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## Master's Message

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Kathy and I attended the National Grange Convention November 13-19, 2022, in Sparks, Nevada. There were over 500 Grangers in attendance. I was chair of the Citizenship and Taxation committee. We had 20 resolutions with topics from licensing service animals, not allowing congress persons to have active investments in stock, supporting the veterans with benefits, and condemning

Russia for the invasion of Ukraine. We approved 10 resolutions and rejected seven resolutions. Two resolutions were addressed in the policy statement and one resolution was in current policy. The National Grange Executive Committee is still evaluating an offer to sell the National Grange Building. This is the third offer they are considering. Due to the pending sale of the building the Na-

tional Grange revenue is down. This will result in less travel and fewer programs from National Grange until the building is sold. It was a busy week. Cindy, Harry, Kathy, and I were the representatives from Colorado. We saw Lisa Cole and John.

As you begin the new year, I hope you are working on new members. A way to give the new member a knowledge of the Grange ritual is to use the "Heirloom Program." The detail of the program can be found at the National Grange web site. The program includes reading portions of ritual at your Grange meetings.

This coming year I would like to visit as many Granges as possible. If you have a time that you would like me to visit your Grange, please send me an email or call and Kathy and I will come.

I hope all have a successful Grange year and a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday season.

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



Colorado Grangers at the 2022 National Grange Convention in Sparks, Nevada. From left to right: Gary and Kathy Wardle, Harry and Cindy Greer, and John and Lisa Cole.

## — In Memoriam —

### Shirley Jo Tate Engler

April 9, 1932 – November 7, 2022

Shirley Jo Tate Engler was born April 9, 1932, to Thelma Barry Tate and Arthur Samuel Tate in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the second of 10 children. She was surrounded by her five daughters at home when she went home to be with the Lord at the age of 90 on November 7, 2022.

Shirley moved many times with family until they finally landed in Bayfield, Colorado, where she met the love of her life Richard Clair Engler. They were married July 8, 1949, in Aztec, New Mexico. She was a full-time helper on the ranch/farm as well as wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend to all.

Shirley was very active in her



Shirley Engler

community as a member and officer of the Mt. Allison Grange, La Plata Pomona Grange, Colorado State Grange, and National Grange; the Allison Community Presbyterian Church; La Plata County, Colorado, and National Cowbells and Cattle-men, Allison Willing Workers, Allison Ranchettes, Pine River Valley Heritage Society, as well as supporting partner to Rich as a LPEA Director, Lions, Basin Coop, and La Plata

County Fair board member.

Shirley served as the Colorado State Grange Lecturer from 1987-1989. Shirley and Richard were recognized as Outstanding Granger in 2006.

She was active in her daughters' 4-H lives, 4-H leader, and Jr. Grange leader and taught many lessons to them, the grandchildren and many others. She was a hero to many and a true example of how to work, play, and live! She was a caretaker to many family, friends, and neighbors. She was a loving Mama Jo to the grandkids and great-grandkids.

Her husband of 61 years, Brothers: Tom, Harry, Jack, and Sam Tate, grandson Douglas Phelps, and great-granddaughter Kinley Simons preceded Shirley in death. Her daughters, Norma Conley (Pat), Karen Baxter (Dennis), Sharon Nossaman (Burl), Louetta Phelps (Roger), and Trish Corman (Larry), survive her. Also surviving are her brother John Tate (Evelyn), sisters Betty Swanemyr and Margaret Sutton, 13 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews.

## 157th Annual National Grange Convention

November 14-18, 2023

Conference & Event Center  
Niagara Falls  
Sheraton at the Falls  
300 Third Street  
Niagara Falls, NY 14303  
716-285-3361

Each year, the National Grange holds a convention for the delegate body to set the policy agenda for the upcoming year and members to attain their Seventh Degree. Convention is open to the public for most events, however the Seventh Degree conferral ceremony and the opening of the

convention are limited to only Grange members.

Convention consists of daily sessions, committee meetings, workshops, a store, and an idea fair exhibit, in which different Granges share programs that are successful in their state. The convention has daily Grange Youth activities each day, along with Junior Grange activities, and activities for non-delegates.

Information on four 2023 National Grange contests can be found in this issue of *The Colorado Granger*.

## Grange Revival

Save the dates for fun and fellowship! Grange Revival 2023  
Log Cabin Resort & Campground, Curtis, Michigan.  
July 18-23, 2023 — Start planning today!

The third National Grange Revival will be held in Curtis, Michigan, July 18-23, 2023. You can bring a tent, a camper, or rent a cabin, or a nearby hotel. Past revivals have featured various workshops, dutch oven cooking, homemade ice cream, lots of time to explore the area, and relax. It's a wonderful way to connect with Grangers from across the nation in a non-formal setting. *Detailed information and registration form on the back page.*



## 2023 Colorado Grange Handbook Inside

## Upcoming Events

Call individual Granges for more information.

- Jan. 4, 2023** Maple Grove Meeting, Wednesday, 1 p.m.
- January 5** Golden Gate Grange Meeting at 3:30 p.m.
- January 8** Golden Gate Grange – Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 10:30 a.m.
- January 11** Left Hand Grange – Business Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- January 13** Florissant — Pine Needle Basket Class, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Gourd Class, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Needle Felting Class, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Paint With Me Class, 1 to 3 p.m.
- January 14** Pleasant Park Grange – Regular Meeting, 10 a.m. followed with Potluck
- January 14** Sunflower Grange – Seed Swap, 10 to 11 a.m. and Grange Meeting, 1 to 3 p.m. at Firehouse with State President with Gary Wardle
- January 16** Mount Lookout Grange Annual MLK Breakfast
- January 16** Marvel Junior Grange Meets
- January 19** Sunflower Grange History Book Club
- January 21** Florissant — Learn to sew Class, 9 to 11 a.m.
- January 21** Marvel Grange Chili Cook-off and Dessert Auction, 6:30 p.m.
- February 2** Golden Gate Grange Meeting, 3:30 p.m.
- February 3** Marvel Grange Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- February 4** Darden Pomona Meets at Wheat Ridge Grange Bring a hobby to show and share
- February 5** Mount Lookout Grange Officers' Retreat
- February 6** Marvel Junior Grange Meets
- February 8** Left Hand Grange Business Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- February 11** Pleasant Park Grange Regular Meeting 10 a.m. followed with Potluck
- February 11** Florissant — Pine Needle Basket Class, 9 to 11 a.m.
- February 12** Florissant — Valentine Brunch 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- February 12** Golden Gate Grange Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 10:30 a.m.
- February 14** Marvel Grange Valentine's Day Dinner Fundraiser
- February 18** Florissant — Learn to sew Class, 9 to 11 a.m.
- March 2** Golden Gate Grange Meeting, 3:30 p.m.
- March 3** Marvel Grange Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- March 4** Progressive Pomona Meeting at BMan's in Sedalia for lunch, dessert potluck. 11:30 a.m.
- March 8** Left Hand Grange Business Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- March 11** Pleasant Park Grange Regular Meeting, 10 a.m. followed with potluck
- March 12** Golden Gate Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 10:30 a.m.
- April 8** Golden Gate Grange Eggmania, 1 to 3 p.m.
- Florissant – Every Thursday, Potluck and Music, 6 to 8 p.m. All are welcome.
- Florissant – Quilts of Valor meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday morning from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Golden Gate Grange – Yoga – Wednesdays, 3 to 4 p.m.
- Golden Gate Grange – Couples Dancing Class – 1st and 3rd Friday of each month, 7 to 9 p.m.
- Golden Gate Grange – Line Dancing Class – 2nd and 4th Friday of each month, 7 to 9 p.m.
- Golden Gate Grange – AA – Every Tuesday, 7 p.m.
- Mount Lookout Grange – Mancos Food Distribution, Every Monday
- Mount Lookout Grange – Officers' Meeting, Every Fourth Tuesday



# Notes From The Secretary

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**January 30 – Fourth quarterly report for 2022 due.**

**February 15 – Articles for March/April The Colorado Granger due.**

**March 31 – end of First Quarter for 2023.**

**April 30 – First quarterly report due to State Grange office.**

By now you should have a good start on collecting dues from your Grange members for the year. It's not easy, nor is it a pleasant task to remind individuals to pay their dues. Hopefully you have other members who can help you make some of those difficult contacts.

If a member notifies you that they have moved, sometimes they assume that because they notified the local unit that means that they have notified the state Grange and updated their address for the mailing of *The Colorado Granger*. Every *Granger* that is returned costs the state Grange 70 cents. Please share information when you are informed of address changes with the State Office. I realize that sometime members don't inform their local secretary either and that some-

times I've sent updated addresses from a returned *Grange* paper to their local Grange. But, to date, I have not had a local Grange secretary inform me of an address change for a member.

The first of the year is a good time to check on the number of years that your members have been members in order to get prepared to recognize their years of membership. I know some secretaries already have a list started indicating when a member reaches their 25- or 50-year milestone. National has numerous certificates available to help you recognize your members and their years of membership. Most of them are downloads that you can fill in and print or print and then fill in. Recognizing individuals for their membership helps to build a relationship that shows your Grange appreciates their participation. Who knows it might just be the recognition that helps that member become a better, more active member. The 25- and 50-year member certificates do have a fee. Pins are available to purchase. There are seals that can be ordered and obtained for several years. Membership recognition might be a good activity for April — Grange Month.

"In our fraternity there is work for all and those reap the most abundant harvest of Grange benefits who contribute most liberally of their own time and talent." As the secretary of your Grange, you have the opportunity to contact every member every year when you remind them of their dues and obligation to be prompt in paying those dues. Don't miss the opportunity to encourage your members to be a real part of your Grange.

## Membership Corner

The following Granges submitted reports in 2022:  
**Mt. Allison Grange #308**  
**Golden Gate Grange #451** with six new members  
**Animas Valley Grange #194** with 14 new members  
**Florissant Grange #420** with eight new members, Alan and Renee Caldwell recruited these members.



## P.I.C.K.

**People Improving Communities And Kids**

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As we enter into 2023 it will be time to file our 990 with the IRS. Last year was the first year that PICK was eligible to file the 990N Postcard. I still do the 990 to keep on file just in case I need that information for possible grant applications.

PICK is a program that is needed by the members of the Colorado State Grange in order to fund many of the programs and projects that they have going.

P.I.C.K. will also help us to expand our current vision and explore new avenues of funding and create interest in the organization of the Grange.

There will be no membership class in P.I.C.K. but membership in the Colorado State Grange is a requirement for the board.

### Community Improvement

We encourage Granges to continue to bring community improvement projects to their community. This includes keeping their building up to date and useable, thus a need for capital improvement projects is in order and we will assist Granges in seeking grants for Capital improvement projects. An Emergency project fund has been established. Contact PICK secretary for details.

## Visit [www.coloradogranger.org](http://www.coloradogranger.org)

### Please notify the State Grange Office of any address change.

Because it is 2nd class mail, the Grange is charged **59¢ per address change** the post office sends from the *Granger* mailings.

Email: [costategrange@gmail.com](mailto:costategrange@gmail.com)  
Call 719-748-5008 or mail the form below.

### FOR THE COLORADO GRANGER MAILING LIST ADDRESS CHANGE FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GRANGE # \_\_\_\_\_  
OLD ADDRESS (IF CHANGE OR DROP) \_\_\_\_\_  
ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
PRESENT ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
(GIVE ROUTE AND BOX NUMBER)

Send to: Colorado State Grange  
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The new handbook has come out and most events remain the same in the needlework and baking contest events. There is a new category that has been added in the needlework class— machine embroidery item. It is not too early to start working on projects to enter for next year's contests, so start thinking about what to do. It makes it interesting to see all of the projects at the annual state session!

The National Grange has added the quilt block pattern for this year. It is a nine-block pattern which should not be too difficult to make. The instructions follow:

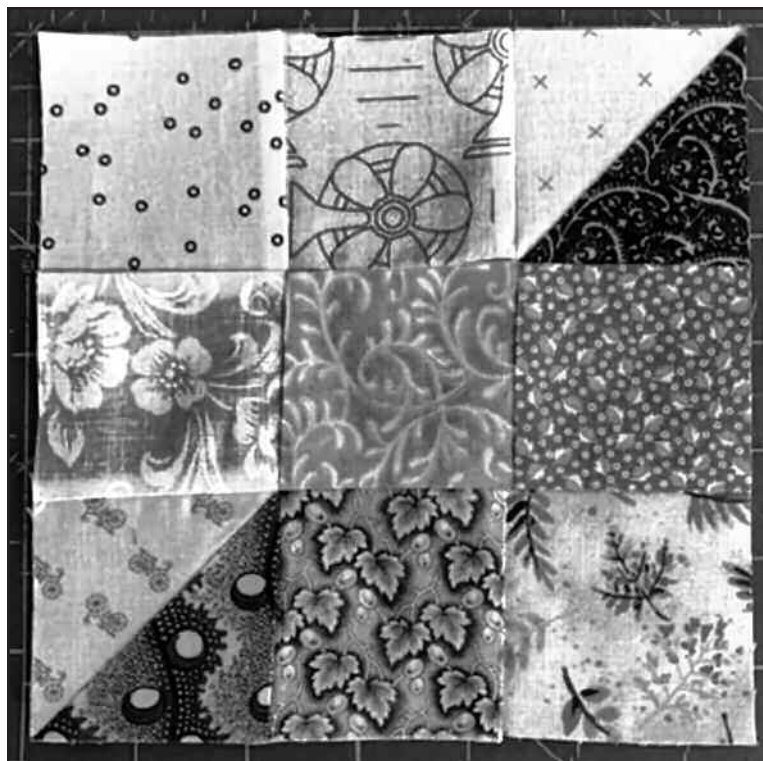
### 2023 NATIONAL GRANGE QUILT BLOCK CONTEST Statement Of Intent

The Quilt Block Contest provides

an opportunity for Grange members and friends to collaborate in creating quilted items that can be donated or auctioned for funds to provide additional services to community members in a nationwide effort

### RULES

- A. The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to everyone.
2. All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by **September 1, 2023**. Send entries to:  
Ann Bercher, National Lecturer  
777 Excelsior Blvd. Apt #310  
Excelsior, MN 55331
3. Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged. However, all entries received will be exhibited at the 157th National Grange



## Chaplain's Corner

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Among the many references to the world of nature in our ritual, I am reminded of the parallels of the Bible. Both speak of the shepherd and his relationship to his sheep. There are many stories about shepherds in the Bible. The shepherd is an ancient and honorable profession in the Bible and is also considered the same in our degree work.

The welfare of sheep is dependent upon the management of the owner. A diligent sheep man rises early and checks on his flock on a continual schedule even during the night. He is gentle, kind, intelligent, and caring. Once sheep are bonded to their shepherd, they are followers and are dependent on the leadership. The sheep recognizes the voice of the shepherd. Only then do they eat and rest.

The many Bible references are given to show the importance of a shepherd to his flock. Likewise, we are dependent upon our shepherd "The Lord" for a better understanding of our lives. It is when we hear his voice that we can follow. In John 10:1 we

read, "My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me." Even when we walk thru the valley of death our shepherd is with us. He is there to comfort, to care and love. Let us hear the voice of the shepherd so we may follow his calling.

### COLORADO STATE GRANGE MEMORIALS

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

Since the last Grange paper contributions have been made to the Memorial Fund of the Leadership/Scholarship Fund in memory of the Grange members or friends listed below:  
**David Tillman** Crescent #136  
**Jeanne Hostettler** Golden Gate #451  
**Shirley Engler** Mt. Allison #308

convention in Niagara Falls, NY.  
4. The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you.

5. There is no limit on the number of quilt blocks a person may submit, but choose **one quilt block** per person to be judged. *Please consider sending four completed squares.*
6. All entries will be retained by the National Grange to be made into finished quilts and other items to be sold at a later date.
7. A 2023 Quilt Block Contest Entry Form must be completed for the block to be judged.

### GROUPS

- Group I – Adult (Age 14+)
- Group II – Junior (Age 13 and under)

### PRIZES

Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each Group. Ribbons will be awarded to all entrants.

### 2023 NATIONAL GRANGE QUILT BLOCK CONTEST Nine Patch With A Half Square Corners

Begin with 2.5-inch squares of multiple fabrics:

6 dark colors (prefer all monochrome — all blue, all green, all red, etc, but each can be a different pattern or solid)

5 very light colors (white, cream, light gray; different patterns, or solids)

Create a nine-patch block. Keep all light colors on one side, and dark colors on the other.

Create one half-square triangle on the top right, and one on the bottom left. Use a scant 1/4 inch seam allowance.

This 9-patch block should measure 6 1/2 inches, unfinished on edges. Looking for scrappy blocks, but with similar colors in the "dark" fabrics.

**These are small blocks, so the more you send in, the better!**

See photo above left for example. Questions? Email [lecturer@nationalgrange.org](mailto:lecturer@nationalgrange.org) for guidance.

Full instructions can be found at [nationalgrange.org/lecturers-programming](http://nationalgrange.org/lecturers-programming).

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## 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.

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## Lecturer

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Below is an article from the winter *Quarters Worth* sent out by the National Lecturer. I am reprinting it as an example of what is in the newsletter. I will be forwarding it on to any of the state subordinate lecturers I have an email address for. Please look forward to it in January/February, then in every three months or so.

### CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

by Jenn Nauss Lecturer, Pennsylvania State Grange

Did you know that between the middle of November and the end of January, there are more than two dozen major holidays around the world? In an effort to educate our members, as well as to offer different world-view, here is a simple candle lighting program you may choose to use during the winter months. I encourage you to use members of your Grange to take turns lighting individual candles. Feel free to find diverse ways to display the candles — as centerpieces on tables for a dinner, displayed on the altar or a table in the center of the Grange meeting, on a stage behind the Graces — be creative!

**We light the Candle of Thanksgiving.** A federal non-religious holiday observed in the United States on the fourth Thursday of November, our American version of Thanksgiving was first observed in 1621 by the Pilgrims in thanks for a bountiful harvest. Thanksgiving is observed in one form or another and at various times in many cultures around the world.

**We light the Candle of Black Friday.** The day following Thanksgiving in the United States marks the start of the traditional holiday shopping season. It is characterized by highly promoted sales at discounted prices by many retailers with many stores opening very early.

**We light the Candle of Pearl Harbor.** December 7 marks the anni-

versary of the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor naval base in Hawaii in 1941. This surprise military attack brought the United States into World War II; we pause to remember all those lives sacrificed in this global conflict.

**We light the Candle of Hanukkah.** This eight-day Jewish celebration falling in November or December commemorates the rededication of the second Temple in Jerusalem. Often called the Festival of Lights, the holiday is celebrated with the lighting of the menorah candles, traditional foods, games, and gifts.

**We light the Candle of Christmas.** A U.S. federal holiday since 1870, Christmas is celebrated on December 25 as both a sacred religious holiday and a worldwide cultural, commercial phenomenon. Christians celebrate the day as the anniversary of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, a spiritual leader whose teachings form the basis their religion.

**We light the Candle of Boxing Day.** Primarily celebrated in England and territories of the British Empire on the day following Christmas, Boxing Day originated as a holiday to give gifts to the poor and do acts of kindness for those in need.

**We light the Candle of Kwanzaa.** This week-long observance from December 26-January 1 to celebrate African American heritage and culture began in 1966. Kwanzaa has seven core principles — unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith.

**We light the Candle of the New Year.** Many cultures celebrate the beginning of a new year in some manner. In the Gregorian calendar, the most widely used calendar system today, New Year occurs on January 1. The Chinese, Islamic, and Jewish new years are among other well-known new year celebrations observed other than January 1.



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At this year's National Grange Convention, National President Betsy and Membership/Leadership Development Director Amanda Brozana-Rios reported that our organization had an increase in fraternal membership. Our membership increased by over 700 new fraternal members. This is the first time in decades we can make that statement.

This got Community Service Director Pete Pomper thinking about the reason for this growth after years of either decreasing in membership or staying stagnant. "I firmly believe that it is in a large part because of what you as Grangers have done in your communities. You exemplified our core values of faith, hope, charity, and fidelity, by not giving up and just going through the motions. You did the opposite and did what Grangers do best. Granges opened their doors when allowed, and welcomed the community in. Granges adapted programming or thought of new programs to help the community get back to some type of 'normal.'"

"I cannot begin to count the number of Granges who changed the way they did dinners and went to drive-thru style. Communities responded, and the dinners were mostly selling out because you offered something that they were missing. Granges offered outdoor events of a wide variety which gave people a chance to

socialize and be around others.

"Grangers put together seed and plant swaps because of the renewed interest in growing their own and farm-to-table. Our hometowns and local areas responded in so many ways to the community service you provided, not only by supporting Granges in your endeavors financially. Instead, people wanted to be part of an organization that gives back and helps in so many ways," said Pete.

"I truly believe our increase in fraternal membership is because of everything Granges did no matter how large or even the smallest gesture. Our Founders would be extremely proud of all the work you have done. Your community service shows why the Grange is still relevant today as it was 155 years ago."

In the words of Cade Howerton, a Junior Granger from North Carolina, "Have a Grange Day." Keep up the good Grange work! We have done a fantastic job nationally but need to be better at the state level. Please submit your membership gains and losses with your Star Reports in September to see where we are with our membership. Think about ways we/you can get/keep the Grange name in the public eye and maybe increase our membership and participation with the Grange, Happy 155th Birthday to the Grange.



## Agriculture Report

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The Northern Integrated Supply Project (NISP) to build two storage reservoirs off the Cache la Poudre River has been approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

### Per City of Ft. Collins' web site:

"The Northern Integrated Supply Project (NISP) is a multifaceted water supply and storage project proposed for Northern Colorado that is currently nearing the end of a complex 16 year permitting process. NISP includes two reservoirs and a series of pipelines and other infrastructure. The primary reservoir called 'Glade' is to be located northwest of Fort Collins near the base of the Poudre Canyon. To fill this reservoir NISP has water rights allowing it to divert water from the Poudre River in the spring and summer." The Grange has long supported this project and early forecasts suggested construction would begin 2016 but continued challenges added years of delay. The second reservoir,

Galeton, is northeast of Greeley.

The Colorado Ag Council (Grange is a long-time member) has been reenergized following the pandemic. Few meetings were held and the well-liked and customary food fest "Colorado Ag Day at the Capital" was equal to a brown bagger. A live planning meeting of members was held October 5. Of interest, there are 24 new legislators for the next session with many from urban districts — presenting a challenge to ensure they are well informed on agriculture and all rural concerns. Other issues:

- The Council is an informal gathering of ag interests with a bank account, NOT a formal organization. Now, an organizational structure is to be considered: 501(c) 3, tax free non-profit, 501 (c) 4, educational — i.e. lobbyists, or?
- The Council's web site is horrid apparently due to intruder disruption.
- Need to codify what animal hus-

## Mandy Project

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### WHAT WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED

- As of January 1, 2023, we have provided **145** families with financial assistance to obtain the needed equipment or services their children need.
- We've contacted every single school in Colorado and provided them with information and a "Do You See the Signs" poster.
- We receive phone calls about the project on a regular basis.
- People want to donate to our project and efforts. If donations are made through PICK they are tax deductible.

The Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation deaf and hard of hearing services provides vocational rehabilitation services, including advanced communication technology and career counseling, for persons who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

Their Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors, many of whom are fluent in American Sign Language, are in offices throughout Colorado. Their knowledge of deafness and their ability to facilitate effective, culturally-sensitive communication is vital to the collaborative and highly interactive vocational rehabilitation process. Additionally, Rehabilitation Coun-

sultors for the Hard of Hearing are located in several offices throughout the State. Their knowledge of hearing loss and its impact on work and relationships supports the needs of clients who are hard of hearing.

Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may contact any Division of Vocational Rehabilitation office for assistance. Individuals who are Deaf/Blind are encouraged to request consultation from the Denver office.

### RESOURCES

- **Colorado Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing**  
Supplies telecommunications equipment and hard of hearing residents who qualify. The Lead Auxiliary Services Program oversees the coordination and payment of legally-qualified sign language interpreters and communication access real-time translation providers for legal proceedings in State Courts.
- **National Association of the Deaf**
- **Hearing Loss Association of America**
- **Deaf Seniors of America**
- **Deaf Overcoming Violence through Empowerment**
- **Association of Late Deafened Adults**

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## Youth Yammerings

### WHEN:

Third Sunday of even-numbered months (February, April, etc) at 9 p.m. Eastern



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### WHEN:

Third Sunday of odd-numbered months (January, March, etc) at 9 p.m. Eastern

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## 2023 National Grange Weather Watcher Challenge

### Statement of Intent

Changing climate and the challenge it presents to farmers and gardeners alike is a concern for all of us. This challenge is to help educate and inform us as we closely follow the day-to-day changes in weather and phenology in our local areas. Use of the various Weather Watcher Partnership sites will be of help to complete this challenge.

### GUIDELINES

1. The National Grange Weather Watcher Challenge is open to everyone.
2. All entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by **September 1, 2023**. Send entries to:
3. Entries may be submitted electronically as a single file at <https://bit.ly/grangeweather2023> or mailed as a packet to: Ann Bercher, National Lecturer 777 Excelsior Blvd. Apt #310 Excelsior, MN 55331
4. Groups and Divisions:
  1. Individual Junior Grange (age 5-14)
  2. Individual Adult (age 14+)
  3. Group (all ages such as members at a Grange Hall)
5. Entries must include:
  - a. Entry information
  - b. Completed Weather Watcher Form from September 1, 2022 – August 15, 2023)
6. Any entries received after the September 1, 2023, deadline will not be judged.
7. Winners will be announced at the National Grange convention in Niagara Falls, New York.





# Community Service

**Lisa Mittan,  
State Director**

4956 W. 66th Ave., Arvada, CO 80003  
Email: mittan42@msn.com

Hello Grangers! For this past State session, we had 10 Granges who submitted combined reports. All of these did not have the Community Service Report form completed, so they were not eligible for their reports to be included for possible submission as the Colorado State Grange entry to the upcoming National Grange 2022 session. The form we send to the National Grange Community Service director also includes information on how many Grangers participated in the individual Grange's Community Service programs throughout the year, which did factor in this year to the top three choices for this year's State session.

There are some amazing things you ALL are doing in your communities though — whether or not you reported on them as Community Service events! It was quite a treat to read about them, and I hope that all of you who attended our state session got the chance to have a look at them. I'm happy to make all of them viewable online for any Colorado Granger who would like to check them out. They're really full of great ideas, some of which may work for you in your local Grange. Please email or call me at mittan42@msn.com or 720-413-4106 with your email address and I will send you a link to the folder where they're stored.

We had two submissions for Colorado State Grange Firefighter/EMS and Teacher of the Year this year, both from Sunflower Grange. They have both been passed on to National for consideration and recognition at that level.

David George Nichols is our Firefighter/EMS of the year. He has been volunteering as a firefighter since he was 16 and is now in his 31st year of service with West Douglas Fire Rescue and his 43rd year in his fire service career. He has raised over \$1.7 million for the purchase of fire equipment and even ambulances, since 2006! He trains volunteer firefighters and serves in many other community organizations, including his HOA Board.

Todd Lowry was named our Teacher of the Year. He has taught 6th grade at Sedalia Elementary for 12 years (which is where his wife also works,

and their four children attend school). Todd helps kids outside of school as well in many ways, such as helping them get to soccer practice when their parents are unable to take them. He is bilingual and the kids report that they love him — he helps them want to learn. We congratulate and thank David and Todd for making a real difference in their community.

This year's Third Place winner for their Community Service programs is Wheat Ridge Grange #155. Some of the highlights are that they have a couple of events they do every year that have become fixtures for enjoyment by people in their community and also for those from across the Denver metro area who regularly attend the Wheat Ridge Carnation Festival and/or the Wheat Ridge Christmas Tree Lighting event. Their breakfast of pancakes and more for over 250 people has become a de facto kick-off for the Carnation Festival, and a great outreach event to spread the word about Grange — who Grangers are and what we do, and how much we care! In addition, over 1,000 visitors every year have warmed up on a cold December night with a hot cup of cocoa and a cookie (and had the chance to use the restroom) at the Wheat Ridge Grange Hall over the years.

Second Place this year went to Animas Valley Grange #194. They focused a lot of their events, both in their "Speaker Series" and other events on food this year, from a seed exchange with help from the CSU COOP Extension and a presentation on Container Gardening by Darrin Parmenter, Director of the La Plata County Extension, to a tour of both smaller and larger organic farms in the Animas Valley that are using diversified regeneration and season extension, among other practices that may be helpful to others or at least educate the community about alternatives in sustainable farming for healthier food. They also stay involved with local government and political organizations, notably this year regarding rezoning issues and helping the League of Women Voters with a questionnaire and discussion sessions about community members' thoughts on their health, from provid-

ers to health insurance.

This year's First Place went to Enterprise Grange #25. This is a very small Grange in membership, with all of them actively participating in their Community Service programs. A staple in the Jefferson County and Arvada area over the years has been Enterprise's Senior Stocking program. This year, they filled 212 large stockings with gifts of winter hats/scarves/gloves, warm socks, small games such as puzzle books or playing cards, nail polish or cologne or a small holiday decoration, and toiletries — toothpaste and brush, shampoo/conditioner and comb, and soap or body wash and hand lotion. There are also treats like small packages of cookies or other snacks, and a bag of small candies. Several of the seniors who have received these stockings have said they are so grateful for them, as they have no family and so these are the only gifts they're given.

This last year, Enterprise also worked with Maple Grove Grange and the Scarlett O'Hatters to fill 36 large gift bags that also contain some of the stocking items for the folks living at Parkhill Residences. The community helps enormously with donations of items for the stockings, including that a local elementary school's after school club adopted the program to collect items (suggested as a club project by one of the students who heard about the Senior Stockings program). Friends of the Grange also show up on stuffing days to put the small items (candies and toiletries) in small zip bags and then to stuff, organize, and count the stockings for delivery.

Enterprise again hosted a traditional Thanksgiving feast and, with some Darden Pomona members, a Christmas dinner and party for Shannon's Hope residents and for some families who were struggling and being helped with their children's health care by The Carin' Clinic. If there are any leftovers, they're offered to the guests if they'd like to take them. The Carin' Clinic families also give us their Christmas Wish lists and the Grange members try to fill most (if not all) of the items on their lists. Some of the kids' wishes range from a warm blanket to a skateboard. The Grange also gives these families large holiday food boxes that include grocery gift cards so they can choose their own perishable foods (produce and meats). The community really answers the call for food donations, and the Grange's other events through the year are fund-raisers to support all of these larger events.

For this next year, you can expect

little change to the combined reporting form from this past year. If I have your email address, you should have gotten the form by mid-December, so you will hopefully have been able to document your holiday events for both Lecturer Stars and Community Service programs without having to look back and try to recollect and choose your artifacts — pictures and promotional materials — while details are still fresh.

I have emailed to the same addresses I used this past year, so if you need one and did not get one before, please give me your info — name, email address, and Grange name. As always, I'm happy to send hard copy of the form for any Grange that wants one. If you have someone in the group

with a computer, that will be helpful for you to keep it for easy updating throughout the year, or maybe print out pages as you need them through the year for typing them up. Please let me know a name and address of where to mail them for you.

I want to again share with you a wonderful resource for ideas for Community Service and other events for your Grange. If you are on Facebook, find "National Grange Community Service and Activities." This is a public group curated by Pete Pompper, the National Grange Director of Community Service. He finds and shares events going on at Granges all over the country, and many of these events are phenomenal ideas.

I wish you all a Happy New Year!

**February 3 — Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Program: Lila Greer.**

**February 14 — Valentine's Day Dinner fundraiser.**

**March 3 — Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Program: Diane Delaney.**

November found Marvel Grangers preparing for Thanksgiving and participating in the National Grange convention in Sparks, NV. We received a certificate as an "Action Grange" at the convention.

In December we had a potluck with Ham and potatoes on the 16th. We brought paper products and other supplies needed at the Grange Hall. We played some games and sang Christmas carols.

December 31 was a busy day as it was a fifth Saturday and we had a community breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m. and then at 6:30 p.m. we had a "Down Under" New Year's Eve party. Since it is summer in Australia we had BBQ meats and other sides. Then we fed our Cakehole with cupcakes and other snacks throughout the evening. Some enjoyed "Spiders" (ice cream floats), Lolly water (Soda pop) and other Australian named foods. Door prizes were given out throughout the evening and we played table games until Midnight (that was the plan, since this is written before the actual event we're not entirely sure that happened). Next paper we will have pictures. Happy New Year!

Cindy Greer

## Marvel JG

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

**January 16 — Junior Grange meeting/Activity.**

We met on November 29 and made snow globes and Christmas ornaments out of plastic cups. Some of the boys weren't too excited about the cups until we put them in the oven and they melted into a flat circle. We also decorated the Grange's Christmas tree and put up some other decorations in the Grange hall. We also learned about happenings at the National Grange convention.

December 19, we met and worked on a craft, played games, and planned some community service activities for 2023.

Cindy Greer

# 2023 National Grange Garden Design Contest

## Statement Of Intent

Share gardening experiences, large or small, that connect us to the larger picture of agriculture, growing and nurturing plants for a variety of purposes.

## RULES

- A. The National Grange Garden Design Contest is open to everyone.
- B. All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by **September 1, 2023**. Submit entries at: <http://bit.ly/grangegarden2023>.
- C. All entries must be received electronically as a single PDF file. (If you need assistance creating a PDF file, please email National Grange Communications Director Philip Vonada at [pvonada@nationalgrange.org](mailto:pvonada@nationalgrange.org).)
- D. Groups and Divisions:
  1. Individual Junior Grange (age 5-14)
    - a. Container Garden
    - b. Raised Bed Garden
    - c. Ground Space Garden
  2. Individual Adult (age 14+)
    - a. Container Garden
    - b. Raised Bed Garden
    - c. Ground Space Garden
  3. Group (all ages)
    - a. Container Garden
    - b. Raised Bed Garden
    - c. Ground Space Garden
- E. Definitions:
  - a. Raised Bed Garden:

Raised beds are free standing garden beds constructed above ground level. "Raised bed" means that the soil level in the bed is higher than the surrounding soil and implies a size small enough to work in without stepping onto planting area. Raised beds are enclosed with box-like frames to provide structural support and prevent erosion and may be constructed using a variety of materials. Beds can also be elevated for gardeners who want to avoid bending to the ground while working.

## b. Container Garden:

A container garden can be a single pot with one or more plants in it, or several containers with multiple plants in each or a single plant per container, or a mixture of containers with various configurations of plant mixtures. Containers may be pots made from a variety of materials, baskets, planters, or other objects that work effectively as a home for garden plants.

## c. Ground Space:

Any area of a ground level space cordoned off for growing garden plants (fruits, vegetables, flowers, and other plant materials). Plants must be directly planted into the soil. Configurations of this garden plot may be in rows, square

foot or broadcast.

F. Entries must include a written description that includes:

- a. Name of gardener, Group and Division (ex. Individual Adult: Container), Grange name, number and location, contact information including mailing address, email address, and phone number.
2. Purpose of the Garden:

Examples include purposes such as: herbs, produce for fresh use, produce for preserving, gifting, cut flowers, pollinators, etc.)

3. List of all plant varieties in the garden: (ex. Early Girl Tomato, Malabar Spinach, etc.)
4. Three photographs: one at the completion of planting, one mid-season and one in late August.

G. Any entries received after the September 1, 2023, deadline will not be judged.

H. Winners will be announced at the National Grange convention in Niagara Falls, New York.

## PRIZES

- Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each Division.
- Ribbons will be awarded to all entrants.

## ENTRY

Submit entries at this link: <http://bit.ly/grangegarden2023>.

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

## Animas Valley

**Contact Deborah Paulson, [deborah.paulson@gmail.com](mailto:deborah.paulson@gmail.com) for further information.**

The Animas Valley Grange was busy in 2022. This year's program series offered six talks ranging from authors talking about their books on farming and ranching to container gardening and cheesemaking to a field trip to an Alpaca Ranch. We held our second annual Seed Exchange in March and our second annual Yard Sale in July. Our annual picnic in September, which is open to the public, brought some new folks to our Grange. The valley was awash in apples this year, so our community cider making event drew a good crowd, including several young families that had never heard of a Grange before.

We have continued to work closely with our local food assistance organizations to provide locally grown food to families, seniors, and others in need in our valley. We distributed locally milled flour, eggs, meat, tortillas, and other shelf-stable food to 25 households monthly in the winter and spring. Once our gardens started producing, we resumed our weekly Share Your Garden event, which brought fresh produce to about 25 families. We are grateful to have been included on a grant for next year which will continue to buy food from local farmers for distribution to food insecure households.

We also hosted and provided volunteers for three mobile markets at the Grange this year. This program brings surplus food from grocery stores on the Front Range in a refrigerated truck. For an hour or two, anyone in the community can come and get whatever food they want. This is food that would otherwise be wasted.

Deborah Paulson

## Marvel

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

**January 21 — Chili cook-off and Dessert Auction.**

**Ute Mountain**  
Dolores and Montezuma Counties

## Mount Lookout

**Contact Carol van der Harten, 970-238-6097, for further information.**

**Community Dinner — Every second Sunday, 5 p.m. during winter months.**

**MLG Officers' Meeting — Every fourth Tuesday.**

**MLK annual MLK Breakfast — January 16.**

**Mancos Food Distribution — Every Monday.**

**Mount Lookout Officers' Retreat — February 5.**

Finally, some snow on the ground ... Hoping for a cold and precipitation-filled winter with lots of moisture. Mount Lookout Grange cherishes its ties to and involvement in the community of Mancos. Our food distributions, held every Monday,

through FoodShare, are always well received by many of our residents. Cooking Matters classes are 6-week instructions open to all.

We continue our second Sunday community dinners where we share a yummy dinner through pot luck contributions, while catching up with old friends and making new ones. We continue to collaborate with other community organizations through projects designed to improve our services and outreach to residents.

A community summit is in the planning stages for 2023 involving Mancos Valley Resources, The Creative District, The Chamber of Commerce, and Mount Lookout Grange. We are really looking forward to our involvement and contributions. One annual officers retreat, planned for February 5, will serve as an opportunity to reflect back on 2022 and strategize for 2023. It is always a productive day full of great ideas to consider as we go forward into 2023

Carol van der Harten





Florissant Grange's Annual Free Thanksgiving Dinner was successful with about 200 total in attendance, including driver through diners as well.



## Pikes Peak

El Paso and Teller Counties

### Florissant

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

#### Upcoming Events:

January 13 — Pine Needle Basket Class 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Gourd Class 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Needle Felting Class 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Paint with me Class 1 to 3 p.m.  
January 21 — Learn to sew Class 9 to 11 a.m.

February 11 — Pine Needle Basket Class 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

February 12 — Valentine Brunch 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

February 18 — Learn to sew Class 9 to 11 a.m.

Every Thursday evening from 6 to 8 p.m., Potluck and Music. All are welcome.

The Florissant Grange Quilt of Valor Guild meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Happy New Year... Winter is in full swing here in the Mountains of Florissant. We had our first heavy snow of the season yesterday. It is very beautiful up here.

Our Annual Free Thanksgiving Dinner was held on the 23rd of November. It was the most successful

dinner since COVID happened. We were so happy to have so many of our community members coming back out into the world and joining us again. We had about 200 total, which includes the drive through diners as well.

We gathered coats and toys to contribute to the Sheriff's Office and Fire Department's annual Toy Drive. We had 10 coats and several bags of toys that we delivered on the 28th of November.

Our new "Learn to sew class" begins January 21. We hope this will help our young community members get a taste of the old Home Economics Classes that are no longer a part of the schools' curriculum.

In our continued effort to keep the Old School House (Grange Hall) updated and in working order, we have purchased a new hot water heater for the Kitchen that will produce enough hot water to run our new dish washer. We are hopeful that these will all get installed and in running order in January. After the installation of our new serving center cabinets, we have cut the counter tops to fit and they will soon be permanently attached. The serving area worked beautifully during our Thanksgiving Dinner.

As of the writing of this article, our Annual Christmas Party with Santa is two weeks away so we will report on it in the next *Granger* article.

Have a Very Happy New Year everyone.

Renee Caldwell



New serving center cabinets installed, awaiting countertop completion.

## Boulder County

Boulder County

### Left Hand

Contact Bruce Johnson, 720-301-6367 or johnson.blj71@gmail.com for further information.

Business Meetings at 5:30 p.m. — January 11, February 8, March 8.

Website: [lefthandgrange.org](http://lefthandgrange.org).

**Left Hand Grange Building** — Our building rentals continue to increase after the COVID slowdown. We are endeavoring to make gradual improvements to the building to make it more accessible and attractive to community users and renters. We recently had dimmer switches installed on the main hall lighting (courtesy of the Niwot Business Association) to make the room more usable for video presentations.

Along the same lines, blackout

blinds were installed on the main floor windows, thanks to a generous donation from a Grange member.

Also, we recently applied for and received a \$15,000 grant from the Niwot LID (Local Improvement District — sales tax revenue) to help with a \$20,000 project to replace the aging linoleum floor on the first level of our building. Special thanks go out to the team of Grange members who spearheaded the effort on this application.

**Social Media** — We are making an effort to have more presence on social media. Since June 2022, the Grange has been producing a colorful and informative monthly e-newsletter. Also, we have been more active increasing the Grange social media presence on Facebook, Instagram, and Eventective, as well as placing ads in the *Niwot Business Association Newsletter*.

**Open Stage — Music at the**

**January-February 2023, The Colorado Granger, Page 5 Grange** — This event is co-hosted by Bruce and Marcia Johnson. This is our 11th season at Left Hand Grange #9 and the event runs monthly from October through April, on Sundays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Typically we have a wide variety of music, including folk, country, light rock, classical guitar, piano, and cowboy music and poetry. We always close out the show with a sing-a-long, by passing out lyrics to the audience and inviting musicians to come to the stage and play along.

At our December 11 event (see photos below courtesy of Grange member Kathy Koehler), we had a total of 26 people in attendance, including 11 performers. Dates for our next events in 2023 are January 15 and February 12.

For more information, please contact Bruce Johnson at 720-301-6367, or at the email address above.

Bruce Johnson

*Music At The Grange*

Happy Holidays

Sunday December 11th 1:30-3:30p m

# MUSIC AT THE GRANGE

11 December 2022

**Left Hand Grange No.9**  
**Niwot, Colorado**



**Darden**  
Jefferson County

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

**Saturday, February 4 — Darden Pomona meets at Wheat Ridge Grange. Bring a hobby to show and share.**

The annual Christmas Party was held along with the Enterprise Christmas party on December 10 at Enterprise Grange. Guests for the evening were from Shannon's Hope, an agency that provides a safe place for women and children. The evening began with a traditional Christmas dinner complete with turkey, smoked turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing, sweet potatoes, and green bean casserole, prepared by Enterprise Grange, with members furnishing salads and desserts. What a delightful meal!

Following the dinner, carols were sung. Children gathered around the Christmas tree as Mike Lackey read *'Twas The Night Before Christmas*. A beautiful Santa pinata was made by Carol Lackey and her daughter, Ashley, and after several swings the pinata was broken, spilling out many items for children to gather up and take home. It was a fun evening for all and everyone left with feeling the true meaning of Christmas in their heart.

Idella Lewis

**Maple Grove**

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

**Wednesday, January 4th — 1 p.m. Maple Grove meeting.**

The annual Maple Grove Christmas party was held December 7 with members gathered around the Christmas tree. A gift exchange was held. Everyone started with a gift and a reading was read. Every time the word "gift" was read the gift was passed on to the next person. Everyone went home with a new gift to enjoy. Appetizer refreshments were then served.

Dictionaries in the Words-For-Thirds project were distributed to 30 third grade students at Kullerstrand Elementary School, and 53 third grade students at Peak Academy Elementary School. A short presentation was given before the presentation since many facts as well as definitions are in them.

The weeds, which had been growing out of control around the hall, were mowed. A weed machine was rented to mow the weeds and it was a great improvement!

A food drive was held in October, November, and December, with many renters as well as Grange members contributing food donations and money. Thank you to everyone and to Marlys Halbeisen and Mary Ann Forman for delivering the donations to local agencies to replenish their food supplies.

Idella Lewis took 21 pairs of eyeglasses to Heritage Vision Center where they will be repurposed for those who need them.

A yellow-bellied marmot has taken up residence in a window well at the hall. Marlys has not had any luck contacting various places to remove the marmot. They are usually found in the mountains so it is a mystery how it came here, but it may have been in one of the camper cushions that was dumped at the hall last summer.

Wishing everyone a good year in the new year 2023.

Idella Lewis

**The Colorado Granger Guidelines**

**February 15, 2022**, is the deadline for articles for the March-April 2023 edition of *The Colorado Granger*. You can send them to the State Grange Office, 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO 81326 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



**Pleasant Park Christmas Party.**

**Pleasant Park**

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

**January 14 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed with potluck.**

**February 11 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed with potluck.**

**March 11 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed with potluck.**

The Thanksgiving Dinner was held after the meeting on November 12. Thank you to all who attended and provided the abundant and tasty meal. A special thank you to our guests from down the hill for attending.

Ken Spoor keeps busy keeping the Grange property in good shape. Mother Nature helped him by blowing down a huge dead tree. He will continue to take down the other dead trees on the property. Al Leo, the new Assistant Steward and Ken are working together on keeping the building and property in tip top shape.

New Officers Ken Spoor, Al Leo, Jean Dent, and Terra Stern were installed at the December meeting.

Peter Stevenson was initiated at the November meeting.

The Christmas Party followed the December meeting and we exchanged White Elephant gifts after a delicious potluck. It is always a lot of fun to see who received the best/worst gift.

We are looking into how the Conifer Chamber of Commerce can assist in publicizing our Grange. We are also thinking about hosting a local book club.

Al Leo and Jean Dent hosted a wildfire/defensive space informational meeting on December 11 with a speaker from the Fire Department. They are working hard to keep our

community safe and several interested neighbors attended.

We look forward to 2023 and Terra Stern, new Lecturer, is looking for interesting speakers for upcoming meetings.

Prayers and good wishes are needed for members Larry Bonomo, David Lewis, and Don Morris who are dealing with serious health issues.

Yvonne Ludwig

**Golden Gate**

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

**Thursday, January 5 — Grange Meeting at 3:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, January 8 — Pancake Breakfast from 8 to 10:30 a.m.**

**Thursday, February 2 — Grange Meeting at 3:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, February 12 — Pancake Breakfast — from 8 to 10:30 a.m.**

**Thursday, March 2 — Grange**



**Pleasant Park Installation of new Officers — Jean Dent, Al Leo, Terra Stern, and Ken Spoor.**

**Meeting at 3:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, March 12 — Pancake Breakfast from 8 to 10:30 a.m.**

**Saturday, April 8 — Eggmania from 1 to 3 p.m.**

**Yoga — Wednesdays, from 3 to 4 p.m.**

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

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

**AA — Every Tuesday from 7 p.m.**

The Little Free Library is located by the front entrance of the Grange for the use of the whole community or even visitors passing through. If you have books for adults or children that you would like to donate, email Dee-Dee Ramstetter at DKMH1@gmail.com.

Starting in January Pancake Breakfasts will go back to the second Sunday of each month. Pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee, juice.

Our Craft Fair was a wonderful success with 25 crafters and artisans participating. Twelve are Golden Gate Grange members and two additional crafters were from other Granges.

Wreath Making was a wonderful way to start the Holiday Season. See the pictures of some of our beautiful wreaths.

Yoga is held on Wednesdays from 3 to 4 p.m. It is now being held in person at the Grange. If you haven't been to a class before, Judy and Susan will provide a class that will offer alternatives for all levels. If we have bad weather, we may switch back to Zoom yoga. Please send your email address to jayruesch@aol.com if you would like to be added to the yoga email list for updates on cancellations, or changes from in person to Zoom classes.

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

Jayne Ruesch  
jayruesch@aol.com



**Golden Gate Craft Fair had 25 crafters and artisans including Effie Bachman, Thirza Kennedy and Joan Paschall.**



**Pleasant Park Birthdays — Sharon Bonomo and Ben Galloway.**



**Wreath Making fun with Cher Czewski and family; Nick and Rachel Brown with Nick's parents; and others.**





**Progressive**  
Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas & Elbert Counties

**Sunflower Grange**

Contact Cherry Ellis, sunflower grange162@yahoo.com, or 303-688-1997 for further information. UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 14 — Seed Swap 10 to 11 a.m. and Grange meeting 1 to 3 p.m. at Firehouse with State President Gary Wardle.

January 19 — History Book Club.

March 4 — 11:30 a.m. Progressive Pomona meeting at BMan's in Sedalia for lunch, dessert potluck.

Suspense began to build on October 18 when Billy Moore announced the first frost had come to his pumpkin patch, so Bud's Bar's Pumpkin Weigh-in would be the next Friday. That day, large pumpkins and the official scale were lined up in the alley next to Bud's. John Pope, the official weigh-master, rolled a pumpkin onto the scale, balanced the sliding weights and jotted down the poundage for each in his notebook.

Then attention turned to the six "volunteers" coming from the parking space in front of Bud's, each holding a corner or edge of a very heavy tarp that they plopped onto the scale. John did more balancing and jotting, and announced the official results for the biggest pumpkin in 2022: Garo Chalian a 2 pounder (squash); J. Wiley 21 pounds; Billy Moore 85 pounds; Billy Moore 107 pounds; and SHERI FOLSOM, winner for the second year in a row, 237 POUNDS. Sheri's systematic pumpkin-growing techniques (and special giant seeds) paid off again. The pumpkin was a beauty, according to Billy. Thanks to Bud's Bar, Billy, Sheri, Wiley, and Garo for keeping this great Sedalia tradition alive, especially in another drought year.

The weather was especially nice for Sedalia Elementary's Trunk or Treat Halloween celebration. Cars and trucks lined both sides of Huxtable Street with treats. On one side of Sunflower was BMan's BBQ with jars of "eyeballs" and gooey spaghetti-



Sunflower Grange at the Trunk or Treat at Sedalia Elementary.

**Working**  
Adams, Morgan and Weld Counties

**Victory**

Contact David McCord, 303-388-1259 or dmccord60@earthlink.net, for further information.

Victory was successful in qualifying for an American Rescue Plan Act "ARPA" grant being Pres. Biden's effort to assist non-profits and local governments that were harmed by the closures driven by the pandemic, and in our case, directed closures of meeting and gathering places by Governor Polis. We complied, closed building for users including rentals, and missed potential income for the duration. With Victory's Secretary/Treasury Marge Sassman's careful review of past income, our likely income for the closed period was interpreted to have been \$3,900, the amount we applied for through Adams County's administration of the funds. Victory is in Adams County and in Aurora.

Completing the general application was manageable and was comparable to any other grant application



Sunflower Grangers participating in the PTO Bake Sale.



John Pope, Sheri Folsom (with her 237 pound giant pumpkin, and Billy Moore at Bud's Bar's Pumpkin Weigh-in.

ti "intestines," and Watts' very popular miniature horse, Scarlet, with fairy wings. On the other side was the Lowry family's Porsche with its hood up and the place where the engine should be full of Hot Wheels! Kay LaPerriere and Cherry passed out treats to very polite, appreciative students filing past. Costumes were very creative this year, including Sustainability Teacher—and chicken caretaker — Kim Rankin's chicken costume.

In November, Bill Dixon, Accredited Land Consultant and realtor, came to a small brunch potluck/meeting to share information on the possibility of acquiring the Duncan Ranch for Sedalia as a community center. Conservation easements on the property limit building but not other uses by the community. The Grange and community lack funds; some of the people interested will consult Douglas Land Conservancy and Open Space.

Since reorganizing the Grange, we've relied on partnerships with other Sedalia organizations for support. Fran Anderson explained Grange members will be able to have a booth at future Sedalia Art Community sales at a better rate if we joined the Artist's organization, so the Grange joined. Membership in several organizations

was once the norm in Sedalia; belonging to multiple organizations strengthens community ties.

Welcome to our newest Grange members—The Vintage People Band, Sedalia Tire, Jared Ellis, Arnell and Tom Galley (Associate Members); and Charl Lee Sauer (Member). Membership is currently 27 adults plus seven juniors, and we're hoping for many more.

Sedalia's all-community Winterfest on December 10 brought out the best in all of us. Most businesses/organizations provided cookies, cider, or hot cocoa. Children listened to the Ayers Family Band and bought presents for \$1 at the Firehouse, then ate Kay LaPierre's cookies and had photos taken with Santa and Mrs. Santa at BMan's.

Mrs. Santa (Margaret Ellis), Arnell Galley and Cherry sewed about 80 stockings and Santa (Dennis) provided more, so over 100 small stockings were given out, along with craft kits, books, and toys provided by Roxann.



Santa with a dog.



Sunflower Grange Santa and elves pose with families for pictures.



Sandi Hier took some great photos of Santa, especially with family pets! Augustus Ellis and Harvey Ellis helped Santa and will be in many family photos.

PTO joined us at BMan's to sell their cocoa, cookie boxes, corn husk dolls, and Christmas cactus. Zach Watts' tractor-taxi had a leaky tire

that cut short the taxi rides around town, but people enjoyed walking on such a nice day. Sunflower donated \$250 each to Help & Hope for their food pantry and to Sedalia Elementary for King Soopers gift cards to help provide food for some families during the holidays.

Cherry Ellis



Santa and Mrs. Claus pose for a Christmas family photo.

**2023 National Grange Photo Contest**

**Statement Of Intent**

To encourage members and friends of the Grange to submit photos that can be used in National Grange publications and virtual media. Submitted photos will become the property of the National Grange and may be used in National Grange publications, marketing, merchandise, and virtual media.

**RULES**

1. The National Grange Virtual Photo Contest is open to all Grangers and yet-to-be Grangers.

- All entries must be received electronically as a single (1) file no larger than 10 MB via Google Forms at <https://bit.ly/grangephoto2023> by September 1, 2023.
- Divisions – there are four divisions:
  - Farm machinery
  - Potluck Activity
  - Gardens
  - Grange Family
- Each individual is limited to entering a total of three (3) photos.
- Entries should be no more than one (1) year old.

- Any photograph deemed inappropriate will not be judged or exhibited in the National Grange Virtual Photo Contest.
- Any entries received after the **September 1, 2023**, deadline will not be judged.

**PRIZES**

Monetary prizes will be awarded for each division: 1st – \$50, 2nd – \$30, and 3rd – \$20. The top three photos in each division will be featured in a 2023 greeting card collection.



# GIA Scholarship Program

## Now Accepting 2023 Scholarship Applications

### About The Scholarship Program

As an organization that puts relationships first, we pride ourselves on ensuring our people and our communities are supported. It's that mindset that continues to drive everything we do and more importantly, what started our scholarship program in 1965. Through the continued generosity of our donors, we continue to support communities and the minds of our customers and neighbors to help position all for bright future.

### 2023 Scholarships

**Now Accepting Applications!**  
 These scholarships provide financial assistance to students from our communities across the West attending accredited institutions of higher education. The scholarships are awarded directly to students and can be applied to community colleges, technical institutes, and state or private universities.  
 The 2023 annual academic scholarship funds are awarded for the fall semester of 2023. We offer 7 academic,

3 vocational scholarships. The top winner of the academic and vocational categories will receive \$5,000, with remaining recipients receiving \$2,500.

**Eligibility**  
 Academic and vocational applicants must meet one of the following:

- Current GIA policyholder (or child of GIA policyholder) in California, Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, Washington or Wyoming
- Current GIA company employee (or child of current GIA company employee)
- Current GIA-appointed agency employee (or child of agency employee)
- A previous recipient of a GIA

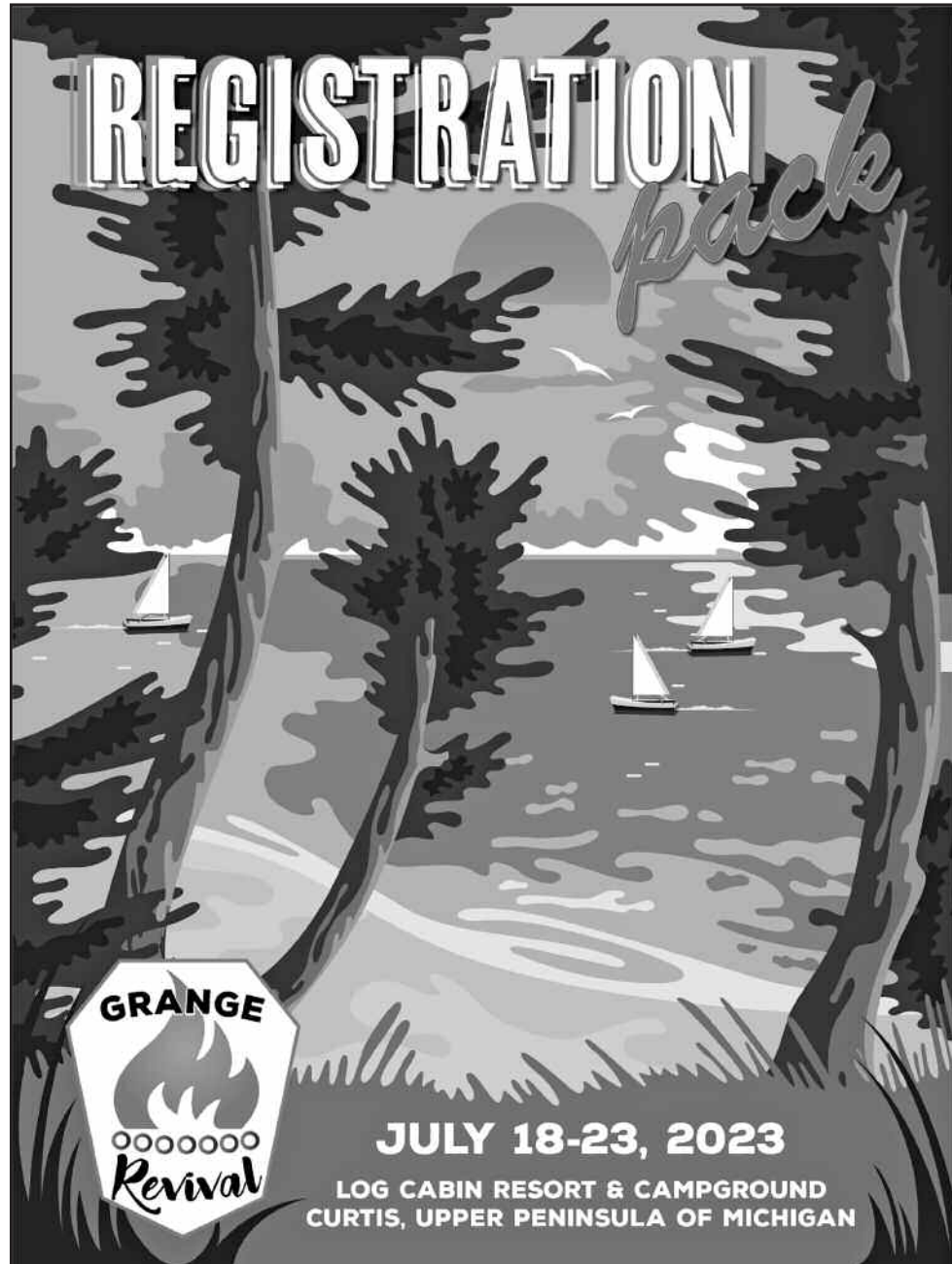
scholarship


- Academic applicants must have a minimum 3.0 or 80 GPA

*Please note that children or legal wards of officers or directors of GIA are ineligible.*

**Submissions**  
 Applicants are asked to submit a video using a common video platform (i.e. YouTube) to answer the following prompt that will be reviewed by GIA's Scholarship Committee. Submissions should be **3 minutes or less.**  
**Prompt: How have you been forward thinking in your leadership? Use GIA's Core Values to provide further details. Tell us your goals for**

**furthering your leadership capabilities.**  
 Please be creative in these videos! Our Scholarship Committee will be selecting the scholarship recipients based on the content of your response rather than the quality of the video. Video length should be limited to 3 minutes.  
 Applicants unable to submit a video may write an essay in 500 words or less responding to the prompt. *Specific examples of leadership are required.*  
 We require that transcripts be submitted for academic scholarships.  
**Visit [www.grange.com](http://www.grange.com) for the 2023 Application Form.**





**What is Grange Revival?**

Grange Revival is a family event open for all Grange members and friends to create and strengthen fraternal bonds. From outdoor activities to awareness lessons, craft workshops and lots of time to kick back and relax with other Grangers, there is something for everyone. Take part in planned activities or excursions or strike out on your own to find some fun during the day. Then head back to the campground at night to enjoy a communal meal and maybe even some campfire songs.



Bring your RV, load your car and pack a tent, fly to your destination and stay in a cabin or enjoy the experience with some added creature comforts at a nearby hotel. All the fun of Grange Revival is waiting for you! And don't forget: bring your friends! You need not be a Grange member to attend (but you sure will want to be after it's over!).

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS & PACK YOUR BAGS!**

Grange Revival 2023 is scheduled for July 18-23, 2023 at Log Cabin Resort & Campground in Curtis, Michigan.

**EVENT REGISTRATION**

The registration fee, made payable to Grange Revival, covers five dinners (Tuesday through Saturday; leftovers may be available for other meals), an event food tray, t-shirt and admission for most workshops (some excursions or workshops may have a small fee for admission, materials or transportation and will be announced in advance). The registration fee is 50% refundable if canceled at least one week in advance of the start of the event; the fee is non-refundable if canceled less than one-week prior to the start of the event.

	<p><b>Grange Members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$75 Subordinate Members (36+) and E-members</li> <li>\$60 Grange Youth and Young Adults (14-35)</li> <li>\$60 Golden Sheaf Members (50+ yrs. of membership)</li> <li>\$40 Junior Grangers (5-13), including 1+ Juniors</li> <li>\$20 Pre-Juniors (0-4 years old)</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Friend of the Grange</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$90 Adults (36+)</li> <li>\$75 Youth and Young Adults (14-35)</li> <li>\$50 Children (5-13)</li> <li>\$35 Infants &amp; Pre-Schoolers (0-4)</li> </ul>

Price good from July 25, 2021, through April 15, 2023. A \$5 late registration fee will be assessed per registrant if paid after April 15, 2023. No partial registrations. You may pay by check to Grange Revival or by PayPal after registering.

Pre-register at [bit.ly/revival23pre](http://bit.ly/revival23pre) to receive updates about the event

**TRAVEL AND SAVE ALONG YOUR WAY**

Travel to Grange Revival is just part of the fun. If you rent a car, fly or stay in a hotel during your trip, we encourage you to explore saving through our Grange member benefit discounts, especially TicketsatWork. If you travel by RV, you can save 20% on a Harvest Hosts membership with the Grange discount. Visit [nationalgrange.org](http://nationalgrange.org) for codes and information. If you have trouble with the website or accessing discount information, call the National Office at (202) 628-3507.

**GRANGE REVIVAL 2023 REGISTRATION FORM**

(This is separate from accommodation reservations. Make reservations directly with Log Cabin Resort & Campground by calling Lisa at 906-586-9732 or 785-633-3783)

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_  
This person will be the "head of party" for all communications, payments, etc.

Registration type (check one)

Grange Member:  Pre-Junior  Junior  Youth  Subordinate  Golden Sheaf

Friend of the Grange:  Infant/Pre-K (0-4)  Child (5-13)  Youth/Young Adult (14-35)  Adult (36+)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

What days do you plan to attend Grange Revival? (dates) \_\_\_\_\_

If there are other parties who will attend with you, please indicate their names AND registration type (using the definitions above) so we can keep family/group registrations together.

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**PAYMENT (choose one)**

A payment of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed, made payable to Grange Revival.

I am pre-registering. Bill me: \_\_\_\_\_ via PayPal to email above OR \_\_\_\_\_ by mail to address above.

**CONDUCT POLICY (must be signed by each person attending 14-years-of-age or older)**

By signing below, I understand and agree to the following: I will not damage event property and will report any defects with venue property to the owners/employees of Log Cabin Resort & Campground as soon as possible. I will attain necessary licenses and use recommended safety equipment while on property. I will assist in keeping the grounds clean and listen to all instructions related to campfires, cooking, swimming, recreational water use, etc. Campfires may only be created in approved facility fire rings. If I bring any weapon, including a firearm, large knife or other object, it will be secured by lock in my vehicle or other place where access by attendees is restricted. I will not smoke indoors or in any part of the facility marked non-smoking and I will not bring or consume any illegal drugs. I will not engage in or enable any minor to engage in underage drinking. I will not be inebriated when tending to a fire, participating in water activities or any other activity that may put myself or others at harm. If I am the responsible party for a minor child, I will ensure the child has appropriate chaperones if outside of my immediate care. I may be asked to leave the event with no refund if I violate any of these policies or act inappropriately for a Grange event. If I provide a form of payment that is declined or returned, I will be charged an additional \$40 insufficient funds fee that must be satisfied before the end of the close of the event or within 5 days after the event ends. I understand I may be required to sign a full conduct and rules policy prior to or at the event and that this is an introductory piece to that full agreement.

Signature (of attendee, or if attendee is under 18 parent/guardian should also initial) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLETE AND RETURN ASAP TO: Christine Hamp, 16418 N Birdie Road, Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026.

**ACCOMMODATIONS**


Make your reservations directly with Log Cabin Resort & Campground by calling Lisa at (906) 586-9732 or (785) 633-3783. Tell her you're coming to Grange Revival. Reservations may be made starting July 23, 2021. Payment for lodging will be accepted starting January 2023 and can cancel prior to payment at no cost. There is no per-person rate for your stay.

There are a dozen cabins on the property that house between 2 and 8 adults. Rates are locked for Grange Revival participants at the 2021 price to ensure great savings. Cabins include linens. Several have full kitchens. Call or visit [uplogcabin.com](http://uplogcabin.com) for details.

There are also nearly 60 RV sites available with rates between \$30-\$45 per night depending on amenities. Some sites will accommodate two RVs and all sites can accommodate tents. Dry campsites are available and the property includes several restrooms and showers as well as laundry facilities.

The entire property allows friendly, leashed pets with well-behaved owners who will pick up after them. Pets may stay in cabins for an extra \$10/pet/night fee.

There are also three major hotels about 15 miles from the campground, located in Newberry. These are the Quality Inn and Suites, America's Best Value Inn, and Pleasant Moose Lodge. Room blocks may be established closer to the date of Grange Revival. Those registered or pre-registered will receive details by email.



**TAKE THE LEAD OR SPONSOR THE FUN**

Want to help plan part of the event or lead a workshop? Help plan an excursion? Take charge of an evening activity? Have a talent you'd like to share? Or would your Grange like to sponsor an activity, meal or excursion?

Contact us by email at [grangerevival@gmail.com](mailto:grangerevival@gmail.com) or by calling Chris at (509) 953-3533 or Amanda at (301) 943-1090.

**ABOUT THE PROPERTY AND THE SURROUNDING AREA**

Play on the basketball or volleyball courts and take your turn at a toss on the horseshoe pit. Bring your bike or ATV and take a ride. A toddler playground provides even the youngest guests an area to play. There is enough room to enjoy lawn games, so sharpen your cornhole skills, or bring your kite. There is a sandy beach with a long shallow area. You can bring your own boat and put in at the on-property slip or rent kayaks, boats or pontoons once you get there. There is a fish-cleaning building, so bring your rods and tackle boxes. The camp store has various supplies including ice and wood for campfires. A large pavilion and indoor community room will serve as gathering places for Revival attendees. And yes, wi-fi is available free throughout the property.

Based on our 2021 numbers, we will be the only group on the property during our event.

Nearby you will find a variety of attractions including Fayette Historic State Park and Ghost Town, Lake Superior shipwreck tours on glass-bottom boats, rivers, waterfalls, nearby Lake Michigan and so much more.