all the best of luck in the next stage of their educational path.

Students winning scholarships include:

- Brody Scott, Vancouver, Washington

- Hunter Prout, Chowchilla, California
- Jadrienne Robinson, Kingston, Washington
- Sosna Biniam, Burien, Washington
- Tasia Tran, Burien, Washington
- Jacqueline Taylor, Sanger, California
- Moriah Michaels, Days Creek, Oregon

- Jillian Lux, Nez Perce, Idaho
- Madi Smith, Woodinville, Washington
- Grace Taylor, Canyon City, Washington
- Hailey Troup, Coulee City, Washington
- Daeton Deife, Odessa, Washington

## Deadlines And Target Dates

- September 1** — Community Service Reports due.
- September 1** — Star Report Forms due.
- September 1** — Membership Report Forms due.
- September 1** — Publicity Contest Fliers due.
- September 1** — Resolutions for State Session due.
- September 1** — Outstanding Grange Nominations due.
- September 1** — Resolutions for State Session due
- September 1** — Delegate Forms due.
- September 14** — Reservations for Meal Functions at State Session due.
- September 22** — All Entries for Lecturers, Family Activities, and Junior Grange Contests due from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Security.

## 156th National Grange Session In Sparks, Nevada, Registration Info

The Western Host region is excited to invite Grangers and friends from across the country to the Silver State! We are just over five months away from the opening of the 156th National Grange Convention, set to be held in Reno-Sparks, Nevada, from November 15 through 19, 2022.

Many new and exciting things are being planned by the Host region and you are sure to have a memorable experience in Reno! Visit the National Grange website to learn more about what's coming up at this year's convention.

Don't take too long to decide; catch the early bird registration and make plans to attend today by registering for the National Grange Convention at this link: [156th Annual National Grange Convention - The National Grange](#).

**Early Bird Registration** — \$32 is



open until 9/9/2022.

**General Registration** — \$37 is open until 10/19/22.

**Late Registration** — \$42 closes for meal options on 11/1/22.

**Registration on Site** — will be available at the late registration cost, however, you will not be able to obtain tickets to any meals.

## National Representative For Colorado State Session 2022

Welina Shufeldt of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, is the Flora of the National Grange, first elected in 2017, and the first lady of the Oklahoma State Grange. She held the office of Lady Assistant Steward of the Oklahoma State Grange for approximately 15 years. She was a member of the Thompson Grange #352 for 17 years and is now a member of the South Coffeyville Grange #351 for 15 years and their local Green Country Pomona #19 for eight years.

She has worked in various industries including Pharmacy, Office Supplies, Oilfield, and Valve Repair. She was in the oilfield for 16 years, and when the company sold she decided to partially retire. She is working part-time in a daycare helping out her future sister-in-law.

She is married to Billy and the couple have five children and five grandchildren. Their daughters and one son have held offices at the Oklahoma State Grange as the Flora, Ceres, and



Welina Shufeldt, Flora, National Grange Representative

Steward; they and their families are active in Grange.

Welina and her husband Billy are active in the (NAFI) Native American Fellowship Inc., where her husband Billy is the Vice President and they volunteer their time with various things that they have.

## 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.

## Upcoming Events

Call individual Granges for more information.

- July 7** Wheat Ridge Meeting, 5 p.m
- July 23** Wheat Ridge Grange Garden Tour, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- July 25** Marvel Junior Grange Meeting/Activity
- July 30** Buffalo Bill Days Parade, 10 a.m., Golden Gate Grange
- July 30** Marvel Grange Community Breakfast, 8 to 10 a.m.
- July 31** Mutton Bustin' at Buffalo Bill Days, 10 a.m., Golden Gate Grange
- August 5** Marvel Grange Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- August 4** Golden Gate Grange Meeting, 3:30 p.m.
- August 12-13** Golden Gate Grange Rummage Sale 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; August 13 – 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- August 12-14** Wheat Ridge Carnation Festival
- August 13** Pleasant Park Regular Meeting, 10 a.m., followed by Pomona Picnic
- August 10** Enterprise Meeting
- August 13** Darden Pomona Picnic
- August 13** Pine Needle Basket Class, Florissant Grange, 9 a.m. to Noon
- August 16** Paint With Me Class, Florissant Grange, 9 a.m. to Noon
- August 20** Craft Show and Flea Market, Florissant Grange, 9 a.m. to Noon
- Sept. 1** Golden Gate Grange Meeting, 3:30 p.m.
- Sept. 10** Pleasant Park Regular Meeting, 10 a.m. followed with Potluck
- Sept. 10** Sunflower Grange Tomato Tasting
- Sept. 10** Darden Pomona
- Sept. 14** Enterprise Meeting
- Sept. 22-24** Colorado State Grange Annual Convention

# Master's Message

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As we are close to the end of the Grange year, I hope all are preparing their program entries and contest entries. The deadlines are listed in the paper.

I hope to see all at the State Grange Convention in September. We will meet at the Good Shepard's Methodist Church in Fountain, Colorado, on September 22 through 24. The information on meals is in the paper.

Traditionally Granges donate money to the different programs at the state level.

The following are the different programs that appreciate your support.

**Family Activities:** Funds are designated for the purposes of the Family Activities Committee. These funds can be used to supplement the budgeted amount for contest awards, etc.

**Lecturer Fund:** Funds designated for the purpose of the Lecturers Department. These funds can supplement the budgeted amount for contests in the Lecturers Department, mailings from the Lecturer, and assist individuals or groups who will represent the state at the National convention in the Talent (Evening of Excellence) program.

**Junior Fund:** Funds designated for the purpose of the Junior Grange department. These funds will supplement the budgeted amount for contests and activities of Junior Grangers under the direction of the Junior Director. Funds can be used to assist Junior Ambassadors, or contest participants attend the national convention.

**Youth Fund:** Funds designated for the purpose of the Youth Department. These funds will supplement the budgeted amount for contests and activities of the Youth under the direction of the Youth Director. Funds can be used to assist State Ambassadors, young couples (Patrons) and Youth Officers to attend the National Convention.

**Mandy Project Fund:** Funds are used to help families who have children with hearing loss obtain the needed services the child needs. Funds can be used to cover expenses for hearing aids or other listening type devices, surgery, therapy, batteries, new ear molds or anything related to hearing loss. Applications are required from families seeking assistance and the Mandy project committee reviews the applications and approves financial assistance.

I hope all have had a great Grange Year.

IN ESSENTIALS UNITY, IN NON-ESSENTIALS LIBERTY,  
IN ALL THINGS CHARITY.

# Chaplain's Corner

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We are living in a difficult time where we are experiencing trials, changes and challenges in a format we have not seen before. The effects of COVID still stir our lives with lingering complications of health problems, supply and demand issues with the continued threat of higher prices regarding the issues of life. Our world is hurting and we hurt within ourselves when we are constantly hearing the news and experiencing more difficulty meeting the usual living demands.

How do we live in a time of change and struggle? How do we survive emotionally and physically? There are many references in the Bible regarding the cry for help in the midst of despair. We read in Psalms 132 "Lord, do you remember that time when my heart was so filled with turmoil? I couldn't rest, I couldn't sleep." We continue to read of historical events of difficult times, and in chapter 136 we hear the promise that the "Lord is good; his loving kindness continues forever."

In caring for ourselves during difficult and changing times, we need to remember that God is the same today, yesterday and tomorrow. No matter what season of life we are experiencing, sorrow or joy, he is steady. This enables us to care for our physical body and our soul. A healthy soul is a means of survival. The development of a healthy soul depends upon the care of ourselves. Activities for caring will vary from person to person. Take time to understand yourself and find ways to give yourself rest, energy, spiritual growth, and strength.

## COLORADO STATE GRANGE MEMORIALS

Donations should be made payable to CSG Leadership/Scholarship. Mail to Colorado State Grange, 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO 81326, with the following information: name and Grange affiliation of deceased, name of person or group making donation, and name and address of person who should receive the memorial card.

# Notes From The Secretary

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**August 15 — Articles for The Colorado Granger Due.**

**September 1 — Delegate Cards and Committee Choices Due.**

**September 1 — Resolutions for State Session Due.**

**September 14 — Meal Reservations due for State Session.**

**September 30 — Election of Officers Reports Due to State Office.**

**October 15 — Articles for The Colorado Grange due.**

During the next few months Granges will be holding election of officers for the coming year. For most Granges

the year runs from September 1 to August 31 with new officers taking over positions in September or October. With election of officers each Grange will need to report the results of the election so that the State Grange Roster of Granges can be updated, printed, and sent out. Theoretically we should be able to get this out immediately after the National Grange has their election so that those officers can be included.

Several members noticed that the last *Colorado Granger* that came out had their Grange wrong and the last

# News From The Leadership Scholarship Foundation

by **Jeanne Davies, Foundation President**

The Grange Leadership and Scholarship Foundation is giving 12 scholarships worth \$1,500 each to students this year. We appreciate the families, the Granges and the Grangers that donated to the Foundation to make these scholarships possible. The students have to be Grange members or children or grandchildren of Grange members to apply for the scholarships. They also need to have good grades to apply and keep their grades up through the scholarship year. The Grange itself is a great educational base and leadership training opportunity for all members.

We encourage you and your Grange to honor those who have passed away by giving a donation to the Leadership and Scholarship Foundation in their name. This helps the Colorado State Grange to continue to give scholarships each year. We rely on your donations to help keep our Foundation healthy and able to assist in Grangers' higher education and their future.

Scholarship winners for this year are: TRENT BONZYNSKI, Golden Gate Grange, going to Red Rocks College; KATRINA BORST, Florissant Grange, going to University of Colorado at Colorado Springs; REBECCA BORST, Florissant Grange, University of Colorado at Colorado

Springs; EVAN CLARK, Wheat Ridge Grange, Laramie County Community College; MATHEW DAVIS, Wheat Ridge Grange, Laramie County Community College; TEAGAN HACKETT, Garden Home Grange, Metro State College; APRIL HARRLAN, Garden Home Grange, University of Colorado at Denver; PAIGE NICHOLAS, Golden Gate Grange, Colorado State University; CHLOE ROACH, Golden Gate Grange, Colorado State University; SIENNA REESE, Golden Gate Grange, Colorado State University; SIERRA SALTUS, Golden Gate Grange, Colorado State University; AZARIAH VAN NORWICK, Castlewood Grange, Del Rae Vet Tech Institute.

Thanks to Jim and Amy Miller who have for many years processed the applications and made sure the applicants qualify before the Board voted on their decisions for scholarships.

We appreciate that Jim also monitors the Foundations' finances to be sure approved funds are available for scholarships and any Foundation expenses.

Donations should be made out to Colorado State Grange Leadership/Scholarship Foundation and mailed to the state Grange office, 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO 81326 along with the information as to who the donation is made in memory of if applicable.

# Community Service

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Hello Grangers! I can't believe we're nearly at the end of this Grange year! Community Service, Lecturer, and Membership reports are due September 1, which will probably be here before you receive the next edition of *The Granger*. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions you may have. You can email me at [mittan42@msn.com](mailto:mittan42@msn.com) or call me at 720-413-4106. Be sure to leave a message if I don't answer the phone. I will call you back and help you.

I'm sure your vegetable gardens are growing and hopefully the blossoms and young fruit on your trees escaped the late freeze that caught various areas of the state. Here in the Denver metro area, we're being told that food banks and community pantries are accepting surplus produce we have grown at home. This is a fairly new thing, at least broadly enough to send out this word on the local evening news.

I hope this is true across Colorado to help the unusually large numbers of people who are really struggling with being able to afford enough food for their families. At every food pantry, volunteers there are reporting

they're seeing a lot more people this year, who they've never seen before.

If you want to donate money or food you're buying from the store for that purpose, please remember The Colorado Pet Pantry too. Let's prevent people from surrendering their family pets to shelters because they don't have the funds to buy food for them.

For other Community Service ideas, I encourage you to check out the "National Grange Community Service and Activities" public group on Facebook, if you have a Facebook profile. Pete Pompper shares all kinds of things that other Granges all over the country are doing. Grangers are just so creative, generous, and hard-working. It's inspiring to see so much going on and such a difference being made out there in our country.

I have not caught every post Pete has made, but I did see one case where he shared an Easter Egg event held right here in Colorado, as a cooperative effort between Enterprise Grange #25 and local business sponsors! I hope you all have a wonderful summer, with good crops, good health, and generosity of spirit!

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

name was wrong, for many. Apparently the excel program that we have had a glitch and didn't sort correctly and mixed things up. Just be thankful that you received the *Colorado Granger* at your address, as many did not. We do our best but sometimes the computers have a mind of their own.

We would really appreciate Granges sending in their Delegates names and Resolutions to the State Office by September 1. That will give us enough time to get the committees determined and get resolutions to the delegates prior to State Session. This can only happen with your cooperation.

There are several hotels near the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, at least within 10 minutes driving time. One might consider renting a VRBO with other Grangers from your area. I've found that they are sometimes less expensive in the long run.

## PLAN AHEAD!

**September 22-24, 2022**  
**Colorado State Grange Annual Convention**

**Good Shepherd Methodist Church**  
1201 Leta Drive  
Security, CO

# Granger Deadline And Guidelines

August 15, 2022, is the deadline for articles for the September-October 2022 edition of *The Colorado Granger*. You can send them to the State Grange Office, 2009 CR 31, Florissant, CO 80816 or email [costategrange@gmail.com](mailto:costategrange@gmail.com).

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

Name of Grange  
Contact person (with a 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)

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### Article written by Ann Bercher, National Lecturer

The National Weather Service recommends that every state promote a Severe Weather Awareness week every year. You can find the dates for this year's Severe Weather Awareness dates here: [https://www.weather.gov/safety/events\\_calendar](https://www.weather.gov/safety/events_calendar).

But in recent years, the volatility of weather systems begs me to suggest that Severe Weather Awareness is something we should be considering every day of every season. Since we are fast approaching a busy summer, and whether you are staying at home or traveling this summer

1. Know where you can get weather alerts. In addition to receiving your local weather news on TV and radio, be sure to confirm that your cell phone can receive Wireless Emergency Alerts, and then sign up to receive text and/or email alerts from your local jurisdiction. You may also wish to purchase a battery-operated Weather Radio.

2. Know what the alerts mean and what action you should take. A Warning means that conditions are favorable for the possibility of a weather event and to stay tuned to your information source for further details. A warning means that the weather event is imminent and that you should take cover or other-directed options. Depending on where you live you might receive watches or warnings for thunderstorms, tornadoes, flash flooding, flooding, river flooding, excessive

heat, and tropical storms. An extensive list of watch and warning definitions can be found here: <https://www.weather.gov/lwx/WarningsDefined>.

3. Know what your shelter plan is. Know where the safest place in your home is for your family to meet should there be a Severe Weather Warning. Know where you and your family members should go if they are out in the neighborhood or away from home. Be sure to plan where to meet after the event is over.

4. Plan and practice an evacuation route so that everyone knows how and where to end up.

5. Identify a communications plan. During severe weather, cell phone towers are often limited, and texting may work when calling does not. When severe weather is a possibility, be sure your cell phones are well charged. Be sure every phone in your family has emergency phone numbers identified on them that include emergency services, medical providers, veterinarians, insurance companies, and other services. Be sure to include a family member or friend that lives out of state.

6. Prepare an emergency preparedness kit. Be sure to include water, charged cell phone charger, flashlights with fresh batteries, a first-aid kit, a whistle, moist towelettes, wrench or pliers, a battery-powered or hand-crank radio, and food. See more at <https://www.ready.gov/kit>. Keep your emergency preparedness kit well stocked and updated every year.

## Membership

### by Betsy Huber, National Grange President

We have some extremely exciting news — as of first quarter 2022, nationally we have a net gain in membership numbers! Congratulations!

There remain less than three weeks in the second quarter and the end of the National Grange membership year. I urge you to sign up those prospective members you've been talking to; contact the current members you haven't seen recently; make every effort to keep those numbers up in your Community Grange. Let's maintain that gain so we can show a net gain for the 2021-22 membership year.

This news is even more impressive coming at the end of the COVID

pandemic. We had great fears that the Grange would suffer as a result of being unable to meet in person for two years. But your extraordinary efforts have been rewarded! The service you provided to your community during the hard times and isolation has paid off with new interest and new members, people who are interested in helping their neighbors and towns.

Most of the growth has been in the west—Nevada, Washington, Idaho, and California. This is a challenge to the rest of the country! With good weather finally here, life getting back to normal, and Granges again meeting in person, let's advertise those Grange activities and increase our numbers across the nation.

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### TIPS FOR IMPROVING WATER QUALITY IN YOUR GRANGE HALL

Some simple maintenance items can help improve your water quality and will keep your plumbing in top condition.

- Regularly remove and clean faucet aerators to remove build up, replace chipped or broken screens/faucets/aerators/gaskets.
- Replace old fixtures, particularly bronze or brass.

- If you have galvanized service lines or premise plumbing, plan to have them replaced.
- Clean out your hot water tank annually.
- Maintain any filters used in the Grange Hall (pitcher filters, fridges, whole building) as suggested by the manufacturer. Since filters remove chlorine, they build up bacteria over time.
- Clean your drains regularly (manually or chemically) to remove hair or organic matter build up.

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



## Family Activities

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It's officially picnic season and no summer picnic is complete without a sweet treat at the end.

Snickerdoodle cookies are always welcome. Snickerdoodle cookies have been around since the 1800s. They probably originated in New England and are either of German or Dutch descent. The name is claimed to be based on a German word, schnecken-nudel — whose name means "small noodle."

This recipe is a variation of the traditional recipe which you may enjoy making. It is easy to transport to a picnic and a good way to end any meal!

### SNICKERDOODLE BLONDIE BARS

- 1 C. butter, softened
- 2 C. brown sugar
- 1 T. vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs, room temperature
- 2 2/3 C. flour
- 2 t. baking powder
- 1 t. cinnamon
- 1/4 t. nutmeg
- 1/2 t. salt

### Topping —

- 1-1/2 t. sugar and 1/2 t. cinnamon

- Cream butter and brown sugar till light & fluffy — 5-7 min.

- Beat in vanilla.
- Beat in eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition.
- In another bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, spices, and salt.
- Gradually beat into creamed mixture.
- Spread into a greased 9" pan.
- Sprinkle topping ingredients on top.
- Bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes until set & golden brown.
- Cool completely on wire rack and cut into bars.
- Yield: 20 bars.



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PICK'S annual meeting will be held at the Colorado State Grange session. We will also have a silent auction and would appreciate items for the silent auction.

Granges can partner with PICK to apply for Grants. Once you determine what your project is and what the needs are, then you should contact PICK to set up a partnership to apply for Grants. Any Grants or gifts received by PICK for a specific Grange will need to complete an "application" for those funds. This keeps the IRS happy.

In the near future, at the end of August, most Granges will need to file a 990N with the IRS. If you need assistance, I am willing to help guide you through the process. It really isn't

difficult and should only take about 10 minutes. You will need your EIN number and you will need to know the answer to one question. That question is "did your organization have income over \$50,000." If you can answer "No" to that question, you are done once you file the 990N post card which can only be done on-line. Unfortunately, if you have to answer Yes, you will have to file with the IRS in a different manner. This is not "profit," this is "income." A Grange does not want to lose their tax-exempt status, because when you decide you need that status you don't have it and to apply again it will cost \$600 at this point in time. The form is rather complicated and for Granges is a 1024.

When you don't have a tax-exempt

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### The Cleansing Power Of Vegetables!

There are a million things to love about the month of June: long days and warm weather to name a few. Thanks to these two environmental factors (and the dedication of farmers), we get something especially great ...an abundance of fresh produce! To your plate, you can now enthusiastically welcome greens, broccoli, garlic scapes, fennel, asparagus, summer squash, and more! Conversely, you may view vegetables as an unwelcome component of your meal, simply taking up space meant for other food groups.

Like it or not, vegetables provide more than color on your plate. They contribute fiber, vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants, plus, they contain a significant amount of water.

How is this relevant to you? One short term reward for eating your veggies is bowel regularity. Fiber, especially insoluble fiber, adds bulk and attracts water, both of which are good for successful stool formation and passing. Vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants contribute to healthy membranes by reducing inflammation and tissue damage. When the tissue of your large intestine is healthy, it can effectively do its job of absorbing water and electrolytes, support production of vitamins K and B (through fermentation by bacteria), and easily get rid of waste.

Moving along, so to speak, are you convinced vegetables are bland or otherwise unpleasant in flavor? Let me ask you this, when was the last time you tried a vegetable on your



"meh" list? Is it possible, you have yet to unleash the flavor potential of said vegetable(s)?

Our tastes change over time and with exposure. Flavors you did not like five or 10 years ago, may be enjoyed now. So, try and try again.

Interestingly, antioxidants present

in vegetables often contribute a flavor people tend to dislike, bitter and pungent (glucosinolates and isothiocyanates). While we can learn to enjoy these flavors with repeated exposure, it can be tough to get that repetition.

Here are two tricks to help make vegetables more palatable. First, start with vegetables that are less bitter, such as lettuce (not the dark green ones), peas, carrots, beets, cauliflower, potatoes, and eggplant. As you build up your tolerance, you can begin trying more bitter vegetables such as kale, broccoli, arugula, radishes, and radicchio.

## Mandy Project

Cindy Greer, Coordinator

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We have not received any requests for assistance for the Mandy project recently. With School starting up again soon, that may change as many schools do health screenings early in the year and that is when they usually find out if a child has a hearing loss. Then the parents begin the process of determining how to help their child hear. Audiologists and Children's hospital are often our best referrals for children with hearing loss. If you know an audiologist why not take a Mandy project brochure to them so that they can point patients and their

families in our direction. If you need a few brochures please contact me and I will send you as many as you like.

Donations for the Mandy project can be sent to the Colorado State Grange or PICK. Checks should be made out to Colorado State Grange or PICK, 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO. 81326. Checks made out to Mandy project will be sent back to the donor for a correctly written check, as we don't have a separate bank account for the Mandy project.

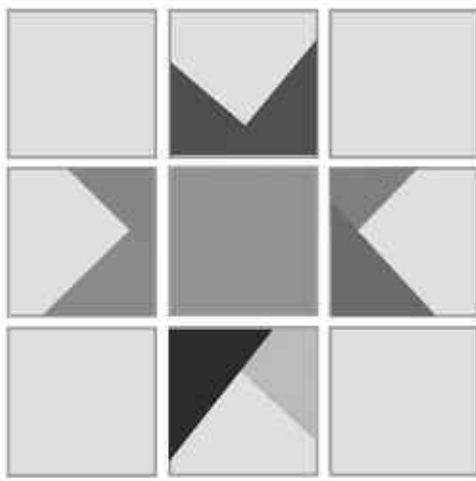
## Colorado State Grange Website

Larry Corman takes care of the web page for the State Grange. He is requesting that Officers and Directors contact him with updates for their departments.

He would like to link the web page of each Grange to the State Grange site. Please contact him to have this done so Grange members and others can easily access your page for information.

Larry Corman: [larry\\_corman@hotmail.com](mailto:larry_corman@hotmail.com) or 970-884-4762.

## The Wonky Star Quilt Block Pattern



This block is a great way to get your feet wet with improv patchwork!

You will need a background fabric and some colored rectangular scraps. The scrap you use for your central square needs to be as large as all the other squares you cut. Your other scraps need to be about 2/3rds the width of your squares and a few inches longer.

**REMEMBER:** Even when you're "finished" making the block, we call it an "unfinished" block until it is sewn into a quilt.

### Cutting Chart:

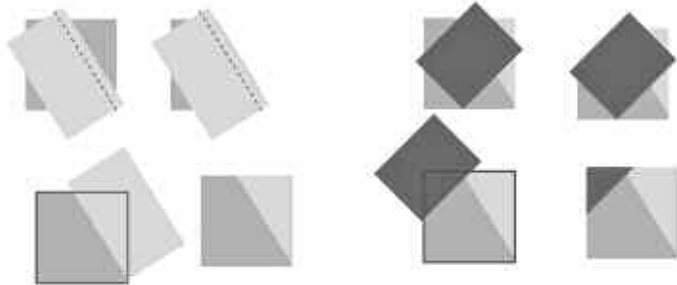
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| Cut 8<br>(background)    |       | No      | 2 1/2"        | 3 1/2" | 4 1/2" | 5 1/2" | 6 1/2" |
| Cut 1<br>(Center Square) |       | No      | 2 1/2"        | 3 1/2" | 4 1/2" | 5 1/2" | 6 1/2" |

### Block Construction:

**NOTE:** For all seams, you should use a scant 1/4" seam and a 2.0 mm stitch length. Your unfinished block should measure 1/2" more than the finished size you are making. (i.e. For a 6" finished block, your block should measure 6.5")

1. Take one of your background squares and place a rectangular scrap over it (right sides together) as shown in the image below. Sew a seam 1/4" from the edge of the scrap. Then, trim the excess seam and press open. Trim again so that the unit is square again.

2. Using the square you just made, take another strip and lay it over the other side of the unit, right sides together, as shown below. Again, sew a seam 1/4" from the edge of the scrap. Trim the seam, press open and then square it up again. Repeat steps 1 and 2 until you have made four units.



**NOTE:** try to experiment with different angles as you make your "wonky" units so that no two are alike.

3. Arrange the four units you just made and your remaining squares as shown in the exploded diagram at the top of the page. This can now be assembled like a 9-patch: simply sew the blocks in each row together and then sew all the rows together, being careful to nest your seams.

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## Agriculture Report

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Look to the horizon; advice for all of us. The Terra building at CSU's Spur Campus at the National Western Center opened to the public June 8 before a crowd of 300 stakeholders, guests, and dignitaries.

"Food, water, and health arguably encompass the greatest challenges facing our planet and will demand the focus, imagination, and commitment of future generations, which we hope to spark through visits to Spur," said Tony Frank, chancellor of the CSU System. "Our goal is that Spur will become a hub that 'spurs' collaboration and innovation. The children who visit are the Coloradans who soon will be grappling with the challenges of sustaining, feeding, and healing our planet. We hope Spur will be part of the future they build."

Kay and I had the pleasure of attending Terra's grand opening. We began with a visit to the demonstration kitchen where we were introduced to making bread using a Zip-lock plastic bag to mix ingredients — we took it home and baked muffin sized loafs and was the first time ever I made bread (with lots of direction from the Terra staff and wife Kay). Other features include food research and development labs, a test kitchen that doubles for community cooking classes, rooftop greenhouses and green roof gardens, learning labs for K-12 students; and high-tech chambers that produce vegetable crops indoors. Address: 4817 National Western Drive, Denver.

Terra houses these programs and resources:

- Indoor farming: A horticulture demonstration lab for leafy greens showing how light may be used in crop production indoors in controlled-environment. Temperature, humidity, and CO2 variables will also be tested.
- Food science: Via food labs, companies and entrepreneurs work with CSU scientists to develop value-added meat, dairy, fruit and vegetable products. New ways will be found for safely processing and packaging sausage, yogurt, salsa, and other raw foods.
- A teaching and culinary kitchen offers space for community cooking classes and in preparing and perfecting products developed in the food labs. After hours it will serve as a commercial kitchen for local small businesses and their development.

- A sensory lab will invite visitors to sample food products to assess flavor, texture, aroma, and other attributes in product development. Focus groups will provide input about new food products, their appeal to tastes, health interests, and lifestyles.
- Testing lab for soil, water, and plant samples to serve homeowners, farmers, and researchers covering plant diseases, pathogens, pests, soil fertility, water quality, and nutrient levels.
- Global impact: An interactive digital map will show the CSU System's global reach.
- Green roof systems and an expansive greenhouse atop Terra will show how urban spaces may be used for plant and food production.
- The Research Center will collaborate on urban farming, community food systems, and innovative farming technologies; researching both urban and rural concerns.
- Ag Academy will immerse middle-school and high-school students in complex problems and potential solutions in food and agriculture.
- A Community Food Justice Garden will blossom in raised beds outside Terra to provide fresh produce for neighborhood residents.
- Discovery zone: Agricultural discovery exhibits will span multiple floors in Terra, teaching visitors about sustainable food systems — from farm to plate.
- New degree: a new 18-month CSU degree program will hold classes in person called Master of Agribusiness and Food Innovation Management.
- Economic lens: Programs will develop economic opportunities via data analysis, policy insights, and agricultural education.

We made a return visit to the Vida building where a foot operation on an injured and sedated small dog was taking place in full view via large glass windows, remote view screens, and running commentary from the host staff and the veterinary surgeon.

The CSU Spur is closely community oriented and responsive; the hosted ceremonies included three local food trucks for guests and a blessing by a Native American. A need-based \$10,000 scholarship is provided to students from National Western's 80216 ZIP code to attend any CSU System institution.

## Boulder County

Boulder County

### Altona

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We Altona Grangers continue to rebound from COVID-19 restrictions with increased membership, renewed enthusiasm, and enhancements to the building and grounds. Our quarterly meeting and social, in March, was well attended with a spring theme, corned beef and cabbage of course, plus delicious potluck contributions.

Spring cleanup is ongoing with a workday and Bar-B-Que scheduled

for June 19 at 11 a.m. Stairway to the basement has been renovated/upgraded, a large viewing screen installed, audio visual equipment purchased, and landscaping plans developed. Longer term projects include constructing a permanent storage area in the basement, replacing insulation, upgrade to wiring, interior painting, bike rack installation, and commencing with landscaping. Rentals have increased a bit with the arrival of summer and community organizations have continued gratis use of the facility for meetings. Member, Emily Rodriguez has arranged "Foods and Flea" and craft fair events every other Wednesday through the fall (next event June, 22 at 3 p.m.)

James Hogan

## 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.

## 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



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Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas & Elbert Counties

**Sunflower Grange**

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**Tomato Tasting, Sept. 10**

April 13, archivists Alyssa Carver and Julia Waters of PS Miller Library/DC Public Library moderated and recorded a community oral history discussion on “Fires in Sedalia” sponsored by West Douglas Fire Department, Mountain Artisans, Devil’s Head Lookouts, and Sunflower Grange.

Ten speakers recorded their experiences: Firefighters Terry Thompson, Chet Hier, Steven Smith, and David George-Nichols; Mountain Artisans Ella Oatman, Lynne Ronk, Anne Sheeran; Devil’s Head Lookouts Bill and Margaret Ellis were scheduled but were not recorded. Topics ranged from the founding of the volunteer fire department and historic fires, to present-day firefighting equipment.

When Firefighter Steven Smith passed away very unexpectedly April 24 after responding to a fire call, Library archivists hurried to get the audio online to honor and commemorate Steven. You can hear Steven and the Fire in Sedalia discussion at: <https://archives.dcl.org/digital/collection/doh/id/1061/rec/1>.

On August 10, the Oral History of “Water in Sedalia” will be recorded with participants who have experience with floods, development, wells and current water challenges.

The 10th Annual Heirloom Tomato and Plant Sale was held May 28. We appreciate the many community plant growers who made this sale possible: Darin Connet, Dennis Ellis, Laurel Gregory, Diana Horner, Toni Romaine, John Rominsky (“Big planting goals in an itty-bitty greenhouse”), Sue Wilson, Denise Ziegler, and Sedalia’s Sustainability Teacher Kimberly Rankin and her sunflower-growing students.

Others provided equipment, delivered and set up plants, or worked at the sale: Margaret Ellis (Colorado’s Outstanding Granger 2020), BMan’s owners and staff, Master Gardener Ghislaine Griswold, John and Linda Reffel, Pat Wilson, Kay and Fred LaPerriere. DC High’s Agriculture Science teacher Sunny Arbogast donated plants, and Patty Prechignac took leftover plants to Wellspring.

Many thanks for posters by Lorrie Reynolds and Jennifer Tucker’s Sedalia Elementary Art students: Angela Gracida, and Arden, Crosby, Coen, and Harper Lowry.

Our two measures of success were earnings (\$2,275) used to support community efforts and youth programs, and the number participating in the sale — more than 40 people! The Sale was a success by both measures.

Sedalia Museum’s current exhibit of Devil’s Head Fire Lookout was arranged by Margaret Ellis, who spent



Darin Connet helps customers during the 10th Annual Heirloom Tomato and Plant Sale at Sunflower Grange in May.



Plant Sale customers visiting while they pick out plants to take home.

36 summers there with husband Bill, the Lookout, and their nine children. Margaret included the history of the Lookout from its beginnings, and the first female lookout, Helen Dow. View the exhibit on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

The very proud Ellis clan gathered in June to celebrate Bill Ellis’ Congressional Gold Medal Award given to his unit, the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers, for their “outstanding pioneering military service, devotion to duty, and many acts of valor in the face of adversity.” The company commander, Richard E. Cavazos, went on to become the first Hispanic 4-Star General.

The Congressional Gold Medal has previously been awarded to other military pioneers: Navaho Wind Talkers; WWII Japanese-American Nisei in the Pacific; Tuskegee Airmen, the first African-American military aviators; and Montford Point Marines, the first African-American Marines. Congratulations to Bill for his service!

At the June 11 Appreciation Potluck, awards were presented to Sedalia Historian for 2022 Chet Hier, and Teacher of the Year Todd Lowry.

Misty Tapp, who nominated Chet, wrote: “When we think of a historian the first thing that comes to mind is the person who was born and raised and has a story, true, or embellished, of their community. Chet was born at home just outside of Sedalia and attended K through 12 all in Douglas County. Chet knows the first, and last name of pretty much anybody you ask him about from Littleton, High-



Sedalia Elementary Art Students colored posters for the Plant Sale.



Teacher of the Year Todd Lowry and family.

lands Ranch, all the way to Larkspur and Deckers. He knows who owned what land, where their kids went to school, all their names and who they married, their kids’ names and occupations. He will know where to get that one pumpkin seed that will outgrow every other pumpkin in town. Chet has hunted, fished, mined, walked, dirt-biked, and ridden on horseback throughout most of the land you can see from any rooftop of Sedalia. He has the memory of a 15 year-old. Many of Chet’s memories have been written in his two books: one is on his life’s adventures (like having a pet bear); the second book has ‘stories from a barstool at the infamous Bud’s Bar.’ In the great town of Sedalia, we view Chet Hier as our own time machine.”

Teacher of the Year Todd Lowry was born and raised in Colorado. Meghan Watts wrote that Todd graduated from Metro State University with an English major and Spanish minor. For the past 12 years, Todd has been a 6th grade teacher at Sedalia Elementary, where his English/Spanish communication skills are put to

good use helping Spanish-speaking parents and their students. He has gone beyond school-room education and has helped students get to sports practice if their parents couldn’t take them. The students love his sense of humor; he is always cracking jokes. Todd’s four children — Coen, Harper, Arden, Crosby — all attend Sedalia Elementary, and his wife Genessa works there as well. Sedalia Elementary is very fortunate to have Todd Lowry as its Teacher of the Year.

Dennis Ellis and Brian Martinez plan BMan’s movie nights this summer shown on Dennis’ great big screen. The Jeep from “Jurassic Park” will accompany the first movie. Thank you, Dennis, for getting official movie-showing permission and donating the funds and equipment to make movies possible. We also look forward to Music under the Stars, the DC Fair, and September’s Tomato Tasting to round out the summer. Progressive Pomona will join us for the Tasting! Sunflower is welcoming three new members: Misty Tapp, Chet Hier, and Jody Lengen.

Cherry Ellis

**Pikes Peak**  
El Paso and Teller Counties

**Florissant**

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

**Upcoming Events:**

July 9, 9 a.m. to Noon – Pine Needle Basket Class.

July 19, 9 a.m. to Noon – Glass

**Painting Class.**

July 30, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Florissant Heritage Day.

August 13, 9 a.m. to Noon – Pine Needle Basket Class.

August 16, 9 a.m. to Noon – Paint With Me Class.

August 20, 9 a.m. to Noon – Craft Show and Flea Market.

Isn’t summer in Colorado just the BEST?!!! Our Aspens are all decked (Continued on Page 7)



Paint With Me Class participants at Florissant Grange.



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

Sept. 10 — Darden Pomona meets at Maple Grove Grange.

Darden Pomona Grange met May 7 at Enterprise Grange with the meeting led by Marlys Halbeisen followed by a potluck dinner and presentation of the Outstanding Community Service Award given to Joseph G. Lamers who is legally blind and has volunteered in many capacities in the community. He gave a very informative talk about his volunteering after the presentation and gave words of praise to the Grange for all we do in the community.

A fun evening followed the presentation with a Kentucky Derby Party hosted by Enterprise Grange. The room was decorated with red roses and various signs of the race placed throughout the room. Everyone came dressed for the occasion with the ladies wearing their beautiful hats. We watched the race and placed fake bets on the horses. Prizes were given to the lucky winners. What a surprise as we watched the winning horse, "Rich Strike" come up from behind at the last minute to win the race! Thank you Enterprise Grange for all you did to host a fun evening!

**DARDEN POMONA AWARDS**  
**JOSEPH G. LAMERS**  
**OUTSTANDING**  
**COMMUNITY CITIZEN**

It would be difficult to find an individual in our community who was more qualified to be recognized as this year's outstanding community citizen than Joseph G. Lamers. Joe and his wife, Mary, are long time residents of Lakewood, and are active advocates for people with challenging disabilities in the metro area. Joe has a disability of being blind.

Joe is a speaker in demand for many of the issues he holds dear and is on a first name basis with several Lakewood City Council members and Mayor Adam Paul. Joe is a Denver native and a proud graduate of East High School and The University of Denver. Since retiring from a career in data processing at Metro State University, he has pursued his volunteer interest by serving on various boards, commissions, chambers and associations, including the following:

- RTD Committee Chair-Citizen's Advisory Committee
- Jefferson County Committee Member-Diversity, Inclusivity, & Equity Committee
- Jefferson County Local Coordination Council
- Board member-Talking Book Library-Denver
- Committee Member, 16th Street



Presentation of the Outstanding Community Citizen Award by Darden Pomona to Joseph G. Lamers.



Enterprise Grangers and friend watching the video, back row: Lisa Mittan, James Long, Amy McClure, Gary Wardle, Mike Mittan, and Kathy Wardle; with Joe and Debbie Koontz, and Dorothy Dannels.



Enterprise Grange held their annual Easter Egg Hunt at Robby Ferruffino Park in conjunction with House2Home Real Estate. Several hundred Grangers and community members joined in the fun.

Mall-Original design and redesign project

- Lakewood Planning Academy
- Lakewood's Citizen's Emergency Response Team (CERT)

We are proud to have a citizen we recognized who is so involved in our community.

Idella Lewis

**Enterprise**

Contact Carol Lackey, carollackeyhomes@gmail.com, 303-521-4477, for further information.

July — Summer Break, No meeting.  
August 10, Wednesday — 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Enterprise meeting. Potluck will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting will be a planning session for 2021/2022. During the meeting, delegates for State Convention will be chosen.

August 13, Saturday — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Darden Pomona Picnic. Pleasant Park Grange. Bring a dish to share.

September 14, Wednesday — 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Enterprise meeting. Potluck will begin at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be a planning session for the State Grange Convention.

On April 16, in cooperation with House2Home Real Estate, we held our annual Easter Egg Hunt at Robby Ferruffino Park in Arvada. Several hundred Grangers and community members showed up for the event. We were lucky this year with an organization that donated 125 boxes with a stuffed Easter Bunny and a book in it. The idea was similar to the Christmas theme of "Elf on the Shelf" but with an Easter Bunny. That was a great addition to the over 6,000 eggs that members of the Grange stuffed with candy and toys. We also had bagels, juices, water, and coffee for all the attendees. It took a lot of time and organizational skills to pull off such a large event. A big thank you goes out to the Grangers and the agents of House2Home Real Estate.

In May, we held our Grange meeting. We started with a potluck. Cinco de Mayo, or the fifth of May, is a holiday that celebrates the date of the Mexican army's May 5, 1862, victory over France at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War. While it is a relatively minor holiday in Mexico, in the United States, Cinco de Mayo has evolved into a huge festival in commemoration of Mexican culture and heritage. Our contribution to the celebration was a wonderful potluck of Mexican food.

Joe and Debbie Koontz had a surprise for us and invited James Long to speak at our meeting. James Long currently works for the City of Arvada as a videographer and is an avid war artifacts collector. He started photograph-

ing subjects at 10 years old when his father got him a 35mm camera. He used it through high school and afterward in the U.S. Navy, traveling around the Pacific and the Middle East.

He became a news photographer in 1995 and worked as a war correspondent for NBC News in Iran and then Iraq for the Fallujah invasion. He attended the 75th Anniversary of D-Day in Normandy, France, in 2019 traveling with several veterans of the battle from New York to Southampton, England, on the Queen Mary 2 and then on to Normandy. In 2021, he covered the 80th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, again traveling with one of the last survivors of that attack.

His interest in war artifacts comes from a long line of military family members dating back to the Civil War. He, himself, is a veteran. His hobby of war artifacts has filled one whole room in his house. He brought several items that he has collected to share with us. Some of those items were a Japanese soldier's helmet, a dagger from Germany that was from between the two World Wars, a Nazi small battle flag, a large Nazi banner that had been hung on the side of a building, a Japanese bayonet made from bamboo, and a Japanese flag that has over



James Long with Nazi Flag, World War II Program Enterprise Grange.

two hundred names of soldiers written on it.

James also showed us a video that he shot and produced that won him an Emmy. James was a fascinating speaker that we all enjoyed.

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Carol Lackey

**Maple Grove**

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

Maple Grove Grange met May 6 with Bill Lane opening the meeting in the absence of Marlys Halbeisen.

Jack Baker introduced the recipients of the Outstanding Community Service Award presented to John and Jan Hormuth. They have faithfully volunteered at The Rocky Mountain Stroke Center in Littleton for over 25 years, serving on the board and John has served as president of the board. John has become known as "Chief Beggar" by procuring 200 gift cards for the silent auction fundraiser. In the therapeutic pool they have helped to get patients in and out safely. They have also helped in many ways behind the scenes to make things be successful, such as pulling weeds and raking leaves in the fall at the center. They have made an awareness of stroke symptoms at dances they attend. Their focus is to bring joy into the lives of stroke survivors. We are fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers in our community!

Idella Lewis

**Wheat Ridge**

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

July 23 — Garden Tour, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

August 12-14 — Wheat Ridge Carnation Festival.

The spring months at the WR Grange have been quiet, but we are gearing up. Please see the dates of events that are up coming.

By the time you receive the July Granger the WR Grange will have hosted on June 23, a gathering of community to honor citizens for their contributions serving ice cream and pie. All are invited.

July 23/Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. WR Grange is hosting a WR Garden Tour. Six gardens will be featured. For \$18 the ticket lets you know where these fantastic gardens are and includes lunch at the Lunch Stop garden. Please contact Vivian 720-217-1340 with questions. Order tickets online at [www.wheatridgefoundation.org/garden](http://www.wheatridgefoundation.org/garden).

For those of you locally in Wheat Ridge area please stop by All Seasons, 7200 W. 38th Avenue; or Pietras Pizzeria, 9045 W. 44th Avenue. Tickets may also be purchased day of the event at the WR Grange, 3850 High Court. This is a fundraiser for the Grange.

August 12,13,14th/Friday, Saturday, Sunday, FREE WR Carnation Festival (<https://thecarnationfestival.com>). Friday gets started with awesome fireworks also repeated on Saturday evening. The Zoppe circus (<https://zoppe.net>) intimate setting under the big tent and fun, will be back at this year's festival. The WR Grange is involved by providing at the Grange, 3850 High Court, a pancake breakfast. Starting at 7 a.m. and ending at 9 a.m. with citizens trooping out to the corner at 38th and High Court for the Carnation festival parade.

Vivian Vos

**Pleasant Park**

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

July 9 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed with potluck.

August 13 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Pomona Picnic.

September 10 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed with potluck.

- The Bicycle Rest Stop is open and in full swing. We appreciate the support from all the bicyclists who ride up the Deer Creek Canyon Road. There is a lot less to recycle since the riders use the water sta-

tion to refill their containers instead of using bottled water.

- Mark your calendars for the **Pomona Picnic** on August 13. There will be games, fun, food, fellowship, and music again! All Grangers and their friends and family are invited to attend. Bring your favorite dish to share. Tableware and beverages will be provided.
- We were honored to have Gary Wardle attend the May meeting and initiate new members Jean Dent, Claudia Bernal, Al Leo, and Todd Faubion. Gary also presented Bob Kuehster with a certificate for 81 years as a Grange member. Matt Schultz and Donna Kubik were initiated at the June meeting. It is exciting to have eight new members.
- New members Al Leo and Jean Dent are involved with the Community Ambassador Program to educate residents in their districts about wildfire awareness and preparedness. They held an open house at the Grange Hall after the last meeting. Several neighbors stopped in to learn about the program.
- We will be celebrating Bob Kuehster's 96th birthday at the July meeting.

Yvonne Ludwig

### Golden Gate

Contact Terri Costeldia, President, 303-277-0351, terricosteldia@hotmail.com, for further information.

Grange Meeting – July 7 at 3:30 p.m.

Fiddlesteppers Square Dancing – July 10, Grange Members welcomed!

Buffalo Bill Days Parade – July 30 at 10 a.m.

Mutton Bustin' at Buffalo Bill Days – July 31 at 10 a.m.



Gary Wardle presenting Bob Kuehster with certificate for 81 years.

Grange Meeting – August 4 at 3:30 p.m.

Rummage Sale – August 12 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; August 13 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Grange Meeting – September 1 at 3:30 p.m.

Yoga – Wednesdays, from 3 to 4 p.m. (Live at the Grange.)

Couples Dancing Class – 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m.

Line Dancing Class – 2nd and 4th Friday of each month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

AA – Every Tuesday from 7 p.m.

Thanks to our Canyon residents for their generous donations of bottled water and sports drinks for our Fire Fighters and First Responders. These supplies are critical for our volunteers when they are on a call or participating in training exercises. We are committed to the support of our men and women on the GGFPD who work so hard to keep our canyon, its residents and visitors safe.

The Fiddlesteppers will once again

meet at the Golden Gate Grange. On July 10. Grange members are invited to attend to watch or join in the dancing. A Pot Luck Luncheon will go from 1 to 2 p.m. followed by round and square dancing from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Grangers may attend for free but a donation is to the Fiddlesteppers is always welcome.

Buffalo Bill Days return this summer. We plan to have an entry in the parade on Saturday, July 30, and are running Mutton Bustin' on Sunday, July 31. If you would like to participate in our parade entry or help with Mutton Bustin', contact Terri Costeldia at 303-277-0351 or terricosteldia@hotmail.com. Youngsters who would like to participate in Mutton Bustin' need to sign up with Buffalo Bill Days at https://goldenbuffalobilldays.com.

Our Annual Rummage Sale will be held on August 12 and 13. Start cleaning out those closets! We would appreciate donation of your gently used items. Please be sure clothes are clean and not damaged. No tires, mattresses, televisions, computer equipment,



Birthday celebrations at Pleasant Park Grange.

sofas, pressed board, or other large items of furniture. Please do not bring any donations before Sunday, August 7. Donations will be welcomed from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, August 7, and on the following days before the sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you have any questions about donations or would like to sign up to help, call DeeDee Ramstetter at 303-279-6113 or email DKMHH1@gmail.com.

Join us on Friday, August 12, and Saturday, August 13, for the sale where you may find a bargain or maybe a treasure! Clothes, kitchenware, tools, furniture, books, decorations, collectibles, jewelry, linens, sports equipment, garden items, and more will be for sale at bargain prices. Food will be available — Hot Dogs with Chips and Drinks for \$6!

Yoga is held on Wednesdays from 3 to 4 p.m. It is now being held in person at the Grange. If you haven't been to a class before or were not able to join us by Zoom over the past months, Judy and Susan will provide a class that will offer alternatives for all lev-

els. Please send your email address to jayruesch@aol.com if you would like to be added to the yoga email list.

Now is the time to begin to assess your property's fire mitigation needs. Jeffco will not have a slash event at the Grange this year. There will be a number of sites around the county that will be open for multiple dates from June through November. I have sent Grangers this information by email. It is also posted on our website and Facebook pages.

Stay tuned for more summer activities. We are planning to have a History Night and Wildlife Program in the coming months. We will notify everyone by email. If you have changed your email address, please send your new email to jayruesch@aol.com so we can update our communication list.

Website: www.GoldenGateGrange.com/Facebook: Golden Gate Canyon Community/Grange phone: 303-273-9516.

Jayne Ruesch  
jayruesch@aol.com



Mancos Bloom at Mt. Lookout Grange on May 1.



Festive and fun Maypole dance was a highlight.



"Old timey" bluegrass music was the entertainment for the occasion.

### Ute Mountain

Dolores and Montezuma Counties

#### Mount Lookout

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

Community Dinner — Every second Sunday.

MLG Board Meeting — Every fourth Tuesday.

Mancos FoodShare distribution— Every Monday.

Cooking Matters, six-week course.

Happy Summer from the Grangers of Southwest Colorado! While we enjoyed decent snowfalls this past winter, persistent spring winds devoured the snowpack, leaving us once again in a serious drought situation. Agricultural producers and other residents must learn to live with this apparent new "normal," and adapt our water uses to the aridification of the west. We are doing some rain dances here, beckoning monsoonal rains.

On a happier note, on May 1, Mt. Lookout Grange hosted our annual "Mancos Bloom" event, featuring live local music, a Maypole dance, local food and beverages, and a silent auction featuring an agricultural theme. Despite strong winds that day, the event was very well attended by folks of all ages, some regular attendees as

well as some new faces in the community.

The lively music was bluegrass and "old timey." Much of the food was locally sourced. The Maypole dance got off to a somewhat chaotic start, but we got into the groove and wrapped the pole beautifully, amidst much merriment.

This was the first time that our board has attempted a silent and live auction. We learned a lot, and we intend to make the auction an annual feature of the celebration. The Bloom raised a significant amount of income that supports Mt. Lookout Grange's operating budget.

We took delivery and installation of a brand-new commercial stove/range for our commercially certified kitchen. The old one was leaking natural gas and generally not functioning well. This upgrade will make our building safer, enhance rentals of the commercial kitchen, and support Mancos FoodShare's "Cooking Matters" classes.

Rentals of the hall and commercial kitchen have picked up. We are hoping that this income will begin to offset some of the deficits that we experienced during the pandemic.

The board of Mt. Lookout Grange, whose members span several generations, truly enjoy each other's company, and we are very happy to reconnect with each other and to further our purposes in the community. We continue to feel grateful for our

Grange and for all of the attributes of our community that make Mancos a

### Pikes Peak

El Paso and Teller Counties

#### • Florissant

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out with leaves and the wild grasses and flowers are blooming.... Just need more rain to make sure we don't have any more fires!

We are still going strong with our weekly Potluck and Music nights. We had some Harvest Host Guests join us last Thursday. That was so much fun.

By the time you read this our floors in the Old School House (Grange Hall) should be refinished and new cabinets should be installed. We have been working on fundraisers for more than a year to accomplish this task, which has been a vision of our Lecturer (me) for a very long time. I am so excited to see this finally happen. Our Weekly Granger Breakfast during the week of June 24-27 had to be canceled to get this accomplished.

June had our camp sights full of campers with Harvest Host. July and August are filling up fast. It is such a great way to show off what the Grange is all about and to show off our Historic School House and buildings.

The monthly Pine Needle Basket Classes are still going strong and the

healthy place to live. We hope that your tomatoes grow plump and sweet,

and may gentle rains fall upon you.

Katheryn Fulton

new Paint with me Class was a huge success so we had another one in June and another scheduled for August.

The Florissant Grange Quilt of Valor Guild honored two more Community members with Quilts in June. We hope to have two more ready for Heritage Day presentations

Florissant Heritage Day will be celebrated on July 30 this year. The Fossil Beds National Monument will be open with free admission (I think) and the Hornbec Homestead will have demonstrations and baking just like in

the 1800s. The Pikes Peak Historical Society will have vendors and crystals and gems at the Pikes Peak Historical Museum, and at the Florissant Grange we will have hot-dogs, ice cream, crafters and vendors, and the Western Music Association entertainer of the year for many years running, Susie Knight, will be there with some of her entertaining friends to keep us singing and telling us wonderful stories of the old west and the Cowboy way.

Renee Caldwell



Florissant Grange community Quilt of Valor recipients.

# Tentative State Grange Convention Agenda

149th State Session of the  
**COLORADO STATE GRANGE**  
 Program

All State Session Meetings and Exhibits  
 will be held at the Good Shepherd United  
 Methodist Church, 1201 Leta Dr., Security, CO.

All meetings of the State Session  
 of the Colorado State Grange will be held  
 in the **Fourth** Degree and members  
 of any Grange in any state may attend.

Delegates must present their credential cards  
 if the Secretary of their Grange has not already  
 mailed them to the Secretary of the Colorado State  
 Grange prior to the opening of the State Session.

**WEDNESDAY, September 21, 2022**

- 4:00 P.M.**  
Set up for meeting.
- 6:00 P.M.**  
Officers and Directors Dinner.
- 7:00 P.M.**  
Sixth Degree Practice, State Officers.
- Practice for Memorial Service to follow.

**THURSDAY, September 22, 2022**

- 9:30 A.M.**  
Registration.  
Check-in time for Lecturer, Family Activities,  
Junior Grange Contest Entries for judging.

- 9:45-10:00 A.M.**  
State Session Committee Chairmen  
meet with the State Master.
- 10:00 A.M.**  
New Delegates meet with State Master.
- 10:30 A.M.**  
All State Session Delegates  
work on Resolutions.
- 11:45 A.M.** — Recess for Lunch.
- 12:00 P.M.** — Lunch
- 1:15 P.M.**  
Opening of the Colorado State Grange  
in full form in the Sixth Degree.  
Lowering to the Fourth Degree.  
Receiving Honored Guests.  
Roll Call of Officers/Directors.  
Communications.  
Adopting Convention Agenda.  
Partial Report of Credentials Committee.  
Annual Address by State Master.  
Report of Treasurer and Secretary.  
Report of Executive Committee Chairman.  
Preliminary Report of Good of the Order.  
Report of Grange Museum.  
Report of Leadership and Scholarship Foundation.  
Committee Reports.  
Report of Lobbyist and Ag Committee.
- 3:00 P.M.**  
Guest Speaker, National Representative —  
Welina Shufeldt, National Flora.  
Family Activities Bake Sale.

- 12:00 P.M.**  
Membership Lunch — Dominic Breton Presiding.
- 1:45 P.M.**  
Reconvene Session.
- 6:30 P.M.**  
Gala
- 8:30 P.M.** (Or ASAP following Gala)  
Annual Meeting of PICK.  
*Everyone invited.*

**SATURDAY, September 24, 2022**

- 6:45 A.M.**  
Colorado State Grange  
Past Masters Breakfast  
Presiding: TBD.
- 8:45 A.M.**  
Junior and Youth Officers  
Open the Grange.  
Continuation of Committee Reports.  
Spotlight on Grange —
- 10:00 A.M.**  
Installation of Officers by National Representative.
- 12:00 P.M.**  
JG Lunch  
Presiding: TBD
- 1:45 P.M.**  
Short Form 5th Degree.
- 2:00 P.M.**  
Sixth Degree conferred  
by State Grange Officers.
- Close the Grange in full form  
in the Fourth Degree.

- 6:00 P.M.**  
Annual Banquet of Colorado State Grange.  
Presentation of Outstanding Granger.  
Presentation of Quilts of Valor.  
Talent Showcase.

- 7:15 P.M.**  
Raffle Drawing

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| Fifth Degree Fee .....                  | \$1.00 |
| Sixth Degree Fee .....                  | \$5.00 |
| (Purchase tickets from State Secretary) |        |

Lecturers, Family Activities, and Junior Grange  
 Exhibits will be on display throughout the Session.



**Florida**

Contact Melissa Lively, 970-317-1617, [floridagrang306@yahoo.com](mailto:floridagrang306@yahoo.com), for more information.

May was a busy month at the Florida Grange #306, and the rest of the summer is shaping up to be busy too. In May we had our annual Community Garage Sale with spaces available to rent inside the hall and free spaces outside with option to rent tables. We had six families (Grangers and Non Grangers) participate and had a good turnout of shoppers.

On May 20, we hosted a Mobile Food Market in our parking lot. The "Market" is a refrigerated semi trailer sponsored by Manna Soup Kitchen and Care and Share Food Bank to provide extra food for children and families. All of the food was free of cost. There was a large turnout of people who were able to take whatever was needed.

May 28 was our Free Community Pancake Breakfast. We had around 30 people show up, which was more than we had anticipated as it was Memorial Day Weekend

We decided to change our meeting day to the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. starting in June. Other June projects included a free "Learn to Crochet Class" taught by Melissa Lively on June 6. Participants learned to crochet a baby hat for the local hospital nursery. Our June breakfast was on the 25th with the menu of pancakes, sausage, eggs, breakfast burritos, and gluten free waffles.

The Boy Scouts continue to use our hall for their meetings and the Girl Scouts will have a celebration on June 28. Our member Jill Tierney will continue to teach yoga class on Wednesdays throughout the summer.

For July we are planning a second Community Garage Sale and a beading class that will be taught by member Pauline Ford. We are all looking forward to the new activities and are excited to have welcomed four new members since May.

Melissa Lively

**Marvel**

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

July 30 – Community Breakfast 8 to 10 a.m.

August 5 – Business Meeting 7:30 p.m. Program: TBD.

August 10-14 – La Plata County Fair.

Line dancing and clogging are still happening at the Grange Hall but their schedule is somewhat sporadic due to people's schedules.

The CO-OP Banquet went well on May 3. We had plenty of food and lots of good help. Thank you to everyone who helped. Our expenses totaled \$1,036.22. The income was \$4,200 which made our profit \$3,163.78. This fundraiser adequately covers our water bill for the year!!

June 17 we had a potluck supper and encouraged members and community participants to bring quilts and crafts. They were invited to share information about what they brought. The La Plata Quilt Guild also share information about their charity work.

The hall has been used for Animas La Plata meetings, Memorial services and dinners, and a gun safety class recently.

July 17 we will have an ice cream social and honor veterans and hopefully present a quilt of valor. July 17 is also National Ice Cream Day.

Volunteers and employees will be needed for the County Fair. If you're interested contact Roger Ayers to volunteer or Cindy Greer to be an employee.

Cindy Greer

**Marvel JG**

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

July 25 – Junior Grange meeting/Activity.

The Juniors met on May 13 at 5 p.m. and worked on their pots for the Grow project. They put dirt, water, and seeds in the three containers around the Grange Hall. They meet on June 27.

Cindy Greer

- 7:00 P.M.**  
Memorial Service under the direction of State Chaplain Loeda Westphal.

- ICE CREAM SOCIAL**  
Following Memorial Service along with Table games.

**FRIDAY, September 23, 2022**

- 6:45 A.M.**  
Colorado State Grange Alumni Breakfast  
Presiding: TBD.
- 8:45 A.M.**  
Open the Grange in the Fourth Degree.  
Report of Credentials Committee.  
Election of Officers.  
Continuation of Committee Reports.

- 11:45 A.M.**  
Recess for Lunch.

**RESERVATIONS FOR MEAL FUNCTIONS FOR STATE SESSION**

**Deadline For Ticket Orders: September 14, 2022.**

Fill in the number of tickets you are ordering. Include a check made out to: **Colorado State Grange**. Mail to: Colorado State Grange, 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO 81326. Pre-paid tickets will be at the Registration Table.

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

| No. of Tickets | Meal Function   | Total   |
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| _____          | <b>Alumni Breakfast</b> — Fri., Sept. 23, 6:45 a.m.<br><i>For Past State Officers and Directors &amp; Spouses</i> | @ \$10.00 _____                                   |
| _____          | <b>Membership Lunch</b> — Fri., Sept. 23, 11:45 a.m.<br><i>Everyone invited</i>                                   | @ \$12.00 _____<br>(13 and under) @ \$6.00 _____  |
| _____          | <b>Past Masters Breakfast</b> — Sat., Sept. 24, 6:45 a.m.<br><i>For Past Masters &amp; Spouses</i>                | @ \$10.00 _____                                   |
| _____          | <b>JG Lunch</b> — Sat., Sept. 24, Noon<br><i>Everyone invited</i>   | @ \$10.00 _____<br>(13 and under) @ \$5.00 _____  |
| _____          | <b>Annual Banquet</b> — Sat., Sept. 24, 6 p.m.<br><i>Everyone invited</i>   | @ \$20.00 _____<br>(13 and under) @ \$10.00 _____ |

Please indicate your preferred meal selection for the Annual Banquet:

Ham \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount of All Meals Ordered and Included \$** \_\_\_\_\_

- Alumni Breakfast Menu:** Egg Casserole, Muffins, Fruit, Beverages
- Membership Lunch Menu is as follows:** Taco Bar & Cookies
- Past Master's Breakfast Menu:** Biscuits & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Fruit, Beverages
- JG Lunch Menu is as follows:** Sandwiches, Salad, Chips, Beverages & Cookies
- Annual Banquet Menu:** Ham or Chicken, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Salad, Dessert, Beverages

*All meals are being catered by the Women at the Good Shepherd Church.*

**Deadline For The September-October 2022  
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