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COSG Master's Newsletter

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*In Essentials Unity, In
non-Essentials
Liberty, In all things
Charity*

COMMERCIAL KITCHENS

Has your Grange ever considered creating a commercial kitchen in your hall for the community where local people could process products to sell?

If this is a dream for your Grange the National Grange is looking to help a few local Granges apply for grants to install commercial kitchens in their Halls. This would be a fantastic community service to build the economy of your area, help individuals to get home businesses started, or help those whose business may have outgrown their home kitchen. A commercial kitchen could help your Grange to be financially sustainable and able to do more to help others in your community. It will certainly help your Grange to become well known in your area. National Grange will help you with the grant application to get started. Call 888-4Grange or e-mail betsy@nationalgrange.org.

Claudia and the
Colorado State Grange
wishes the following
Granges

Happy Anniversary!

Maple Grove Grange-
110 years February 27

Breen Grange – 100
years January 14

APRIL IS GRANGE MONTH – DO'ERS Campaign



Most Granges are Do-ers. But if you've slacked off and are not doing anything except for occasionally meeting, NOW is the time to start doing something. Invite a speaker in on a topic your community is interested in, Hold a workshop or get together to play some table games. The basic idea is to do something that brings people together to do something.

Tell people about Grange and meet the needs in your community in the name of DO·ing. National Grange would love to hear and post your success stories, but more than anything, the Grange needs you to tell people about the campaign while helping your community.

**UPCOMING
DATES**

April 1 –
Scholarships
applications due

March 22- Ag Day
at the Capitol.

June 23-25- Great
Plains Leadership
Conference, Kansas

June 1 –
Reservations for
Grange Family
Adventure due

July 21-23 –
Grange Family
Adventure at
Glennwood
Springs.

September 21-23 –
Colorado State
Grange Convention,
Colorado Springs.

Tell me and I forget,

**Teach me and I
remember,**

**Involve me and I
learn**

You are ambassadors for Grange and for this movement, so we need your involvement more than ever over this next year. National Grange will make materials and ideas available for you and your Granges/members this year and need you to get involved in your communities now more than ever, both as an individual and as a Grange. The aim is to get people off the couch and involved in something that will better their lives and the lives of people around them, and we believe this can be done through community service and participation. So, get out there,

Be creative, think outside of the box, and be a DO-er. We can't wait to see what you are DO-ing this year!

If you haven't already started talking about the 150th anniversary of the National Grange April would be a good time to start. Do Good, then go tell about it. Promoting Agriculture and Ag education is a common goal and mission among all Granges. Some Granges are sponsoring events called "Come meet your farmer." Grange month material is available and I'd be happy to send you to use. But YOU HAVE TO ASK FOR IT.

1. Send ideas and progress

- a. Send the National Grange any questions you may have about what you can DO, what you are planning on DO-ing
- b. Also, send progress about projects that are going successfully and any question you have that could make your projects more successful
- c. Also, send progress if you have a spike in membership to your Granges or anything that is very successful throughout the year

I'm A DO-er buttons are available for \$2.00 each from National Grange. Check out <http://www.jointhedoers.org/about>.

Nominate a Doer

Do you know a "Doer" that stands out above the rest? Nominate them to be honored on our website and the official National Grange Magazine Good Day! Enclosed is a copy of the National Grange Proclamation.

Distinguished Grange Program

The program honors subordinate and State Granges that fulfill their responsibilities as part of the National Grange, while excelling in areas of membership, fundraising and service to their communities.

The award for being named a Distinguished Grange is presented annually at the National Grange Convention. The 2016-17 Distinguished Granges will be



Share your
passion!

honored for their work done from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. The postmark deadline to submit your materials to be considered is August 13, 2017 for paper submissions and August 17 for electronic submissions.

Distinguished Granges will be honored at a special reception and will be recognized in the Annual Convention program. They will receive a certificate to commemorate their achievement. Granges that qualify as a Distinguished Grange for five consecutive years will receive a plaque for their hall.

I am not sending the application out this year as I did last year. If you are interested, please contact me and I will send you a copy of the guidelines and application. The guidelines and application are available on the National Grange website.

Enclosed are two forms that we would appreciate your taking the time to complete and return. One is for each member to complete and return and the other is for your Grange.

We Make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.
Winston Churchill



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year.

GOOD DAY Magazine

The National Granges new quarterly publication recently arrived. This is not a free Magazine, you must subscribe to receive it. The first issue is 96 pages full of Grange information, ideas, and fun articles.

GRANGE SUMMER FAMILY ADVENTURE

We have made reservations for three cabins that will sleep 20 people at Glenwood Springs. If you've never been to Glenwood Springs we hope that you will consider joining us for the weekend of July 21-23. You'll have plenty of time to explore Glenwood Springs, the caverns, adventure park, fishing, hiking, railroad museum and other things. We'll be preparing our own meals which helps to keep the cost down. Reservations are due June 1. Watch upcoming Colorado Grangers for additional details.

GRANGE RADIO

I encourage you to visit www.grangeradio.org. The National Grange has relaunched a 24-hour web radio station with new voices and music. If you have an interest in helping out they are looking for volunteers and always appreciate donations.

Cindy L. Green



WHEREAS, The Grange celebrates its 150th birthday throughout the year 2017; and

WHEREAS, The Grange has played a major role in the development of rural America during three centuries, advocating for legislative protection for farmers through the Granger Laws in the 1800s; promoting research and education to improve agriculture through the Cooperative Extension Service and Land Grant Colleges and working to expand mail delivery and electricity to rural areas in the 1900s; and encouraging the expansion of broadband internet service in the 2000s; and

WHEREAS, The Grange continues today to be an active force in thousands of communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, The Grange provides leadership, motivation, and education to bring together rural and urban families and offers them opportunities for personal growth and individual expression; and

WHEREAS, The Grange emphasizes civic responsibility and the involvement of people in the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, The Grange promotes service to the local community and volunteerism to improve the quality of life and economic well-being of its members and friends; and

WHEREAS, Grange members everywhere wish to celebrate and express their pride in the legacy of their highly respected organization;

THEREFORE, I Betsy E. Huber, Master of the National Grange, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2017 as Grange Month, and further I do encourage the participation of each Junior, Community, Pomona, and State Grange in this annual celebration of Grange Month by planning and executing programs and activities that will highlight the Grange in their respective communities.