



Marvel Grange #479

217 County Road 133A, Marvel, CO

“Cultivating Connections”

AUGUST 2020

UPCOMING DATES

Line Dancing on
Mondays 9-10 a.m.

Clogging on
Wednesdays 12:30 to
2:30 p.m.

Second Monday –
Pioneer 4-H Club meets
at the Grange Hall.

Quilters – Second and
Fourth Saturday 9 a.m to
3 p.m.

August 24 – Junior
Grange

AUGUST 29 –
Community Breakfast,
8:00 a.m. to 10 a.m.

September 4 – Business
Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Condolences to:

*Alice Kennedy and family.
Charter is draped in memory
of Gene Kennedy.*

<http://www.coloradogrange.org/local-granges/marvel/index.html>



COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Saturday, August 29 we will be having a Community Breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Pancakes, bacon, sausage, orange juice, and coffee will be served. We will have take-out boxes for anyone who doesn't want to stay. We will have less seating available in order to practice social distancing. Servers will wear masks and gloves. We will be filling plates instead of having the self-serve as in the past. We may have tables outside under canopies or pop up tents. There will be no self-serve, so we'll have people pouring beverages for those in attendance.

We will begin set up and food prep at 7:00 a.m. Any and all help is appreciated.



JUNIOR GRANGE JUNIOR GRANGE

August 24 is the day for our next Junior Grange meeting at the Grange Hall. Time to be determined. We will probably be working on recycled craft and finish our plants.

National Grange Virtual Photo Contest

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

RULES

- A. The National Grange Virtual Photo Contest is open to all Grangers and yet-to-be Grangers.
- B. Submitted photos can be of any subject. [Any photograph deemed inappropriate will not be judged or exhibited in the National Grange Virtual Photo Contest.]
- C. All entries must be received electronically as a single (1) file no larger than 1GB via Google Forms at <http://tiny.cc/grange20pubitem> by October 31, 2020.
- D. There is one division – come one, come all!
- E. Each individual is limited to entering three photos. F. Entries should be no more than one year old.
- G. Any entries received after the October 31, 2020 deadline will not be judged.

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

INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

Attached is a community Service Report for members to complete if you so choose. Since we have not been able to do as much together as usual, many have been doing things on their own and the National Grange would like to know what you've been doing to serve the community. We encourage you to complete the form and send it to the address at the bottom of the form. I believe they would like the forms by October 1. This form should cover service projects from September 1, 2019 thru August 31, 2020.

Virtual Listening Sessions: Feasibility of Insuring Local Food Production

August 17 - September 19, 2020

You are invited to participate in a Virtual Listening Session with Agralytica, which is working under contract for USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA).

Why? As part of the 2018 Farm Bill, Congress required RMA to solicit feedback about improved crop insurance coverage options for farmers and ranchers selling to local food markets (including but not limited to farmers markets, Community Supported Agriculture (CSAs), road-side stands, restaurants, retailers, schools, and institutions). This includes discussing how existing crop insurance programs can be improved, as well as exploring the possibility of a new crop insurance program.

The feedback we receive will help us identify potential changes and/or additions to insurance options for producers supplying local markets.

Who? The sessions are primarily for farmers and ranchers who sell to local food markets and their representatives in the federal crop insurance industry.

When? There are several sessions, which will be held from mid-August through early September. The sessions for farmers and ranchers will be divided by region, commodity, and market channel. Additionally, there will be sessions specifically for approved insurance providers (AIPs).

We request that you attend the session for your appropriate group; however, if that does not work for your schedule, please feel free to join us whenever it is convenient. Our contact information is also provided at the end of this announcement in case you are unable to make the scheduled sessions but still want to provide feedback.

What is a virtual listening session? It is a method to connect and talk with you via phone and/or an internet connection. You can participate in one of two ways:

- 1) By calling into the number provided to listen or speak, OR
- 2) You may call in and participate online through video conference (using Zoom), which allows you to view the host and some of the participants, as well as any visual material shared digitally.

Any information/feedback provided will be made anonymous prior to inclusion in any report.

Zoom information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87372872344?pwd=ZlZza2RBS3M0Zm9VeloxSXZXUHczdz09>

Passcode: local

Meeting ID: 873 7287 2344

Telephone participants: You can mute and unmute yourself by typing "*6"

(star, followed by the number 6).

One tap mobile

+16465588656,,87372872344#,,,,,0#,,746512# US (New York)

+13017158592,,87372872344#,,,,,0#,,746512# US (Germantown)

Dial by your location (if you have free long distance, any of these should work)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

Meeting ID: 873 7287 2344

Passcode: 746512

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87372872344?pwd=ZlZza2RBS3M0Zm9VeloxSXZXUHczdz09>

Contact information

Please contact Andre Williamson, President of Agralytica, with any questions regarding the content of this invitation or to provide additional feedback regarding the feasibility of insurance coverage for local food producers. Mobile Number: 240-432-0308 OR email: awilliamson@agralytica.com. If you email, please include "Local foods insurance" as your subject line.

Comments will be accepted by phone or email until Sept. 10.