

CSG LECTURERS

COLORADO STATE GRANGE - DECEMBER 2010

NATIONAL GRANGE ANNUAL CONVENTION



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Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma will be hosting the National Grange convention in 2011. Each state is going to be in charge of different aspects of hosting the convention. The State Masters and CO-chairs have been meeting once a month on Team-speak.

Colorado's main responsibility is making arrangements for Flowers and taking flower order for various events. This involved collecting money and making sure the flowers get delivered.

We will also have opportunities to provide Deputies, and we will be hosing the hospitality room one day – Thursday.

Texas is in charge of the sixth degree presentation and the officers have been selected.

Nebraska is making arrangements for bags to give to each person registering. Each state has the opportunity

to put items into those bags. We are planning to make 500 bags. We need Grangers to send suggestions of businesses to contact. I would suggest that your Grange discuss whom might be contacted in your area and then let me know. We want to avoid duplication so we need to work together before contacting businesses. We will be looking for small items. If it's a food item it should be something that doesn't require refrigeration.

As you can see we are going to need people to attend the convention in 2011 to help with all these different aspects, and I'm sure that there will be more things come up as the year progresses. We have checked into the possibility of hiring a charter bus. If you would be interested in riding a bus please let me know by January 15, 2011. Then we can make definite plans. I would

guess that the bus would leave from the Denver area on Wednesday and travel back on Sunday the week of National session.

After the first of the year we will be looking for individual to head up some of these various aspects and if you would be interested in being that individual or you have someone in your Grange please let me or John & Trudie Hagen know. Additional details about each area will be posted on the Colorado State Grange web site.

I had hoped this information would be in the November Granger but it was not due to lack of space. So please please share this information with your members.

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Program Resources or opportunities

Dogs for the Deaf DVD

The National Grange has produced a DVD on Dogs for the Deaf and their services. It is approximately 15 minutes in length and would be a good program. You can either get your free copy from the National Grange office or I do have three on hand that I'd be willing to share. Dogs for the deaf also trains dogs for autistic children and Adults with special needs.

Digital Grange Songbook

The CD features over 100 musical favorites for use in Grange meetings, programs, and ritual. **Please note this is a CD-ROM and may not play on all traditional audio CD players.**

This cd is in MP3 format.

Distinguished Grange Award

The Distinguished Grange Program honors Subordinate and State Granges that fulfill their responsibilities as part of the National Grange, while excelling in the areas of membership, fundraising, and service to their communities. Applications are due August 1, 2011.

Must get 100 points to qualify (out of 155 possible points)

To earn points a Grange needs to:

- Submit membership list, copy of check for donations, and a copy of the article to the New Grange with application.
- Net membership Gain
- Submit Membership mailing roster with phone numbers and e-mails if possible to National Grange - Check with your Secretary
- Start new Junior Grange or net membership gain in existing Junior Grange.
- Send representative to at least one National Event.
- Delegate representation at State convention.
- Host at least 2 community service/educational events.
- Submit an article to the New Grange.
- Host at least one youth or junior activity.
- participate in a Grange month open house activity in April
- quarterly reports in on time to state. (secretary submits to State).
- host a legislative event, candidates forum, Grangers organized to vote or make at least one legislative issue contact with a public official on the local, state or national level.
- donate at least \$100 to National Grange Trademark Protection or Grange Foundation (O.H. Kelley Farm, Youth or Junior Grange funds.)

The official application form is available from the

National Grange. I do have one copy that I picked up at the National convention and can send anyone interested in it a copy.

Seed Project

This is more of a community service project than a Lecturers program.

The America the Beautiful Fund, which will allow Granges to participate in their seed program. Local Granges can get 100 packets of vegetable, flower or herb packets for free only paying \$14.95 for shipping and handling. This program's main goal is benefitting the community, whether it is teaching local school children about growing a garden or growing a vegetable garden to help the local food bank or to fundraise by selling the crops or flowers resulting from the seeds.

How can this benefit your local Grange?

It will allow you to grow your own community garden, have fresh vegetables for your fundraising dinners, fresh flowers at your Grange meetings, give children the chance to learn about gardening, create gardens at a local park, Grange Hall, or a nursing center, and anything else your Grange can dream up.

Program Resources Continued

How do I get started?

All you need to do is write a short letter describing what you will do with the seeds and fill out the application from America the Beautiful Fund. So far this program has saved more than 800 tons of seeds and 7 million flower bulbs from going to waste in landfills and has grown 1.75 billion pounds of food for the hungry. Additional information is available on the National Grange web-site.

Parable of the Pencil

The Pencil Maker took the pencil aside, just before putting him into the box. There are five things you need to know, he told the pencil, before I send you out into the world. Always remember them and never forget them and you will become the best pencil you can be.

One: you will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in someone's hand.

Two. You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you'll need it to become a better pencil.

Three: You will be able to correct mistakes you will make.

Four: The most important part of you will always be what's inside.

And Five: On every surface you are used one; you must

leave your mark. No matter what the condition, you must continue to write.

The pencil understood and promised to remember, and went into the box with purpose in its heart.

Now replacing the place of the pencil with **you** remember these five things and never forget, and you will become the best person you can be.

One: You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in God's hand. And allow other human being to access you for the many gifts you possess.

Two: You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, by going through various problems, but you'll need it to become a strong person.

Three: You will be able to correct mistakes you might make or grow through them.

Four: The most important part of you will always be what's on the inside.

And Five: On Every surface you walk, you must leave your mark. No matter what the situation, you must continue to Serve God in everything.

By understanding and remembering, let us proceed with our life on this Earth having a meaningful purpose in our heart and a relationship with God daily.

-Author Unknown-

Interesting Dates

January

- 1 - New Year's Day
- 3 - Festival of Sleep
- 4 - Trivia Day
- 5 - National Bird Day
- 6 - Cuddle up Day
- 13 - Make Your Dreams Come True Day
- 14 - National Dress up your Pet Day
- 17 - Martin Luther King Day
- 19 - National Popcorn Day
- 20 - National Buttercrunch Day
- 21 - National Hugging Day
- 23 - Measure you Feet Day
- 23 - National Pie Day
- 25 - Opposite Day
- 28 - National Kazoo Day
- 29 - National Puzzle Day
- 31 - Backward Day

FEBRUARY

- 2 - Ground Hog Day
- 3 - Chinese New Year
- 4 - Thank a Mailman Day
- 6 - Super Bowl XLV
- 8 - Fly a Kite Day
- 9 - Toothache Day
- 12 - Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- 14 - Valentines Day
- 15 - National Gum Drop Day
- 17 - Random Acts of Kindness