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## Marlys Halbeisen Named Senior Hero



From left: Channel 4 Meteorologist Dave Aguilera, Ashley King, Marlys Halbeisen, Marily Lane, and Commissioner Libby Szabo.

by Idella Lewis

Marlys Halbeisen was recently named a "Senior Hero" in Jefferson County, along with others who volunteer to make their communities a better place to live. The Jefferson County Council on Aging advocates for older adults by recognizing the talent and dedication older adults have demonstrated by their contributions to help create a positive environment for older adults in Jefferson County. A ceremony was held in May at the Mountain Vista Senior Living Community in Wheat Ridge.

Marlys and Don Halbeisen were invited to join Maple Grove Grange, along with other members of the Belles and Beaus and Prospectors

Square Dance Clubs by then Master Maurie Day. They accepted the invitation to join and became active in many Grange activities. Through the years, Marlys has invited others to join the Grange and brought them to the meetings if they were not able to get there by themselves.

Marlys has served at Master of Maple Grove and Darden Pomona Granges, as a member of the Colorado State Grange Executive Committee and is presently serving as Colorado State Grange Treasurer and has attended National Grange Conventions. She has helped with the Words for Thirds Dictionary Project, Flowers for Seniors Program at Wheat Ridge Manor, Chili Cook-offs, and Pancake

Jefferson County 2017 Senior Heroes were recognized during a ceremony at Mountain Vista Senior Living community in May. Nine residents (from 65-93) were recognized to celebrate their efforts to make their community a better place to live. Marlys was nominated by Bill and Marily Lane. She was recognized for her part in preventing Maple Grove Grange from closing due to low membership in 1992 and keeping it active for the past 25 years. Also for her red hat group which has kept many elderly ladies more active, her willingness to provide the elderly a ride to functions of any kind, and her encouraging attitude. She is a card sender and loves to support anyone anywhere. Dave Aguilera joked and said he had received a card from her, too, but now that is not a joke; she sent him a card after the event. She was also recognized as Senior Hero at the June meeting of the Arvada City Council.

Breakfasts. At Christmas time Maple Grove and Darden Pomona collect food, toiletries, and warm clothing for those less fortunate in the community and Marlys has delivered these items so others can have a brighter Christmas. She organized a Red Hat Ladies Club and provided transportation for those who could not otherwise attend their activities.

Marlys has turned aging into a mission of fun and giving back with the joy of helping others. Well done, good and faithful servant!

## Darden Pomona's 150 Year Grange Celebration

Mark your calendar for July 15, 2017, (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) Plan to attend the **Darden Pomona 150 Years of Grange** at Maple Grove Grange — 3130 Youngfield St., Wheat Ridge, CO.

Open to the public. The day will open promptly at 10 a.m. with our Cub Scouts presenting the Colors, followed by Outstanding Community Service Awards to be presented to people who serve and protect us and other volunteers in the community, plus one Junior Granger.

We will have a nationally known

country entertainer — Liz Masterson and a cowboy/girl poet at 11 a.m.

Drawings for \$25 gift cards periodically during the day. Tickets are \$10 each.

At 12 p.m. there will be a free lunch and anniversary cake downstairs. There will be tables displaying the individual Granges' information. Later in the day we will have another great show by our own Jeanne Davies! AND "The Rest of the Story" (Paul Harvey) — Jim Calm will entertain us with organ music — neat story.

**DON'T MISS IT!! See You there!**

## Legislative History Of The Grange

Grange has a rich history of legislative initiatives and accomplishments, which helped to shape the life of rural Americans and citizens in general. We suggest that you use this list to inform and educate your members and the public of the impact of Grange efforts that continue today.

You may want to look at the list as a whole or choose one or two items for deeper discussion at your meeting. Celebrate our past accomplishments but also recognize our efforts going into the future. We are still the Voice for Rural America.

### Voice For Agriculture

1867 – The Patrons of Husbandry is

founded to elevate the standard of living and influence of the farmer and farm family.

1870 – Grange attempts to organize African American farmers following the Civil War.

1887 – Hatch Act creating "Experiment Stations" at State colleges of Agriculture.

1889 – Elevation of U.S.D.A. to the President's Cabinet.

1890s- Led efforts to put the Morrill Act into operation, creating more agricultural colleges and establishing land grant universities.

1916 – Federal Farm Loan Act

1921 – Packers and Stockyards Act

1921 – Grain Futures Act

1922 – Capper-Volstead Act allowing the formation of Agricultural Cooperatives.

1927 – Produce Agency Act

1930 – Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act

1930s – Establishment of Crop Insurance

1933 – Farm Credit Act

1935 – Sponsored creation of the Federal Rural Electrification Administration.

1936 - Rural Electrification Act

1939 – Pure Seed Act

1941 – Livestock Theft Act

1961 – Establishment of Office of Area Rural Development in USDA

1947 – Present – The Grange has steadfastly supported national farm legislation including the periodic reauthorization of the "Farm Bill." The Grange continues to give counsel to each administration regarding agricultural issues. The current efforts regarding GMO labeling were successful with the signing of the 2016 Federal GMO

Labeling Bill.

### Voice For Women

1867 – Grange admits women into full membership with a voice and a vote.

1892 – Caroline Hall was recognized for her contributions to early formation of the Grange.

1895 – Sarah Baird is elected as the first woman State Grange Master.

2015 – Betsy Huber is elected as the first woman National Grange Master.

### Voice For

### Transportation/Communication

1886 – Establishment of Interstate Commerce Commission.

1901 – Rural Free Delivery Mail Service.

1906 – First legislation promoting ethanol as a motor fuel.

1913 – Parcel Postage System

1914-2008 – Grange secures passage of successive pieces of legislation to finance general transportation improvements to benefit farming and rural communities based on dedicated user fees deposited in highway, waterways and airport trust funds.

Today – Grange leads the way in advocating for the expansion of broadband access to rural areas that are currently underserved.

### Voice For

### Commerce/Consumer

1870s – State "Granger" Laws restricting monopolies.

1875 – National Grange introduces the "Rochdale" system of Cooperative business organizations to America.

1876 – Munn vs Illinois U.S. Supreme Court decision affirms the constitutionality of Granger Laws to regu-

late railroads and other monopolies.

1890 – Sherman Anti-Trust Act

1906 – Pure Food and Drug Act which later became the FDA.

1914 – Clayton Anti-Trust Act

1920 - 1950 – National Grange organizes mutual insurance companies focused on serving farm and rural markets.

1947 – Present – National Grange supported multilateral trade negotiations and food aid programs to open foreign markets to U.S farmers. National Grange has given counsel to U.S. Presidents regarding various trade agreements such as NAFTA and CAFTA.

Information provided by Leroy Watson and Burton Eller.

## Congratulations To This Year's Grange Scholarship Winners!

William Kirts – Golden Colorado  
Rachel Lane – Littleton, Colorado  
Kayla Martinez – Denver Colorado  
Emily Kirts – Golden, Colorado  
Molly Cooksey – Roggen, Colorado  
Alexia Gallagher – Arvada, Colorado  
Renee Young – Fountain, Colorado  
Maysie Poland – Arvada, Colorado  
Shannon Baughman – Golden, Colorado  
Benjamin Hoppes – Black Hawk, Colorado  
Miles Green – Lakewood, Colorado  
Alex Green – Fort Collins, Colorado

## Important Dates

Call individual Granges for more information.

- July 9** Mt. Lookout Grange, Community Supper 5:30 p.m.
- July 15** Maple Grove Grange Celebrating 150 Years at Maple Grove Grange
- July 16** Marvel Grange, Ice Cream Social Honoring Veterans
- July 21-23** Family Camp
- July 29** Marvel Grange, Free Community Breakfast 8-10 a.m.
- July 29** Florissant Grange, Heritage Day Craft Show (Food and Ice Cream) 9 a.m to 3 p.m.
- August 5** Pikes Peak Cowboy Gathering and Western Music Association Showcase. Call for more information and ticket prices.
- August 12** Pancake Breakfast at Wheat Ridge Grange
- August 13** Mt. Lookout Grange, Community Supper 5:30 p.m.
- August 19** Community Service Awards 1-2:30 p.m.
- Sept. 9** Golden Gate Auxiliary Pig Roast, 5 p.m.
- Sept. 21-23** Colorado State Grange Session in Colorado Springs **SAVE THE DATE**

# Master's Message

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State Session will be here before we know it. Have you been working on resolutions that you want the State or National Grange to support? Since we don't live in a perfect world I'm sure that there are issues out there that we could be discussing how we might try to change them.

National Convention will be in Spokane, WA November 7-11 at the RL Hotel at the Park. Registration is available online at the National Grange website. You can save \$5 by registering before September 1. Online registration ends October 20.

### Colorado Brand Board Elects New Officers

At the most recent meeting of the Colorado State Board of Stock Inspection new officers were elected for the 2017-2018 term.

President - Marla Rock, Vice President - Kory Kessinger, Secretary - David Mendenhall, Board Members: Kathie Troutd Riley and Dan MacCarty.

### Funding Available for Agricultural Hydropower Projects

The Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) are seeking applicants for on-farm agricultural hydropower projects. The total amount of available assistance for this round is \$1,200,000. The funding is available to Colorado agricultural irrigators with appropriate hydropower resources.

The funding is part of the NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). Within RCPP, the Colorado irrigation hydropower program provides funding to agricultural producers to help them add hydropower to new or existing irrigation systems.

For example, past projects have helped farmers use irrigation water to generate electricity, offsetting some of the cost of power for those farms. Other projects have allowed farmers to run large center-pivot sprinkler systems on hydro-mechanical power without the need for any electricity.

Information about how to apply is available at: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/agmain/5242017-funding-available-agricultural-hydropower-projects>.

The **National Grange Fly-In** April 24-26 was a huge success. Seventeen Grangers from eleven states made the rounds for meetings in 31 congressional offices on Capitol Hill. The youngest member of the Grange Fly-In delegation, Daniel Wilkins age 10 from Texas, can be seen on the National Grange website shaking hands with his home-state Senator Ted Cruz. The group was briefed at the National Grange Building next to the White House before departing to the Hill to discuss dairy issues with Canada, rural broadband, agriculture workforce/immigration, farm bill, infrastructure, healthcare, taxes, trade and numerous state specific issues. Special thanks to Alan Caldwell for representing Colorado.

In 2021 (Yes in four years) the Great Plains region will again be hosting the National Grange Convention. There is a good possibility that the convention will be held in Colorado Springs. Anyway if a Colorado site is chosen then Colorado will need to have a Convention Coordinator/Chairman for the region. This person needs to be well organized and willing to donate lots of time for the planning of the convention in cooperation with the National Grange Meeting Coordinator. If you are interested or know someone who would be really good at it please contact me.

# Community Service

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We are off to a great summer and time to be outside. Looking for ways to volunteer and be outside? Check out these ideas:

### Habitat For Humanity

Recommended if: you love being outdoors and don't mind a little physical labor.

What you'll be doing: Helping to build or rehabilitate a house for a family in need, either in your community or far away. Check Habitat's website to see what projects they need your help with.

Why you'll like it: You'll work closely with interesting people and get great exercise while you're at it. And the feeling of accomplishment when your project's completed is out

of this world.

### An Animal Shelter

Recommended if: you're an animal lover with a big heart.

What you'll be doing: Anything from walking dogs to cleaning kitty cages to lending a hand around the office. Check Pets 911 to find a local shelter and see what volunteer opportunities they have for you.

Why you'll like it: Helping save an animal's life — or just making its life better for a couple of hours — is a great feeling that you'll always remember. Plus, you might just meet your new best friend.

Don't forget to be working on your Community Service Books and include your Helping Hands Volunteer Forms.

# Notes From The Secretary

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### A Positive Point Of View

I love summer. Of course here in the mountains, we don't get much above 80 so it is just perfect weather. I hope you are enjoying summer too.

Here at the office, planning for State Session is in full progress as you can see by this edition of the *Granger*. Almost everything you need to know to make your plans is in this edition of the *Granger*, but if you still have some questions, please feel free to call or email the State Grange Office.

I have the packets for the Secretaries ready to mail out, and you should have them by the time you are reading this. Please fill out all the im-

portant paperwork and reports and get them sent back to this office or wherever it states you should send them. It is important to return everything so we can be ready for State Session. There are also forms to fill out for Membership and current Officers. These help us keep track of how our membership numbers are doing and the current Officer report helps us get the Roster current and printed on time. So please get those reports back to us right away.

It is also important to write your resolutions and get them to the State Office prior to State Session. These need to be typed up and printed and

# Legislative Activity

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It's been another exciting year acting as your Legislative Director. I've been attending the Colorado Legislative Sessions in person two (2) times per week (weather permitting), and using online/Internet resources to keep up with the bills making their way through the legislative process. My physical presence at the Capital has been valuable to us, the Colorado State Grange (CSG), in that more Senators and Representatives are recognizing the face of the CSG in the Capital hallways, committee rooms, gallery, ante rooms, and break rooms. Conversations with legislators and administrative personnel come easier this year.

The most difficult piece of this experience is the driving and the walking. The discussions with others on issues is the easy part.

The State Sessions are concluded, with 681 bills coming before the Legislature of which 455 were not finalized as of this writing. This does not include concurrent or joint resolutions, or memorials. There are many (MOST) bills that made it through third readings of the House and the Senate but that

have not been signed by the Governor yet. This summary is intended to give you an idea of the magnitude of the process that our legislators wade through during the approximately 240 hours of sessions every year just to get through the readings and another 450 hours of committees. It's hectic.

Equally important this year was the suggestion by CSG Master Cindy, that I attend the National Grange Legislative Fly-In, held this year in Washington, D.C. This was a great opportunity for me to represent the CSG at our nation's capital. I was able to visit the offices of most of our Colorado Senators and Representatives to present the National Grange positions on a number of current policies and also to speak with various legislative aides about "The Grange." It was really very exciting to be in the Capitol Building and those Legislative Buildings surrounding the capital. I found everyone I spoke with to be very accommodating to my needs, especially the Legislative Aides and the Metro employees. A Lot of Great people. Thanks "the most" to Metro employee "Bud" for rescuing me from the longest, tallest escalator in the world (at least in my mind). I'm not good with heights. After crawling off the top of the thing, He picked me up and escorted me a quarter mile (seemed like) to an elevator. Don't want to do that again.

I spent the Fly-In arrival evening meeting with Grangers from 12 other states in a kind of "social hour." The next morning was all business at the National Grange Building, discussing the National Grange positions on current issues. Betsy Huber and Burton Eller were fabulous hosts. I was able to take a photo of the White House Front Lawn from the 11th Floor window of Betsy's office. That was very neat. The remainder of day one, and all of day two were spent at the Capitol, Senate Building, and Reps Buildings. All appointments had been pre-arranged, with legislative aides showing me the way to my next meeting.

I did have time to do some sight-seeing of the National Mall in the morning of day three prior to my afternoon flight. Unfortunately, my phone battery went dead while walking to these monuments, so good photos (with me in the picture) didn't happen according to plan.

Was I able to influence decisions on policy? Probably not. Was I able to show people in Washington, D.C. that we, Grangers, have a great tradition and have been instrumental in our countries legislative process in the past? Yes.

I know that I was proud to represent Colorado & CSG both to the National Grange and to the Colorado Legislators in Washington, D.C. Thanks for the opportunity.

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**Sept. 21-23 — Silent Auction.**

**Sept. 22 — Annual Meeting following Gala at Good Shepherd Church.**

What has PICK been doing recently? We have applied to the Adolph Coors Family Foundation on behalf of Golden Gate Grange for a grant to help them accomplish many projects in regard to their building. We have asked the foundation for \$25,000 and won't hear anything until November.

We are planning on having a Silent Auction at the State Convention and we would appreciate your donations for the auction as well as bids.

Our Annual meeting will be held on Saturday evening, September 23 following the Gala at the State Convention. We plan to meet at approximately 8:30 p.m. or as soon as possible after the Gala. It will be an election year. We need board members and officers. The only office that requires a significant amount of time is the Secretary/Treasurer. Otherwise the other positions have been minimal but that could change if you as that officer want it to change.

**Visit the Colorado State Grange website  
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# Save The Dates Sept. 21-23, 2017 For State Session

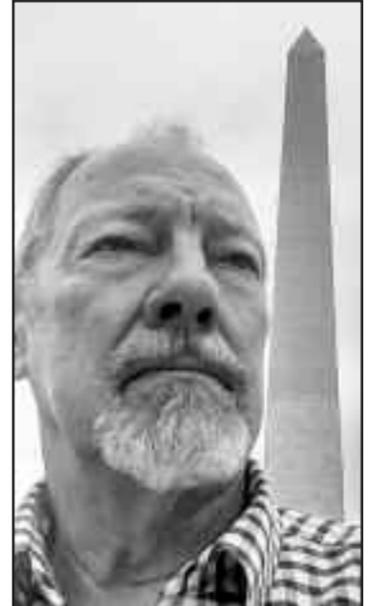
The State Grange Convention will be at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Colorado Springs. All meetings will be at the Good Shepherd Church, 1201 Leta Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80911; 719-392-5782.

More information about State Session can be found on Pages 7-8.

It helps us if we are not trying to do it all at State Session.

It is very important to get your 2nd Quarter Dues paid before State Session. Please send those right away if you haven't already. And it is OK to send those 3rd Quarter Dues now as well.

Thanks everyone and remember: One small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day for the better.



Alan Caldwell in Washington, D.C.



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## Lecturer's Creative And Performing Arts

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It's time to prepare for State Session. Plan to attend the "Silver and Gold Gala" Friday, Sept. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Colorado Springs. Wear your bling and we will celebrate old and new friends, listen to the lyrical music of the Lark Song Duo, award outstanding achievement and eat dessert until we smile. There will be a bling-filled award for the "blingiest" attendee.

It is also time to get your Subordinate or Pomona report in. The finished report is due to me, Kathy Wardle, Colorado State Lecturer, 1136 Bluebell Way, Brighton, CO 80601, by August 25. **NOTE:** That is an early date; I repeat, **August 25**. Report forms were sent the week of June 19. If you did not receive one, please let me know. An online version that can be electronically filed is on the State Grange website.

The report form filled out and sent to me by August 25 will qualify you for the awards we will present at the Gala. Colorado State Achievement Granges, Star Achievement Granges, Outstanding Program, Outstanding Lecturers, Community Dinner and Food Sustainability awards are given out on the basis of the report form. Be sure to fill yours out and return it by August 25.

Grange Yearbooks or the One Book Yearbook are also due by August 25.

## Claudia's Corner



### by Claudia the Skunk from the National Grange Herd

Most everyone has a pet, like a cat or a dog that sometimes ventures outside. Sometimes those pets encounter a skunk and want to come in the house smelling really really bad. Has your pet had its rabies vaccination?

The Colorado Livestock Association recently shared information from the Colorado State Department of Agriculture State Veterinarian's office cautioning pet and livestock owners about rabid skunks. *They stated: So far this year, 34 rabid skunks have been confirmed in nine Colorado counties. The Colorado Department of Agriculture reminds pet and livestock owners that rabies is a deadly disease that can spread from skunks to other mammals and vaccination is the single best method to protect pets and livestock.*

*"The Department of Agriculture would like to stress two very important points," said State Veterinarian, Dr. Keith Roehr. "One — livestock owners need to be aware that rabies can transfer from one species to another so they should monitor their property for skunks; and two — local veterinarians are a valuable resource to help owners decide the best course of action to protect their animals from rabies."*

*Rabies or suspicion of rabies is a reportable disease in Colorado. Even if rabies has not been diagnosed, practicing veterinarians need to call the State Veterinarian's Office at 303-869-9130 to report suggestive clinical signs of rabies. If it is after-hours, office phone message will indicate which staff veterinarian is on call.*

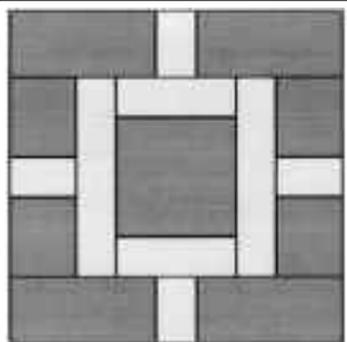
Statewide data is available at: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdp/he/rabies-data>

This article just shows how important it is get your domestic pets rabies prevention shots. A good Grange project would be to sponsor a rabies clinic for your community.

Please encourage your Grangers to participate in the Lecturer Contests at State Grange. They include Fine Arts, Photography, With Pen in Hand, Hobby Corner and Performing Arts. Requirements for each category can be found in the Handbook.

If you have any questions, my email address is artklw@gmail.com.

I hope to see you all in September. Show up even for a day or an activity like the Gala. You will have fun.



## Family & Women's Activities

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### — National Lecturer Update — 2017 QUILT BLOCK CONTEST RULES

- The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to both members and prospective members.
- All contest submissions must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by October 31, 2017. Send submissions to: Christine Hamp, National Lecturer, 16418 N. Birdie Road, Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026
- Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged. However, all entries received will be exhibited at the 151st National Grange convention in Spokane, Washington.
- All entries will be retained by the National Grange to be made into finished quilts and will be sold at a later date to raise funds for the Grange Foundation, a 501(c)(3)

- non-profit entity. Upon submission, you will receive a donation letter from the Grange Foundation acknowledging your donation.
- There is no limit on the number of quilt blocks a person may submit.
- A 2017 Quilt Block Contest Submission Form must be completed for each block.

#### GROUPS

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

#### PRIZES

- Monetary prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place in both Groups.
- Ribbons will be awarded to all submissions.

#### GARDEN PATH

(10-1/2" Unfinished Block)

#### Cutting Instructions:

##### Dark Print

(please use browns or greens)

- 1 square, 4-1/2" x 4-1/2"
- 4 strips, 2-1/2" x 5"
- 4 strips, 2-1/2" x 3"

#### Cream Print

- 4 strips, 1-1/2" x 2-1/2"
- 2 strips, 1-1/2" x 6-1/2"
- 2 strips, 1-1/2" x 4-1/2"

#### Piecing the Block Sewing Instructions:

- Sew the 1-1/2" x 4-1/2" cream strips to the top and bottom of the 4-1/2" square.
- Sew the 1-1/2" x 6-1/2" cream strips to the sides of the square.
- Sew together the dark print 2-1/2" x 3" and the cream 1-1/2" x 2-1/2", keeping the cream in between the dark print (make 2). These will be the sides of your square.
- Sew together the dark print 2-1/2" x 5" and the cream 1-1/2" x 2-1/2", again keeping the cream in between the dark print (make 2). These will be the top and bottom of your square.
- Attach the sides (C) to the center block.
- Attach the top and bottom (D) to the center block.

## Tune In To Junior Grange

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The days are getting longer and hotter, the kids should be out of school by now and they are watching lots of TV. Wait what? Watching TV? That's not the case in our house (yeah right), well, not totally, with five market lambs to walk, run and feed every day, a milk cow and calf to take care of twice a day, and helping with all the other projects, where will we ever find time to get these JG crafts and pictures done. It's not always easy to fit everything in during the day. That's the super power parents, grandparents, and JG Leaders have. We can make it happen. When the times get busy we find a way to motivate those kiddos to do the projects (sometimes I think they motivate me). There are so many fun projects this year that the kids can exhibit at State Grange. Here's an idea, why not have some of the projects done by county fair time and help the kids exhibit them there as well. Then they can show off their hard work even more.

On a different note, are you ready for the family camp on July 21-23 in



Glenwood Springs? WE ARE!!!! It is going to be so much fun. We are going to have kid specific games to play and activities to do. We hope to see you there: if you would like to do something special please let us know and we'll do our best to make it happen. Don't forget to bring your favorite games from when you were a younger Granger (Wink'em). Hope to see you there, and we can't wait for State Session.

Have a safe and FUN summer; don't forget to enjoy those kids, they're only young for a while.

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How fast this Grange year is passing by. We are well into July now so only a month and a half left in this Grange year. I hope your Grange has had a successful year in recruiting new members, and I thought I would let you know about a resource on the National Grange member website. You will have to log in as a member at this link: <http://www.Grange.org/membership-leadership-documents/>. There are a number of Power Points available to help you empower your Grange to grow membership under the tab "downloadables." Check it out.

I would like to recognize your Grange and Grange members for their membership efforts this year. Take a look at the info below and see how your Grange and Grangers can receive recognition for membership efforts this year.

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Meet the challenge! What is the challenge? Five new members this year!

The Colorado State Grange membership program will offer recognition and rewards to Granges for new members joining September 1, 2016-August 31, 2017. The subordinate/community Grange with the most net members will be recognized, as well as the top five recruiters.

A form to report your new members and recruiters will be or has been sent to your Grange secretary. (See sample form with the State Session in-

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formation on Page 7.)

Missing the form? Contact me or the state office and we will get one to you. Please fill it out completely and return it to me by mail, email or give it to me on the first day of State Session. If you mail it, be sure to send as early as you can in September so that it will arrive at my home before the week of State Session.

To summarize, you may be recognized in three ways:

- Granges that get a least five new members,
- the subordinate/community Grange with the most net members,
- the top five individual recruiters.

Remember, ask someone to join your Grange. YOU can make a difference. New members make your Grange stronger.

## Chaplain's Corner

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Are you a prayer, one who prays? In the Bible, we read about bowls full of incense in heaven, "which are the prayers of the saints" (Revelation 5:8). Peter tells us (1 Peter 3:12) the Lord is attentive to the prayer of the righteous. And the writer of Romans instructed (12:12), "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

Praying is easy, as it's just a conversation with God. He already knows everything, but He loves to have us visit with Him — and WANT to do it. We allow Him to speak to us as we read His word, the Bible. In that word, He even gives us words we can use to pray to Him. Many of the Psalms, as well as other passages, can be prayed back to God.

Psalms 63:1: "You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there

is no water." Psalm 103:1: "Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name."

Psalms 150:6: "Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD." Isaiah 25:1: "LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness, you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago."

As we see, prayer is more than asking for God to produce for us, it's praising and thanking Him. I Chronicles 16:34 says, "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever." Jesus taught His disciples (and us) how to pray, with the model prayer found in the Gospels ("Our Father, ..."). God wants prayer, to hear from us and to have us listen to Him.

Please continue to let me know when someone in our Grange family needs to know we care about them.

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# Agriculture Report

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CSU Part II

This is part II of a report on the CSU President's Agricultural Advisory Council of April 13 hosted by Dr. Ajay Menon, Dean. The following are comments from Dr. Tony Frank, Chancellor of CSU and from former Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, advisor to CSU on development of the National Western Center.

Dr. Tony Frank's update on the University: Enrollment is up, graduation rates are up, average student debt is down 2% at about \$23,000, 44% graduate without debt at all, research funds (donors) are up. The campaign to raise \$2 billion will top \$800 million by this year. The new ag building will break ground this year. As a Land Grant University, CSU is fully committed to agriculture.

He is working on CSU's partnerships with the National Western Cen-

ter. Topics are water (partnering with Denver Water), Ag Exploratorium, Ag Literacy, and Equine. Former Secretary of Agriculture Vilsack for President Obama has been added as an advisor to CSU on development of the NWS and selection of the above topics. His wife is also joining the effort.

Secretary Vilsack biography as reported in email newsletters from Colorado Corn's Corn Kernels and from the National Western Center:

Currently CEO and president of the U.S. Dairy Export Council, former Iowa governor and U.S. secretary of agriculture Vilsack is joining Denver Water and the Colorado State University System as a strategic adviser of food and water initiatives at the National Western Center, and as global chair for the International Board of Counselors on Food & Water Initiatives.

"The challenges that are facing our globe will need all of our best efforts

and all of our best thoughts to identify sustainable solutions," Colorado State President Tony Frank said. "We are excited to add these two incredibly qualified national leaders to our team and to continue to elevate the conversation, and collaborate to create great impact for our state, our country, and our world." In addition, Tom Vilsack will participate in lectures, policy discussions, and faculty and student collaborations; as well as establish an annual meeting at the National Western Center focused on the interface of agriculture and water with integration to climate smart agriculture initiatives.

With strengths in agriculture, water and innovation, Denver and Colorado are poised to play a critical role in the global challenges we face today, such as how to make the best use of our water and how to feed a growing population.

**Comments from Secretary Vilsack:**

Water is critical. If Colorado can find balance between urban demand and agriculture production, it will be an example for the rest of the West. There is no shortage of ideas for the National Western Center and what it could be. How to make choices among the selections is the challenge. Colorado has a rich agricultural history and has some of the best forest scenes.

He was asked what his role is, what does he see, and what to accomplish? Re. Western Center, he is to advise the group of decision-makers, keep a clear vision, focus on ag literacy, K-12 education, energy, incorporate ag with neighborhoods, and ag innovation. We need to think about year 2050 for Colorado on population trends, where will people be living, what then does ag look like (with climate change), and input of urban centers.

He met with Denver's airport administration about the airport's huge land area and agriculture use and how to integrate and welcome a new generation of farmers including returning vets, 30-40% are from rural communities. The vets potentially would return to rural and agricultural life. The airport could merge ag production and engage returning vets to provide food products for restaurants at the airport.

The Secretary commented on GMOs. Users and developers did not have a conversation with the public – the GMO crops began and went directly to the farmers and the public allowed a demonized notion to enter. He believes gene editing, in place of GMO, is a lot more important to production ag in our environment of world population growth. Furthering ag literacy means to gain understanding of food by our urban population beginning with K-12, not just the GMO use but all aspects of food production recognizing that few of us are, or were, farmers. We have to market what we are doing and figure out how to educate people.

## Granger Deadlines

August 15, 2017, is the deadline for articles for the September-October 2017 edition of *The Colorado Granger*. You can send them to the State Grange Office, 2009 CR 31, Florissant, CO 80816 or email [costategrange@gmail.com](mailto:costategrange@gmail.com).

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

- Name of Grange
- Contact person (with a phone number)
- Upcoming dates
- Brief summary of what has been happening at your Grange — DO NOT SEND MINUTES
- Community Service Projects
- In Memoriam (Grangers who have passed away)
- Thinking of You (Grangers who are sick and shut in — include address if they would enjoy cards)
- Hats Off (Grangers to be recognized)

# Health Awareness

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**Allergies anyone?**

**Remedies For Seasonal Allergies Beyond Local Honey and Bee Pollen Refreshing Citrus Drink**

Since many allergies peak in the spring and summer, they happen to coincide with warm, sunny days that you want to enjoy by frolicking in the great outdoors. As healing as tea is, sometimes you just need that tart, cool, refreshing drink at your side. This citrus filled drink contains plenty of vitamin C, which can provide relief from seasonal allergies, thanks to its incredible ability to nourish the immune system. Since the immune system is struggling to function right when you experience allergies, the benefits of this are obvious!

**You will need...**

- 1/2 lemon
- 2 oranges
- 1 tablespoon of local, raw, organic honey

**Directions:** Squeeze the juice from the lemon and oranges and chill for several hours. Stir in the honey, add some ice cubes, and drink daily.

**Apple-Walnut Trail Mix**

This mix will help you hit the trail in no time, without the sneezing and itching. Walnuts are a daily snack that you can enjoy to help ease allergy symptoms. High in magnesium, they help tamp down any wheezing or coughing that's taking place, while their vitamin E content can boost immunity and protects your body from reacting to allergens. Apples, like onions, contain quercetin, and naturally reduce the production of histamine. Several studies have confirmed that an apple a day really does keep allergies at bay.

**You will need...**

- 1/2-1 cup of walnuts
- 1 apple

**Directions:** Chop the walnuts and cut the apple into medium-small chunks. Place both in a bag and toss until thoroughly mixed. Feel free to substitute pecans for walnuts if you prefer. You can also add in some other little tasty ingredients if you like, for example, dried cherries and sunflower seeds.

## Colona

Contact Wanda Miller, [chevyldy5@aol.com](mailto:chevyldy5@aol.com) or 970-249-5024, for further information.

**July 26 — Potluck at 6:30 p.m., followed by meeting.**

**August 23 — Potluck at 6:30 p.m., followed by meeting.**

**September 27 — Potluck at 6:30 p.m., followed by meeting.**

**Annual picnic to be scheduled.**

After a quiet winter and spring, we are expecting restoration/rehabilitation work to start on our building. A representative from History Colorado, representative from Colorado Preservation, Inc. and a contract supervisor met with designated members of Colona Grange in mid-April to go over the upcoming start date and work to be done on our building according to a grant from History Colorado.

Two other building visits have been made by sub-contractors to examine our building and make plans for the order of work to be completed. According to the June 14 meeting, the first items will be the outside stucco rehabilitation, change to underground power and installation of a new heating system that will be connected to a nearby natural gas line.

Interior work is expected to proceed on a one room at a time basis. Work is being done on designing one or more fire escapes from the second story that will meet historic design and present standards. Work on the outside stucco is hoped to be completed before winter and remaining work completed by the end of December 2018. Project start date is pending building permit approval and coordination with History Colorado.

Members Norman and Dena Brooks

**Red Onion Water**

Onions contain a water soluble chemical compound called quercetin, which has been demonstrated in preliminary studies to reduce the amount of histamine produced by the body, therefore reducing symptoms of allergies. It is, essentially, nature's version of an anti-histamine. Quercetin itself has also been shown to inhibit inflammation, as well as act as a bronchodilator, opening up airways and helping you breathe easier.

**You will need...**

- 1 red onion
- 4 cups of water
- Organic, raw, honey to taste

**Directions:** Thinly slice the onion and add it to the water. Allow it to infuse for 8-12 hours before drinking 1-2 times daily. It will keep in the fridge for up to 4 days. Stir some honey into individual glasses when you drink it if you like.

**Nettle Peppermint Tea**

**You will need...**

- 1 teaspoon of dried peppermint OR 1/4 cup chopped fresh peppermint
- 1 teaspoon of dried nettle leaf OR 1/4 cup chopped fresh nettle leaf (available on Amazon)
- Honey and lemon to taste (optional)
- 8 ounces of fresh water

**Directions:** It doesn't get much simpler than this recipe! Place the nettle and peppermint in a mug and cover with boiling water. Steep them for 10-15 minutes, strain; add honey to taste, and drink two times daily as needed for allergy relief.

**Other Allergy Tips**

- Be aware that line drying your clothes can contribute to allergies as all of the pollen sailing around sticks to it (and consequently, sticks to you.)
- If you simply must open your window, don't fling it open all the way. Allergens will fly into the house and settle on everything.
- At the end of the day, briefly rinse off with cool water. Doing so will rinse off any pollen stuck in your hair or on your skin, and also ensures you don't transfer a bunch to your bedding!

are celebrating the award of the Montrose Education Foundation Distinguished Alumni Award to their son Kevin.

**In Memoriam**

On January 11, 2017 member Norman Kroschel passed away after a long battle. He leaves behind his wife Wilma, children and grandchildren. Norman joined Colona Grange on February 28, 2001.

On April 2, 2017, member Paul Lambert passed away after a battle with pancreatic cancer and diabetes. He leaves behind wife Pat, children and grandchildren. Paul and Pat joined Colona Grange in 1984. Members from Marvel Grange may remember Paul as a frequent visitor during the time he and Pat lived in the Durango vicinity. Memorial services were held April 14, at Inspiration Point/Tower Overlook in Loghill Village. A celebration of life followed with lunch at Colona Grange Hall.

On May 6, 2017, a memorial service and family lunch was held at Colona Grange Hall for Buck Olin of Ridgway, Colorado. While visiting our building and making arrangements, the family mentioned that he had purchased two school desks from our building in 1979 and would we be interested in the desks being returned. We did accept the desks and now have two 5th grade desks that are as old as our building, residing in one of their former classrooms.

The Ouray County Ranch History Museum has relocated to Ridgway. They have arranged a building lease and do not plan to return. The move will lessen worries that we and contractors would have on building contents and visitors while restoration and rehabilitation work is underway.

Cara Miller

# Publicity

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It's hard to believe but State Grange session is fast approaching. With that in mind, I decided to republish the guidelines for the Publicity submission since it has changed from past years. Here are the guidelines, as published in this year's handbook:

This year, Public Relations has joined with the other State departments/programs in the "One Book" submission. Please include your public relations submission in the ONE BOOK and send it to:

Kathy Wardle, State Lecturer  
1136 Bluebell Way  
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Clearly identify the section for your publicity material so that it can be judged at State Session. Judging of your Grange's publicity efforts will be based on:

- Quantity of Information Releases

- Quality of Information Releases (visual, contact info, when, where, what . . .)
- Variety of public promotions (flyers, radio, newspaper, etc.)
- Social/web Media presence (Web, Facebook, Twitter . . .)
- Professional submission of this report

In the front section of the ONE BOOK, please include a page (clearly identified as Public Relations) which has the following information on it:

- Grange (or Pomona) Name
- Contact Person along with phone number/e-mail

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Please contact me prior to the submission data if you have any questions pertaining to your Grange or Pomona's submission.

# Mandy Project

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This is usually the time of year when we don't receive applications for the Mandy Project, school is out and families are enjoying the summer. But come this fall when school starts up we will again be receiving inquiries and applications for assistance. Now is a good time to have your own fund raiser for the Mandy Project. Donations can be sent to the state office or to PICK, please make checks out to Colorado State Grange or to PICK depending where you send the donation. Thank you for your support.

**National Grange**

**Deaf Awareness Grant Program**

A fund was developed within the National Grange Foundation for the purpose of supporting deaf activities within the Grange. Because funds are still available, this grant program is being offered to assist states with funding various deaf awareness activities. The deadline for the 2017 Grant application has passed, but now is a good time to be thinking about a grant for 2018 — as the deadline will be around the first of May in 2018.

Any State Grange is eligible to apply for a grant to assist with a worthwhile project that may be planned within the state. Community Granges can apply through their State Grange. Therefore if a Subordinate or Pomona Grange in Colorado comes up with a project and wants to apply for the

funds they should send in their application by April 1, 2018 in order for the State Grange to apply.

Grants up to a maximum of \$500 will be awarded to each approved application, and will be awarded to the State Grange. The State Grange will have the option of transferring those funds to the Community or Pomona Grange conducting the deaf activity included in the grant application.

A maximum of three grants will be awarded in 2017.

Grants may be awarded for any project that enhances deaf education. Preference will be given to high-quality activities that involve significant numbers of individuals. Creativity and uniqueness of the projects will also be factored into the selection process.

This should be in document form and include the following information:

- Name of State Grange
- Name and Address of Contact Person
- Date of Submission
- Name of the Project
- Description of the Project
- Anticipated number of people involved
- Anticipated impact on the Grange (State and/or Local)
- Anticipated impact on the Community or State
- Other anticipated results of the project

## Darden

Jefferson County

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

**Sept. 9 — Darden Pomona Grange meets at Maple Grove Grange 4 p.m. Meeting, 5 p.m. Potluck, with Installation of officers to follow.**

The Darden Pomona Grange Annual Picnic was held at Pleasant Park Grange in June. It was a beautiful day to have a picnic in the mountains and get away from the heat in the city. (90+ degrees) We had plenty of food and a wonderful selection! Tickets could be purchased and a drawing held for the lucky winners, with half of the proceeds going to the Mandy Project and the other half to the name that was drawn. Other door prizes were also given out in a drawing. Everyone always enjoys the hospitality of the Pleasant Park Grange members.

In July we had our big event of the year — 150th Grange Birthday Celebration with Darden Pomona Granges participating. This special event was held at Maple Grove Grange. More on this event will be in the next *Granger*.  
Idella Lewis

## Enterprise

Contact Mike Lackey, thelackeyteam@gmail.com, 303-521-8773, for further information.

**July 15 — 150th Anniversary Celebration.**

**August 9 — Potluck at 6:30 p.m. Planning for 2017-2018 Year and for the State Grange.**

We celebrated Cinco de Mayo at our May Meeting and Potluck. Dinner consisted of chicken enchilada casseroles, soft tacos...basically everything and anything Mexican. Leonard Dannels researched Cinco de Mayo thoroughly and told us all about its origin and the aftermath. The rest of the meeting was planning for our participation in the 150th Celebration of our Darden Pomona #1 on July 15.

In June, we held a BBQ with hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad and all things summer. The weather was perfect and everyone had a wonderful time. We discussed our summer plans and made some more plans for the 150th Celebration.

We are cooperating with a community garden this year called Common Earth. We do not have enough space for a garden at the Grange so we are working in cooperation and under DUG (Denver Urban Gardens) and the First United Church of Arvada. The garden is located in the empty lot south of the Enterprise Grange next to the church. Our garden plot is 16' by 12'. With the growing season well underway, seedlings are emerging, the bee hives are getting established and the weather is finally cooperating. We are planting: tomatoes, peppers,

squash, onions, cucumbers and beans. This fall at harvest we plan to share with the needy families given to us by the Carin' Clinic and Shannon's Hope. Any other harvest will be given to the food bank.

We have planned a variety of community service work for this past year and the upcoming year. One of our largest contributions we are making is to stuff Christmas stockings for disadvantaged seniors. Jefferson County Human Services have asked the organizations in the community to fill Christmas stockings or tote bags for low income senior and disabled adults. There are about 4,500 senior and disabled adults, many without family or support systems. We plan to help with approximately 200 stockings. If anyone can help contribute to the items below, we would greatly appreciate it. Please contact any of the following members for help in coordinating pickup for this event. Leonard or Dorothy Dannels at 303-425-0111, Carol Lackey at 303-521-4477 or Mike Lackey at 303-521-8773.

### Items Needed To Help Stuff Stockings:

- Toiletries, i.e. lotion, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, lipstick, chapsticks, deodorant, Kleenex, combs, nail polish, toilet paper, etc.
- Individually wrapped sugar free candy/chocolates, tea bags or instant coffee.
- Men's and Women's socks/gloves or mittens & scarves & stocking caps.
- Non-perishable food & snacks — tuna, canned meat, pasta, individual size containers such as pudding, fruit cups, cheese & crackers, granola bars, peanut butter, etc.
- Large print puzzle books like crossword, search words, Christmas cards with words of encouragement, Christmas pins or any fun jewelry, watches, perfume/cologne, etc.
- Supplies — zip lock bags, tape, wrapping paper & curling ribbon

Thank you all for your support.  
Carol Lackey

## Maple Grove

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

Maple Grove Grange met in June with a potluck dinner with the meeting following. We welcome our new members, Bob and Mary Ann Forman and Dave and Kaeleen Buckingham from the Rollin' Wheels Square Dance Club.

Congratulations to Rachel Lane, granddaughter of Bill and Marilyn Lane, who received a Grange Scholarship. She is attending Colorado School of Mines and we are very proud of her.

The agriculture committee report was given by Idella Lewis on the varieties of tomatoes. We like the heirloom varieties because they seem to have a better flavor. Discussion was held on various varieties and planting tips for growing tomatoes. It has been



New Member Obligation at Wheat Ridge Grange.

a rough season with late snows and hail but hopefully now everyone will have a good crop.

Flowers For Seniors activity was held in June at the Wheat Ridge Manor Care Center. Members shared flowers from their yards and arranged them in vases with residents assisting. They were able to take them back to their rooms to enjoy. It brightened their day and the activity director said they always look forward for us coming and sharing our flowers with them.

Members attended a memorial service at Mt. Olivet Cemetery for a past member, Martha Rudolph, who passed away in December. A dinner was held at her daughter's home following the service.

The floor was buffed and a cleaning day at the hall was scheduled in July.

We hope everyone has a safe summer and enjoys the beauty of each day!  
Idella Lewis

## Wheat Ridge

Contact Charlene Porter, charspino@hotmail.com, 720-434-7161, for further information.

We are getting new members. New blood! New ideas! A new perspective on what Grange is and why Grange is, and what it can be.

We meet each month unless there are unforeseen circumstances.

**6:30 p.m. — 1st Thursday Business meeting, no potluck.**

**6:30 p.m. — 3rd Thursday Social, Educational, etc. No potluck unless announced. Everyone welcome and encourage guests.**

**Noon — 2nd Monday Potluck, "Game day," Bunco. Everyone Welcome!**

**9 a.m. — 3rd Wednesday Fundraiser \$10, Mardi Gras Casino. Meet at 9 a.m. in the Safeway parking lot at 44 & Lowell, Denver. You get: \$5. Free Play & \$10 Food, and (most of the time) homemade cookies, on the bus. Every 3rd Thursday:**

**July 20 moved to July 15 at Maple Grove Grange — 150th Celebration.**

**August 17 moved to August 11 at 4 p.m. — Set up for Pancake Breakfast on August 12 from 7 to 9 a.m. Fundraiser by donations. We will be serving: ham, eggs, and pancakes. Everyone is welcome.**

### September:

New Members. New Officers. Events to be announced. We are looking forward to the changes that will be!!!

Charlene Porter

## Pleasant Park

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

**July 8 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Potluck Lunch.**

**August 12 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Potluck Lunch.**

**September 9 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Potluck Lunch.**

The Pomona Picnic was held on June 10. Marlys Halbeisen and Idella Lewis were the only guests. We had a fun time and lots of good food in spite of the low turnout. The weather was perfect for a change.

Denise Patrick, our Lecturer and successful realtor for over 23 years was awarded Business of the Month from the Platte Canyon Chamber of Commerce. Her favorite tagline is, "If you don't like your neighbor, give them my card. It's a great time to sell a house." Congratulations Denise!

The repairs to our historic building will begin shortly. The floor and ceiling plaster have to be replaced.

Jean Kuehster will be celebrating her 90th birthday on July 31. We will



Wheat Ridge Community Service Award presentation: Dan Brennan, Chief of Police; Wade Hammond,Recipient; Charlene Porter; and Dominic Brieton.

have a birthday celebration for her after the July 8 meeting. Everyone is invited to help her celebrate this special event in her life.

At the May meeting, Cary Johnson gave a talk on identity theft.

The Bicycle Rest Stop is open. We look forward to having a successful year with their kind donations. The teamwork of the members is wonderful.

Everyone is invited to come and join us at any of our meetings! Our Lecturer has more interesting speakers scheduled.

The Pleasant Park Grange Hall continues to be a busy place hosting meetings and special events. All Grange members can use the facility for a donation. Contact Donna Beck at 303-907-9855 if you want to plan an event there.

Yvonne Ludwig

## Golden Gate

Contact Master Rich Phillips, 303-277-1933, or Jayne Ruesch, 303-215-9257, for further information.

**July 6 — Grange Meeting, 3 to 4 p.m.**

**July TBD — History Night, 7 p.m.**

**July 23 — Fiddlesteppers, 12 p.m.**

**July 29 — Buffalo Bill Days Parade.**

**July 30 — Buffalo Bill Days Mutton' Bustin', 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

**August 3 — Grange Meeting, 3 to 4 p.m.**

**August 11 — Golden Group Party/Fundraiser, 4 to 8 p.m.**

**August 19 — Community Service Awards, 1-2:30 p.m.**

**September 7 — Grange Meeting, 3 to 4 p.m.**

**September 9 — Golden Gate Auxiliary Pig Roast, 5 p.m.**

**Mondays at 1:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 5 p.m. — Yoga.**

History Night has been rescheduled to July. It brings together the community with some of the longtime canyon residents, many of whom are members of our Homesteader families. Great stories of yesteryear will be told. We hope to have a video pres-

entation of the life of Lela White Green. Lela grew up on the homestead that is now White Ranch Open Space Park and then when she married Kenneth Green, they ranched on property that is now part of Golden Gate State Park.

The Rummage Sale was a great success despite the rainy weather thanks to Phoebe Reese and her crew of tireless volunteers.

Pancake Breakfasts will not be held in the summer months. They will resume in the fall.

The Fiddlesteppers square dance group will be at the Golden Gate Grange on July 23. Grange members are invited to attend to watch or to take a spin on the dance floor with the experts! Dancing starts around 1:30 p.m.

Golden Group Real Estate will be holding a community party on Friday, August 11 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Golden Gate Grange. This event will feature a live band, BBQ, wine and beer. The whole community is invited to attend. There will be a door charge. Proceeds will be donated to the Golden Gate Grange! Thank you Debbie Johnson and Brian Quarnstrom!

Join us to honor our Granger and Citizen of the year on August 19 at 1 p.m. It is vital to show these incredible folks how much we appreciate them and their service to the community.

The Golden Gate Grange is the venue for the Golden Gate Auxiliary's annual Pig Roast on September 9 at 5 p.m. This event supports the Golden Gate Fire Protection Fire Fighters. Come for the great food, silent and paddle auctions.

Yoga classes continue to be a popular offering at the Golden Gate Grange. We have several fellows who are regular attendees, so don't be shy fellows...join us for Yoga!

Thank you to the State Grange for their generous grant which will enable us to start on some much-needed repairs and upgrades.

Website: www.goldengatgrange.com; Like us on our Facebook page *Golden Gate Canyon Community*.

Rich Phillips



Enterprise Grangers working on Common Earth community garden.

## Pikes Peak

El Paso and Teller Counties

## Florissant

Contact Ed Oppermann, 719-748-5559, florissantgrange@gmail.com, for further information.

**July 29, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Heritage Day.**

**Aug. 5, WMA Showcase & Pikes Peak Cowboy Gathering.** WMA Showcase 1:30-4:30 p.m. \$10 advance or at door. PPCG: Seating 5:30 p.m., dinner 6 p.m. and show 7-8:30 p.m.. \$35 Advance purchase only. All day ticket: \$40.

A Chickens 101 class, was held at the Florissant Grange on April 15 and went very well. A number of attendees signed up ahead for the class and there were even a few last minute arrivals so, all was good. The instructor was happy with the turnout. A few baby chicks were sold. Subjects on chicken care and feeding, protection from wildlife etc. were discussed. A good experience for all who attended. I guess this was one class where it was OK to be fowl mouthed.

Our Chili Cook-off/Dessert Auction was held on April 29. The weather was not good (to say the least). We had a great turnout of contestants but, the rest of our crowd was rather thin. ('til after they ate anyway!) There

were some fantastic chilis and desserts there for sure and I thank those folks who braved the weather that day for helping us out. It wasn't a great fund raising day but, it was a "fun" raising day for those in attendance.

Our pre-Mother's Day craft fair/flea market was held on May 13. I would like to say it was a huge success but, I'm afraid I'd be lying. Once again the weather was against us. Mother Nature decided to treat the vendors to her version of "Gone with the Wind." Which many of their canopies nearly were! A huge "Thank You" to those who attended. Next Spring I think we'll try a kite sale for a fundraiser.

Hopefully June will be better, weather-wise, than May was and we can get our new roof put on our grand ol' Grange Hall. We are planning on holding a "Raise the Roof" party in August (date to be announced) to celebrate our new roof as well as raise funds to pay off the remainder of the bill! (I'm afraid to say "fundraiser" in case Mother N. is reading this.)

Again, you're all invited to attend our potluck/jam session every Thursday starting at 6 p.m.. Music starts around 6:30 p.m. If you play an instrument, feel free to bring it along and join us for a fun evening. A few weeks ago we had 12 people on our stage so c'mon out!

Ed Oppermann

## La Plata

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

### Animas Valley

Contact Marie Roessler, 970-382-1217 or mroessler@frontier.net for further information.

The Animas Valley Grange was one of the stops on a historic driving tour of Hermosa on May 20, 2017. The tour was sponsored by the La Plata County Preservation Review Commission. Our building was erected in 1915, and it was featured for its historic significance in the Animas Valley. Our Grange members hosted a buffet luncheon attended by more than 100 people.

Our past Master Ruth Shock gave a talk at the luncheon. She described the history of the National Grange as well as the Animas Valley Grange. She also talked about our Speaker Series, dances, and other events we offer. We had several of our scrapbooks on display.

Many of the visitors were history buffs, but had never heard of the Grange. After Ruth's lecture, they expressed appreciation for the importance of our Grange to our community and to its local history. This is a schedule of events that happened on May 20, 2017.

#### 4th Annual Historic Driving Tour Hermosa History – May 20, 2017

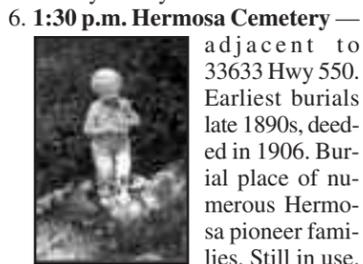
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#### Final Itinerary

- 8 a.m. Hermosa Tour Orientation at the Animas Museum** — 3065 W 2nd Ave. Valley & Hermosa Settlement and prehistory; map orientation, historic photos. Speakers: HP Commission & Museum welcome; Mona Charles – Animas Valley prehistory; Ruth Lambert – Animas Valley history.
- 9:30 a.m. Hermosa RR Station and water tank** – Intersection of North CR 203 and Hwy 550. National Register listing. 1882 station and standing water tank. Speaker: Jeff Ellingson, Railroad Historian.
- 10:15 a.m. Buchanan House with orchards** — 367 CR 202. 1891 Victorian House with orchards, operated as farm for 50 years. Buchanans were early Hermosa family. La Plata County Survey Resource 5LP8896. Speaker: Jill Seyfarth, Archaeologist & Historian.
- 11 a.m. Kerr House** — 8147 CR 203. 1884 home of Thomas Anderson Kerr, orchard and farmer in Hermosa. Privately owned by Marie Roessler. Listed on the State & County Registers, 5LP4872. Speaker: Marie Roessler.
- 12 p.m. Animas Valley Grange**

—7271 CR 203. 1911 operating Grange. Buffet lunch for purchase at Grange with presentations about the Grange history. Speakers: Grangers Ruth and Ernie Shock. La Plata County Survey Resource 5LP8889.



Speakers: Ed Mead, Hermosa Cemetery Association and Ruth Lambert. 5LP10655.

**7. 2:30 p.m. Honeyville Store** — 33633 Hwy 550. Adjacent to Hermosa Cemetery, family owned honey business since 1918. Presentation on honey business by Danny Culhane, owner.

### Florida

Contact Elizabeth Hiner, 970-403-4592, FloridaGrange@yahoo.com, for further information.

The Zumba fundraiser was successful and we wish to thank everyone who participated. They raised \$423 which we are putting toward a new refrigerator. We will be taking additional donations through the next breakfast.

We are looking for ideas for community service projects for the rest of the year. One project suggestion was a sign language class. If anyone knows of an instructor, please call Elizabeth at the number above.

We are looking to start a Junior Grange as we have had some interest from the community. If you know of someone that could be interested, please contact Elizabeth.

Boy Scout Pack 5089 presented our Grange with the charter and a patch they received for excellence.

Please check out our Facebook page: Florida Grange #306.

Elizabeth Hiner

### Mt. Allison

Contact Larry Corman, 970-884-4762 or Larry\_Corman@hotmail.com for more information.

#### Upcoming events:

- **July 17 — monthly business meeting at 7 p.m. (Grange Hall).**
- **August 9-13 — La Plata County Fair (volunteers needed for Fair Kitchen).**
- **August 19-20 — La Plata Pomona Picnic (Mt. Allison host) — exact date and time to be determined.**
- **August 21 — monthly business meeting at 7 p.m. (Grange Hall).**
- **September 21-23 — State Session (Colorado Springs).**

It's been a hectic start to summer. We ended up cancelling our May meeting since a few of us were out of town. It was probably a good thing since we were in the middle of remodeling/repairing the women's bathroom in the Hall.

## Progressive

Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas & Elbert Counties

### Grandview

Contact Teresa Montejano, 303-408-7389 or teresamontejano@hotmail.com, for further information.

On April 29, 2017 we had our Grandview Grange Appreciation Dinner. We served BBQ (catered by Stu's BBQ), played trivia games (hosted by Jackman Bros. Productions) and had a great time. We celebrated our members Joy Bowers, Paul Hon and Jeanne Davies to celebrate over 50 years of service in the Grange; Dorothea and Henry Ernest for over 25 years; Teresa Montejano over 10 years; Dawn Jockman, Bryce Jackman, Bob and Allynn Riggs, Joyce Hurd, Cheryl Brychel and Loy Hall over two years; and Matthew and Michelle Richards, Kari and Maddie Topel less than a year. We also had an appreciation to the Colorado State Grange for all the support they have given our Grange over the years. A special thanks to Alan and Renee Caldwell for taking the time to drive to Centennial to join us in this celebration.

Teresa Montejano



Marvel Grange Outstanding Community Citizens Marlon and Moana Greer.

The seniors have continued to meet for their dinners on Thursdays. The first Saturday saw the first Mt. Allison Art, Antique and Flea market event.

Stay safe and enjoy the beautiful, summer weather of Colorado.

Larry Corman

### Marvel

Contact Cindy Greer, 970-588-3386 or hcrdgreer@frontier.net, for further information.

**July 7 — Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.**

**July 10 — La Plata Pomona Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Florida Grange Hall.**

**July 16 or 30 — Ice Cream Social Honoring Veterans.**

**July 22 — Dryside Quilters.**

**July 29 — Free Community Breakfast 8-10 a.m.**

**August 4 — Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m. — Election of officers.**

May found Marvel Grange members busy catering the Basin CO-OP's annual banquet. Thank you to all the Grangers who helped by making cobblers, setting up, prepping food, serving and washing dishes. We served over 200.

May 19 we enjoyed a potluck supper and a program presented by the Health Coalition concerning advance care forms that every person regardless of age needs to have, so that family members can know your wishes when your time comes to leave this world. The experts that presented the information were very knowledgeable and for those who wanted to complete the forms that night they could notarize them.

In April we Celebrated our 60th anniversary and the National Grange's 150th with a potluck supper and program. We shared some history and honored Outstanding Community Citizens Marlon and Moana Greer and Outstanding Granger Jane Westgaard.

**Outstanding Community Citizens:** Marlon and Moana Greer have two children. Melia is a Grange member and is currently serving in the U.S. Air Force at Peterson Air Force base in Colorado Springs. Jake lives in Marvel and has a son which Moana and Marlon adore. Moana works for what used to be known as Mercury

### Castlewood

Contact Secretary Joyce Mountain, 303-756-0937, or Joan Hill, 303-648-3103, for further information.

#### Upcoming Events:

**Meetings will be held 12:30 p.m. July 8 and September 9.**

We had 15 members and friends who enjoyed a visit to the State Capitol coordinated by Gary Tobey and were given the historic tour. Member Carol Stepanich was allowed to see the charter of a member of her family who served in the senate in the early 1900s. We had a good discussion regarding bills that are to be presented in the legislature and went to Red Robin for lunch afterward.

We welcomed new member Elaine Kerley and awarded Gary Tobey his 60 year membership pin.

We were informed that Kay Jensma's husband Dave Chambers was severely burned in an auto racing accident. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them.

We have some upcoming tours of facilities that produce food. More details are to be announced.

Joyce Mountain



Marvel Grange Outstanding Granger Jane Westgaard.

billing and Marlon is a county road maintenance employee.

Marlon and Moana Greer have been instrumental in helping the Marvel Grange with its annual Luau.

Marvel Grange started having a Valentine's Day event that featured different themes several years ago, with the Grange preparing the meal and inviting the community in for the meal and a program. One year we decided to try a luau and we enlisted the help of our local Hawaiian Moana. Since 2009 (nine years ago) Moana and Marlon have helped prepare the food for the luau and Moana has helped with the program. We have been blessed by meeting other local Hawaiians over the years who have also contributed to the menu and the program. Moana has roped her sister into helping with the food preparation and is a good promoter of the event. I know for a fact that several people come because she has invited them. For several years Moana has tried to get the Sleeping Ukes to come and participate and she finally accomplished this goal this year.

Marlon is always willing to share his fiddling skill with the community. He has played at the Marvel Methodist Church's Groundhog supper and at church services, and funeral services. He has shared his talent by working with youngsters learning to play.

They are always willing to help out at other community dinners too. They make good chili and have entered the Chili cook-off almost every year.

They help sponsor a community Mother's Day lunch with Paul and others for which they provide the meat and cook for any and all mothers in the area.

### Marvel Grange Outstanding Granger

Our Outstanding Grange member has been a teacher and a care giver and a member for 18 years. Jane Westgaard and her mother are credited with Marvel Grange holding quarterly breakfasts. Jane always makes arrangements for the bacon which everyone loves and makes sure that we have most of the supplies we need (pancake mix, bacon, eggs, syrup, chokecherry syrup, plates, napkins, cups and coffee). Jane makes the chokecherry syrup that is served at the breakfasts. During the summer she gathers the chokecherries and cans the juice for later use. There is always someone new at these Breakfasts and many people from outlying areas make it a point to attend.

Jane is currently the Marvel Grange Treasurer and membership chairman. Jane consistently reports at meetings that she has asked people to join the Grange. She never gives up even when she gets a "no."

She is also involved with the Marvel United Methodist Church serving in several capacities. She keeps her brothers in line with things on their ranch near Telluride. Jane also attends Bible Study Fellowship in Durango and leads the Marvel United Methodist Adult Sunday School Class and a weekly day Bible study.

Jane is a good cook and we always look forward to her Rhubarb crisps. Jane has three children and several grandchildren. One of Jane's boys served in the Marines and one of her grandsons is currently a Marine.

Thank you Jane for your contribution to the Marvel Grange team and to this community.

Cindy Greer

## Ute Mountain

Dolores and Montezuma Counties

### Mount Lookout

Contact Carol van der Harten, 5hearts@q.com or 970-533-9955, for further information.

**July 9 — Community Supper, 5:30 p.m.**

**August 1 — Officers Meeting, 5:30 p.m.**

**August 13 — Community Supper, 5:30 p.m.**

As the National Grange marks its 150th anniversary this year, so does Mount Lookout Grange #339, Mancos, Colorado, celebrate its Centennial anniversary. On Saturday afternoon, June 17, an open house brought approximately 70 Grangers, former Grangers, donors and community members to the Grange to mark the occasion. A ribbon-cutting, officiated by Patricia Burk, an executive member of the board, opened the ceremonies and was followed by tours of the newly expanded building



now housing a certified commercial kitchen and community food pantry.

Greg Kemp then treated the attendees to a history of our local Grange. Betsy Harrison then spoke about current endeavors the Grange is involved with, and Gretchen Groenke explained the community's uses for the commercial kitchen and FoodShare food pantry.

Patricia Burk then led a walk down memory lane with the help of Wally Patchek, Roma Ewing, and Robin Lunders, all of whom shared wonderful past memories in the historic Grange building. The event was one we will not soon forget, and we are looking forward to many more years of beautiful memories.

The building continues to be used as a meeting place for various organizations, monthly community suppers, and educational events. A Farm Bill information overview session will be held on August 1. As our kitchen is now certified as a commercial kitchen, it is hoped that community members in need of a space to create food items for sale will take advantage of the opportunity.

Carol van der Harten

dates will be October 1, November 5, December 10.

Bruce Johnson

### Liberty Hall

Contact Bobby Clevenger, 303-589-6752, or bobby727@hotmail.com for further information.

**Meetings: Third Thursday of every quarter at 6:30 p.m. Our next scheduled meeting dates are:**

**July 13, October 19, and January 18, 2018.**

**Agricultural Committee Report:** We ran into some disappointment this past fall season, when our bees left the hives we were trying to establish. We discovered the hives were infested with mites, which we did not treat for. We have re-established six new hives with 10,000 bees in April and you can bet we have made sure we have treated for all possible infestations. Lessons learned.

Bob Clevenger

## Boulder County

Boulder County

### Left Hand

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

**Business Meetings at 6 p.m. — no meeting in July, Aug. 9, Sept. 13.**

**Music Open Stage** — Our monthly Sunday music Open Stage series concluded on April 9, with eight performers/performing acts and a total of 38 people in attendance. One of the highlights of the April Open Stage was a performance by Singin' Strings, a group of seven women all playing the dulcimer (see photo.) They are a quite lively group and were brought to the Grange by one of the performers and area resident, Sandy Erickson. These events are hosted by Bruce and Marcia Johnson. We will start up again in October. The remaining 2017

# 2017 State Session Of The Colorado State Grange September 21-23

## Friends



Join us!!!

## Silver and Gold Gala

(Make new friends, but keep the old)

Friday, September 22 • 6:30 p.m.

Dessert Served • Entertainment: Lark Song Duo

— Wear Your Bling —

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church  
1201 Leta Dr., Colorado Springs

## Colorado State Grange Raffle

The Raffle tickets have been sent out to most Granges to either the Secretary or Master. This year we will again be helping Grange members who plan to attend the National convention in Spokane, WA with their expenses with the funds raised from the raffle. So if you plan to attend the convention please let us know (either the State Office or Cindy Greer) so that we can help you.

Thank you to Jim Greer for donating four (4) tickets to ride the Durango Silverton Train. The winners will be able to trade in two of the tickets for premium tickets or they can invite friends or family to join them for the ride. The tickets are subject to black-out dates so the winners will need to be sure to check with the Train prior to arriving to use the tickets.

Thank you to Karen Baxter for do-

nating a quilt and table runner that is also being raffled off. We will share pictures as soon as we can.

Please do your best to sell these tickets. We did change the price of the tickets this year to \$2 each or 6 for \$10. If you want more tickets to sell please contact Cindy or the State office so that we can get more to you. If you are reading this and would like tickets please contact us and we can either send them to you or you can send the \$ and information and we'll fill the tickets out for you and send you the stubs.

The nice thing about this raffle is that you do not have to be present to win. The drawing will take place at State Session at the Final Banquet.

Thank you once again for helping Colorado Grangers!

## Hotel Directory For State Grange Session 2017

We did not secure a block of rooms this year because of the wide spectrum of pricing. The directory below can help you in your selection. It is possible to get better pricing online (Priceline.com or something similar) or through the National Grange's benefits from World Wide Hotels.

**Howard Johnson's**  
1231 S. Nevada  
719-634-1545  
Mixed reviews  
7.6 miles from Session location

**Days Inn**  
1780 Aero plaza  
719-574-7707  
Good reviews  
4.4 miles from Session location

**Quality Inn South**  
1410 Harrison Rd.  
719-579-6900  
Good reviews  
5.5 miles from Session location

**Best Western Ex. Inn and Suites**  
1440 Harrison Rd.  
719-579-6900  
Good reviews  
5.4 miles from Session location

**Holiday Inn Express**  
1815 Aero plaza Drive  
719-591-6000  
Mixed reviews  
3.1 miles from Session location

**Super 8**  
1790 Aero plaza Drive  
888-826-1381  
719-570-0505  
Wyndham Rewards program accepted  
Mixed reviews  
4.3 miles from Session location

**Homewood Suites**  
2875 Zeppelin Rd.  
719-574-2701  
Good reviews  
2.8 miles from Session location

**Econo Lodge**  
6715 Panamint Ct.  
1-855-873-6561  
Mixed Reviews  
7.9 miles from Session location

## Directions To State Session

Good Shepherd Church is in S. Colorado Springs at 1201 S. Leta Dr. Take I-25 to S. Academy Blvd. Travel East to Bradley Rd. Travel East on Bradley Rd to Main Street. Travel South on Main Street to Leta Dr.

**Denny's Restaurant:** From I-25 travel South to Mesa Ridge Parkway. Turn East on Mesa Ridge Parkway to Denny's.

From the Good Shepherd Church, travel South on Main Street to US 87. Travel East on US 87 to Mesa Ridge Parkway. Turn East to Denny's.

## Colorado Membership Report

It is important that we increase our membership each year in order for our organization to grow and prosper. The Membership Director is offering an award for each new member to each Grange that has new members and an increase in membership in the 2016-2017 year. National Grange recognizes the State Granges that have increased membership each year. Please complete this form and return it by September 1, 2017, even if you do not have any new members this year. Thank you. We need this report even if you do not have new members.

NAME OF GRANGE: \_\_\_\_\_

MASTER: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBMITTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP SEPTEMBER 1, 2016 \_\_\_\_\_ AUGUST 31, 2017 \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter: \_\_\_\_\_ New Member: \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of members lost in 2016-2017 \_\_\_\_\_

Number of members deceased in 2016 - 2017 \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this report and return by Sept 1, 2017 to:

Roger Ayers  
13151 Hwy 140  
Hesperus, CO 81326

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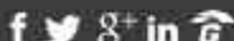
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# Tentative State Grange Convention Agenda

## 144th State Session of the COLORADO STATE GRANGE Program

September 21-23, 2017

All State Session Meetings and Exhibits will be held at the Good Shepherd Church, 1201 Leta Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80911.

All meetings of the State Session of the Colorado State Grange will be held in the Fourth Degree and members of any Grange in any state may attend.

Delegates must present their credential cards if the Secretary of their Grange has not already mailed them to the Secretary of the Colorado State Grange prior to the opening of the State Session.

Pianist: Loeda Westphal  
Photographer: Sue Zaba

### THURSDAY, September 21, 2017

6:45 A.M.  
Officers and Directors Meet, Breakfast.

7:30 A.M.  
Sixth Degree Practice,  
State Officers and Rose Drill Team.  
  
Practice for Memorial Service to follow.

9:30 A.M.  
Registration.  
Check-in time for Lecturer, Family & Women's Activities, Junior Grange Contest Entries for judging.

9:30-10:00 A.M.  
State Session Committee Chairmen meet with the State Master.

10:30 A.M.  
All State Session Delegates work on Resolutions.

11:45 A.M.  
Recess for Lunch.

12:00 P.M.  
Lunch

1:30 P.M.  
Opening of the Colorado State Grange in full form in the Sixth Degree.  
Lowering to the Fourth Degree.  
Roll Call of Officers/Directors.  
Adopting Convention Agenda.  
Partial Report of Credentials Committee.  
Annual Address by State Master Cindy Greer.  
Report of Treasurer and Secretary.  
Report of Executive Committee Chairman.  
Preliminary Report of Good of the Order Committee.  
Report of Grange Museum.  
Report of Leadership and Scholarship Foundation.  
Committee Reports.  
Report of Lobbyist and Ag Committee.

3:00 P.M.  
Guest Speaker, TBD.  
Family & Women's Activities Bake Sale.

6:45 P.M.  
Memorial Service under the direction of State Chaplain Sheryl Ayers.

7:15 P.M.  
Fifth Degree — Short Form.

7:30 P.M.  
Sixth Degree Conferred by State Grange Officers.

### FRIDAY, September 22, 2017

6:45 A.M.  
Colorado State Grange  
Alumni Breakfast.  
Terri Costeldia presiding.  
*Past State Officers and spouses invited.*

8:30 A.M.  
Lecturers' Conference.

9:00 A.M.  
Open the Grange in the Fourth Degree.  
Report of Credentials Committee.  
Election of all Officers.  
Continuation of Committee Reports.

10:00 A.M.  
National Representative —  
National Master Betsy Huber.  
Continuation of Committee Reports.

11:30 A.M.  
Recess for Lunch.

12:00 P.M.  
Membership Lunch at Good Shepherd Church.  
Roger Ayers presiding.  
*Everyone invited.*

1:30 P.M.  
Reconvene Session.  
Continuation of Committee Reports.

6:30 P.M.  
Grange Gala —  
*Silver and Gold Gala:*  
*Make New Friends but Keep the Old.*  
Just Dessert.

8:30 P.M.  
(Or ASAP following Gala)  
Annual Meeting of PICK.  
*Everyone invited.*

9:00 P.M.  
Youth Officers Practice.

### SATURDAY, September 23, 2017

6:45 A.M.  
Colorado State Grange  
Past Masters Breakfast  
Karen Baxter presiding.  
*Past Masters and spouses invited.*

8:30 A.M.  
Family & Women's Activities Conference

9:00 A.M.  
Youth and Junior Officers  
Open the Grange in the Fourth Degree.  
Continuation of Committee Reports.

10:00 A.M.  
Spotlight on Grange.

11:00 A.M.  
Report of Grange Insurance Association.  
Continuation of Committee Reports.

12:00 P.M.  
JG Lunch at Good Shepherd Church,  
Dan and Jenna Greer presiding.  
*Everyone invited.*

1:45 P.M.  
Installation of Officers,  
Gary Wardle Installing Officer.  
Reconvene Session.  
Completion of Committee Reports.  
2018 Convention Site.  
Close the Grange in full form in the Fourth Degree.

6:00 P.M.  
Annual Banquet of Colorado State Grange.  
Executive Committee Chairman Alan Caldwell presiding.  
Presentation of Outstanding Granger.  
Talent Presentation.  
*Everyone invited.*

7:30 P.M.  
Raffle Drawing

Fifth Degree Fee .....\$1.00  
Sixth Degree Fee .....\$5.00  
(Purchase tickets from State Secretary)

Lecturers, Family & Women's Activities,  
and Junior Grange Exhibits  
will be on display throughout the Convention.

### RESERVATIONS FOR MEAL FUNCTIONS FOR STATE SESSION

#### Deadline For Ticket Orders Is Monday, September 18, 2017.

Fill in the number of tickets you are ordering. Include a check made out to: **Colorado State Grange**. Mail to Colorado State Grange, 2009 CR 31, Florissant, CO 80816. Pre-paid tickets will be at the Registration Table.

No. of Tickets	Meal Function	Total
_____	<b>Alumni Breakfast</b> — Fri., Sept. 22, 6:45 a.m. • Meet at Denny's 6715 Mesa Ridge Pkwy., Fountain, CO 80817 (3.1 miles from the Church) <i>For Past State Officers &amp; Directors &amp; Spouses</i>	<b>Menu Price</b>
_____A	<b>Membership Lunch</b> — Fri., Sept. 22, 12:00 p.m. • Methodist Church @ \$10.50	_____
_____C	<b>Everyone invited</b> (10 & under) @ \$5.00	_____
_____	<b>Past Masters Breakfast</b> — Sat., Sept. 23, 6:45 a.m. • Methodist Church @ \$7.00 <i>For Past Masters &amp; Spouses</i>	_____
_____A	<b>JG Lunch</b> — Sat., Sept. 23, 12:00 p.m.. • Methodist Church @ \$9.00	_____
_____C	<b>Everyone invited</b> (10 & under) @ \$5.00	_____
_____A	<b>Annual Banquet</b> — Sat., Sept. 23, 6:00 p.m. • Methodist Church @ \$15.00	_____
_____C	<b>Everyone invited</b> (10 & under) @ \$7.00	_____
Please indicate your preferred menu selection for the Annual Banquet.		
_____	Roasted Chicken	
_____	Roast Beef	
_____	Vegetarian	
<b>Total Enclosed: \$</b>		_____

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*The meal prices are being supplemented by a donation from GIA.*

**Alumni Breakfast** will be at Denny's restaurant... you can choose your own breakfast from the menu.

**Past Masters Breakfast** will be as follows:  
Breakfast Casseroles (meat and meatless); Sausage, Ham, Juices (Apple and Orange),  
Muffins (Gluten Free also) and Fresh Fruit

**Membership Lunch** menu is as follows:  
Your choice of: Brisket, Smoked Turkey, or Pork Loin. Your choice of Beans, Potato Salad or Cole Slaw  
Cookies

**JG Lunch** menu is as follows:  
Meat and cheese Trays with Rolls (Gluten Free also); Potato Salad or Pasta Salad; Chips, Veggies, Cookies

**Annual Banquet** menu is as follows:  
Tossed Salad, Your choice of Roasted Chicken and Baked Potato or Roast Beef and Baked Potato or  
Vegetarian plate; Corn, Green Beans and Fruit Cobbler with Ice Cream.