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Juniors' Opening March



Colorado State Grange Officers

Raffle Results

The winners of the Raffle drawing are as follows:

- Heart Quilt – Jeanne Davies
 - Lamb Meat – Beverly Weinert
 - Table Runner – Left Hand Grange
- The Raffle brought in \$897. Thank you to everyone who sold tickets and purchased tickets. These funds will be used to help Colorado Grangers attend various conferences.

Any Grange who desires to have their own raffle may use the Colorado State Grange Raffle License with permission. They must have one member who is willing to become a raffle manager, that way we are insured that one member of the Grange using the license knows the rules and is committed to following the rules set up by the Secretary of State.



Jeanne Davies

THANK YOU

To all of you who worked on the beautiful quilt that was raffled at the State Grange Convention, a hearty THANK YOU. It is lovely and so much appreciated.

Jeanne Davies



Friend of Grange Susie Knight



Ag Commissioner Kate Greenburg



National Secretary Judy Sherrod



Amy Peterson presenting Public Relations Awards.



Junior Master Billy Greer



Cowboys Alan and Dom



Spotlight on Granges: Enterprise Grange — Carol Lackey and Dorothy Dannels.



Lisa Mittan



Dom Breton

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Judy Harrison joining in the fun at the Gala.



Gala Cowboy Costumes



Mike Lackey, receiving his Quilt of Valor.



Grangers partake in Gala Grub.



Gala Alien Costumes

Master's Message

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Serving as the Master/President of the Colorado State Grange has been a challenge and a joy and I'm looking forward to the next two years. We are looking forward to visiting with many of you in the coming years. We hope that we can get to one of your meetings or events at some point in time. The challenge is mostly getting there, especially if you meet mid-week, due to the obligations that we have at home.

We have some new officers and I want to remind you to be patient as it will take some time for them to figure out what they need to do and how to do it.

The delegate body passed a \$10 per member dues increase at the convention. For some this may be a challenge, but if we can work with our members and allow them to perhaps pay half or quarterly throughout the year hopefully we can retain all of them. National Grange has provided instructions on how to set up a PayPal account.

The Colorado State Grange has joined forces with RALI (Rx Abuse Leadership Initiative). This is a wonderful community service project. RALI will provide "Deterra" drug disposal bags to Granges who want to distribute them in their community for free. All one has to do is complete an order form, email it in, sign a memorandum of understanding and wait for delivery. I must say that I am impressed with their service. I ordered five boxes of 200 bags for the State Fair one week before I needed them and the bags arrived much to my surprise and delight. All the orders I have placed since then have been received within in one week.

Please take some time to review the Resolutions passed at State Convention that are summarized elsewhere in this issue of *The Colorado Granger*.

Let's make 2020 a great Grange year for Colorado. We're gearing up to host the Great Plains Regional Conference in June of 2020, and Colorado will be one of the hosts of the National Convention in Wichita, Kansas, in 2021.



State Master Cindy and Harry Greer at the Colorado State Fair.



Colorado State Grange display at the Colorado State Fair.

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From The Secretary's Annual Report

Membership numbers for the State Grange this year are from the most current count ending August 2018. We have 40 Subordinate Granges with a total of 1,230 initiated members, nine family groups, and 23 associate members for a total membership of 1,253, which is an increase from last

year. Congratulations to all of us for increasing our membership. There are three active Pomona Granges and two active Junior Granges.

The three largest Granges, using the August 2019 figures, were Golden Gate with 180 members, Mt. Lookout with 71 members and Florissant with 53 members.

The past four years, working with



Community Service

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Good news – Bad news. The Good News is that we had some really amazing Community Service activities and events reported by Granges in Colorado! The Bad News is that in speaking with many of you, there are a LOT of other activities and events that you are all doing throughout the year to engage with, and help out in your communities — but you didn't report on them. Many of you did not submit any one-book reports at all.

That said, I recognize that the reporting form for Community Service is confusing, and it's possible that some of you local Grange Community Service Coordinators may have not received it. Back to the Good News: Elizabeth — your new Colorado State Grange Lecturer — and I are working on improving the forms and instructions in the Handbook for the 2019-2020 Grange year, to help make things easier for you.

Meanwhile, I encourage you all to keep really good notes on your Autumn and Winter holiday events and activities NOW, so when you get your Handbooks, you can have details fresh

to document them into the reports for your one-books. **Remember to make a note of how many guests you had attend the event, and how many volunteer hours your Grange members spent putting on the event.**

Collect the number of hours your members spend volunteering on other community service activities individually as well — it all matters!! These are numbers I will compile with those from the other reporting Granges, to National. If we have enough local Granges submit Community Service reports for Colorado State Grange annual session, National will send us prize money for us to pass on to you. We didn't have enough reports this year for them to give us money. If more of you put together reports on the activities you're already doing, Colorado can easily have enough reports for National to send prize money for you!

On to our Top Three Granges for their Community Service reports submitted to State Session. First place went to Animas Valley Grange! They had some really specific challenges

the Executive Committee has been fun and interesting. Larry Corman has been the Chairman of the Executive Committee with Overseer Gary Wardle, John Cruz, and newly elected Tom Campion and Treasurer Marlys Halbeisen. We have worked hard to continue to organize, understand our finances, and streamline our processes.

It is always a pleasure to work with our officers, Directors and members of each Grange in our efforts keep our Granges active and grow our organization.

Many thanks to the staff at Southeast Denver Graphics and Publication Printers who handle our *Granger* newspaper needs and to Master Cindy Greer who helps to edit and proof read all the articles.

going on in their area and they focused their events on how they could help bring their people in their area together with a number of ways they could get help with those particular challenges. In addition, their report was very well organized and clearly presented the activities and events, and the resulting benefits to their community.

Marvel Grange took second place. Many of their activities through the year were involving the active participation of others in their community. Regular meal and other festival events involved other organizations and non-Grange individuals who also rolled up their sleeves and cooked, ran children's activities, and took advantage of their opportunities to join others — our Grangers — to serve their neighbors as well.

Third place went to Maple Grove Grange. They had a LOT of smaller activities that added up! Ongoing food bank collection, and frequent deliveries to special homes and other organizations that provide direct outreach to the folks who need the help — oftentimes bringing the personal touch to let the shut-ins and others who may be feeling lonely get a face-to-face reminder that they're not forgotten.

Again, please keep good notes about any of your events for the next couple of months and look for what will hopefully be a much easier and clearer report format to use. If you're doing some great things out there, we'd really like to have you report on them. Our Colorado State Grange winning book will also go to the National Grange annual conference — your Grange could be the one representing our state on the National stage! Please feel free to contact me with any questions, suggestions, or ideas!

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Important Dates

Call individual Granges for more information.

- Nov. 8 Mt. Allison — Spanish Group
- Nov. 8 Wheat Ridge Grange — Volunteer at Active Adult Harvest Meal and Art Sale Fundraiser, 4 p.m.
- Nov. 9 Golden Gate Grange — Holiday Craft Fair, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Nov. 9 Wheat Ridge Grange — Second Saturday Sale at the Grange, 9 a.m. to 1p.m.
- Nov. 10 Golden Gate Grange — Pancake Breakfast, 8-10:30 a.m.
- Nov. 11 Mt. Lookout — Cooking Class
- Nov. 13 Enterprise Grange — Thanksgiving Potluck, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 16 Florissant Grange — Pine Needle Basket Class/ Gourds and Base Painting, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Nov. 21 Wheat Ridge Grange — Fall Celebration Potluck with Grange Hall Renters and Community, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 22 Golden Gate Grange — Line Dancing, 7-9 p.m.
- Nov. 27 Florissant Grange — Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner, 6-9 p.m.
- Nov. 30 Marvel Grange — Community Breakfast, 8-10 a.m.
- Dec. 6 Marvel Grange — Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 7 Golden Gate Grange — Wreath Making and Kids' Crafts, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Dec. 7 Darden Pomona — Christmas Party at Enterprise Grange
- Dec. 7 Wheat Ridge Grange — City Tree Lighting with Hot Chocolate and Cookies at the Grange, 3-6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 7 Florissant Grange — Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Florissant Grange 1-3 p.m.
- Dec. 8&10 Mt. Lookout — Community Dinner
- Dec. 13 Golden Gate Grange — Line Dancing, 7-9 p.m.
- Dec. 14 Christmas Craft Show and Sale 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Dec. 14 Florissant Grange — Christmas Craft Show & Sale, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Dec. 14 Enterprise Grange — The Darden Pomona Old Fashioned Christmas Dinner
- Dec. 15 Golden Gate Grange — Pancake Breakfast, 8-10:30 a.m.
- Dec. 15 Golden Gate Grange — Foster Kids of Jeffco Christmas Gift Drive/Wrapping Event, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Dec. 19 Wheat Ridge Grange — Grange Member Christmas
- Dec. 20 Marvel Grange — Waffle Night, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 31 Marvel Grange — New Year's Eve Party



Lecturer's Creative And Performing Arts

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I would like to introduce myself as your new Lecturer for the coming term and to thank Kathy Wardle for the great job she has done for the last eight years. I am working on familiarizing myself with the job and am looking for input on what you would like to see in the future. Please feel free to contact me at any time at the email or number above. I am looking forward to working with each Grange.

Award Winners

Congratulations to all 2019 Colorado State Grange Lecturer Department winners.

Colorado State Grange 2019

Outstanding Achievement Granges:

Darden Pomona Grange
Animas Valley Grange
Enterprise Grange
Florissant Grange
Maple Grove Grange
Marvel Grange
Mount Allison Grange

Community Dinner Award:

Animas Valley Grange
Enterprise Grange
Florissant Grange
Maple Grove Grange
Marvel Grange
Mount Allison Grange

Food Sustainability Award:

Animas Valley Grange
Enterprise Grange
Marvel Grange
Mount Allison Grange

Outstanding Program of the Year:

Animas Valley Grange

Outstanding Lecturer of the Year:

Yvonne Chapman,
Mount Allison Grange

Outstanding Yearbook

Achievement:

Enterprise Grange and
Mount Allison Grange

Talent Winner:

Danny Greer and Nathen Greer,
Marvel Grange

Best of Show in Crafts:

Billy Greer, Marvel Grange

Sweepstake Award:

Cindy Greer, Marvel Grange

Participation Award:

Cindy Greer, Marvel Grange

FINE ART

Painting:

First – David Sassman,
Victory Grange
Second – Cindy Greer,
Marvel Grange

Drawing:

First – Samuel Burke,
El Paso Grange

Computer Collage:

First – Darcy and Ryan St. Aubin,
Wheat Ridge Grange
Second – Darcy and Alex St. Aubin,
Wheat Ridge Grange

HOBBY CORNER

Individual Scrapbook:

First – Doug Hawthorne,
Maple Grove Grange

Grange Scrapbook:

First – Renee Caldwell,
Florissant Grange

Special Gifts:

First – Pauline Ford,
Florida Grange

Second – Yvonne Chapman,
Mount Allison Grange

Third – Renee Caldwell,
Florissant Grange

Miscellaneous:

First – Renee Caldwell,
Florissant Grange
Second – Renee Caldwell,
Florissant Grange
Third – Elizabeth Hiner,
Florida Grange

Jewelry:

First – Vicki Sutton-Gallegos,
Mount Allison Grange

Holiday Craft:

First – Yvonne Chapman,
Mount Allison Grange
Second – Cindy Greer,
Marvel Grange

PHOTOGRAPHY

National Representative:

Cindy Greer, Marvel Grange

Landscape and Seascape:

First – Cindy Greer, Marvel Grange
Second – Danny Greer,
Marvel Grange

Third – Trish Corman,
Mount Allison Grange

Animals and Other Creatures:

First – Larry Corman,
Mount Allison Grange
Second – Danny Greer, Marvel
Third – Jenna Greer, Marvel

Photo Collage or Story:

First – Cindy Greer, Marvel Grange
Second – Trish Corman,
Mount Allison Grange
Third – Jane Harvey,
Maple Grove Grange

People:

First – Jenna Greer, Marvel Grange
Second – Cindy Greer,
Marvel Grange

Third – Kara Jacobs,
Wheat Ridge Grange

WORKBENCH

Leather Craft:

First – Billy Greer, Marvel Grange

WITH PEN IN HAND

Poetry:

First – Jeanne Davies,
Grandview Grange
Second – Sheryl Ayers,
Marvel Grange
Third – Jeanne Davies,
Grandview Grange

Recommend a Book:

First – Sheryl Ayers, Marvel Grange

Short Story/Essay:

First – Helen Denison,
Paonia Grange
Second – Renee Caldwell,
Florissant Grange
Third – Jeanne Davies,
Grandview Grange

Winners were recognized Friday, September 27, at the 2019 Grange Awards Gala. Additionally Community Service, Family Activities, Membership, Publicity and Master Awards were presented that night. The evening's theme was Cowboys and Aliens and entertainment was provided by award-winning Cowboy Entertainer Susie Knight. An alien yogurt bar and a cowboy popcorn bar provided refreshments.

Leadership Scholarship Foundation News

by Jeanne Davies,
Foundation President

The Colorado Leadership and Scholarship Foundation is able to give scholarships each school year and to help with other youth activities because of the Granges and Grangers donating to the Foundation usually as a memorial for a Granger who has passed away. It is because of your generosity over the years and remembering the Scholarship Foundation as a way to honor a deceased friend to make scholarships available to the young Grange people.

The Leadership/Scholarship Foundation also has been named in Grangers' wills and we appreciate that great support for our Foundation that give

us the opportunity to support the youth in their endeavors in future years.

This year 12 scholarships were awarded during the process time in April and May when the applications are received and reviewed. Applications are on the State Grange Leadership and Scholarship Foundation website and are accepted up to April 15.

Those students receiving scholarships this year are:

Rebecca Borst attending University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.

Katrina Borst attending University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.

Shannon Baughman attending the University of Northern Colorado.



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2019 was a very productive year at the State Session in Centennial. There were a total of 89 entries in the baking and needlework events. Maple Grove led with the most entries (33), Marvel was second (14), and Mt. Allison third (13).

The bake sale held after the judging brought in \$111.

The National quilt block winner was made by Jane Harvey of Maple Grove and will be sent on to the National Lecturer to be made into a quilt and raffled off at the National Grange Convention.

A resolution passed at the State Session for a name change from Family and Women's Activities to Family Activities. This will include all members of a family. Many other states are now going with this name.

All of the "From The Heart" projects will now be donated locally rather than brought to the State Session. Eyeglasses collected do not need the cases. Many Lions Clubs collect them as well as some eye clinics.

The following were winners in the Baking and Needlework events at the State Session;

BAKING

Cakes

1st – Dorothy Dannels, Enterprise
2nd – Cindy Greer, Marvel
3rd – Alyn Sue Hanson, Golden Gate

Altered Cake Mix

1st – Idella Lewis, Maple Grove

Yeast Bread

1st – Alyn Sue Hanson, Golden Gate

Mandy Project

Cindy Greer, Coordinator

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The beginning of the school year is a time when schools do health checks on students which usually includes a hearing test. It's often during these tests that they discover hearing loss and vision problems. If a child fails a hearing test at school they usually recommend that the child visit an audiologist for a more extensive, and a more accurate test. Sometimes the outcome is different. Heavy ear wax can impede hearing. If there is a hearing loss they eventually get fitted for a hearing aid and then need to have new ear molds periodically as they grow. Hearing aids are not cheap and many times a family finds themselves in a bind due to the astronomical cost of hearing aids and that's where the Mandy project helps those families.

Your donations are appreciated, but more importantly educating your community about hearing loss is equally important. I challenge each Grange to do two things this year: 1. Educate your community about hearing loss; and 2. Donate to the Mandy projects. Donations can be sent to the State Grange or to PICK for the Mandy Project. CHECKS SHOULD NOT BE MADE OUT TO THE MANDY PROJECT, either make checks out to

Molly Cooksey attending Colorado State University.

Miles Green attending Red Rocks Community College.

Teagan Hackett attending Red Rocks Community College.

Benjamin Hoppes attending Colorado Mesa University.

Emily Kirts attending Colorado Mesa University.

Jared Kirts attending Colorado Mesa University.

Nathan Lane attending Colorado School of Mines.

Sierra Saltus attending Colorado State University.

William Land attending University of Northern Colorado.

Family Activities

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2nd – Idella Lewis, Maple Grove

Sweet Rolls

1st – Idella Lewis, Maple Grove
2nd – Jane Harvey, Maple Grove

Bar Cookies

1st – Tammy, Enterprise
2nd – Dorothy Dannels, Enterprise
3rd – Norma Conley, Mt. Allison

Drop/Rolled Cookies

1st – Marlys Halbeisen, Maple Grove
2nd – Trish Corman, Mt. Allison
3rd – Norene Hawthorne,
Maple Grove

Gluten Free Cookies

1st – Elizabeth Hiner, Florida
2nd – Jane Harvey, Maple Grove

Quick Breads

1st – Dorothy Dannels, Enterprise
2nd – Marlys Halbeisen, Maple Grove
3rd – Carol Lackey, Enterprise

Fudge

1st – Cindy Greer, Marvel
2nd – Alyn Sue Hanson, Golden Gate
3rd – Norene Hawthorne,
Maple Grove

Other Candy

1st – Cindy Greer, Marvel

Jams & Jellies

1st – Loeda Westphal, Pikes Peak
2nd – Sheryl Ayers, Marvel

Juices

1st – Trish Corman, Mt. Allison
2nd – Sheryl Ayers, Marvel
3rd – Vickie Sutton-Gallegos,
Mt. Allison

Tomatoes/Salsas

1st – Carol Lackey, Enterprise
2nd – Norene Hawthorne,
Maple Grove

3rd – Marily Lane, Maple Grove

Pickles

1st – Marily Lane, Maple Grove
2nd – Alyn Sue Hanson, Golden Gate
3rd – Vickie Sutton-Gallegos,
Mt. Allison

NEEDLEWORK

Afghans

1st – Pauline Ford, Grandview
2nd – Alyn Sue Hanson, Golden Gate
3rd – Marlys Halbeisen, Maple Grove

Crochet, Misc.

1st – Mary Ann Forman, Maple Grove
2nd – Alyn Sue Hanson, Golden Gate
3rd – Marlys Halbeisen, Maple Grove

Embroidery

1st – Karen Baxter, Mt. Allison
2nd – Cindy Greer, Marvel

Decorator Pillow

1st – Jane Harvey, Maple Grove

Quilting, Machine

1st – Jane Harvey, Maple Grove
2nd – Cindy Greer, Marvel

Quilting, Hand

1st – Jane Harvey, Maple Grove

Table Runner

1st – Jane Harvey, Maple Grove

Wall Hanging

1st – Jane Harvey, Maple Grove

Sewing, Adult Garment

1st – Jane Harvey, Maple Grove

Sewing, Child Garment

1st – Jane Harvey, Maple Grove

Apron

1st – Jane Harvey, Maple Grove
2nd – Karen Baxter, Mt. Allison
3rd – Cindy Greer, Marvel

Stuffed Toy

1st – Jane Harvey, Maple Grove
2nd – Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate
3rd – Cindy Greer, Marvel

drum, is because you tried to clean your ears with a cotton swab — or something like it — and pushed the wax in deeper.

Swabbing or sticking pointy objects inside your ear can cause other serious problems:

- Infection
- Rupture of the eardrum
- Significant hearing loss

Should You Clean Your Ears?

Ideally, no; your ear canals shouldn't need cleaning. But if too much earwax builds up and starts to cause symptoms or it keeps your doctor from doing a proper ear exam, you might have something called cerumen impaction. This means earwax has completely filled your ear canal and it can happen in one or both ears."

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

VIA ZOOM

Thursday, January 23
7 p.m.

Who will be participating: Master, Lecturer, Community Service, Family Activities, Membership, Junior and Youth, Secretary.

Information on how to participate will be sent out at a later date.

Join us to learn "What's New!"

GRANGE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION
(Seattle, Washington)

NOTICE OF 2020 ANNUAL POLICYHOLDERS' MEETING

The Annual Policyholders' meeting of the Grange Insurance Association will be held on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at Grange Insurance Association, 200 Cedar Street, Seattle, Washington 98121.

All Grange Insurance Association policyholders are welcome to attend.

Signed at Seattle, Washington, this 16th day of September 2019.

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The Colorado State 146th Grange Convention was held in Centennial, Colorado, at the Castlewood Grange on September 26-28, 2019. Judy Sherrod, Secretary for the National Grange and Tennessee State Grange Master was our guest at the Convention. She entertained us with a cute sketch, you can see in part on the Florida Grange 306 Facebook page.

During session, we also had three speakers come in. The first was Kate

Greenberg from the Department of Agriculture who spoke about conservation of land and water. Jose Esquivel talked to the delegates regarding the opioid crisis and availability of services. Tom McKern rounded out the speakers with an update on Grange Insurance and its future.

During the Thursday evening memorial service Master Cindy Greer and her granddaughter Brianna, signed the song "I Can Only Imagine." We

honored Pat Quick, 2/16/30-3/22/19; Dale Neugebauer, 2/28/20-7/3/19; George Knoll, 10/6/32-8/1/19; and Henry Ernest, 2/5/26-8/13/19.

At the Gala on Thursday evening Publicity gave out three awards. First prize went to Enterprise Grange for \$15, Second prize went to Marvel Grange for \$10 and Third prize went to Maple Grove Grange for \$5. The Junior Grange opened the Grange on Saturday with a very nice presentation; they did a nice job and served a very good lunch on that day.

The State Grange held elections this year and we elected a new slate of officers. Cindy Greer retains her position as Master of the Colorado State Grange along with Gary Wardle as Overseer, Harry Greer as Steward, Amy Peterson as Lady Assistant Steward, Renee Caldwell as Secretary and Larry Corman, Tom Campion and John Cruz at the Executive Committee.

The new Grange Members voted into the leadership are Elizabeth Hiner as Lecturer, Dean Hiner as Assistant Steward, Christopher Cleary as Gate Keeper, Sheryl Ayers as Treasurer, Loeda Westphal as Chaplin, Marlys Halbeisen as Ceres, J.Kelly as Pomona and Dorothy Dannels as Flora.

After the banquet, which was a catered affair featuring pork and chicken served buffet style, Mike Lackey - Army, Skip Hill - Navy, and John Cruz - Army, each received a Quilt of Valor for their service. Our outgoing Lecturer Kathy Wardle received a pin and a commemorative coffee cup for her eight years as Lecturer for the Colorado State Grange. Jeanne Davies was the Grand Prize winner of the PICK Raffle and won the Tender Heart Quilt.

Our talent for the evening was Daniel and Nathen Greer doing a ventriloquist act, with Daniel being the Marvelous Nathen's Dummy. They performed at the Night of Excellence in Bloomington, Minnesota. Sheryl Ayers entertained us with a spoken word presentation on the unique sayings that come from the Southern U.S.

Real Estate Management

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The landlord-tenant law requires landlords to maintain their rental property. Although the specific requirements will differ slightly, there are general requirements that all landlords will have. Here are six ways a Grange must keep up with property maintenance.

Maintaining the Rental Property Involves:

- Adhering to Building Codes
- Performing Repairs
- Maintaining Common Areas
- Keeping Vital Services Functioning
- Providing Proper Trash Receptacles
- Supplying Running Water

Building Codes

Granges are responsible for protecting the safety of their tenants. One way to do this is by making sure the property complies with all local building and safety codes. Building and safety codes can regulate:

- Lead-based paint for properties built before 1978
- Toxic Mold
- Asbestos
- Maximum Number of People Per Unit
- Smoke Detectors
- Carbon Monoxide Detectors
- Adequate Lighting in Common Areas
- Safety Guards on Windows
- Use of Fire Retardant Paint
- Plumbing
- Electrical Wiring
- Structural Integrity of the Building

Most towns will require you to have your property inspected before you can place tenants in the property. These inspectors are checking to make sure the property complies with all the safety codes, such as having working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and meets the standards for habitability, such as having running water.

Repair

Granges are responsible for ensuring that the property is in habitable condition. This involves making all repairs and doing whatever else is "reasonably" necessary to keep the property in good condition. For example, fixing a roof leak would be a "reasonably" necessary repair. However, replacing the entire roof because one small leak would not be reasonable or necessary.

Maintain Common Areas

Granges are responsible for maintaining all common areas of the building. This involves making sure they are:

- **Safe** — Keeping the area safe would involve making sure it has adequate lighting and that these lighting fixtures are in working condition and have working light

bulbs. It also means keeping the area free from hazards that could cause injuries, such as faulty banisters or unsafe stairs.

- **Clean** — The responsibility to keep common areas clean often only applies to properties that have more than one unit. The area does not have to be pristine, but it does need to be consistently free from trash and other debris. If a tenant is responsible for the common area being consistently dirty, then the landlord can send a notice to quit the behavior. If the behavior does not stop, the landlord may be able to file for an eviction.

Keep Electricity, Plumbing, Etc. Functioning

A Grange is responsible for ensuring that all vital processes are in functioning order. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Plumbing
- Electricity
- Gas
- Central Air Conditioning (If Applicable)
- Heat
- Appliances that Have Been Supplied by the Landlord
- Elevators (If Applicable)

This requirement is not for the Grange to actually supply the utility to the tenant. It is just to make sure the systems to supply them are in good and functioning order. Whether the utilities, such as heat and electricity, are included in the price of the rental and thus the responsibility of the Grange, is a separate issue that should be spelled out in the lease agreement.

Provide Trash Receptacles

Granges are required to provide the appropriate garbage cans or recycling bins for debris. These bins should be equipped for storing the trash until it is time for removal.

The size of the bins and the number of bins must be appropriate for the size of the rental property. For example, one trash bin for a 20 unit building is not going to cut it. The Grange is also responsible for the removal of this trash, whether it be taking it out themselves or arranging for someone else to do so.

Supply Running Water

Under the landlord-tenant act, a Grange is responsible for providing the tenant with running water. The Grange is also responsible for providing adequate heat in the cold months, air conditioning in the warm months (if the unit has central air conditioning) and hot water. Units in which these utilities are directly installed in and can only be directly controlled by the tenant and are connected directly to a public utility do not have to follow this rule.

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Minutes for September 27, 2019

Those Present: Dominic Breton, Renee Caldwell, Marlys Halbeisen, Cindy Greer, Harry Greer, Jeanne Davies.

Dominic called the meeting to order at 8:49 p.m. following the Cowboys and Aliens Gala at Castlewood Grange.

The minutes from 2018 were read and approved.

Communications were read from Joseph Stefanoni, National Membership, thanking us for the donation for the FFA convention, and Colorado Non-profit Association regarding receiving \$ on Income Tax refund donations.

Cindy reviewed the annual report. Jeanne moved we accept the report. Seconded and carried.

Jeanne moved the officers and board members remain the same as this past two years. Seconded and carried.

Budget was reviewed and approved. We discussed seeking grants for

capital improvement from Coors Family Foundation and will pursue that this coming year. It was noted that we can also apply for Network for Good once month.

We discussed the silent auction and decided that it is time to do something else. Dominic volunteered to do some fundraiser for PICK for next year. After the meeting Marlys and Cindy discussed just having five baskets to auction off next year as a possibility.

We have given \$500 to Elizabeth Hiner from Women's Resources to help with workshop at National Session with the Fellows program which was approved via email.

If we have talent going to National we will decide via email. Following the Final Banquet we determined via email to give Daniel and Nathen Greer \$300.

Motion was made to close the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

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.



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Scenes From State Session



Junior Grange And Youth

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Hello again.

We have had a great year so far and we are super stoked for the upcoming year. Colorado has been very well represented across the nation in regards to JG. Dan and Billy have been from California to Pennsylvania. We have both made new friends and were able to see some older friends along the way. We are all excited to head to Minnesota in November for National session where Billy will hand off his National JG Ambassador title to the next lucky kid.

We took time to go white water rafting over Labor Day weekend, in Durango. It was a blast for all who attended. We floated down the Animas River, the kids were able to jump into the river a few times and we also got to catch some wicked rapids. Luckily, no one fell out of the boats, but we did lose an oar.

State Session was an awesome experience for all who attended. The JG opened the State Session on Saturday morning by marching in and opening the Grange in the JG Degree. It's always fun to watch the kids.

After handing off their sashes to the State Officers, we headed back to the kitchen to start cooking lunch. For the last few years, the kids have had the pleasure of preparing the meal for the JG Luncheon and using it as a fundraiser for the program. This year the kids decided that the menu would be Frito pies. If you don't know what that is its where you take some Fritos and put some good ol' chili on top of them, then top it off with lettuce, tomatoes, (pretty much whatever you like).



The kids helped serve lunch, picked up plates, then we headed off to the rec center to have some fun. We went ice skating, played some laser tag, and knocked each other around on the bumper cars. This year at State Session, we had over 160 JG entries and handed out over \$340. How awesome is that!!

At State Session, we also announced next year's fun family event for JG and Youth. We will be "Sleeping with the Fishes" at the Denver Aquarium. We are getting the dates finalized right now and should have them out shortly. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates. We will be looking for Granges and Grangers to sponsor a kid to attend this awesome event. As soon as we have the details ironed out, we will pass them along.

We are trying to get a San Diego beach trip planned for 2021. Who's on board to join us oceanside and have a blast in the cool Pacific Ocean? If you have fundraising ideas or know of any grants that we could apply for let us know!

Lastly, we need to talk about Great



Emmy Jacobs, (unknown) Jacobs, Jace Jacobs, Gavin Dougharty, Nathen Greer, Billy Greer, Jacob Greer, and Brianna Greer.



Plains! It is Colorado's turn to host Great Plains in 2020. We have made the decision to have the event in the Denver area. We are in the process of working out the complete details but should have them soon. All I can say for right now is bring your swimming suit because it looks like we are going

to be making a huge splash.

If you knew me as a kid, you know that I had a hard time coloring inside the lines. As it turns out I still have issues staying inside the lines, so we are thinking outside the box for our events. If you have any ideas or suggestions for what you or your kids

would like to see happen in the future, now is the time to start making those dreams come to life. Let us know. We would like to get an email list together to send out blasts of upcoming events and to bounce ideas off people. If you are interested, please send us an email at djbngreer@live.com.

agreement person to enter may be a violation.

Some state lands not suitable for public access are 40,000-acres near Pueblo used for testing high-speed trains. The Land Board owns much of the former Lowry Bombing and Gunnery range located east of Aurora now used for grazing and development. Parts of the Range are in Aurora and Centennial in private ownership also includes the Aurora Reservoir and Arapahoe County Fair Grounds. Twenty years ago the Corps of Army Engineers began an extensive survey and mitigation to remove ordnance from prior military training use.

Side comment: In 2006 the Board entered into an agreement with a land developer who proposed urban density development on approximately 3,800 acres of the Range along E. Quincy Avenue. This land was outside the generally accepted metro Denver growth area plans supported by the Denver Regional Council of Government and was not shown for that level of development. The Board's powers would have overridden local government planning expectations and inter-governmental cooperation with this plan. The developer dropped out in 2009 due to a lack of available water.

Other sizeable parcel leases are held by large property owning families and companies with overlapping leases, possibly including leased BLM and Forest Service land, for ranching and recreation. Private recreation leases cost a minimum \$2 per acre per year. Most lands do not allow off-road driving including ATVs, snowmobiles, and parking, and camping is usually not permitted. The added Trust land access may open access to Forest Service and BLM lands not previously available. Usually camping is permitted on federal land.

Thank yous to Cindy and Harry Greer and family for again assembling the Grange booth at this year's State Fair. Per attendance and revenue numbers the Fair had a record attendance of 466,380 visitors, five percent ahead of last year, who experienced the Fair's livestock shows, fine arts, food exhibits, concerts, rodeos, food booths, carnivals, entertainment, vendor exhibits, and 4-H and FHA contest displays.



Agriculture Report

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How much do you know about our State's School Trust Lands?

Under the trust, lands are administered by the State Land Board and have funded Colorado's schools since statehood in 1876. The concept for state lands began in 1785 with the Land and the Northwest Ordinances that divided the public domain into townships, six miles by six miles. Each township is further divided into 36 one-mile square sections each containing 640 acres. Sections are numbered 1 to 36 in sequence beginning in the township's upper right corner and end with 36 in the lower right corner. Sections 16 and 36 are School Trust lands.

From Wikipedia: "The state land grant program descended from a common belief that liberty was founded on education, and as a result, the provision of universal public education was an essential requirement to ensure a democratic future for the expanding nation. Although the early federal government had little money available to support the public needs of the newly organizing states, thanks to the Louisiana Purchase, the federal government had one resource in abundance — land."

Lands were granted each state at statehood to hold in trust. Revenue generated from the sale or lease of the lands is entered into each state's income used for public schools but

can be used for higher education, hospitals, public buildings, and corrections facilities. In Colorado, the Land Board generates most money from leases for grazing, and mineral extraction (coal, oil and gas), but also public access for hunting, fishing, and wildlife viewing. There is a permanent K-12 endowment receiving revenue for schools for bonds, loan guarantees, teacher salary supplements, and construction. Rarely will the Board sell land though land swaps may occur.

Via funds generated from licenses the Parks and Wildlife Division pays the Land Board to lease lands for wildlife public access use. In the recent 10 years CPW paid \$900,000 a year to lease 485,000 acres for access, roughly \$2 per acre, and a July approval added an additional 100,000 acres of Trust lands for public access with a goal of reaching a million access acres in the next two years. Commonly, access is open September through February. Available access and allowable uses, site-specific rules and timeframes for use and limitations are listed on the Division's "Colorado Recreational Lands Brochure." Not all Trust land is available due to earlier leases including private recreation leases held by outfitters. Any of us can enter into an agreement with the Land Board for a parcel of Trust land for our use on payment of an agreed fee. For a non-

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 costategrange@gmail.com.

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

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

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

Colorado State Grange Museum

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We are in a whole new scenario this year than what we were a year ago. The Museum Board had voted to close down the Grange Museum mostly because we lacked volunteers to help us keep it open and to maintain it. The State Grange agreed with us and we were in the process of planning how to distribute the museum items. We want to thank the many Granges and Grangers who offered to take items to display in their halls. We did not know what else to do with the items as we had contacted many museums who were not interested in the artifacts we had. Colorado State University was interested in the written material and the history of the Granges as well as the scrapbooks and will take those when we need to find a place for them.

Soon after State Grange Convention last year we had a member of the Aurora City Council who had been a Grange member in another state who said closing down the museum would be a mistake as it was probably the only free standing Grange museum of its size and scope in the country. We know this to be true but did not see how we could continue operation of the museum where it was located in the Conservation Park in Aurora, with not enough Grangers to be at the museum when the park was open to the public.

The City of Aurora now owns the Conservation Park and the council suggested we wait until they completed their 5 year planning program for the park to see how we could fit in with the city helping us in their 5 year program. It was suggested that grants could be applied for that would make permanent display possible so Grange volunteers would not be needed to be present when the museum building was open. We could still have a presence in the museum building that would be on display for the public.

The building would also possibly be used for other displays and public meetings.

The building was owned by the Grange Museum Board and was placed on land owned by the Arapahoe Soil Conservation District. The original contract stated that the ownership of the building would be turned over to the Conservation District if the Grange Museum Board closed the museum.

We honored that contract although the land had changed ownership more than once while the museum was there. We never paid rent to be there. We left the building in good condition and had hail damage to the siding repaired and a new roof put on. Our insurance paid for most of that work. The city of Aurora will now maintain the building and will help the Grange Museum Board place a permanent display within the building as they feel it is a benefit to their nature, agriculture and historic park.

We want to thank Audrey Maydew, Treasurer, for the Grange Museum Board for arranging for the repairs on the building and opening the museum for display once this summer for the public visiting the Conservation Park. Also Audrey is keeping in touch with the Planning Committee for the Conservation Park and attending meetings to help plan a future for the museum. She reports that they definitely want the Grange to be a part of their future. I understand that the city has to take action on the master plan designed by the planning committee.

So we are basically in limbo until some action is taken by the City of Aurora. We will just have to see if we really do fit into their future plans for a permanent display or whether we will be dispersing our inventory completely from the building. We will keep you informed as we know what is to happen.

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

Darden

Jefferson County

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

Dec. 7 — Darden Pomona Christmas Party at Enterprise Grange.

Darden Pomona Delegates to the State Session held in September in Centennial, were Marlys Halbeisen and Idella Lewis of Maple Grove Grange. Many awards were received at the Session.

State Officers of the Colorado State Grange were elected to serve in the 2019-2020 year which included: J Kelly of Maple Grove, State Pomona; Marlys Halbeisen of Maple Grove, State Ceres; Dorothy Dannels of Enterprise, State Flora; John Cruz of Maple Grove, State Executive Committee; and Idella Lewis of Maple Grove, State Co-Chairperson of Family Activities Committee.

The annual Darden Pomona Christmas Party will be held along with Enterprise Grange the evening of December 7 at Enterprise Grange. A dinner will be served for Grange members and guests attending with Christmas party to follow.

Idella Lewis

Enterprise

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

November 13, Wednesday — Thanksgiving Potluck at 6:30 p.m. Carin' Clinic and Shannon's Hope clients will join us along with any Granger, friends and family who wish to attend. Our Thanksgiving feast is a traditional potluck with turkey and all the trimmings. Turkey, beverages and desserts are provided by the Grange. Attendees bring a small dish to share. It is our small way to thank the community we live in and around and to share with those that don't have what we have.

December 14, Saturday — The Darden Pomona Old-Fashioned Christmas Dinner starts with a potluck for Friends and Family of all the Granges and Disadvantaged Children referred from the Carin' Clinic and Shannon's Hope. Main course, beverages and desserts are provided by the Grangers of the Pomona. Attendees bring a small dish to share. The Program after includes Christmas Carol sing-a-longs, children's performances and reading of the "Night Before Christmas." Santa Claus arrives and everyone sits on Santa's lap, and gets a small gift and tells him their Christmas wishes. The evening finale is a piñata for the children. Please join us with your children for a festive holiday evening.

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

Working

Adams, Morgan and Weld Counties

Victory

Contact Marge Sassman, 303-693-1656 or Coloradonana3@gmail.com, for further information.

Victory Grange was honored to present Debbie (Sassman) Kemper



Debbie (Sassman) Kemper, right, receiving her 25-year certificate from Victory Grange Secretary Marge Sassman.



Enterprise Grangers at Celestial Seasonings for a factory tour: Carol Lackey, Amy McClure, Pam Campbell and Lisa Mittan.

Some activities we enjoyed this fall include:

On Saturday, September 14, Amy McClure, Pam Campbell, Lisa Mittan and Carol Lackey went to Celestial Seasonings and took their factory tour. Celestial Seasonings is nestled in the Gunbarrel neighborhood of Boulder. While we waited for our tour to begin, we were able to taste test several different teas. Then during the 30-minute tour, we got a behind-the-scenes look how tea is made — from raw ingredients to finished products.

There is one room on the tour called the famous Mint Room. They separate mint from the rest of the factory because of its strong smell and how it gets into all the tea flavors if not kept separate. That room will clean out your sinuses! We ended up in the Tea Shop where you could buy everything and anything tea. The Celestial Café was closed on Saturday so we decided to eat at the Huckleberry, located in Historic Downtown Louisville. The Huckleberry's historic building dates back to 1894. Originally the town's Post Office, the building has also served as a bank, a pharmacy, and two different restaurants. The building was also one of the places along the "prohibition tunnels," dug by the miners to get from one saloon to another dur-

ing the years of Prohibition. It was a unique place to stop and have a pleasant lunch with friends.

Several of us attended the Colorado State Grange Convention at the Castlewood Grange in Centennial at the end of September. Some of the highlights for us: Mike Lackey was honored with the Quilt of Valor during the Annual Banquet. The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing quilts. Mike's quilt was designed and made by Renee Caldwell. It was stunning and Mike was thrilled. His family came to see him receive this honor and were proud of their father, grandfather, father-in-law and husband. Dorothy Dannels was elected as Flora for the State. We know that she will do a wonderful job in her new position and is looking forward to the opportunity.

On Wednesday, October 2, we went as a Grange to "The Gracias Christmas Cantata." It was earlier than we expected this year so it was at the very last minute that we found out about it. Only three were able to arrange their schedules to attend: Dorothy Dannels, Pam Campbell and Carol Lackey. It was being held at the Ritchie Auditorium (better known as the Magness Arena) on the University of Denver campus. It is a wonderful free event and the auditorium was filled. It was an unforgettable evening filled with cherished music, magical stages, and excellent performances. The voices of the performers were outstanding. The mayor of Denver, Michael Hancock, came to present a thank you plaque to the group and declared October 2 to be known in Denver as "Christmas Cantata Day."

On October 12, we gathered to go to the Dushambe Tea House in Boulder. From 1987 through 1990, more than 40 artisans in several cities of Tajikistan (a small country in Asia) created the decorative elements of the Teahouse, including its hand-carved and hand-painted ceiling, tables, stools, columns, and exterior ceramic panels. They sent each piece to Boulder to be assembled by the archi-



Carol Lackey, Dorothy Dannels and Pam Campbell enjoyed The Gracias Christmas Cantata on October 2.

with her 25 year Silver Star certificate last spring. Debbie joined Progressive Pomona Junior Grange with Judy Harrison at the age of 5 and was active in local and state JG activities until she turned 14 and joined Victory Grange. She served as State Deaf Director for several years.

We were pleased to welcome Justin del Sol into Victory's membership

this year. Justin had been a member of Pikes Peak Grange several years ago, so it's nice to have him back in Grange. He is a round dance caller and hopes to start a club at Victory.

At the same time we had to say good-bye to Jean Greenwood who moved to Grand Junction. Jean also worked in the State Office for many years before the office moved from Aurora to Lakewood.

In lieu of a summer picnic the members met for lunch at Front Range Airport's restaurant. It was lots of fun and the staff treated us royally.

This past year Victory joined the Aurora Chamber of Commerce. This has brought an awareness of the Grange to the community.

During August and September several projects were done at the Grange hall to "spruce it up" which included painting, and refinishing the hardwood floor.

We welcome everyone to join us for our Christmas Party in December.
Marge Sassman



Mike Lackey was honored with this Quilt of Valor at State Convention.



A portion of the ornate ceiling inside the Dushambe Tea House.

tect who came from Dushambe to assist. It is a beautiful tea house and we hope to see it in either January or February this year. Yes, that's right. When we arrived, they were just closing for a private event. We were told we did not need reservations if we came at 1 or after. That won't happen the next time. So we had to improvise. The Boulder farmer's market was going on so we walked around and bought some things there. That market is huge with so much variety and lots of things to choose from. Then what for lunch? We decided on the Chautauqua Park restaurant. We had a wonderful afternoon even though our original plan failed. If anyone would like to join us for the next attempt at visiting the Tea House, please let us know. We would love to have you join us on our adventures.

This year we will again be putting together stockings for disadvantaged and disabled seniors and low income families.

Items Needed To Stuff Stockings

- Men's and women's gloves or mittens, scarves
 - Ladies Socks
 - Christmas cards with words of encouragement
 - Non-perishable food & snacks — individual size containers such as pudding, fruit cups, cheese & crackers, granola bars, etc.
 - Large print puzzle books like crossword, search words
 - Christmas pins or fun jewelry, watches, etc.
 - Toiletries, i.e. lip balm, toothpaste, individual packets of facial tissues, toilet paper (gift wrap individual rolls), shaving cream, combs, nail polish, body wash, shampoo and conditioner, body lotion etc.
 - Individually wrapped candy/chocolates (including sugar free)
 - Tea bags or instant coffee bags
 - Supplies — zip lock bags & tape
- We are also collecting non-perishable food items for baskets to be given out to families in need.
- A tub will be left in the lobby to put any items you would wish to donate.
- Call Dorothy Dannels at 303-921-7849, email: dorothydannels@gmail.com, or Carol Lackey at 303-521-4477, email: carollackeyhomes@gmail.com for pick-up or for further information.

Carol Lackey

Maple Grove

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Maple Grove Grange met in October with a potluck dinner followed by the meeting led by Overseer John Cruz in the absence of Marlys Halbeisen. Welcome to our visitor, Eric Lauber, a member of the Rollin' Wheels Square Dance Club. Welcome to new member, Gary Gorman, of Arvada.

A report was given on the 146th annual Colorado State Grange Session held in Centennial, Colorado. Delegates from Maple Grove Grange were J Kelly and John Cruz. Also attending were Marlys Halbeisen and Idella Lewis. Officers elected from Maple Grove were John Cruz, re-elected to Executive Committee, J Kelly elected to Pomona, Marlys Halbeisen elected to Ceres, and Idella Lewis as Co-Chairperson of Family Activities. Everyone who attended enjoyed the session. Thank you to all who entered the various contest events. Many awards were received, congratulations to all!

A discussion was held on the new dues increase, the first since 1997. Grange Insurance Association is no longer able to donate funds to us as they had done in the past. The new dues amount will occur with next year's dues.

Congratulations to the State Grange Scholarship winner, Nathan Lane, who is attending The School of Mines in Golden. He is the grandson of Bill and Marilyn Lane.

Flowers for Seniors were taken to Wheat Ridge Manor Care Center in June by Idella Lewis and Marlys Halbeisen. Flowers from our yards included iris, peonies, buttercups, bachelor buttons, lemon balm and peppermint. The residents really enjoyed receiving a bouquet to take back to their rooms. Fresh flowers brighten anyone's day!

Maple Grove Grange again provided a dictionary for each third grade student in The Words For Thirds Dictionary Project at Kullerstrand and Peak Academy Elementary Schools. Idella Lewis gave a presentation on the extra things included in the back of the dictionary (such as biographies of the presidents and the solar system) and they were presented to each student.

Idella Lewis

Wheat Ridge

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

Nov. 5, Tuesday — Elections of city/county/state officials and ballot questions.

Nov. 8, Friday — Volunteer at Active Adult harvest meal and art sale fundraiser 4 p.m.

Nov. 9, Saturday — Second Saturday Sale at the Grange 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Nov. 14, Thursday — Monthly Grange business meeting 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Nov. 21, Thursday — Fall celebration potluck with Grange hall renters and community 6:30 p.m.

Dec 7, Saturday — City tree lighting with hot chocolate and cookies at the Grange 3-6:30 p.m.

Dec 12, Thursday — Chamber of Commerce Christmas party.

Dec 19, Thursday — Grange member Christmas.

Vivian Vos

Golden Gate

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

November 7, 3:30-4:30 p.m. — Grange Meeting.

November 9, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. — Holiday Craft Fair.

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

November 22, 7-9 p.m. — Line Dancing.

December 5, 3:30-4:30 p.m. — Grange Meeting.

December 7, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. — Wreath Making and Kids' Crafts.

December 13, 7-9 p.m. — Line Dancing.

December 15, 8-10:30 a.m. — Pancake Breakfast.

December 15, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. — Foster Kids of Jeffco Christmas Gift Drive/Wrapping Event.

January 2, 2020, 3:30-4:30 p.m. — Grange Meeting.

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

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 will also be collecting and wrapping gifts for the Jefferson County Foster Children. More information on this project will be available soon. It is a wonderful way to

spread some happiness during this season of giving.

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.

The Golden Gate Grange 10th Annual Holiday Craft Fair will be held on November 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be myriad arts, crafts and homemade food items to choose from. Some of the offerings are Jewelry, Handmade Leather Fashion Accessories, Paintings by Sandy Pearce, Christmas Decorations, Wooden Toys and Art, Pottery, Jellies and Dips, Knitware, Mary Ramstetter's Books, Photography, Stuffed Dragons and Unicorns, Wooden Pen, Seam Rippers, Cheese Boards, Bee Boxes, Bird Feeders, Gift Baskets, Natural Beauty Products, Printmaking, Stocking Stuffers, Pocket Knives, Pine Needle Baskets, Candles and much more! You will be able to purchase lunch and baked goods, too! Cash or Checks will be needed. Since we don't have Internet, we can't offer credit card service. Check the website for more information on the vendors offering their handmade wares!

Join us on December 7 for Wreath Making with greenery from our beautiful canyon. We would appreciate help gathering some pine boughs, especially White Pine, Douglas Fir, Limber Pine, Juniper, Engelman Fir. We use some Ponderosa Pine, mainly as accents, since their limbs tend to be too heavy for wreath making. We also would love to have some Oregon Grape (Mahonia Repens). Please email Jayne at jayruesch@aol.com to donate material or to sign up. Walk-ins will be accommodated if we have enough materials. Cost for the wire wreath frame is \$5 or bring your own frame. Non-Grange members are asked to donate an additional small amount.

A huge thanks goes out to our Tuesday renters for providing the manpower to paint the Grange. The building looks great! Thanks to Debbie Johnson and Brian Quarnstrom, Grange members and owners of Golden Group Real Estate, for the fundraiser last spring that paid for all the materials for this and future projects to improve the Golden Gate Grange!

Yoga classes continue to be a popular offering at the Golden Gate 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.goldengategrange.com; Like us on our Facebook page *Golden Gate Canyon Community*.

Jayne Ruesch

Nov. 10 and Dec. 8. — Community Dinner.

2nd and 4th Thursdays — Acoustic Jam.

Nov. 21 — Mancos Valley Resources.

Last Friday of each month — Singing Circle.

Other private events.

It's been a beautiful, albeit dry, autumn in Southwest Colorado. The fields and mountainsides radiate with

Pikes Peak

El Paso and Teller Counties

Florissant

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

Nov. 16 — Pine Needle Basket Class/Gourds and base painting 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Nov. 27 — Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner 6-9 p.m.

Dec. 7 — Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Florissant Grange 1-3 p.m.

Dec. 14 — Christmas Craft Show and Sale 9-3 p.m.

The Florissant Grange continues to hold monthly Pine Needle Basket Classes with new and continuing students. In September and October we worked on baskets and gourds and in November we will add in a small painting class to paint the base of a basket.

The Florissant Grange Quilt of Valor Guild provided a quilt to be presented at the Colorado State Grange Session, pieced by Linda Bristow and quilted by Sue Hart. Our group is hard at work putting together new quilts for future presentations.

State Session was fun this year. Two of our newer members came as delegates from Florissant Grange. We

La Plata

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

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Pomona Meetings — Second Monday of Jan., April, and July.

September Exhibit Day and Planning meeting. Time 7:30 p.m. — Location Florida Grange Hall.

January 13 — refreshments and door prizes provided by — Florida.

April 13 — refreshments and door prizes provided by — Mt. Allison.

July 13 — refreshments and door prizes provided by — Animas Valley.

August TBD, 1 p.m. — Pomona Picnic — Host Marvel Grange #479.

September 19 — Exhibit Day. Entries taken from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Planning Meeting — 5 p.m. Potluck supper — 6 p.m.

VISITATION EVENTS:

Animas Valley — September 12 — Picnic Visitation, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Florida — To Be Determined Marvel — July 18 — Ice cream social honoring veterans 3 p.m.

Location: 8097 County Road 100, Hesperus (Pat & Lila Greer residence).

Mt. Allison — March 14 — Chili cook-off 4 p.m.

OTHER DATES:

October 26 — Mt. Allison

fall colors, and our community of Mancos has been robust with social and creative activities.

Mt. Lookout Grange brought in the season co-hosting with the Mancos Creative District an annual harvest dinner on the second Sunday of September. The event was held on a closed downtown street. MLG provided



Pine Needle Basket and Gourds Classes are held at Florissant Grange.

like to spread the fun and ask members to come act as delegates.

As always everyone is invited to attend the "Page 34" Pot Luck / Jam Session every Wednesday evening starting at 6pm. Music starts around 6:30. Bring a dish and a donation, or just stop in and enjoy the evening. Everyone's welcome.

We had our annual Halloween party with crafts, a potato hunt (to celebrate the potato harvest time) a costume parade and outdoor games. We built a maze for the kids to crawl through and we served hotdogs for

lunch.

Coming in November will be our Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner. This is always a well-attended dinner that we love to host for our community. We have quite a few retired folks up here in the mountains who may not be going "home" and may not want to cook for themselves, and we have some members who simply may not get a Thanksgiving Dinner if they don't come join in the fun. It is a great time of year to open our doors and invite everyone in.

Renee Caldwell

Grange Harvest Supper.

November 16 — Thanksmas Party at Florida, 1 p.m. potluck.

November 30 — Marvel — Community Breakfast — 8-10 a.m.

December 7 — Mt. Allison Christmas Breakfast.

January 18, 2020 — Chili cook off and dessert auction at Marvel 6:30 p.m.

February 29, 2020 — Marvel — Community Breakfast — 8-10 a.m.

April 11, 2020 — Mt. Allison Easter Supper.

May 30, 2020 — Marvel — Community Breakfast — 8-10 a.m.

August 4-9, 2020 — La Plata County Fair.

August 29, 2020 — Marvel — Community Breakfast — 8-10 a.m.

April-August — Florida Breakfast on 4th Saturday except September will be on third Sat. of Sept. will be a breakfast — 8-10 a.m.

September 23-26, 2020 — Colorado State Grange — tentative at Colorado Springs.

Cindy Greer

Marvel

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November 30 — Community Breakfast 8-10 a.m.

December 6 — Business Meeting 7:30 p.m.

December 20 — Waffle Night 6:30 p.m.

December 31 — New Year's Eve Party.

January 3 — Business Meeting 7:30 p.m.

We've welcomed two new members! One in September and one in October. Sandy Valencia and Isaac Greer joined Marvel Grange. We're happy to have new members.

In September we had a potluck supper and learned a little about the proposed library district that we will be voting on in November. We also learned how to make green chili and flour tortillas from Elanna Simmons.

The county commissioners also held a "On The Road" meeting at the Grange hall with a good crowd in attendance. We provided refreshments.

In October we learned about the ballot issues from the League of Women voters.

We draped or charter in memory of Mary Dossey.

The Lecturer is looking for volunteers to do the program at business meetings throughout the year. If you'd like to do a program please contact her.

We discussed the funds that we have earmarked as community Spring and will be looking for ideas on the best way to help people in the community with those funds related to water needs.

Strength and Balance classes are still being held at the Grange Hall on Monday and Wednesday at 11 a.m.

We reviewed the Junior Grange Passport program about the Founders of the Grange as our Literary program in October.

Cindy Greer

a huge pot of scrumptious beef stew and the community brought many harvest-like pot luck contributions.

This past Saturday, MLG held our 4th Annual Pig Roast. Our president, Josh Horner, had raised two fat pigs and smoked them up at the Grange. The menu also included fresh, Mancos grown roasted beets and carrots,

cole slaw, local baked beans, flakey bread, and incredible homemade desserts. Local beer, cider, wine, and live music featuring the Lindells made for a fun party for the entire age spectrum.

As an organization, we have been reaching out to the community for new board members. While we have a diverse and dedicated board, our organization is ready for some fresh ideas and energy. We also continue to seek funds for major capital improvements.

We hope you all enjoy a healthy and happy winter season. We'll be down here in the SW doing our snow dances!

Kathryn Fulton

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.



4th Annual Pig Roast at Mount Lookout Grange featured live music in addition to the great food, drinks and fun.





Gary Tobey and his wife.

A Granger Is Honored

2019 Colorado Aviation Hall Of Fame Inducts Grange Member Gary Tobey

At the Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame Banquet on October 12 this year, Colonel Gary Tobey and three other Colorado residents were inducted into the Hall of Fame. Gary Tobey has a long history of Grange membership including his present membership with Castlewood Grange. His aviation experience includes many years with the Colorado Civil Air Patrol as a pilot, mentor, leader, and teacher. Several of his students have gone on to illustrious flying and leadership experiences, including a U-2 pilot, C-17 pilot, and positions of leadership with other branches of our military. He had 188 combat missions over North Vietnam returning safely every time and now stating, "I was lucky." Grange members David McCord and Polly Page (Castlewood) were in attendance at the ceremony.

From the Colorado Aviation Historical Society 2019-2 Post-Summer Journal:

During the Vietnam conflict, Gary Tobey served as a fighter pilot, flying from carriers in the Gulf of Tonkin on combat missions over North Vietnam.

After his military service, he came to Colorado to practice law and became active with the Civil Air Patrol (CAP). As Wing Commander of the Colorado CAP, Colonel Tobey set the standards to develop a first class CAP organization in our state.

In 1996, he co-founded the Colorado CAP Foundation, a program to provide scholarships for young people aspiring to become pilots that would allow them to complete pilot training.

Gary Tobey has been extremely effective in representing the interests of general aviation-with his legislative efforts as President of Colorado Pilots Association (CPA) before the Colorado General Assembly, and through his years of leadership on the Arapahoe County Airport Authority.

The other recipients were Ward Bond, 30-year volunteer with the Wings over the Rockies Air and Space Museum; Peter Luce, pilot and also a volunteer and board member leader at the Wings museum; and Greg Anderson, former CEO of the Wings museum. A Special Recognition Award was given to former Durango resident Flight Sergeant Fred Renshaw Vance who joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1939 and later the Royal Air Force. He perished in combat over Italy. He is one of 12 RCAF volunteers from Colorado, all of whom were earlier recognized.

Deadline for the January-February 2020 Issue is December 15, 2019.

Resolutions Passed At The 2019 State Session

The following is a list of Resolutions adopted at the Colorado State Grange Session, September 26-28, 2019.

AG-3

RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE

INTRODUCTION OF WOLVES IN COLORADO

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

EHEW-1

GRANGES ADDRESSING PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE

RESOLVED, that Colorado State Granges and Grangers be encouraged through the website and the Master's newsletter to acquire and distribute drug deactivation bags in their communities; and be it further RESOLVED, that at least one-fourth of a page of the next two *Colorado Grangers* be devoted to highlighted/boxed information about the prescription drug abuse issue and the Deterra drug deactivation system, including its website, phone number, cost (nothing!), how it is used, how much each bag can handle, etc.

GA-1

FAMILY AND WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES NAME CHANGE

RESOLVED, that the Colorado State Grange Family and Women's Activities become known as Family Activities.

GOTO-1

ROUND TABLE FORMAT FOR GRANGE MEETINGS

RESOLVED, that the Colorado State Grange urges the National Grange to adopt a Grange Round Table Format as an option for all Granges.

GOTO-2

COLORADO STATE GRANGE JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

RESOLVED, that Colorado State Grange (CSG) print the *Journal of Proceedings* (JOP) no smaller than 11 points; and be it further RESOLVED, that a printed copy of the CSG JOP be mailed to ONLY the

Granges who have paid their annual state session fee; and be it further RESOLVED, that the CSG JOP be made available in a PDF format on the Colorado State Grange web site.

GOTO-3

COLORADO STATE GRANGE DUES

RESOLVED, that the Colorado State Grange raise membership dues \$10 per member, and also be it

RESOLVED, The Ex Committee update the by-laws to reflect this amount.

NOTE: This change will not affect family membership dues for youth age 14-22, nor will it affect the Junior Plus One membership.

GOTO-4

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE GRANGE OFFICE

RESOLVED, that the State Grange Office make a special effort to inform via electronic communication Grangers and Granges when a Grange member has passed away and include any information concerning arrangements or family contacts when available.

GOTO-5

CSG MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

RESOLVED, that a listing of membership types and annual dues will be provided in writing to all Granges, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this listing will also be available on the CSG website, published with the annual handbook in the *Granger*.

L/T-1

ELECTORAL COLLEGE

RESOLVED, the Colorado State Grange lobby for an Electoral College System that requires electoral voters cast their vote according to results of their district elections, be it further Resolved, this resolution be forwarded for consideration at National Grange.

GRANGE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021

Grange Insurance Association (GIA) Chairman of the Board, D. Thomas McKern, is pleased to announce that GIA will again fund 25 scholarships for the 2020 – 2021 school year, totaling \$33,500. In addition, GIA is honored to award the \$1,000 Paul and Ethel Holter Memorial Scholarship, funded by a gift of Mrs. Holter's estate, and the \$1,000 Dee and Ina McKern Memorial Scholarship, funded by a gift from the McKern family.

Applicants may apply for either an academic or a vocational scholarship. Three of the awards will be for students wishing to pursue vocational studies and 22 awards will be for academic studies. The top winner in each category will receive a \$2,500 award and the remaining winners will receive \$1,000 - \$2,000 each.

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.

These scholarships may be used at any institution offering courses leading to a certificate or a degree in a recognized profession or vocation, including: community colleges, business colleges and technical institutes. Vocational scholarships are aimed specifically for those students not pursuing a college diploma, but seeking further education and/or training in a vocation often not covered by more traditional colleges or universities.

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
 - Please tell us about yourself, your family and your future goals
 - Also include any leadership or volunteer-related programs or projects in which you have been involved in high school, in the community, or elsewhere
 - What college, university, or trade school do you plan to attend and how will this scholarship assist you

Application deadline is March 1, 2020. (Postmarked) Funds awarded for the 2020-2021 school year.

Please complete the following request form for an application for a Grange Insurance Association Scholarship:

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE GRANGE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION Attn: Scholarship Coordinator P.O. Box 21089 Seattle, WA 98111-3089	Please send a GIA Scholarship Application to: Name: _____ Address: _____ _____
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APPLICATION FORMS CAN ALSO BE DOWNLOADED AT OUR WEBSITE:
www.grange.com